



What is the purpose of thisisyourbible.com? Who is behind it?

From its inception, thisisyourbible.com has had a clear vision. Our mission may be summarized:

- We recognize that all things are subject to our Father's will and must be done to His glory.
- Our primary objective is to preach the Truth
- We will provide sound Biblical teaching on first principle topics
- We will connect students with tutors and thus to Ecclesias
- We will develop a strong tutor base
- We will improve awareness and ownership of the site by Ecclesias
- We will reduce outreach costs through on-line delivery of materials and instruction
- We will provide a 24-hour turnaround for personalized Bible Q&A

To further these aims, our primary Ecclesial preaching organizations have joined together to create and fund <http://www.thisisyourbible.com>. The site is supported by the CBMA/CBMC, CBM, and the ACBM and is recognized as our pre-eminent Internet preaching resource. Representatives from these organizations are in regular contact with one another and meet annually in conjunction with joint CBM meetings to discuss issues of concern in managing the website and moving its objectives forward. The statistics in the panel to the left bear out how well we have been blessed in meeting our primary objectives.

thisisyourbible.com Statistics

<i>Tutors:</i>	<i>788</i>
<i>Students:</i>	<i>25,029</i>
<i>Total Visits:</i>	<i>1.5 million</i>
<i>Total Visitors:</i>	<i>800,000+</i>
<i>Questions Answered:</i>	<i>10,000+</i>

Top countries of student origin

<i>USA</i>	<i>39%</i>
<i>Russia</i>	<i>12%</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Canada</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Australia</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>Caribbean</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>4%</i>

Over the years, team members have changed but the objectives and the determination, by our Father's good grace, to carry them out have not. The current committee is composed of brother Robert Alderson (Chairman), brother Keith Pearson (ACBM), brother Jon Hale (CBM), and brother Duncan Kenzie (CBMA/CBMC). Brother Mike LeDuke is the site's day-to-day Administrator, brother Peter Forbes assists brother Jon Hale, and brother Glenn Smith (UK) assists brother Mike in answering many of our visitors' questions, while sister Jan Berneau (CBMA) takes care of publicity and ensures that our Ecclesias are aware of the work being done on their behalf.

The broad scope of the work is reflected in the diversity of the locations of our team members. They come from the UK, Australia, New Zealand, British Columbia, California, and Ontario. Our tutors have joined the work from almost every country on the planet where there is an Ecclesia. Those visiting the website—and they visit in their hundreds every day—come

from all nations. At any one time, there are literally thousands of students registered and actively taking our Bible courses.

These courses are targeted to specific areas of the globe. Those registering from the CBMA/CBMC's area of operations have two choices (although they may opt to take both courses simultaneously): **Learn to Read the Bible Effectively**, which is a webinar (a combination of online video and questions answered and reviewed by our tutors), and **Exploring the Bible**. The ACBM offers **Exploring the Bible** while those serviced by the CBM may be offered either the **CBM 40-Lesson Course** or the **18-Lesson Course**.

As the site grows and diversifies over time, the needs of each CBM organization for online preaching will be met uniquely, though under the umbrella of thisisyourbible.com, and present different offerings which will appeal effectively to respective audiences. The back-end student management system—the backbone of the whole effort—will remain the same across these varied domains. This again reflects the global nature of the effort and is a wonderful example of Christadelphians with somewhat differing requirements working together to the glory of God – unity in diversity!

The development of thisisyourbible.com – 2006 to 2013

<http://www.thisisyourbible.com> was the product of discussions between the CBMA/CBMC, CBM, and ACBM in 2005 to create a Christadelphian worldwide preaching website supported by our primary Bible Mission organizations. The website's URL was graciously ceded to us by the Southern California Preaching Committee who were, and continue to be, very supportive of the TIYB mission. Brethren were recruited to plan, design, build, and maintain the site and the first iteration went live in January of 2006. In the beginning, management, design, implementation, and support of the project was wholly based in North America, primarily in California and Ontario.



