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## We Need Your Help

We like communicating with you. The problem is the cost of that communication. The Newsletter looks good and gets some information out but it is costly and a major “work” production to get it done. We use bulk mail, but as the regular mail rate goes up so does the bulk mail rate. The more we send out by **e-mail** the less we send out by bulk mail and it would save us \$1.00 per newsletter sent. We also have news, needs, and opportunities that arise

between the distribution of the Newsletter. We have been wanting to get it out more often but the post office keeps increasing the cost. The cost of writing, layout, printing and mailing the Newsletter easily runs about \$2,000.00 with each issue. **Speaking of Communication** One move, besides putting the newsletter on the website, would be to send the Newsletter out by e-mail. If we could do that with as many as 1,000 people we would cut our cost by at least a third. Of course, many older

*people do not use e-mail and we don't want to lose communication with you. Also, some people tend to neglect checking their e-mail and we don't want you to lose out either. If you are one of those who possess e-mail and you check it fairly regularly you could help us a great deal.*



**Please send us  
an e-mail to:  
[sbi1@netacs.net](mailto:sbi1@netacs.net).**

**You must include your full  
name and mailing address  
so we can match it to  
you correctly.**

# The Torch of Truth

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## If only they knew...



I am very happy to give my testimony of the saving grace of Christ... I now have one desire, and that is to tell others of the peace and joy in serving the Lord. My life I rededicate to Him to spend and be spent for His name's honor and glory.

In the month of July 1945, I became very curious about a white bus passing through our town every evening about the same hour. I would stand on the sidewalk and listen to the voices of the people singing as the bus would pass. I knew that those people had something that I didn't have and something that I wanted. That something was joy and peace.

**One day I received an invitation to attend church,** with the assurance of a good time. I accepted the invitation, and in the church that night I **took Christ as my Savior.**

The following month was **camp week** for the church, and I attended camp. At the last evening of camp, I **dedicated my life** to be used in the service of Christ my Savior. I said, "Lord, I'll go where you want me to go," and I started praying that the Lord would

show me if He wanted me in His service. One day a very godly man came to me and told me that he would like to aid me in my Christian life by sending me to **Bible school.** I knew then that God had answered my prayer, and so I accepted his proposition and was directed to **Southland Bible Institute.**

I began my studying in September 1946, and have found it to be of tremendous blessing as I study under the leadership of **godly teachers.** The leadership, to my opinion, is "unsurpassable." I have learned not only to study but to do many other things which will better equip me for service in the future.

Many times I think of what others outside of Christ, would do **if only they knew** the joy in following Christ. I wish every young person could experience just a portion of the blessing we enjoy in studying, working, and living together here at the



Bible Institute.

Being delivered from darkness into the marvelous light of Christ, I now have one desire, and that is to tell others of the peace and joy in serving the Lord. My life I rededicate to Him to spend and be spent for His name's honor and glory.



Written by Arnold Cook who became SBI President in 1973 and has been promoted to Heaven.



# Graduation 2024



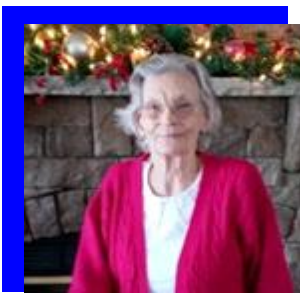
**Brandon J. Gerald**  
Persistence and  
perseverance plus  
a calling and  
obedience got him  
to this juncture  
in his life.  
A student  
from 1997-2024



Brandon J. Gerald was saved on August 13, 1993. Realizing his need for training, he entered what he has called his “wilderness experience.” Yes, it has taken him a long time to finish the courses for his diploma. The journey has been directed by the Lord through changes, jobs, family needs, and many personal situations. Brandon has been persistent in following advice and declaring “I started something; I need to finish. I want to be faithful.” Confident God called him to study at Southland Bible Institute, and after all the practical training of these years, he is now asking the Lord to direct him to the life-ministry He has for him.

With persistence and perseverance, trusting his calling and being obedient to pursue guidance and teaching from devoted dedicated teachers and pastors, he has finished his work here and is excited about what God has planned for him. May he be greatly used to build up the kingdom of God and disciple many to follow the truth of God’s Word in every area of their lives.

## **Margaret L. Denison**



**January 28, 1928 -  
June 3, 2024**

Precious in the sight of  
God is the death of  
His saints.

Miss Denison went to Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute where she prepared for a lifetime of service for the Lord. After graduation at the age of 20, she loaded up and headed to Southern Highland Evangel. After her original coworker left, she teamed up with Margie Korta and together they taught Bible classes in the public schools, taught Sunday School, after school Bible clubs, and worked at **Camp Evangel** during the summer. She faithfully served the Lord for 52 years before retiring to SC to be near her family.

Those who worked at **Camp Evangel** with Miss Denison, say one thing that they will always remember is that she loved the kids that she brought to camp like they were hers and, she loved God and wanted as many children as possible to learn about Him and love Him too. She made every single person feel seen and important and even in her time of death, God used her to reach the hearts of children and bring them to a better understanding of eternity!

# Preparations for Fall Semester

Our summer is quickly becoming our past. We are now preparing for the beginning of the Fall semester. On any one of these days our Lord could return and take us home with Him. While we remain, we recognize daily the fact as Paul stated it: **“....we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** (Ephesians 6:12) We enlist your prayers for our staff and for our incoming students. Our Fall semester begins August 19. We praise the Lord for an increase in the inquiries about Fall classes. We are praying that these inquiries will bear fruit as new students. You can help us by encouraging those in your congregation to take advantage of this opportunity and by posting the enclosed schedule in a prominent place.

