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Brian R. Kenyon Promoted Associate Director



In the December meeting of the Board of Directors, Florida School of Preaching, **Brian Kenyon** was promoted to the position of **Associate Director**.

Brian has served as a full-time instructor with the Florida School of Preaching since 1996, and he has edited the Florida School of Preaching Lectureship Book since the 2000 edition.

Brian received his B.A. (1993) and a M.A. (1995) from Freed-Hardeman University. He completed his work at the Florida School of Preaching (1991). He received an A.A. from Florida Institute of Technology (1984), and he graduated from Bayshore High School, Bradenton, Florida (1982).

Brian is presently working with the Eagle Lake church of Christ, assisting them as they support a full-time student. He has served as treasurer and deacon over missions with the North Jackson Avenue church of Christ in Bartow, Florida.

Brian has preached full-time for congregations

in Tennessee, has spoken on several lectureships and meetings, and has written articles for brotherhood publications.

Brian and his wife, the former Amber Davis, have been married over nineteen years, and they have two children, Rick (17 years old) and Autumn (15 years old).

Brian has been a willing and able member of the faculty, and has assumed without reservation any and all tasks given him. His experience as a teacher, preacher, editor of the lectureship volumes, and writer for the Harvester and other published materials makes his qualifications to serve as associate director evident to all who know him.

Brian and his family have given much time and energy to the promotion of the Florida School of Preaching. We are delighted that he has accepted this new position of Associate Director.

—Editor.

Computer Based Tools for Bible Study

By

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Readers of this article should understand that the author is not selling or seeking to sell the software products herein reviewed. Likewise, the school does not have the funds to stock programs for reselling.

The sole purpose of these reflections is to provide information to those with computers in order for them to know of some basic products that will enhance the study of the Bible and religious themes and/or places of biblical interest.

The Power Bible Program

This Bible CD is the most user friendly (a novice will have no problem using this program immediately) of the programs reviewed in this article. Like all the programs it comes on a CD. It will run on MS Windows 95/98/2000/ME/XP.

It has twelve English Bible translations plus French, German and two Spanish versions. The King James text includes Strong's Greek and Hebrew word definitions. There are three Bible Dictionaries (Smith, Easton, and the American Tract Society) and Five Topical Bibles with 700,000 Cross References.

Commentaries such as Matthew Henry, Clarke, Wesley, Spurgeon, Barnes, Robertson and others are included. Of interest to members of the body of Christ is the fact that McGarvey's Four

Fold Gospel Notes are included, and People's New Testament Notes are also included and are hyperlinked (linked so that each verse will highlight the commentary that may have information on the passage under review) to passages for easy location of available help.

You can copy passages and paste them into an article such as this article for writing or study purposes. A special fee will have to be paid for those wanting to include the NIV, NASB and NRSV versions of the Bible.

For pricing on single copies, or for bundles, call 1-800-243-7124. You may write Phil Lindner, Online Publishing, Inc., Box 21, Bronson, MI 49028

The Online Bible Classic Edition

This CD has a new interface that makes the program much easier to use than earlier versions. It can be installed on your hard drive of your computer (if you have space) for faster access. It is unique in that it has an English translation of the Koran, the "bible" of Islam.

English Bible Versions include the following: New King James Version, ASV, KJV, Bible in Basic English, 21st Century KJV, Phillips New Testament, Rotherham's Emphasized Bible, Septuagint—an English Translation (Greek OT translated into English), Darby, RSV, Webster Bible, Douay Rheims with Apocrypha, Weymouth NT,

Young's Literal Translation, Jewish Publication OT, Oxford Apocrypha, Revised Apocrypha, and a number of versions that require royalty payment to unlock.

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Bible Versions: BHS Hebrew Text, Morphological Hebrew Text, Interlinear Greek NT, Stephanus Greek Text 1550/1894, Wescott Hort/UBS 3-4/Nestle 26-27, Byzantine Majority Greek Text 1991, The Latin Vulgate, LXX Greek Septuagint with Apocrypha, Peshitta Syriac NT.

Other Language

Versions: Should you need to help those whose native tongue is not English, you will find this program of exceptional value. Bible translations in the following formats for other countries are a part of this CD: Albanian, Arabic, Indonesia, Portuguese, Philippines, Creole (Haiti), French, Denmark, German, Finland, Chinese,

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Hungarian, Dutch, Italian, Romanian, Russia, Spanish, Equador, Swahili, Indonesia, Turkish NT, Ukranian, and Vietnamese.