thisisyourbible.com version 1 - 2006



thisisyourbible.com version 2 - 2007

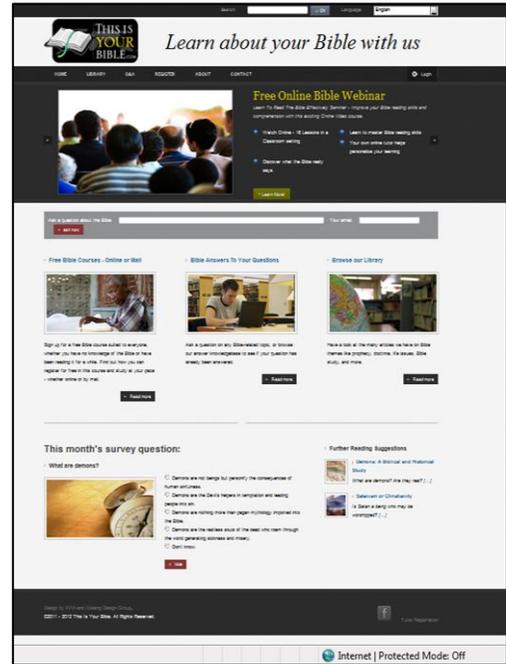
The highlights of the site were literature available for reading online and downloading, personalized answers to Bible questions, a survey question leading to a specific piece of literature, a quick and easy means of locating and communicating with Ecclesias around the world, and, the centerpiece, online Bible study courses.

However, the need to grow and change is an ever-present driver of development and innovation of any Internet project and ours is no different. While the new site met many of our objectives, we decided to begin work on another upgrade in order to improve its technical environment and allow it to keep pace with the latest in website design technology.

In the spring of 2011, our current technical environment was established under brother Duncan Kenzie’s leadership. The site was transferred to web servers in Victoria, B.C. and work on an innovative new version of the website began in earnest. Brother Jason Grant of the Orangeville, Ontario, Ecclesia, volunteered the resources of himself and his company to do the redesign. He gave us several excellent options and we chose the one we felt was the most suitable to our needs, both present and future. The new site has a decidedly up-to-date look while maintaining the core elements of the previous systems.

A key addition to this version is its enhanced video capability which has added a new dimension to our visitors’ experience on the website. The video presentations are a vast improvement over our previous attempts to include this medium. Currently, a visitor may view:

- **Why I Believe the Bible** – six-part series of brethren explaining their trust in the Bible
- **The Bible and Science: Facts and Theories** – shows the Bible and science are not in conflict
- **Introducing the Christadelphian Community** – an introduction to what we believe
- **Important Bible Teaching** – collection of short presentations on first principle topics



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The new video environment has also allowed us to present our first webinar (i.e. an Internet seminar), **Learn to Read the Bible Effectively**, in a very effective manner with the video showing smoothly and without the jerkiness experienced when we employed previous technologies.

In keeping with our goal of connecting our visitors with Ecclesias, the “Contact” menu item allows visitors to locate virtually every Ecclesia in the world and contact that Ecclesia’s representative via Email. Many Ecclesias have detailed information regarding their programs and the location of their meeting places, including an interactive Google Map! The site is attractive and effective and we are seeing a steady month-by-month increase in our visitors and the number of students.

Many Ecclesias and virtually all of the areas in which the CBMs are active make use of the “Student Coordinator” function. An individual from an Ecclesia may build a team to manage all of the students, as well as those more casual contacts attracted to the website, in any given geographic area. At the click of a button, the Student Coordinator may send emails to all of the TIYB contacts in his managed area to inform them of local seminars and other special events.

What does the future hold for thisisyourbible.com? We aren’t sure yet but we are constantly thinking of ways to improve and innovate to provide the most effective tool possible to share the glorious good news of our Father’s coming Kingdom with as many as possible while there is still time.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the website, please send them to brother Mike LeDuke at yourbible@gto.net.

Our Tutors Speak

Recently, we solicited feedback from our tutors about the utility of thisisyourbible.com. Here are some of their comments:

Sister Patricia Dennis of the North Houston Ecclesia: The site has been instrumental to me over the last few years... It is a great outline for studying the truth. My sister was baptized early last year and I was able to use a few of the lessons in addition to her studying with another brother... The site has been a very helpful organized plan to help me teach. I have 3 students and lead 2 classes per week.

