

Cliff's Notes

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We are entering our 4th summer at GBF as a church plant from scratch. God continues to bless and the church continues to grow in depth and breadth. This month Kaylee Faith Tam was born to Joe and Dana on the 18th. Thomas Zhu, a college student from China, was baptized after coming to know Christ this past year through saints at GBF. We had 174 people per Sunday and are kicking off our 4th home Bible study.

The Cornerstone Seminary

Pastor Cliff has been teaching at The Cornerstone Seminary (TCS) in Vallejo the past four years. I teach a class on Apologetics and a class on the Exposition of Genesis. The highlight for me is getting to know the local pastors I teach—they are from all over the Bay area, and many of them are church-planters. Two of my students this quarter were from India and 1 was from the Ukraine. TCS has been around for 5 years and is on the campus of Community Bible Church. There are about 30 men currently enrolled. GBF Pastor and Elder, Scott Varney, took the Apologetics class this quarter and did fantastic! Scott is zeroing in on completing his M.Div. A distinctive about TCS I appreciate is that the 20-plus faculty who teach at the seminary are all serving as Pastors in the local church—they are not just arm-chair theologians, but are on the front lines of ministry, in the trenches where the spiritual battle rages. This is practically helpful for the men who are students, because they want

relevant answers along with rigorous academic training.

In Apologetics we explored the implications of defending the faith in view of First Peter 3:15 and in Genesis we delved into the Hebrew text and traced pertinent themes, culminating



in Christ, the Promised Seed of Scripture (Genesis 3:15; 22:17).

“The two shall become one...” (Matthew 19:5)

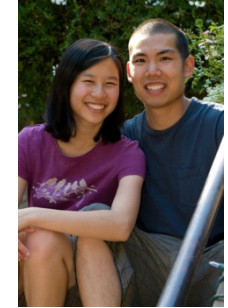
When GBF started we had 9 married couples and 2 single adults. Now we have many young people, a flurry of which have become recently engaged—several handsome young couples...



Jay & Kristi



Daniel & Yasmin



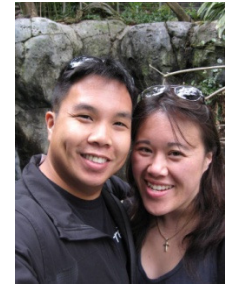
Tim & Phoebe



Bryan & Jenn



Matt & Estella



Thomas & Karen

“What the Bible Says about...” Our summer series is on what the Bible says about various practical, real life and sometimes difficult topics. Such a study presupposes the absolute sufficiency of Scripture. Some of the topics we will study include *Israel, Prayer, Evangelism, Confrontation, Gossip, War, Capital Punishment, Abortion, Divorce, and Economics*. It continues to be a joy preaching to the GBF saints who are committed to being Bereans of the Word (Acts 17).

