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Special Points of Interest:

- **Student ID:** If you **DO NOT** have a student ID please see Zach to get one made. Also if you have a current ID please see Zach to have yours validated for the 2013-2014 academic year.
- **VA Students:** Please see Dr. Pate to confirm that you are taking classes.
- **Snack Table:** Please remember that all snacks and drinks are 50 cents. Coffee is now \$.50 per day.
- **Social Media:** Like us on Facebook (NOBTS Birmingham) we post announcements and available ministry positions. Also follow us on Twitter @nobtsbirmingham.
- **Unlimited Partnerships:** If you would like to get ministry experience please see Dr. Pate for more details.
- **WEBSITE:** Visit our Extension Center website <http://www.nobts.edu/Extensions/Birmingham.html> You will find important dates, class schedules, etc.

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TAKING DONATIONS FOR CUP OF JOE

Birmingham— In the past we have been blessed to break even on the snacks and allow coffee to be free to anyone who wanted some. However, starting today we are asking for donations to help offset the cost of coffee. We provide the grounds, cups, filters, sugar, creamer, etc. This is still not bad considering that it costs at least \$2 for a tall brewed coffee down the street



at Starbucks. If you would like to donate to the coffee fund please place donations in the

money cup on the snack table. Please note that all snack foods and drinks are still 50 cents per item. This policy is enforced on the honor system. Make sure that all payments for snack food items are placed in the money cup on the snack table. Prompt payment allows us to continue to purchase more snacks.

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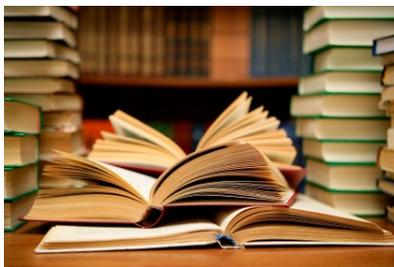
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CHECK IT OUT! BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY RESOURCES

Birmingham—As a new semester is underway syllabus shock can be seen on the faces of students. Never fear! Here at NOBTS Birmingham we want to equip you with resources that will help you be successful this semester. The Birmingham Extension Center Library maintains a collection of more than 2,600 volumes. We have multiple commentaries for each Old and New Testament book. We also have multiple resources available for theology, counseling, church growth, pastoral ministry, biblical languages, etc. Another great resource are the many theological journals we have in house. These are not available for check out, but

copies can be made of any article you need. We also have access to online databases for the latest research in psychol-



ogy, counseling, and theological journals, etc.

NOBTS students also have access to the Samford University Libraries. Simply present your NOBTS student ID to the front desk. Don't forget about

the John T. Christian Library on the Main Campus. You can checkout books from the main campus and they will ship them to you. Needless to say you should not have trouble finding the resources you need for those papers this semester.

If you have any questions about the Birmingham library or would like to request the login information for online journals see Zach.

If you have any questions about the main campus library and our resources please call 504.816.8018 or visit <http://www.nobts.edu/library>.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for a good semester of ministry training.
- Pray for fellow students and professors who are leaders of churches. May they lead well.
- Pray for our churches, associations, state, and nation.

If you have a prayer request please send it to bhamasst.nobts@gmail.com

Important Dates

August 30—Drop/Add Deadline

Sept 2—Labor Day (NO CLASS)

Sept 17—Graduation Deadline

Oct 14-18—FALL BREAK

Nov 25-29—THANKSGIVING

Dec 14—Graduation

MEET GRADUATE STUDENT, ZAC RENO

As we kick off a new semester, I would like for you to meet a student who is in his second semester with us at the Birmingham Extension Center: Zac Reno. He is a young pastor with a heart for Christ and to see people come to repentance and faith in Christ alone. When you see him on campus tell him hello and get to know him. He will do nothing but encourage your heart.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Morris, AL.

What is your testimony?

I am the first in my family to trust in Christ, I was 14 years old. A girl I knew invited me to church one night. I had prayed the "Sinner's Prayer" a million times. But one night under the teaching of a godly youth minister. That night I felt the weight of conviction on my heart and so I repented and trusted in Christ.

Briefly tell me about your call to ministry.

Six months after I surrendered to Christ I was at a winter student conference in Gatlinburg. One night I remember being in worship, my eyes closed and hands raised. As I stood there I could see myself behind a pulpit and it "wiggled" me out. I talked to my youth minister and told me that if I was called to preach that I needed to continue praying and reading Scripture and

the Lord would confirm it. The Lord used Acts 2:17 to confirm in my heart that he had called me to preach. In the years following the Lord gave me a burden for my lost brother and was

I am married to Kimberly, we have one little girl named Gabriella and one on the way.

Where do you serve in ministry?



able to see him come to know Christ. He is now a church planter and has been all over the world preaching the gospel. God is good!

Are you married? Do you have any kids?

In January the Lord led our family to leave Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis to take our first Senior Pastorate at First Baptist Church Arley. It's been a humbling privilege and oppor-

tunity to serve as a Senior Pastor.

What is your favorite hobby?

I love the outdoors! I am a bow hunter and bass fisher.

What is your favorite sport to watch and/or play?

I love College Football, but I don't worship it! ROLL TIDE!! I also enjoy going to the gym and weight lifting.

What is your favorite class?

I would probably have to say Systematic Theology. I really enjoyed Dr. Boutwell as a professor.

Besides the Bible what was the last book you read?

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala

What is one piece of advice you would give students about their years in seminary?

I heard Johnny Hunt say one time, "the same sun that melts ice, hardens clay." Be sure that you always allow your pursuit of the truth of Scripture to be that which melts your heart and not harden it.

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