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DISCIPLESHIP MATTERS



Semester 1 - 2017

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2017 Message from the Principal- Dawson Elliott



BCWA has seen out 2016 faithfully and the team looks forward to 2017 as we continue to serve our Lord in the area of vocational education and training. Our students of 2016 have reported great feedback and rate BCWA as a deeply Biblical, highly practical, contextually relevant and pro-actively missional and cross-cultural Christian education provider. "We want more!" they are saying. As an educator for many years, I can say that we are striving to get better for the sake of the Excellency of Christ. I am delighted to serve at BCWA and to report that we always base our ministry on the chief cornerstone who is Christ our Lord and acknowledge His accomplishing power through the Holy Spirit. I welcome all our re-enrolling students as well as our new students and pray that your journey with us will indeed be a fruitful and adventurous one. Our staff and lecturers are versatile and well experienced in their field of teaching. We seek to be practical above all things and endeavour to graduate disciples of earthy use rather than to impart a dead intellectualism that is far from what our Lord Jesus intends for each of our students. So, here at BCWA, I guarantee that your journey of study will be delightfully inspiring - deeply Biblical and systematically theological, highly practical, contextually relevant and pro-actively missional and cross cultural.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Blessings,

Dawson Elliott

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News from Graduation & Commencement Ceremony 2017

Our Graduation and Commencement Ceremony of 2017 was held at Huntingdale Christian Church (BCWA Campus) on Saturday March 18, 2017. Congratulations to Patrick Wee, our graduated student and Thanks to the Honourable Dr David Shalley (Founder Principal of BCWA), our Principal & CEO (Dr Dawson Elliott), all the Students, Staff and Board, our guest speaker (Ps. Daniel Vulcan) and all their family members for their participation, effort, prayer and support to make this event a success.

It was a remarkable, memorable, blessed and inspiring service with the evident presence of God throughout the ceremony. The powerful and fully inspiring message by Ps. Daniel Vulcan (BCWA Graduate and current Deputy Chairman of BCWA Board) from 2 Timothy 4:1-5 and life transforming testimonials from students and the honourable Dr David Shalley, the creative use of power-point was evident in this year's graduation ceremony has brought BCWA up to the next level. Finished up with the oriental taste of refreshments during time of fellowship, this event was a holistic blessing to all of us.



Congratulations!

Patrick Wee (ADCM)

Originally from Singapore, Patrick graduated this year with Advanced Diploma degree. He has a passion to serve in the marketplace and currently enrolled in BCWA for Graduate Diploma.



TESTIMONIALS (PATRICK WEE - ADCM) 2017 - BCWA GRADUATE

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING SCRIPTURE

I was born in Singapore and grew up in a Taoist family. I became a Christian when I was 9 years old. I attended the local church for about 5 years and eventually left church due to the influence of other teenagers in school.

The boys I hang-out with were great friends, but had quite negative values. In my teenage years I was quite rebellious to my parents and against their will, I did maritime studies in the Polytechnic and eventually joined the Merchant Navy and sailed the world and rose to become a senior navigating officer. After 6 years at sea, whilst doing short courses at the Polytechnic I met my wife, courted for about 6 years and eventually got married when I was 30 years old. When I was about 40 years old I got hooked on gambling and lost lots of money and eventually struggled to support my family of five. I couldn't control my gambling habit until in desperation to break free from it, I cried and asked God to help me out of it. Miraculously, God had His rescue plan for me and I returned to church in 1996 after 28 years of absence. There I rediscovered my first love for Jesus, I was falling in love with Jesus again and made a covenant to worship and serve Him all the days of my life.

In the next 10 years in church, I was involved in numerous ministries, getting busy but deep within me I knew I wasn't growing spiritually. Understanding the Bible was a challenge, I knew the experiences I had in Church cannot be doctrinal truth!

Rom 10:17 "so then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" NKJV

2Tim 2:15 "study (be diligent, work hard) to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth". NKJV

In 2009, my family migrated to Perth, my children went to High School and University, while I signed up as a full-time student at a local seminary. Studying at the Bible College was challenging, there were classes to attend, lots of reading and assignments to complete, projects, and ministry. I did a total of 16 modules in 2 years and graduated in 2012 with a Diploma in Ministry. In 2015, I found out that Bible College of Western Australia (BCWA) has just moved to a new location close to where I lived. I stopped by to check out on the programs it offers. I was warmly welcomed by the Principal and during our discussion, he encouraged me to study on and helped chart a study program for me. I signed up in BCWA, studying at my own pace at 1 module per semester. By 2016, I have successfully completed 4 modules and together with credits carried forward from my previous college, I was awarded with an Advance Diploma in Christian Ministry.

