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A very happy New Year to you from all of us at Edinburgh Bible College. We want to take this early opportunity to inform or remind you about what's on at the College over the next few weeks and perhaps encourage you to make a new year's resolution to study a course with us - either onsite or online.

We're starting the year with a very special event - an opportunity to hear preacher, author and apologist **Dr John Blanchard**. On **Saturday 11th January at 7pm** John Blanchard will be speaking at [Bellshill Baptist Church](#) on the subject of his recent book, **A Hitch-Hiker's Guide to Heaven**.

Hear Christian author and apologist
Dr John Blanchard
Saturday 11th January 2014 at 7pm
Bellshill Baptist Church,
Neilson Street, Bellshill ML4 1RD

*'Unlike some others, John Blanchard makes no claim to have been to heaven yet—not even briefly. But the truth is that in *The Hitch Hiker's Guide to Heaven* he provides us with something far better than speculations or personal experiences—a crystal clear, vibrant, biblical, Christ-centred, and at times quite beautiful, explanation of what heaven is and how to get there. Instead of personal speculation and experiences, we are pointed to the revelation God has given to all his people.'* (Dr Sinclair Ferguson)

A selection of John Blanchard's books will be available for sale

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Several of John Blanchard's titles will be available for sale on the night, including **A Hitch-Hiker's Guide to Heaven** which will be at a specially reduced price.

We would be very grateful if you would make this special event as well known as possible and you are assured of a very warm welcome on the night.

Rev David Andrew
 Mr Ewen Evans
 Rev David Greenaway
 Mr Donald Matheson

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Rev Colin Adams
 Rev Dr John Blanchard
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Our Spring term gets underway on January 14th and, as last term, we have a strong and varied timetable in place which we are sure will have something of interest for everyone. It was great to have a good number of folks from a wide spectrum of churches in Edinburgh and beyond joining us for different classes last term and we trust even more will come along over the next few weeks. We will be studying, among other things, the doctrine of Christ, the books of Isaiah, Mark and Jude, church history, an overview of the Old Testament, the history of our Bible and what we believe about it and how to prepare a Bible study, talk or sermon - see details below.

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	9.30 – 10.30	10.50 – 12.30	2.00 – 4.00
THURSDAYS 14 January – 3 April except 28 February	Survey of Biblical Prophecy Rev Bill Murdoch Continuing our studies in the importance and relevance of the prophetic word throughout the Bible.	The Person and Work of Christ Rev John Brand Who is the Real Jesus? What the Bible has to say about the most important person who ever lived.	The Story of the Church Dr Ian Balfour Continuing our studies in the history of the Christian Church: learning the lessons from the past.
THURSDAYS 16 January – 3 April except 28 February	Old Testament Overview Rev John Brand We continue on our journey through the Old Testament, getting an overview of every OT book and seeing how they all connect.	Text to Talk Rev John Brand How to prepare and deliver a faithful Bible centred talk, whether for a Bible study or a sermon.	See over for details of our special evening class programme
FRIDAYS 17 January – 4 April except 22 February	Mark's Gospel Rev Kieran Banks An in-depth, pastoral and personal study of the shortest of the gospels.	The Bible Rev John Brand How the Bible came to us, the difference between all the versions and what we must believe about it.	There is no application process, and assignments are optional for part-time students. Come and benefit from great teaching, study and fellowship. Cost is just £5 for a single class (45/60 mins) and £10 for a double (1.5/2 hrs), and includes course notes and mp3s. All courses are available on-line

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Who's Who at EBC in Spring 2014?

THURSDAYS
 16 January – 3 April
 except 28 February
 7.00 – 7.45
Old Testament Overview
 Rev John Brand
 We continue on our journey through the Old Testament, getting an overview of every OT book and seeing how they all connect.

8.00 – 9.30
Isaiah
 Dr Bob Akroyd
 Sometimes referred to as the Evangelical Prophet, apart from a few 'purple passages' much of Isaiah remains unknown to many believers. Discover more.

Notes:
 On Thursdays 16, 23 January and 13 March the 8.00 – 9.30 slot will be a short course exploring the Letter of Jude, led by Rev John Brand

Dr Bob Akroyd came to Edinburgh from New Jersey to study Scottish History in 1990 and is Professor of Systematic Theology at the Free Church College here in Edinburgh.

Dr Ian Balfour has had a lifelong interest in church history alongside a career with a family law practice.

Rev Kieran Banks, a native of N Ireland, has recently become the pastor of Belhill Baptist church, following pastorates in Portsmouth and Hartlepool.

Rev John Brand is the Principal of Edinburgh Bible College, having served in pastoral ministry as well as in mission leadership.

Rev Bill Murdoch retired from the pastoral ministry in 2010, after 33 years in churches the length and breadth of Scotland.

More details of all our courses and classes can be found on the website: www.edinburghbiblecollege.co.uk

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Lathian Buses 3, 3a, 18, 21 and 30 stop nearby, and Wester Hailes railway station is only a short walk away.

"The study was superb. If you conduct this study again at a location easy to get to it might seriously consider attending it all over again."
 Nigel

All of these details are available [here](#) on our website.

There is no need to register in advance for any of the courses, just turn up and enjoy. If you want any more information, please email us:

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BELL school

An exciting new venture for us is our monthly **Saturday Bible School**. This is a joint initiative of the College and local churches to make good, structured teaching and training available to as many people as possible - one of the key distinctives of EBC. The first of these starts in February, again at [Bellshill Baptist Church](#), and you can find more details [here](#) on the College website. We hope to have news of a second Saturday Bible School in our next newsletter.

Last, but not least



Open Door Day @EBC Saturday 1st March 2014

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Our first Open Door Day is on Saturday 1st March. This is an opportunity for anyone thinking about the possibility of full-time study and training to come and sit in on lectures, talk to staff and students and generally get a feeling of whether EBC is right for them.

If you want more information about the day or you want to register your interest, click [here](#)

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