Brother Chuck Link of the Moorestown, New Jersey, Ecclesia: I was a former cutting edge IT guy before they even called it IT. I'm now a total dinosaur with computers. The TIYB site has changed and each time I get a bit confused at the start. But each time the support offered has been outstanding to bring me up to speed. Anytime there has been any problem the support whether they are at home or even in another country doing missionary work has been outstanding. I feel the latest series of changes have improved the site. It is a site that can explain not only the Bible message but assure us that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is a professionally done site I am not ashamed to show anyone. And it is an easy site to remember and advertise. We have thisisyourbible.com decals that go on the rear side windows of cars, the site has been advertised in newspapers, and we have business cards for friends with the website on one side and the ecclesial address and meeting times on the other. At least two people I helped tutor using this site became baptized.

Brother Jim Land, Los Angeles Ecclesia: Not only does working with TIYB strengthen each of the tutors and indirectly the ecclesia that they are in, it also promotes fellowship around the country. Through my attempt to "hand off" two students who were finishing the course to someone who could follow up, I used Google to locate the closest ecclesia to each and then began calling through use of the ALS Diary the RB of the two Ecclesias. I didn't even know that there were Ecclesias in the locations until I started looking. I found further that even though there may be an ecclesia nearby, that didn't mean that there was someone living in the community. For example, I had one student living in NY on the border of PA. I found an ecclesia with an address not too far below the border; but when I finally called the RB, it turned out that he and his wife actually lived in the same town as the student. Another brother, living in Southern Missouri, actually drove by my student's hometown on his way to meeting in Northern Oklahoma. I talked quite a bit with both. With our being a dispersed community but with a very low density, we face a problem with providing an ecclesial environment for isolated students – that is, isolated from proximity to a meeting. This is perhaps the biggest challenge of the thisisyourbible.com effort.

Brother Dave Jennings, Pomona Ecclesia: Here are some responses I have recently received from a student that I am working with:

"This is a remarkable course you have here. It is changing my life!!! This is very powerful stuff and life altering. Make sure I'm getting everything you're asking in the questions, please!"

"Please instruct me to read in other parts of the Bible if you find that I'm missing the point in my answers above. This is an incredible program you have put together for the hungry souls looking to know God and His word... Thank you!"

Bro. Glenn Smith, Loughborough, UK, Ecclesia: Brother Glenn has been a very valuable resource to the site and has answered many of the questions submitted since 2008. He undertook to maintain a correspondence with a keen young man from Texas named Brady. Glenn persisted with Brady for a year, patiently and painstakingly answering his questions. Here is one of the latest messages from Brady to Glenn:

“My wife and I are having a hard time because we really want to attend church but I refuse to send my son to any church that preaches false doctrine. She still wants to go to the Baptist church down the road from our house even though she doesn’t believe in the Trinity. I went for a while but now after all that I know I just can’t stand it any longer. I want so badly to be able to talk to someone face to face who believes the truth but there are no Christadelphian churches in my area. I have tried rather hard to talk to people from that Baptist church but they are nearly impossible to talk to because the popular belief is exactly the opposite from what I have come to know and believe as truth. I want so badly to help advance God’s kingdom and preach the truth... I only wish there was some way I could attend a church that believed the truth. I pray so much for God to direct my path. I prayed that some time ago and I found the Christadelphians.”

Brady has been put in touch with brother Stan Isbell from the North Houston Ecclesia – this is a perfect example of the way the website can be the touchstone by which people like Brady, hungry for the Truth, can find a community of like precious faith!

How Can You Help?

Pray for us – “the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much” (James 5:16). Nothing we plan to do will bear fruit without our Father’s blessing and our Ecclesias’ support.

Register as a tutor – you can choose to work with either online or postal students, or both. You will have as much support as you require. We have brothers and sisters of all age ranges and levels of computer literacy serving as tutors. You may make your “catchment area” as broadly or narrowly defined as you like. To sign-up as a tutor go to <http://www.thisisourbible.com>, scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the “Tutor Registration” prompt.

Volunteer as a Regional Student Coordinator – manage the assignment of students to tutors in your area of operations. Ensure that your local contacts are followed up and invited to Ecclesial events.

Support your CBM organization – In these last days, it is imperative that we be about our Father’s business. As you can see from our statistics box, thisisyourbible.com is reaching more individuals with the Gospel of the coming Kingdom than is possible by any other medium. We need your help financially to continue this important work.

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then said I, “Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6: 8



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