

Dear Student,

I want to draw your attention to a unique opportunity to take BE5102 (OT History 1) or BE5405 (Exposition of Genesis) in a different venue and format. Dr. Brian Fisher, Dr. Pierre Cannings, and I will be team teaching Genesis this summer as a hybrid course at a beautiful retreat in the mountains of North Carolina. This retreat center is called The Cove – a teaching facility for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). We will be teaching an intensive Bible training, which is open to the public.

Check out the website for information on prices for room and board:

<https://thecove.org/registration-lodging-info/>

The hybrid class will be offered on June 23-28, 2024. To be specific, you will need to arrive on the afternoon of Sunday, June 23 and the class will run from Monday morning through noon Friday. All work for the course will be due by Friday, August 23, 2024. The syllabus for these two courses will be available soon.

Why is this a unique opportunity?

1. It is a retreat/class. While this is a DTS class, it is a class . . . that is like a retreat. As a hybrid, it does not meet all day. You will have the afternoons off. The BGEA loves DTS students and has generously allocated funds to allow DTS students to come. If you are taking the class for credit, normal DTS tuition applies. However, many DTS students receive a PARTIAL scholarship for room and board at The Cove (the cost of the complete Cove experience starts at \$1,188 which includes 3 meals a day in a luxurious lodge). **You may contact Brenda Abernathy at The Cove about applying for a partial scholarship for room and board, babernathy@thecove.org or call her at 828-298-2092. Please be aware that there are limited scholarships for room and board and they are based on financial need.**

If you are married, bring your spouse. He or she can sit in on the class with you. Of course, you still have to pay for room and board. It's a great opportunity to grow together.

2. The environment. The Cove is a beautiful mountain resort surrounded by God's creative handiwork. This provides a great opportunity to study and reflect.

Take a look: <http://thecove.org/photo-galleries/around-the-cove>

3. Fellowship. Since this is open to the public (but limited in size), you will have an opportunity to fellowship with many other believers from around the country. We will share all meals together and have time to discuss topics related to class – and life.

Interested? Just remember the following:

- Register and pay for your room and board at The Cove (starting September 13)

- Register for BE5102NC or BE5405NC as a summer 2024 course and pay the tuition (March 2024).
- Make arrangements to travel to Asheville, North Carolina

There will be many attending that week who are not students, so don't delay in signing up. Registration begins online on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. It fills up fast!

If you would like more information about this opportunity – please contact Tina Smilie in the Bible Exposition Dept. at tsmilie@dts.edu or 214-887-5090.

Blessings!

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