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The BFC Editorial

Greetings to you in this gorgeous July weather. The Braman Foundation of Charities ministry continues to press into what we believe is God's will. Several new women have entered the women's facility at the Queensbury property. Evening meetings that meet weekly have begun: Tuesday - Discipleship, Wednesday - AA Women's Meeting, Friday - Bible Study, and Saturday - Big Book Step Study and H & R Meeting.

Pray as we recently traveled to Chad, Africa to teach discipleship to pastors. The Lord's work continues to grow in Africa while in India we have been delayed due to COVID-19. Pray for our brothers and sisters in all of India. Remember these in your thoughts and prayers.

Our new book, "Understanding the Holy Spirit" is at the printer and due back any time. New literature continues to be produced and distributed. Discipleship Devotional is now available and its first printing was distributed on June 1st.

BFC continues to wait on the Lord to become officially a transitional service program for the NYS Correctional Facilities. Increase prayer as we continue to wait on the Lord and pray for the Schenectady Community Center. In this issue, for the first time, pictures are featured. We are excited!

Much work has been done at Queensbury Facility regarding landscaping as it winds down and begins to be in a routine of maintenance, we are very grateful for the helping hands.

Our featured author for this issue is Thomas A. Kempis, a 14th century Christian writer in which his book "The Imitation of Christ" is the second most popular Christian devotional work next to the Bible.

Such Christian greats as Saint Augustine and Saint Francis of Assisi, were great advocates of the Imitation. Enjoy!

Have a wonderful summer and pray! Always pray without ceasing.

Faithfully yours,
BFC

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

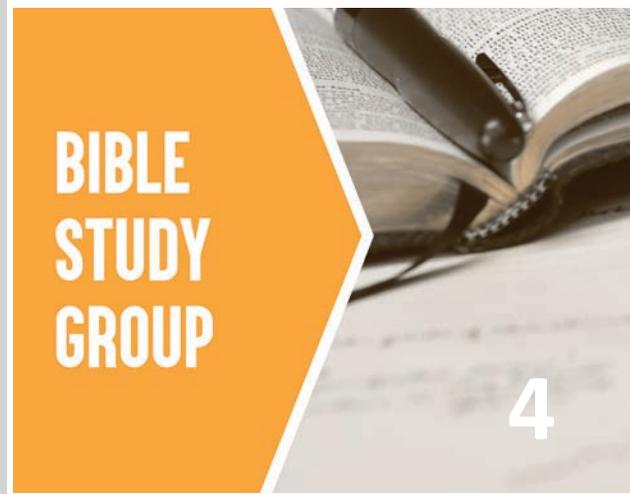
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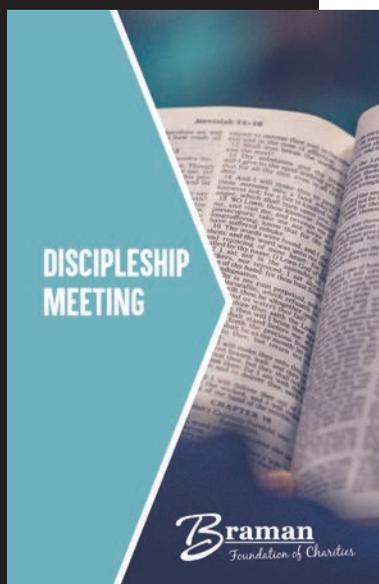
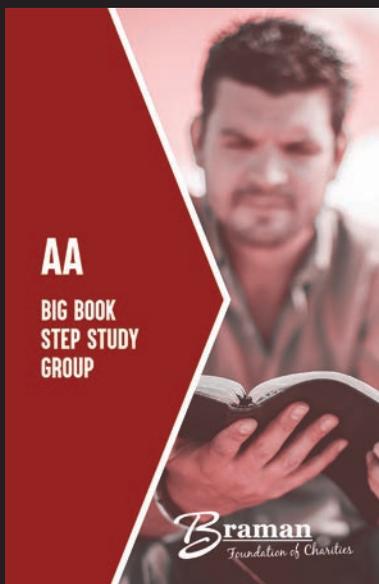
Philippians 3:13-14

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Weekly Meetings at Queensbury Facility

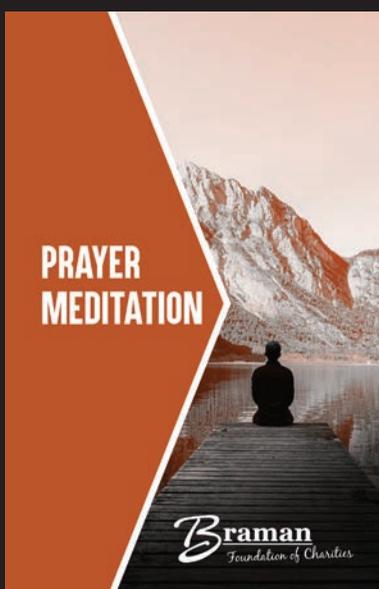
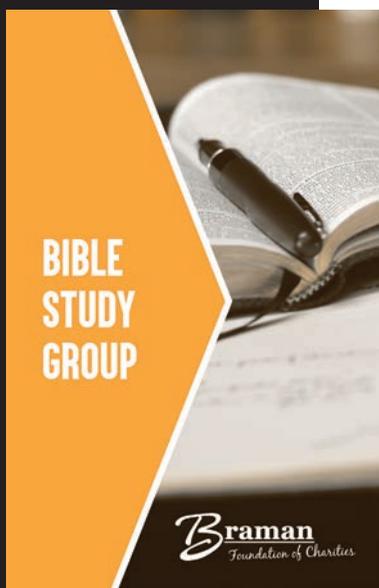
Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

A disciple is a follower of Jesus. He has committed to Christ, to walking Christ's way, to living Christ life and to sharing Christ's love, suffering, and truth with others.

