

Bethlehem

COLLEGE & SEMINARY



STUDENTS AND FACULTY

More Students

Our total number of students grew from 96 total students in 2009–10 to 134 in 2010–11. This total includes 77 undergraduate students and 57 seminary students.

Diversity of Students

Our students come from 24 different states in the U.S. and at least one other country (Dominican Republic).

Three New Faculty Members Hired

We are privileged to have Glen Bloomstrom (Chaplain and

Leadership Development), John Beckman (Old Testament), and Travis Myers (Missions and Discipleship) serving with us.

First Commencement

Our first commencement ceremony was held on May 20, 2011, with twelve students graduating. Ten of these students were awarded the Bachelor of Theology degree after finishing BCS's Degree Completion Program, while two Seminary apprentices were awarded the Master of Divinity degree.

Special Lecture

Missiologists Jason Mandryk and David Sills presented a special lecture to students, staff, and faculty on the topic of theological education and missions on September 22, 2011.



BCS CHAPLAIN'S RETIREMENT FROM THE MILITARY

Col. Glen Bloomstrom, BCS's new chaplain and Assistant Professor of Leadership Development, retired from service in the U.S. Army on July 15, 2011 after 30 years of military service. He is one of the few military chaplains who has served with all three of



the Army's most prestigious units — the Airborne, Special Forces, and Ranger Regiment.

At his retirement ceremony, Bloomstrom was honored by letters from President Obama and General Petraeus. Petraeus called Bloomstrom "singularly the best chaplain I've served with. He possesses exactly the right mix of caring, leadership, competence... Without a doubt, Glen Bloomstrom is one of the most talented,

capable chaplains serving in our army today."

At BCS, Bloomstrom is serving as chaplain, counseling BCS students and families, overseeing our weekly chapels, teaching courses on Soul Care and leading the Mentored Ministry program. He will also plan student and pastor orientations, retreats, and enable mentoring relationships for both college and seminary students.

Meet Our Operating Expenses

BCS needs approximately \$704,000 to meet its budget for the 2011–2012 fiscal year, which ends in June.

Furnish Our Additional Space

Desks, chairs, office furniture, and bookshelves are needed to furnish our soon-to-be-leased additional space across the street



from our current location. This space will include classrooms, offices, and a student bookstore.

Hire New Faculty

BCS plans to hire two new faculty members to serve in the areas of systematic theology and literature

and humanities. College plans include a History of Ideas major to be launched in 2013.

Increase enrollment

BCS hopes to admit 48 new college freshman for the 2012–2013 school year.

Our first two seminary graduates are serving in two diverse ministries, but with the same vision: making Christ known to the glory of God.

Toph Majors is currently serving as the full-time Director of S.A.Y. Yes!, a ministry dedicated to outreach among the children of two underserved Minneapolis neighborhoods.



S.A.Y. Yes! offers a variety of ministries including Bible study, academic tutoring, and meals to young children. Majors also serves as a pastoral resident at Jubilee Community Church. He has a heart to see church and parachurch organizations closely connected.

“BCS helped me learn how to go deep in the Scripture, which has been huge not only in my own life, but also in my ministry,” Majors said. He maintains that discussing issues with the rest of his small cohort at BCS was excellent preparation for teaching the same material to others.



Nick Nowalk is currently serving as a Ministry Fellow at Harvard University with the Christian

Union. The ministry he started there four years ago has grown to 150 undergrads who are involved in weekly Bible studies, discipleship, and fellowship.

Nowalk recently authored a new course that focuses on biblical principles for interpersonal relationships and sexuality. The course material is being used in Christian Union’s Bible courses at Harvard, Princeton, and Yale universities.



Nowalk says, “My time at [BCS] was the most valuable season of training before ministry at Harvard—it was irreplaceable, and I recommend all students interested in future ministry to seriously consider pursuing theological education there.”

Nowalk regularly contributes to the Harvard Ichthus online journal and parents three foster sons with his wife, Kasey.