



## Upcoming Schedule

### May 31-June 3

Ryan at Grissom Church of Christ  
Peru, IN

### June 1-5

Matt at Lakeview Christian Camp  
Stockton, KS

### June 7-10

Ryan at Noble Church of Christ  
Noble, OK

### June 12

Matt at Valley Church  
Lindale, TX

### June 14-19

Ryan at Sunset Bible Camp  
Mannford, OK

### June 19-21

Matt at Sheridan Christian Church  
Sheridan, MO

### June 28-29

Ryan at Lighthouse of Faith Church  
Memphis, MO

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## SHARP INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW STUDIES

One of the most important ministry focuses CTF has is the Sharp Institute for Biblical Worldview Studies (SIBWS). Dr. Sharp began this division of our ministry in 2005 because of a specific call from the Lord. As Doc would share often, the Lord challenged him. He saw that even with all of the programming and books sold in the church programs that we did year after year, and as impactful and Kingdom-building as that was, when we left there was most often no one in the local body to continue our message and teaching on Genesis 1-12 and its importance to the Gospel. The Lord directed Doc to multiply the teaching and mission of CTF in the local body. So Doc heard the call and accepted the challenge, as he always did from the Lord, and IBWS was born.



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Doc called a few people to join him for study that first meeting of the IBWS at a dude ranch in north Texas. I was one of those first invited to come and study, as many of you know from my personal testimony shared over the years. It was Providence that directed me to this Cadre study group and laid the foundation for me to be in the position I am today. As the four of us in that first group studied, the Lord connected, emphasized, and exhorted the importance of Genesis in our worldviews. When I left that first meeting, I was full and ready to teach and preach what the Lord had just challenged and changed in my worldview.

Now, 21 years later, Doc's original calling and direction for the IBWS continues. Over the course of these years, 146 members have completed the training. Each one has been challenged to use what they have learned wherever the Lord places them in ministry. For some it is from the pulpit, others are in vocational student ministry, and some have been called to primarily impact their own families with worldview training. We send them off with all of our outlines and presentation slides to help accomplish this task. It is quite exciting to look back and see what the Lord has done through this endeavor. Ryan and I literally might not be where we are today if we hadn't first studied in our Cadre programs.

When Doc retired and passed the mantle of the presidency to me in 2018, it seemed fitting to honor his enduring call to Biblical worldview training by renaming the Institute to bear his name. So now it will forever be called the Sharp Institute for Biblical Worldview Studies. Over the course of its history we have had consistent numbers of invited members desiring to learn more of the Word of God. However, we have never had a consistent location to provide the training. It's through the generous

offerings of borrowed church facilities that we have been able to continue SIBWS without a home of its own.

It is time to change that. We are in need of our own facility to house the SIBWS presently and for future expansion of this CTF ministry division. We have been pursuing different options, from renovating our present office building to the purchasing of additional space. Providence would have it that 2 doors north of our offices is a property for sale. It is a great fit for the SIBWS Cadre program needs, and it would also provide room for our books and resources department to expand out of its present cramped space. It has a room for a training facility, a kitchen (needing renovation), dining room options, possible sleeping quarters for a Cadre member in need, 3 bathrooms and a shower, parking out back (which we have been blessed to utilize for years by permission), and the afore mentioned room for our books and resources department. We have no idea how we could ever afford such a property without the Lord's help, as we are devoted to being as debt free as possible moving forward in this ministry. In the midst of seeking the Lord for this need to be met, **He has already sent us a generous offer of a \$100,000 matching gift toward the purchase of a property**, even if the building up the block is not the one. Truly, our financial position has never been more blessed at any other time in our history than at present, being completely debt free.



So, I share all of this to ask for your prayers as we move forward to find a solution to our need of a home for the SIBWS and its continued effectiveness for the Kingdom. **Also lift up the matching gift offer: I must exhort you to seek the Lord if you are one to help us do what, at this moment seems impossible, to purchase property without incurring debt.** The mission of CTF is accomplished month in and month out with the exceeding blessings of churches, family members, and individuals that support us. The Lord's faithfulness through all these years is unmistakable, and we look forward to seeing Him do more of the impossible. May the Lord bless, keep, and challenge you for His Kingdom!