Therefore, disciples are those who have been called by Jesus - called us to share our lives both with him and with one another in love and it is by this love that we shall be known to be his disciples.

In the BFC Defined Discipleship Training literature, we examine the state of the church in America today. We spend time with the teachings of the great writings of: A.W Tozer, Thomas A Kempis, & A.B Simpson. There is time spent on the effects of Christ centered mediation, its scriptures and the significance of purifying the ego. We discuss regeneration, salvation, daily repentance and coming into a closer relationship with our creator. Finally we speak on a lifetime of devotion to God and Christ. Recommit your life as a Christ follower and continue your journey.



Worship Service

Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting in September 2021, our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

Bible Study

Every Friday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Joining a small group is the best way to experience the incredible community here at BFC.

Healing & Restoration

Every Saturday, 10:00am - 11:00am

As a brief history, we will explore the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Founded in June, 1935 the A.A. Program has helped millions recover from alcoholism. The essence and the backbone of the Program is the 12 Step Method. As the individual applies these 12 steps in their life, there is a profound change leading to a spiritual awakening that delivers them from the bondage of not only the substance, but the root causes of the addictive problem: self centered, ego centered thinking and behavior. All the steps are grounded in scripture.

Healing & Restoration not only uses the 12 steps in a Christ centered format, it teaches CBT, meditation and has a focus on the body with nutrition and exercise.

Prayer and Meditation

Every Sunday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meditation, correctly practiced is the simple process of removing attention from conditions and circumstances which, when cognized and overly identified with fragment and cloud our perceptions. Meditation simply is concentration on an object of contemplation. We meditate in Christ which we know is the absolute realm of perfection.

Meditation is not difficult. We meditate to commune in Christ. This Christ communion is an ideal state in which we can naturally unfold in. Learn to use this as your most meaningful time to experience God and in time you will walk continuously in God's presence.

Practice, pray, but do not struggle, learn to be calm and grace will provide. You deserve and need to be refreshed daily. Love.

AA Meetings

Big Book Step Study Every Saturday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

12 Step Women's Group Every Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

The purpose of this meeting is to help alcoholics fully recover by the studying, discussing, and practicing of the twelve steps as they are laid out in the Big Book.

It has been our hard-learned experience that other methods did not work with us. Some of us have tried other methods and our results were disastrous, until we looked at the basic and simple approach the Big Book offers.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A MEETING GROUP?

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No Church Sunday

May 16, 2021

God bless Pine Knolls Alliance Church as up to 30 individuals spent time working the grounds at the BFC Queensbury Facility. Many were planting and gardening around the property, painting building and new additions, organizing literature in the library and putting together blessing bags for Operation Blessing Bag.



“Of the Inward Life”

by Thomas à Kempis

The kingdom of God is within you,” says the Lord.

Turn, then, to God with all your heart. Forsake this wretched world and your soul shall find rest. Learn to despise external things, to devote yourself to those that are within, and you will see the kingdom of God come unto you, that kingdom which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, gifts not given to the impious.

Christ will come to you offering His consolation, if you prepare a fit dwelling for Him in your heart, whose beauty and glory, wherein He takes delight, are all from within. His visits with the inward man are frequent, His communion sweet and full of consolation, His peace great, and His intimacy wonderful indeed.

Therefore, faithful soul, prepare your heart for this Bridegroom that He may come and dwell within you; He Himself says: “If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him.”

Give place, then, to Christ, but deny entrance to all others, for when you have Christ you are rich and He is sufficient for you. He will provide for you. He will supply your every want, so that you need not trust in frail, changeable men. Christ remains forever, standing firmly with us to the end.

Do not place much confidence in weak and mortal man, helpful and friendly though he be; and do not grieve too much if he sometimes opposes and contradicts you. Those who are with us today may be against us tomorrow, and vice versa, for men change with the wind. Place all your trust in God; let Him be your fear and your love. He will answer for you; He will do what is best for you.

You have here no lasting home. You are a stranger and a pilgrim wherever you may be, and you shall have no rest until you are wholly united with Christ.

Why do you look about here when this is not the place of your repose? Dwell rather upon heaven and give but a passing glance to all earthly things. They all pass away, and you together with them. Take care, then, that you do not cling to them lest you be entrapped and perish. Fix your mind on the Most High, and pray unceasingly to Christ.

If you do not know how to meditate on heavenly things,

direct your thoughts to Christ’s passion and willingly behold His sacred wounds. If you turn devoutly to the wounds and precious stigmata of Christ, you will find great comfort in suffering, you will mind but little the scorn of men, and you will easily bear their slanderous talk.

When Christ was in the world, He was despised by men; in the hour of need He was forsaken by acquaintances and left by friends to the depths of scorn. He was willing to suffer and to be despised; do you dare to complain of anything? He had enemies and defamers; do you want everyone to be your friend, your benefactor? How can your patience be rewarded if no adversity test it? How can you be a friend of Christ if you are not willing to suffer any hardship? Suffer with Christ and for Christ if you wish to reign with Him.

Had you but once entered into perfect communion with Jesus or tasted a little of His ardent love, you would care nothing at all for your own comfort or discomfort but would rejoice in the reproach you suffer; for love of Him makes a man despise himself.

A man who is a lover of Jesus and of truth, a truly interior man who is free from uncontrolled affections, can turn to God at will and rise above himself to enjoy spiritual peace.

He who tastes life as it really is, not as men say or think it is, is indeed wise with the wisdom of God rather than of men.