## Fall Semester Schedule 2024

Registration: 8/15/24 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
8/16/24 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### Monday

NT Survey  
1:00 - 3:30 PM  
Theology II  
5:30-8:00 PM



### Tuesday

Chapel  
10:00 AM  
Biblical Stewardship  
12:00 - 2:00 PM  
Christian Ministries  
Through the Ages  
2:30 - 4:30 PM  
Gospel of John  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

### Wednesday

Personal Evangelism  
9:00 - 11:00 AM

### Thursday

Theology I  
9:00 - 11:30 AM  
OT Law  
1:00 - 3:30 PM



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### WEBSITES

[southlandbibleinstitute.org](http://southlandbibleinstitute.org)

[campevangel.org](http://campevangel.org)

## Bible Conference

The Fall Bible Conference will be here in no time so set aside **October 17-18** and join us for some great music and preaching. Vance Havner understood the need for the children of God to set aside time for spiritual refreshing when he said, “You better come apart so you don’t come apart.” The conference is a great time to follow that advice.

**OCTOBER 17-18**  
**FALL BIBLE**  
**CONFERENCE**



## Online Giving

**Online Giving is now  
available on the  
website:**

[Southlandbibleinstitute.org](http://Southlandbibleinstitute.org)

**Look for this symbol -  
it is on every page**



The process is fairly simple and will take you no time at all to fill in your donation and what it should go toward.

## Current Needs

We had to have the **shingles replaced** on the roof of the dorm. We praise the Lord for meeting that need. Another **heat pump went out** in the Adams’ duplex, at a cost of \$7,200. We have received gifts to cover about half of that. **Postage has increased** again. This will necessitate some **adjustments** in our methods of communication. We hope to be able to send out these **letters by email** in the future, so please send us your email address at: [sbi1@netacs.net](mailto:sbi1@netacs.net).

# Online Courses

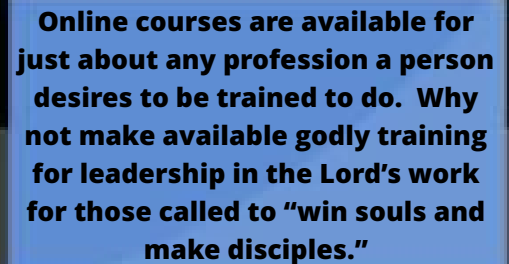
Now is the time to expand to something new at SBI

## The door has opened before us with an opportunity to add this new avenue of training at Southland Bible Institute

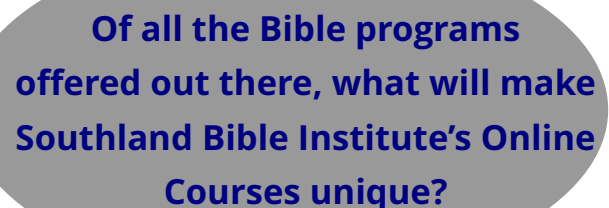
As we look through records of the history of Southland Bible Institute we are made aware of great faith and leadership. Why do we use the word great for both? It is because those who started the work of Southland were sure of their mission given to them by God Himself. Along with that mission was the faith to believe God would supply the need for fulfilling His direction. In talking strategy and planning each move toward bringing the Bible Institute into being, Mr. Otteson gave room for God to show Himself in the work, thus, confirming the work to be of His leading and provision. Southland faces the changes that come with the new and the challenge to meet the current generation where they are. Methods of training for today open more doors for offering the same quality of training Southland has offered for over eighty years in a somewhat different format. The door has been opened that offers an opportunity to recruit and train the Christian leaders so desperately needed in our present world of biblical illiteracy and apathy.

Now is the time to expand our outreach. For those wondering: yes, we will continue offering this experience for those who need to separate themselves and give total attention to growing in knowledge and leadership "on the back side of the desert." However, there are many who would love and need a path to train "as they go" in their world of family and other responsibilities in their lives; as well as, a lesser financial burden, while at the same time supporting their families without "up rooting them" to come to Ashland.

**This is where our Southland family and partners can help us. The cost of professional help we need for setup and software will be \$4,438.00. We can put as many courses online as we wish and can have up to 125 registrations in a year. Can you help us? God's plan; God's provision. Are you willing to get involved in the continued opportunities God is directing Southland to offer?**



Online courses are available for just about any profession a person desires to be trained to do. Why not make available godly training for leadership in the Lord's work for those called to "win souls and make disciples."



Of all the Bible programs offered out there, what will make Southland Bible Institute's Online Courses unique?

Our school motto is

### **Training that Prepares for Service.**

Designed into our online program, just like it is for the on-campus students, is the emphasis of practical training along side their "book learning." Their courses will be taken with the requirement of practical Christian service that enables them to put into practice what they are learning.

### **THERE IS A COST**

There is a cost to step out and add another area of ministry to our work. Desiring to have all the tools we need, we have done our research. Wanting to offer thorough, easy to use, and customized material, we need professional assistance. God has led us to a Christian company that will walk us through the process step by step in setup and software.

We anxiously await news from Camp Evangel about all that is happening during this season of camps. We know that there are a lot of kids enjoying all the activities and adventures that are available. We trust that through the living testimonies of workers and the presentation of God's Word many are being saved and lives dedicated to the Lord. We will have a full report in the next Newsletter.