Select Notes and Commentaries: Many of these are keyed to Strong's Numbers. B.D.B.G Hebrew Lexicons, Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Thompson Chain Topics, Matthew Henry's Commentary, Revised Easton's Bible Dictionary, Barnes NT Notes, Geneva Bible Foot Notes, Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary, Gill's Exposition of the Bible, Gill's Body of Divinity, Peoples NT Notes, Treasury of David, Robertson's NT Word Pictures, Scofield Notes, Four Fold Gospel Notes, Poole's Commentary, Calvin's Commentaries, Greek and Hebrew Lexicons, Smith's Bible Dictionary, Maps and Charts, 50 Historical and Creationist Books.

This CD program comes with a detailed User's Guide. For current pricing contact, Bible, 3909 Witmer Road, pmb 7, Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Tel. 1-800-598-0777. Web Site - <http://www.onlinebibleusa.com>.

PCStudy Bible

This CD Bible program is more expensive with a number of add on programs and versions that can run into several hundred dollars. However, it is very popular and easy to use. They have recently come out with Version 4 for Windows 95/98/Me/2000/XP all editions.

You can add the Apostolic Fathers English Translation to this program, and

they are keyed (hyperlinked) to given texts of the Bible. It is possible to read for yourself what the early "Christian" thinkers were writing as they faced a multiplicity of problems that help form the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox religions.

This program will let you make your own study notes and link them to the passage you are studying. You may come across a comment or thought that helps explain the passage and it can be copied to that Bible text reference. You will not only have the comments of Clarke, Barnes, or others but you will have your own study notes to consider.

There are excellent pictures and maps with the program. By holding down the shift key on your keyboard and the left mouse button and dragging it from one point to another, you may know the miles distance from one place to another in the map program. There is a time line that will enable you to see in a brief topic or name what was going on in the world during the days of Moses, Paul or Jesus, etc.

Some versions include, the ISBE, Nelson's Bible Dictionary, and the New Unger's Bible Dictionary, McClintock and Strong's Encyclopedia, Evangelical Dictionary of Theology and Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology, the Biblical Illustrator. These are very helpful add on programs that will provide a depth of research capabilities that other programs do not have. These are some of the reasons that this program is more expensive but

very useful.

For a comparison of the different versions of this program, go to the WEB Site (www.Biblesoft.com). There are five different versions of the program, depending upon the amount of material you desire or can afford. Prices begin at about \$60 and go to about \$500.

Any of these programs will permit you to do a search of terms so that you may have your own personal concordance with a few key strokes. With a laptop computer and these programs a missionary can have at his disposal indispensable tools for study in a foreign field.

Bible Works 6

This program is the most sophisticated program for in-depth textual study from the stand point of original languages. It will search on the original language by root word or by a given form of the word (singular, plural, masculine or feminine, accusative case, etc.) in Hebrew/Greek/Aramaic.

It has an abundance of foreign language versions that come with the program. The program has the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. These are at the heart of many protestant denominational creeds and manuals of faith. Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias included are ISBE, Fausset Bible Dictionary, and Easton Bible Dictionary. This program includes the works of Josephus, and the Qumran Sectarian Texts may be added to the program with an unlock fee.

The program has most of

the standard Greek and Hebrew texts of the Bible. **Hebrew/Aramaic** sources available are Theological Wordbook of the OT, the Hebrew-Aramaic and English Lexicon of the OT by Brown, Driver and Briggs, Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the OT by Koehler and Baumgartner, Futato's Beginning Biblical Hebrew, and his Basic Hebrew Tutorial, Waltke's Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax.

Special helps in **Greek** include, Thayer Greek-English Lexicon of the NT, the Greek-English Lexicon of the NT and Early Christian Literature by Bauer, Danker and Gingrich, Wallace, Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics, Burton's, Moods and Tenses in NT Greek.

Some of these are add on programs that cost an additional fee.

Pricing for the initial program and the add on items may be obtained from their WEB site (www.bibleworks.com). Due to the sophistication of the program users will find indispensable the help provided in the user manual, and the video clips that introduce users to the various potentials of this great study tool.

Should you want to check on the best pricing for any of the items in this review, I would suggest that you contact Discount Christian Software by phone at 1-888-967-3763 or www.DiscountChristian.com.



[The following letter (with a

check for \$100) is from a lady I helped to become a Christian while preaching in Michigan in 1972-1973, Editor.]

"Thank you for the Harvester. I enjoy hearing of other missions, and I help support Joseph Worndle in Haiti and Hershel Bearden in India and Gary Workman and Katrinka in Ukraine, that keeps me rejoicing ... it brings memories when Cliff Tucker and a few of us from Warren MI had gone to Puerto Rico to help Joseph Worndle with a gospel meeting there. I wish I were younger, I would go and teach the lost ... I thank God that with my help we have gained a sister in Christ from a Baptist [background].... I thank God for Jackie and his patience with me."

—Marie Grice

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