He who learns to live the interior life and to take little account of outward things, does not seek special places or times to perform devout exercises. A spiritual man quickly recollects himself because he has never wasted his attention upon externals. No outside work, no business that cannot wait stands in his way. He adjusts himself to things as they happen. He whose disposition is well ordered cares nothing about the strange, perverse behavior of others, for a man is upset and distracted only in proportion as he engrosses himself in externals.

If all were well with you, therefore, and if you were purified from all sin, everything would tend to your good and be to your profit. But because you are as yet neither entirely dead to self nor free from all earthly affection, there is much that often displeases and disturbs you. Nothing so mars and defiles the heart of man as impure attachment to created things. But if you refuse external consolation, you will be able to contemplate heavenly things and often to experience interior joy.

BFC Commentary of the Inward Life

Christ tells us in Luke, that the Kingdom of God is neither here nor there, but within you. Each of us is born in thy image, God is the creator of heaven and of hell. He created the light and the darkness. Learn to grow in the inner life. Your grateful peace will be to stay in Jesus.

About the Author

Thomas à Kempis

Thomas À Kempis, original name Thomas Hemerken, (born 1379/80, Kempen, near Düsseldorf, Rhineland [Germany]—died Aug. 8, 1471, Agnietenberg, near Zwolle, Bishopric of Utrecht [now in the Netherlands]), Christian theologian, the probable author of *Imitatio Christi* (*Imitation of Christ*), a devotional book that, with the exception of the Bible, has been considered the most influential work in Christian literature.



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Although the authorship is in dispute, he probably wrote the *Imitation*. Remarkable for its simple language and style, it emphasizes the spiritual rather than the materialistic life, affirms the rewards of being Christ-centred, and supports Communion as a means to strengthen faith. His writings offer possibly the best representation of the *devotio moderna* (a religious movement created by Gerhard Groote, founder of the Brethren of the Common Life) that made religion intelligible and practicable for the “modern” attitude arising in the Netherlands at the end of the 14th century. Thomas stresses asceticism rather than mysticism, and moderate—not extreme—austerity.

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Discipleship: A Devotional Magazine

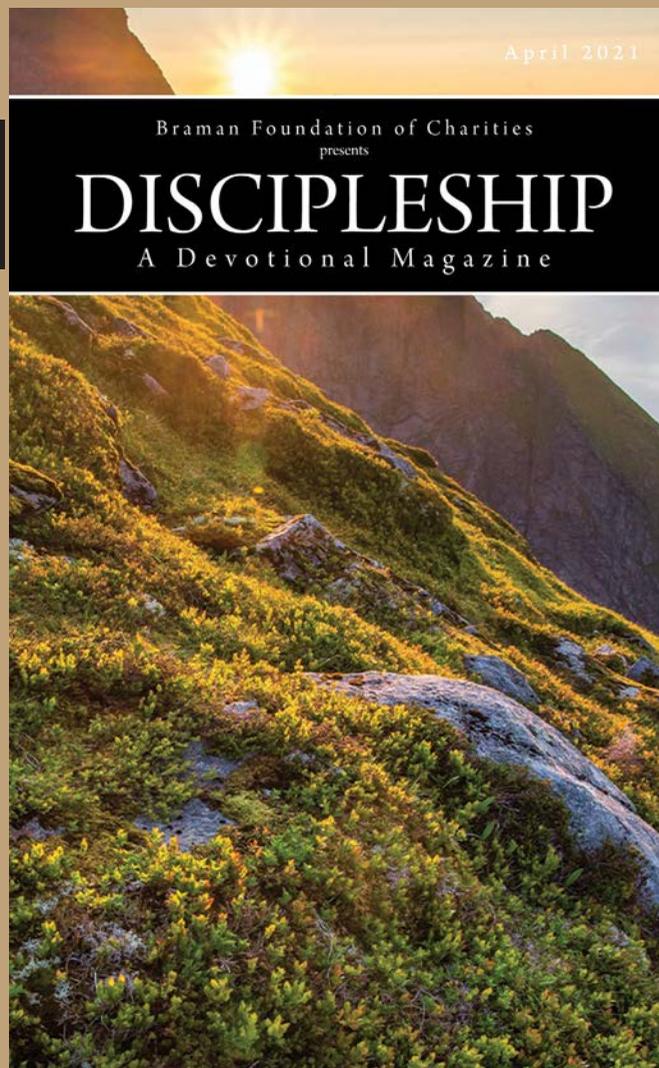
As we at BFC begin to prepare for the work of the Lord we know that discipleship is the cornerstone of this work.

One soul talking to another in the love of Christ! Sharing the love of Jesus. Sure its inconvenient. Sure your hands may get dirty, but you are welcome to serve Him through loving others.

Press into what He would do through you and then do it! Take the action and do not stop. Take the action and do not stop. Drive your energy from Jesus for He is, was and shall always be your great God.

Remember in Matthew 28:19, Christ is telling us “To go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.”

Friend, now is the time to go and serve the Lord. Make the decision to step out in faith.



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. An behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20

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Schenectady Community Center

Pray as BFC negotiates on this property for the neighborhood in the area of State Street and Brandwine. Let us pray that God will supply all our needs to fulfill His command to Love They Neighbor.

Please pray for God's will!



Building



Building



Furniture Plant



Community Garden

This property will allow BFC to form "The Schenectady Community Center" of BFC in a neighborhood that BFC could impact positively.

The Elderly Care Program

Missions: Kenya

We say goodbye to Alfred Omolo. We were deeply saddened to learn of Alfred's passing. God Bless You Alfred!



Say hello and welcome Samuel Otieno Nyangoe, a new member of the Elderly Care Program. Jomo Otieno wasted no time in adding a new member to the program.





