

Reminder: Your September 2023 Newsletter and Invitation

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You are invited.

Annual Fundraising Banquet
October 20, 6-9 p.m.
Traditions Club
3131 Club Drive
Bryan, Texas

REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET

Dear Faithful Supporter,

We consistently are experiencing the growth and depth of our students, of our faculty, and of our college all around one mission—the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We are well organized and clear in our call, our curriculum, and our mission. We need your help. Because God has blessed us to be very well organized, we know our financial position well. We

have always finished our fiscal year with greater income than expense. Our financial need from now to the end of our fiscal year, December 31, is \$250,000.

We cannot continue to move forward with the accreditation process unless we finish every single year in the fiscal responsibility we have always had to spend less than we receive.

From January 1-December 31, 2023, we will have offered and completed a total of 51 courses—40 at the Memorial Unit and 11 at the Hobby Unit. We will have our first graduation December 6, 2023. Upon that graduation, 34 more Field Ministers will be commissioned to join 196 active Field Ministers inside TDCJ and 8 additional Field Ministers who are now free back in society. Our student body of 236 men and women needs your financial support to complete their academic year which also ends December 31.

The men completed the course, the Bible and Addiction and the women completed Old Testament 1 just before the statewide lockdown. The women are currently taking Hebrew, as well. We have included videos in this email of class at both Memorial and Hobby that we hope you will take a moment to watch—welcome to a few treasured moments inside just one class where you can see and be challenged by the making of a Field Minister.

- **House churches, baptisms, and one-on-one ministry:** Our STUDENTS are leading a weekly Bible study at the Memorial Unit in the housing areas and our students at the Hobby Unit will soon begin the same Bible study there through our Applied Ministry curriculum.
- **FIELD MINISTERS:** FIELD MINISTERS are serving tirelessly across the state of Texas in teams of 2-8 depending on the size of the unit. Every unit needs more Field Ministers.

Will you help us send Field Ministers to do the work of the Great Commission? The greatest support we can be to every Field Minister is to send more Field Ministers of high esteem.

A Field Minister is a man or woman with a long prison sentence in Texas who has the unique opportunity to be educated through the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry and graduate with the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Ministry to grow personally, live steadfastly, and take boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ peer to peer in the darkest of places.

Finally, you are invited to our annual fundraising dinner. We would love to see you there.

Event: Annual Fundraising Banquet

Date: Friday, October 20th, 2023

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Traditions Club, 3131 Club Drive, Bryan, Texas

Cost: \$200 per seat or \$2,000 for a table of ten people

Purchase your seats to the banquet by:

Clicking on the "REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET" button above or below

OR

Emailing Mary at mary@heartoftexasfoundation.org

OR

[registering for the banquet on our website.](#)

If you know you cannot come to the banquet, but would still like to give to this work, please donate at the "Donate Now" button below. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

We give. They go.

Under his waterfall of grace,

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Term 4 Courses in session now:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Memorial: Old Testament Introduction to Philosophy	Memorial: Great Books The Bible and Addiction	Memorial: Study Day	Memorial: Hebrew Introduction to Christianity and College Life	Memorial: Expository Preaching Biblical Theology
Hobby: Study Day	Hobby: Hebrew Old Testament	Hobby: Study Day	Hobby: Hebrew Old Testament	Hobby: Study Day

Welcome to the Bible and Addiction class at the Memorial Unit for Men:



Above: Visiting Professors Matthew Spandler-Davison and Mez McConnell taught our historic first offering of the course, The Bible and Addiction. Just after this course was complete, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice ordered every prison in Texas undergo a statewide lockdown due to inmate violence tied to drug trafficking and use. The need for such a course is more evident than ever.

Below: More than 90 men took the course Bible and Addiction in August. The picture below was taken by Brenna Norwood from the back of the room while Grove Norwood interviewed the men's professor, Dr. Matthew Spandler-Davison.



Welcome to the Hebrew 1 class at the Hobby Unit for women:



Above: The Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry students at the Hobby Unit ask a clarifying question during their Hebrew course with Dr. Keith Idol.

Below: Pastor John Crowe generously donated his mother's library to the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry at the Hobby Unit for women. Several members of his church worked hard to collect and sort the books for the women's library. The women work together well. The quality of our students' education depends on the quality of the library.



We are growing our library at both campuses:

Would you consider donating to the library? We need library books at the Hobby Unit. And we will always be improving the library at both the Memorial and Hobby Units.

If you know a church, library, professor, or pastor who needs to donate their personal library or duplicates, please email the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry Librarian, Mrs. Audrau Winkelmann at audrau@heartoftexasfoundation.org.

Save the Date! Graduation, December 6

December 6, 2023

Graduation, Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry at the Memorial Unit!

Graduation is one of the most joyous events of the year. If you would like to attend graduation, please email us at audrau@heartoftexasfoundation.org. We will do all we can to accommodate your request. We will be directly inviting those who attend the banquet and those who have given of their time, talents, and finances to prepare these men to become Field Ministers. Thank you for being part of the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry.



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