In BCWA, I was blessed with good teachers who were also my motivators. They encourage every student to achieve their potential and help define their ministry so that each student would be effective for God's work in the church and marketplace. In-campus classes give the students opportunity to interact with the teachers and to learn from their experiences. Coming to class and completing assignments on time, help each student to discipline themselves preparing us to be future leaders.

I have enjoyed my time in BCWA and encourage anyone who have a love for the Word of Truth to join us. I am currently studying in the Graduate Diploma program and still having the joy of studying.

To God Be The Glory!

In His Service

Patrick Wee



The Honourable Dr David Shalley (Founder Principal of BCWA)

My Journey with BCWA

This journey began in the spring of 1977 when I was set apart for the role of Foundation Principal of WABC, as it was then known.

Prayerful plans were drawn up, steps taken to establish a study program and the related administrative details. The college began its first term in early March 1978 with three full time students and seven part timers.

The college slowly but steadily grew from there. It was supported by the Pastor and people of Gosnells Baptist Church, operating in their premises.

Financially it was a miracle...As Principal I had twice the status than my previous job as a lecturer at Curtin university, and ...half the pay!

Max Wells donated his stipend to my salary, my wife was given a nursing job part time out of the blue and we used my super to pay off the mortgage. So, all praise to the Lord, we were enabled to manage.

The college soon outgrew the church premises in Gosnells, so in faith we reached out and purchased the property at Wattle Grove, the old Manse and about 1.5 acres of land. Initially lectures were held in the WGBC hall. Fine in the daytime but GB & BB in the evenings provided some noisy background for the lecturers to combat.

In 1984 we purchased the St. John Ambulance Admin transportable buildings and established a well-appointed college campus therein. This was later developed further to accommodate the library and admin etc.

Then came the early 1990's and the seeking of accreditation, a lengthy and complex process even then. But as before, the Lord saw us through all of that. It was at this time that we graduated from an electric typewriter to a computer!!

Graduates went on to various callings, many back into former careers with the vision to be effective for Christ in the workplace and local church, others into pastoral ministry, missions, chaplaincy, Scripture Teaching & so on. All through those years it was wonderful to see God meeting the needs for staff, space, & finances.

By the end of 1992, I felt that my work at the college was over. Just a sense of "Divine Discontent"... God was calling me elsewhere.

Amazingly, within a fortnight of resigning I was approached re the Pastoral role at Kalamunda church of Christ, where I served for the next six years.

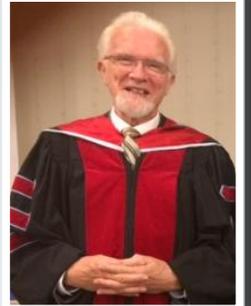
It's been a privilege to have been closely associated with the relaunching of the college as from 2013 and its relocation first to Beckenham C of C and latterly to Huntingdale Christian Church.

It has been uplifting in recent years to come across people who have graduated and hear how God has used & blessed them.

Over the years (40 next year) we have graduated over 1000 students of multicultural and multi-denominational backgrounds... part of the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17 "may they be one even as we are one".

Finally let me say that all through this journey I have been enabled to take **Proverbs 3:5-6** as my guide: **Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.**

For this I thank Him give Him all the praise.



Message from Ps Daniel Vulcan Deputy Chairman of BCWA Board

PROFILE - Background and Ministries

Ps Daniel Vulcan was born in Romania, married with 5 children and migrated to Australia in 1990. He then enrolled in BCWA and graduated with Diploma of Christian Ministry and he has dedicated himself to be part of BCWA. He is the member of Romanian Pentecostal Church in Balga, WA where he serves as preacher and translator there. Ps Daniel travels to Romania regularly each year to preach in 20 different Churches. Currently, he is the Deputy Chairman of the Board of BCWA and will become the Chairman of the Board in June 2017.



Excerpts from the Sermon on Graduation & Commencement Ceremony - 18 March 2017

On this year BCWA's Graduation and Commencement Ceremony, Ps Daniel Vulcan delivered the message entitled "God's charge to Ministry" taken from **2 Timothy 4: 1-5**. In the message he stressed his concern about the tendency of the Churches today to no longer preach the Word of God that will convince, rebuke and exhort people with all long suffering and teaching of the sound doctrine. Rather, he said Churches and Pastors today are delivering stories that are away from the truth that will comfort people's ears to draw big crowds and he reminded all of us in BCWA especially the students and graduates to be watchful, fulfill His calling and work of ministry and always be ready at any time without ceasing to preach the Word of God boldly with sound doctrine.