Nairobi Conference

Missions: Africa

On July 15-17, 2021, Mark Otieno is hosted the BFC Discipleship Conference. Mark has organized this with the 15 churches we have been working with in Nairobi. Pray for our conferences on Discipleship and other related mission topics.

Mark has organized these churches for the last several years around the greater Nairobi, area. BFC plans on beginning Operation Blessing Bag also in this area.

Discipleship is part of a 9 conference mission curriculum that will train pastors for years to come. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve and look forward to building a bright future in the Kenya region.





South Sudan

Missions: Africa

Elijah is expanding work with a new church in city of Malakal, South Sudan. Elijah Riak, as our minister in South Sudan, is organizing. Please pray as we plan upcoming conferences in the region.



Elijah will also be implementing the BFC Mission Curriculum as he begins with Discipleship Training. A, progressive training, that leads the pastors into Discipleship II, the 7 books of the Bible. This training strengthens the pastors understanding of Biblical truths as well as deepening the understanding of Progressive Sanctification.

Please pray for Elijah as he plans the training in South Sudan. There are currently plans for an August training.



Sudan

Missions: Africa

Plans are under way to continue the work in Khartoum, Sudan with the six churches. Please pray as we plan additional conference in Ethiopia.

We feel committed to his region of Africa: Sudan, Chad, Central Africa and Libya. We believe the love of Jesus can bring harmony and heal the region as several countries recover from Civil War.

Thus far we have completed the teaching of Discipleship. Pray as we plan future conferences here.

In addition, the BFC workbooks are being translated into Arabic and French for future trainings in the region.

“Of Bearing with the Defects of Others”

by Thomas A. Kempis

Until God ordains otherwise, a man ought to bear patiently whatever he cannot correct in himself and in others. Consider it better thus—perhaps to try your patience and to test you, for without such patience and trial your merits are of little account. Nevertheless, under such difficulties you should pray that God will consent to help you bear them calmly.

If, after being admonished once or twice, a person does not amend, do not argue with him but commit the whole matter to God that His will and honor may be furthered in all His servants, for God knows well how to turn evil to good. Try to bear patiently with the defects and infirmities of others, whatever they may be, because you also have many a fault which others must endure.

If you cannot make yourself what you would wish to be, how can you bend others to your will? We want them to be perfect, yet we do not correct our own faults. We wish them to be severely corrected, yet we will not correct ourselves. Their great liberty displeases us, yet we would not be denied what we ask. We would have them bound by laws, yet we will allow ourselves to be restrained in nothing. Hence, it is clear how seldom we think of others as we do of ourselves.

If all were perfect, what should we have to suffer from others for God’s sake? But God has so ordained, that we may learn to bear with one another’s burdens, for there is no man without fault, no man without burden, no man sufficient to himself nor wise enough. Hence we must support one another, console one another, mutually help, counsel, and advise, for the measure of every man’s virtue is best revealed in time of adversity—adversity that does not weaken a man but rather shows what he is.



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BFC Commentary of Bearing with the Defects of Others

You have many failings and defects, yet you are not able to bear the defects of others? Why, you are so prideful? Rarely do we look down on ourselves as we do our neighbors! Learn to bear one another's burdens. Learn to suffer of others for God's sake. No one is without fault. How do you act in adversity? This is the best way to measure your virtue.



Asapalli Girls

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Chad Conference Chad, Africa

We thank God for a fantastic conference hosted by 7 local churches in N’Djamena Chad. We are very grateful to Christ and the Church for allowing us to teach in both French and Arabic.

The Mission Curriculum is currently being translated into French and Arabic for future conferences. The churches are very excited and are scheduling Discipleship II to be taught this year also.

God bless our brothers and sisters in Chad.





India Alliance Church

Missions: India

The BFC Conference was delayed again due to the increase of COVID-19 but has been rescheduled for December, details will be forth coming.

Our plan will be to schedule Discipleship Training for the Alliance Church pastors in December. COVID has been difficult, no doubt, but God is

Pray as we plan with our Alliance of India Church partners. We love you!



Asapalli Missions: India

Asapalli has struggled with growth due to the COVID pandemic. Please pray as Asapalli continues to move forward and children return from the COVID pandemic.

Right now, BFC is planning a Christmas trip to Asapalli. Asapalli always puts on a beautiful Christmas show, the children are so active and there is so much joy.

Please pray as we plan for this trip. We thank God for Asapalli, our oldest mission that we have been involved with since 1987. What a blessing!

Child Sponsorship Program

Asapalli

Every contribution makes a difference to lives of the children of the Asapalli Christian School & Hostel. Prayerfully consider how you can support the Mission of Asapalli. Your contribution of \$30 per month will allow a student to attend The Asapalli School and Hostel. Donations may also be given annually at \$360 per year. Your generous gift may be made through our website or by mail at P.O. Box 4743, Queensbury, NY 12804.



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“Of the Imitation of Christ, and Contempt of all the Vanities of the World”

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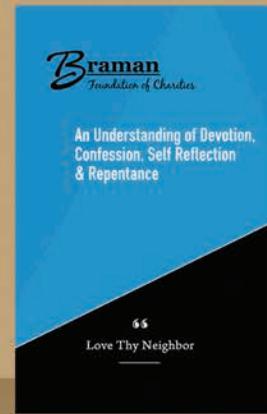
HE WHO follows Me, walks not in darkness,” says the Lord (John 8:12). By these words of Christ we are advised to imitate His life and habits, if we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart. Let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.

The teaching of Christ is more excellent than all the advice of the saints, and he who has His spirit will find in it a hidden manna. Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ. Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

What good does it do to speak learnedly about the Trinity if, lacking humility, you displease the Trinity? Indeed it is not learning that makes a man holy and just, but a virtuous life makes him pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and the principles of all the philosophers if we live without grace and the love of God? Vanity of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone.