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EACH OF THESE ARTICLES ARE EXCERPTS FROM  
**AMERICA'S EPIC ADVENTURE™**  
 CTF'S NEWEST VBS CURRICULUM  
 From Lesson 3: *The Patriots*,  
 Jesus covers our sin – Romans 4:7



## A MIRACULOUS COVERING PART 1

Halfway through the Seven Years War, George William Frederick became King George III of Great Britain. He was not a bad king. He was actually very smart (educated in commerce, agriculture, constitutional law, chemistry, physics, mathematics, astronomy, Latin, French, history, geography, and music). He liked to go to his country home from time to time and put on “peasant clothes” and do outdoor work. The upper-class people thought this was scandalous!

In his life of faith, he donated more than half of his personal income to charity, and he abhorred bad behavior, especially in his government. He made sure the Bible was taught to his and Queen Charlotte’s 15 children (9 sons, 6 daughters).

As king, nothing was more important than how good things were for the British Empire. Since the empire was most important and since everyone in the empire benefited from the Seven Years War, then everyone should help pay for the cost of the war. This would be done with new taxes. There was one big problem though – back in the colonies, they had pretty much governed themselves, including the taxes. That, however, was all about to change.

### New Laws

The first thing the king and Parliament did was take care of a certain “crisis” called Pontiac’s Rebellion. They told the colonists there needed to be a standing British army in the colonies to protect them from Native Americans, especially Chief Pontiac. But the colonists thought they didn’t need the army, and it was also against the English Bill of Rights to have a standing army in peace time. This made some colonists worried about what might happen next.

Next, the king issued a Royal Proclamation that told the colonists they could not move west; they had to stay in their colonies. This went against the charters (founding documents) of the colonies that said they could grow, expand, and move west. Now there’s an army on the border preventing them from moving (which will make it easier to tax them)!

Then came all the taxes<sup>1</sup> that eventually hurt everyone in how much things cost and what jobs were available. When taxes are higher, prices go up and people don’t have as much money to buy things. Businesses don’t sell as much and have to fire people. However, when taxes are lower, people have more money, more things are sold, and more people have jobs.

### Upset Colonists / Upset King

In protest of all of this, on the night of December 16, 1773, around 100 men boarded the merchant ships *Dartmouth*, *Eleanor*, and *Beaver* sitting in Boston Harbor and proceeded to toss 342 chests containing 90,000 lbs (45 tons) of tea into the harbor.

The event was so costly, it bankrupted the British East India Company.

So now, the King, who is trying to put money back in the treasury, has his largest business in the Empire go bankrupt. Wal-Mart is the biggest employer in the United States today; they employ 2.1 million people. What would happen if Wal-Mart went bankrupt overnight? It would be *really* bad for the country/economy.

Benjamin Franklin was in London at the time. When he heard of this, he was very upset, for he was fearful of what the king might do. He offered to personally help pay for the tea and called on the rest of the colonies to do so as well.

But it was too little, too late.

New laws were immediately passed. The military was put in charge of Massachusetts, most rights were taken away from the people living there, and Boston Harbor was closed (meaning lots of people lost their jobs) until all the tea was paid for.

The colonists called these the Intolerable Acts as they literally took away free elections, representative government, free enterprise, and freedom in general as British soldiers were now everywhere, monitoring everything you did and say.

### Let’s Get Together

On September 5, 1774, fifty delegates from every colony except Georgia met together in Philadelphia. Sounds great, except they all quickly began arguing, blaming each other for all the problems. It was quickly realized that something needed to be done if they were to get along and get something done. Thomas Cushing of Massachusetts said they should start each day with prayer. That was something they could all agree on!

On the morning of September 7<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Duché of Christ Church came and held a prayer service that lasted 2 hours! From then on, they started each day with prayer and Bible reading. They were able to get many things done, including sending a letter to the king and Parliament, asking them to make things the way they used to be before all the new laws and taxes. They left Philadelphia in October with a plan to come back in May to see what all happened next.



*The First Prayer In Congress*  
 by T.H. Matteson, 1848

<sup>1</sup> For example: Navigation Acts, Molasses/Sugar Act, Currency Act, Stamp Act, Tea Act, Revenue Act, Indemnity Act, Commissioners of Customs Act, Vice Admiralty Act, etc.