Overall it was all powerful, inspiring, encouraging, exhorting and convincing message to all of us living in these modern society today as what Paul said in **2 Tim 4: 3-4** "**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables**" is happening in today's Church.

A very confirming message for all of us in BCWA to keep our faith in His Word and promises that will never fail as God brings BCWA to the next level manifesting His Love and Glory.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Applying Biblical principles to bring about solutions to ethical issues in today's society.

Christians are often regarded as "people of the book" because we often contemplate the Bible as the only reference to living the Christian life. But the Bible does not plainly cover and give word for word answer to every situation or circumstance in our lives. With the advanced technology and availability of so much information online there is a high tendency of today's Christians to copy-paste and apply the Biblical verses out of the context for self justification. At the same time, Churches are becoming institutionalized fully engaging themselves in using different strategies and methods to draw big crowds where sound teaching of Biblical principles are so shallow, ethical issues confronting standard of morale and faith remain unsolved. They have become so powerless thus cannot become "**The Light of the world and the Salt of the earth**" as Jesus mentioned in Matthew 5:13-14.

That is why studying Christian Ethics will play a major role to make the Biblical principles become relevant to transform our life so as to bring about answers to ethical issues in the society. (Theo Sim)

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STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS

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Once again, BCWA has proven to be more than just a Bible College. It has become the equipping centre that actually disciple students to bring about transformations to their life. The following are some powerful testimonies of our students:

Kevin Senjaya (Personal Development)

Enrolling in this course has transformed my mindset. I used to be a person who tends to use my logic to solve everything in my life and less dependent on God. God has made me realized that not everything in life can be solved by logic alone. I enjoy the discipleship style of the lectures where students are able to engage and interact with each other in class where we can share our stories. This has allowed me to develop my personality as well as to grow spiritually. Now I have a deeper and closer relationship with God and experienced the manifestation of His power in my life.



Sarah Adriana (Internship)

It has been an exciting journey for me of being in this course as it allows me to grow spiritually as well as finding the calling for my ministry. The impact of my spiritual growth does not stop with me but extends to my supervisor in Church who is fully supporting me on my journey and noticed my spiritual growth. I fully enjoy studying in BCWA and confirm that BCWA has been used by God to not only equip but also disciple students that brings about life transformation.



Latest News from Global Reach Bible College - South Africa



Our satellite College in South Africa. In January 2017, 25 students have graduated.



..Mission Trip to "Laguna, Philippines"

21 April – 26 April 2017

This Semester, our Global Mission Students along with our Principal, Dawson Elliott are doing practical Mission exploration to Laguna, Philippines where students are stretching their missional understanding. We also believe that God is using BCWA as His tool to prepare their hearts as they are facing the greatest challenge in their nation. Thanks for all the prayers and financial support that has made this impossible trip become "*Him-Possible*."



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



Theo Sim
Student Dean & Marketing Coordinator



Sarah Adriana
Administrator



Planting a Bible College in Philippines, GRBC—South Africa, BCWA Board Members, Principal, Staff, Lecturers, Students, Mission Trip to Philippines, Women's Seminar in May 2017. Give thanks for this Semester 1, 2017 and the prospective students for Semester 2, 2017 (20 students).

BCWA WEBSITE UPDATE

Praise God, our BCWA website has been updated and refreshed to keep us up to date with the technology. In addition to browsing and gathering information of courses, seminars and short (bitesize) courses we offer, college news update, now our website give access to our prospectus students to enrol online.

Semester 2 Timetable

Commencing 18th of July - 10th of November 2017

Time Day	9.00-11.00 am	11:00-11.20	11:20-1:20pm	1:20-2pm
TUE	Discipleship 1 (RS)		Christian Leadership (TS)	Lunch
WED	Pastoral Ministry (KH)	Morn. Tea	Directed Research 1 (Grad Dip Students) (DE)	Lunch
THU	Spiritual Formation (DS)	Morn. Tea	Spiritual Warfare (DE)	Lunch

DE- Dawson Elliott **DS – David Shalley**
TS - Theo Sim **KH – Keith Henderson** **RS- Ros Smith**

YOUR TURN to **SHAPE** on **SATURDAY MORNING**

Inquiries welcome

BCWA acknowledge your desire to grow into spiritual maturity despite of your limited time. As part of our commitment, we provide you with this Saturday morning course to keep you spiritually in SHAPE.

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