This is the greatest wisdom—to seek the kingdom of heaven through contempt of the world. It is vanity, therefore, to seek and trust in riches that perish. It is vanity also to court honor and to be puffed up with pride. It is vanity to follow the lusts of the body and to desire things for which severe punishment later must come. It is vanity to wish for long life and to care little about a well-spent life. It is vanity to be concerned with the present only and not to make provision for things to come. It is vanity to love what passes quickly and not to look ahead where eternal joy abides.

Often recall the proverb: “The eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear filled with hearing.”¹ Try, moreover, to turn your heart from the love of things visible and bring yourself to things invisible. For they who follow their own evil passions stain their consciences and lose the grace of God.



NEW BOOK COMING SOON!

The church is struggling to teach our people how to confess, repent, self-reflect and become devoted to Christ in submission.

We are great at getting others saved, but just fail miserably with working with others in discipleship. It is important to note that Christ has commanded in Matthew 28.

This short essay is to help the believer with tools to bring the believer into a deeper relationship with Christ. Press into a relationship with Christ that is the single most important relationship in your life. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

BFC Commentary of all the Vanities of the World

The Spirit of Christ come upon those in who surrender and yield to self. Not a, once in a lifetime event but rather as Paul said, "I die daily." Ask yourself why you lack power to walk like Christ and perform His works? Christ told you in John 14:12. "Greater works shall you do than i", yet most do not believe. Do you have the Spirit of Christin you? Do you believe you should sell all you have and follow Christ? The Love of God will grow as you discover contempt for this world. Pity those who live in attachment. Study Soloman's writing in Ecclesiastes 12:8 "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." In 13 he writes, "The conclusion when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments because this applies to every person." God will expose all sin. Remember Soloman was David's son. He knows and understands wealth. Learn my friend to go within for there you will find God.

Remember the three difficulties of living here on Earth: The World, The Devil and You, Self or Ego. Do not become trapped in the ways of this world, but overcome this world through pressing into Christ.



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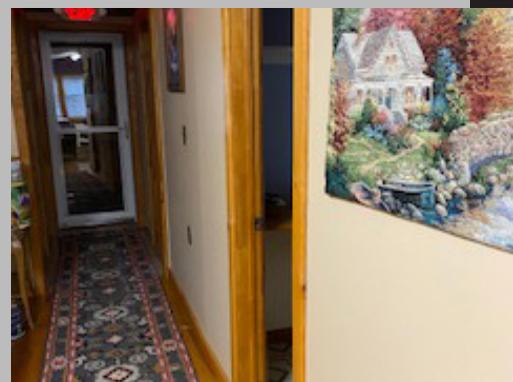
Operation Blessing Bag



Many of us struggle with addiction, homelessness, and mental health related issues. This is a small gift to help you understand that we love you and God loves you. The Braman Foundation of Charities works with along side several other churches to make Operation Blessing Bag possible, including The Church of God in Christ and most recently Stewart’s Shops has come on board to support Operation Blessing Bag.

Operation Blessing Bag is part of the Community Programs of the Braman Foundation. You can have a conversation with a less fortunate brother or sister. Blessing Bags are a way to come to the aide of those in need and using this time to evangelize with people in their community; come along side them, and bring them to the Lord. This bag is a reusable and weather resistant backpack. It contains various items including toiletries, protein bars, and a Christian Bible with some great scriptures that are pertinent regarding the recipient’s difficulty. Have a conversation and if you are led, pray with them and ask them if they know Christ.

These bags are available to you through the Braman Foundation at No Charge. We would ask that you consider making a donation to help cover our costs.



Woman's Facility at Braman Foundation of Charities

Community Programs

Women's Ministry

The property continues to move forward with our evening program lineup:

Tuesday: Discipleship at 6:30

Wednesday: Woman's AA at 7:00pm

Thursday: A New Worship Service at 7:00pm

Friday: Bible Study at 6:00pm

Saturday: Healing & Restoration at 10:00am

Saturday: AA Big Book Step Study at 7:00pm

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Be zealous

Revelation 3:19

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*Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline,
be ever zealous therefore and repent.*

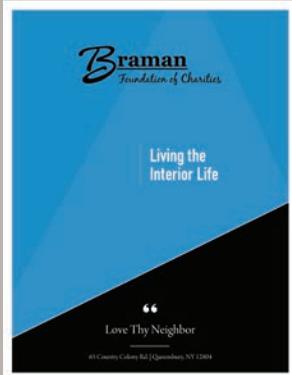
If you want to see souls converted, if you want to hear the cry that “the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord,”¹ if you want to place crowns upon the head of the Savior and see His throne lifted high, then be filled with zeal. For under God, the way the world will be converted is by the zeal of the church. Every element of grace will do its work, but zeal will be first; prudence, knowledge, patience, and courage will follow in their places, but zeal must lead the charge. It is not the extent of your knowledge, though that is useful, it is not the extent of your talent, though that is not to be despised, it is your zeal that will do great exploits.

This zeal is the fruit of the Holy Spirit: It draws its vital force from the continued operations of the Holy Spirit in the soul. If our inner life dwindles, if our heart beats slowly before God, we will not know zeal; but if everything inside is strong and vigorous, then we cannot but feel a loving urgency to see Christ’s kingdom come, and His will done on earth, even as it is in heaven.

A deep sense of gratitude will nourish Christian zeal. When we reflect on the miry pit from which we were lifted, we find plenty of reason for spending ourselves for God. And zeal is also stimulated by the thought of the eternal future. It looks with tearful eyes down to the flames of hell, and it cannot sleep: It looks up with anxious gaze to the glories of heaven, and it cannot stay still. It feels that time is short compared with the work to be done, and therefore it devotes all that it has to the cause of its Lord. And it is continually strengthened by remembering Christ’s example. He was clothed with zeal as with a cloak. How swift the chariot-wheels of duty went with Him! He never loitered on the way. Let us prove that we are His disciples by displaying the same spirit of zeal.

*- written by Charles Spurgeon, Evening by Evening,
June 7th, page 171*

BIHL Curriculum

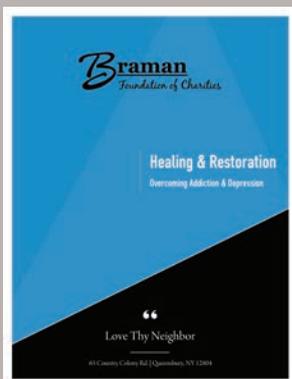


Living the Interior Life

BFC programs will also be utilized to work with women's issues stemming from abortion, depression, substance abuse, and domestic violence. The program, Living the Interior Life will be used. Other programs will be announced as we move forward in serving together.

What is Discipleship?

A disciple is a follower of Jesus. He has committed to Christ, walking Christ's way, living Christ life and to sharing Christ's love, suffering and truth with others.

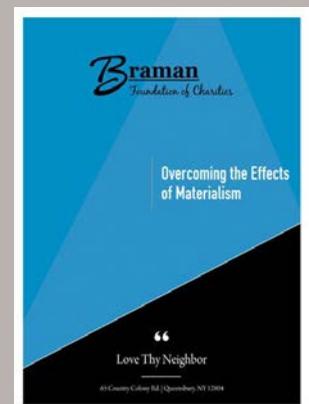


Healing & Restoration

Millions of us suffer needlessly from addiction and depression. The reasons for this are many. In this program we emphasize the 12 Step Method of Recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Meditation techniques to overcome difficulties. We also rely on God's grace to help you be lifted from your dilemma.

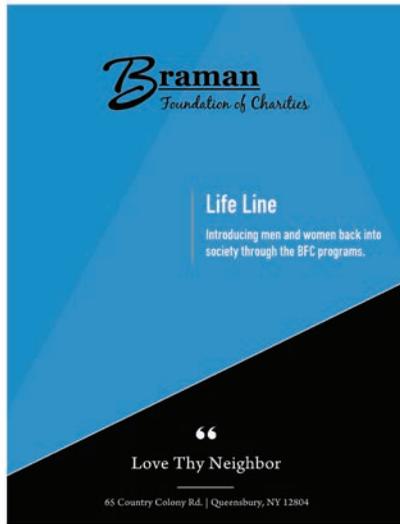
Overcoming the Effects of Materialism

In this program we look how materialism in America has effected our lives, our finances, and how it has separated us from God. We explore the effects of pride, the idea of Covenanting our Neighbor and several other debilitating consequences of materialism in America.



BFC Corrections / Prison Behind the Walls Program

“... I was in prison and you came to visit me.”
Matthew 25:36

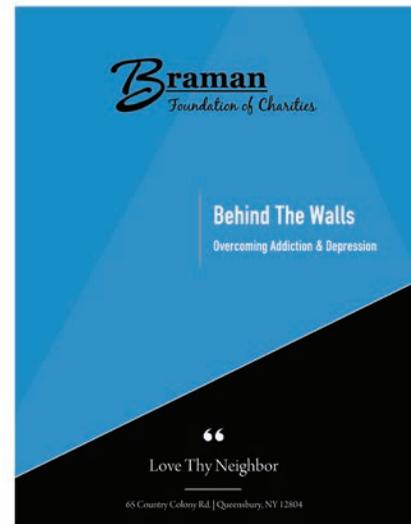


Life Line

An inmate's most vulnerable time, whether they know this or not, is when they are released from incarceration. Months and years, depending on one's sentencing of forced incarceration, are now dissolved. An individual is now "FREE", or at least they may think they are free; however, New York state statistics show that out of approximately every 100 inmates that are released, 78 come back into the prison system in some form. What can be done for the individual who wishes to change? The individual must truly have a change of heart. We can extend our hand and help with that change of heart.

Behind the Walls

In 1985, Braman began to witness his recovery from addiction in the New York State Correctional Facilities. Braman has presented programs since that time in many facilities including: Greenhaven, Fishkill, Downstate, Summit, and several local and county jails. It is a thorough program using the 12 step method of recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Meditation techniques as well as a program for dealing with violent behavior. In addition, our program helps to provide clarification concerning the negative learned behavior that is unfortunately associated with some families.



These are trifold materials that are used in the program of Behind the Walls.



BFC Corrections / Prison

Transitional Service Provider

BFC is currently in negotiation to become a Transitional Service Provider (TSP) for the woman's facility in New York State for Albion, Taconic and Bedford Hills Correctional Facilities. We will be approved for one facility at a time for this.

In this process, a representative of BFC will engage with a group of woman inmates that can then make a decision to be supported and moved into a BFC facility.

This is an ongoing process as details are worked out. COVID-19 really slowed the progress of this situation. Now that COVID is over we should see new movement, with updates coming in the future.



Bedford Hills (BTW)

Pathway to Queensbury

Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women is a prison in Bedford Hills, New York, is the largest women's prison in New York state and has hosted many infamous prisoners. The prison previously opened under the name Westfield State Farm in 1901.



Taconic Facility (Life Line)

Pathway to Woman's Facility

Taconic Correctional Facility is located in Bedford Hills New York, part of Westchester County. It is a medium security prison that houses females.



Albion Correctional

Pathway to Queensbury

Albion Correctional Facility is located Orleans County New York. It is a medium security prison that houses up to 1,243 adult female inmates.

Shannon's Letter

I started drinking when I was 32 and found out very fast that I could block out life with alcohol. From there it was downhill. I spent days or weeks at a time drinking and isolating myself from everyone. I didn't want to die, but I didn't want to live either.

My drinking brought me to a secular rehab that was focused on recovery but didn't worry about anything else. I left there and after 9 months, relapsed. I also went to a Christian program where the focus was on spiritual life, but they didn't work on recovery. The programs both had positives but neither program was working on a complete change of life, body, mind and spirit.

In February of 2021, I was in a bad headspace. My life was so busy, I couldn't keep up and was spiraling downhill, again. Despite being so busy, I felt lost and alone. I drank off and on for weeks to try to block out all the craziness around me and in my head. On March 3rd I finally decided to reach out to a friend. I was asked if I wanted to stay at the Braman Foundation so that I could be around others and wouldn't have to be alone. I instantly felt at peace when I was there. The environment was relaxing, and the people were a gift from God! It was simply different being at BFC then it was being anywhere else.

I spent the next 2 months off and on at BFC while trying to get my life in order. The thought of staying at BFC seemed to be God ordained. I needed a change, but not just a little change, something drastic to sort of reprogram my thinking. Though I haven't been staying at BFC that long, I have really enjoyed being there. I can feel God's hand in it. I am very much looking forward to the process and what God has in store. This isn't like any other program I have been in. Every day I'm learning more about myself and my relationship with God. I am challenged often in bible study, discipleship and recovery to change my thinking and my old behaviors. I am looking forward to continuing to grow and mature in different areas of my life, not just recovery or spirituality, but in body, mind and spirit. I know I am where God wants me to be, and I am so thankful for the people at BFC for taking time to invest in me!



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Prayer Ministry

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the BFC in Schenectady Ministry. Pray as we secure a facility for the Lord's work.
- Pray for the 4 woman currently residing in the Queensbury Facility: Shannon, Aliysa, and Natalie H.
- Pray for the BFC Prison Ministry as plans are in the works to complete the Transitional Service Program for the Bedford Hills Facility.
- Pray for all of our new community meetings on the property. We pray that souls are touched for those that attend these meetings

By requesting prayer, others have committed to pray with you, and God has already heard your prayer. When submitting a prayer please only use first names, DO NOT give last names or other identifying information.

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2. Email your prayer request to pray@bramanfoundation.org
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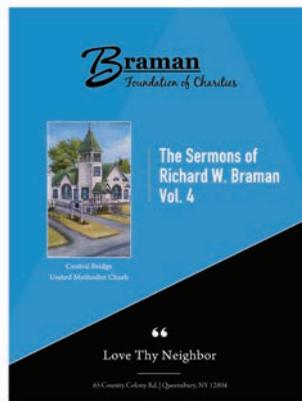
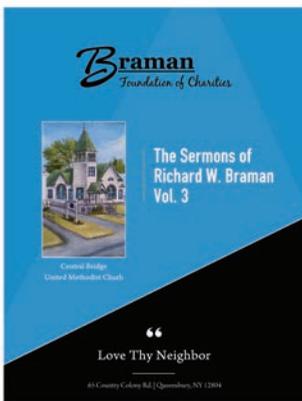
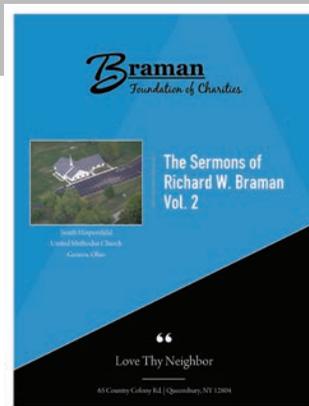
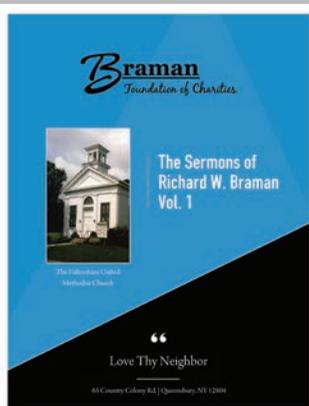
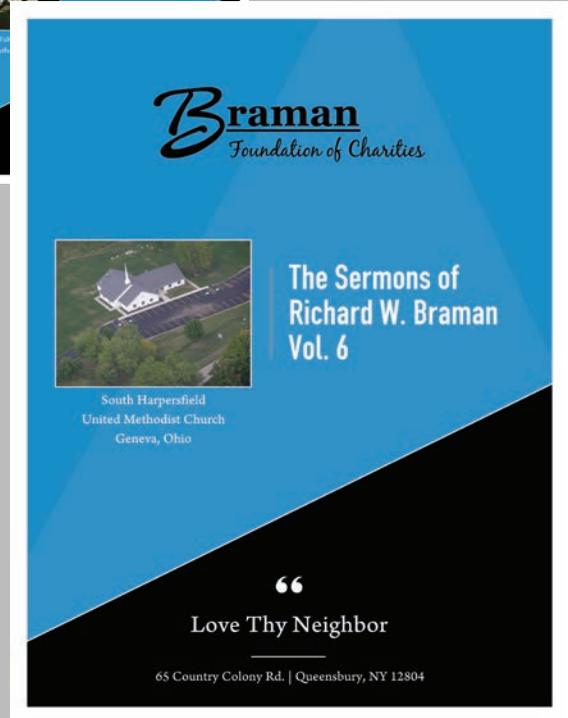
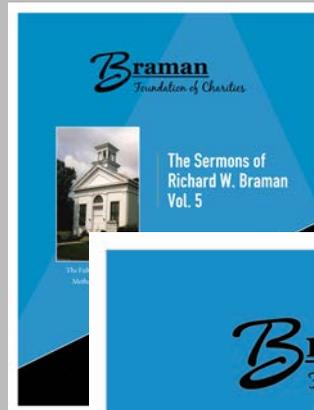
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As you read these sermons may the Holy Spirit continue to guide your path and may the Grace of our Lord continue to bless your life and your families' lives. If you have never had the experience of realizing Jesus as your personal Savior just ask him to come in your heart and He will. These can be read on our website.

Shout out to the BFC team for helping put this new book of sermons together.

We celebrate the work of Sandra Tarrant, a BFC Board Member whose labor in transcribing the RWB Sermons.



About Sandra

Sandra Tarrant is a member of the Kirk of Kildaire, a Presbyterian Church, USA, in Cary, NC. where she serves in its Stephen Ministry—a lay care-giving ministry that supplements pastoral care. She is a past elder and educator in the Reformed Church of America. As a lifelong Christian, she is always looking for ways to serve Christ and his kingdom.

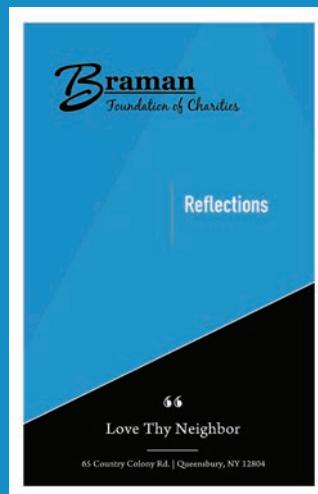
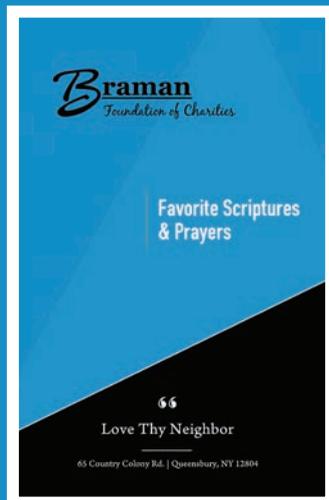
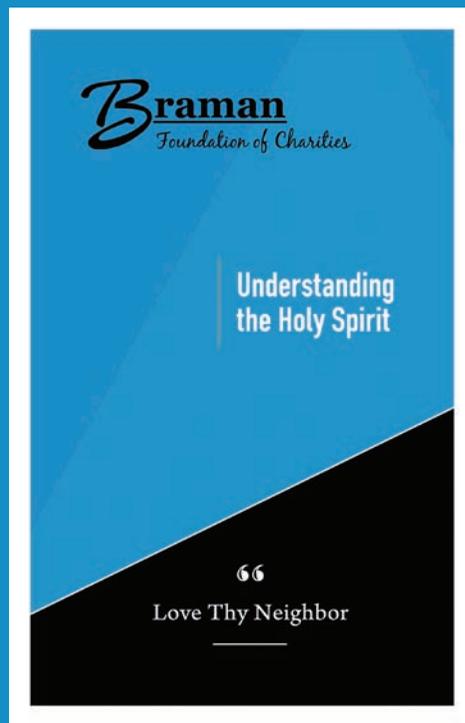
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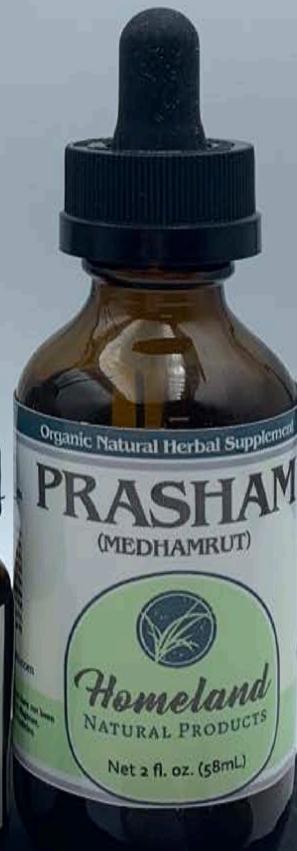
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BFC Thanksgiving Greetings

Thanksgiving
2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

It is 2 Corinthians 8:9 where we think about what our definition of the word rich is. Surely our Lord did not not give His life so we might be rich in material blessings or even rich in safety or security. The Lord our God did not live a rich life of safety and security as He continuously placed himself in harms way to do the work of His heavenly Father. Jesus was thankful for the little, knowing that His true riches would be with His Father in heaven. If you count your riches by who and how many love you it will still fall short of the riches from our heavenly Father. As Jesus traveled and spoke the word of Christ he was hated and feared.
Thankful to the Lord for His sacrifice

Thankful:
Thankful the Lord does not give us what we deserve! He does however give us everything we need. When we live in the knowledge of need we acknowledge all the Lord has given us and we are: **Thankful**

Gratitude:
Gratitude is an act of faith - especially in the midst of life's challenges. Thank the Lord regardless of our circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
God's love is there always, even when we cannot feel it and He promises never to leave us. As we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will given to you as well. **Mathew 6: 31-33.**

Thankfulness Leads to Witnessing Psalm 9:1
I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. When you cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, it will spill over into your relationships. When others see you credit God for His love in difficult situations/circumstances, they will begin to wonder why?
You need not even speak the words of praise and thanksgiving - you need only to be an example of Christ at work in your life. To be a living example of kindness, love, and forgiveness as a Christ like life.

Philippians 4:6-7
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving** presents your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving!
"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."
Colossians 3:17

An Inspirational Quotation
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