

Newsletter

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF BUCHAREST



The Rector's Message

Dear friends and supporters of the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest. Holy greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ from the students and professors of the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest.

The Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest is a confessional higher education institution under the spiritual authority of the Baptist Union of Romania, whose mission is to prepare ecclesial ministers in collaboration with local Baptist churches and based on the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, in order to extend God's kingdom to the ends of the earth. Throughout its 98 years of existence, the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest was the main source for the training of pastors and missionaries serving in Baptist churches in Romania and the diaspora.

ITBB exists for the preparation of spiritual ministers (pastors, missionaries, Bible teachers, youth leaders) for churches in the country and the diaspora, as well as university professors in theology for evangelical universities in Romania and abroad, offering classical study programs and distance education/e-learning, and also adult Lifelong Learning, training courses for transcultural missions, and training for youth ministry.

In the coming years, ITBB wants to become a prominent institution for the East European evangelical space and, as such, aims to gain an international dimension. To this end, starting with the academic year 2019-2020, ITBB proposes to launch the ID License Program in English.

Conf. Univ. Dr. Mariș M. Daniel

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Major Events of the Bucharest Baptist Theological Institute

1. On April 9th, a meeting of the Board of the Institute took place, a body made up of representatives of the territorial Baptist communities in the country, the leadership of the Institute, the representative of the Baptist Union of Romania, the representative of the Baptist Association of the USA and Canada, and representatives of the financial supporters.
2. On May 16th, 2019, at 18:00, the International Conference "Suffering and Faith" organized by the Faculty of Baptist Theology, the Baptist Theological Institute and the Faith and Culture Research Center took place in the ITBB Chapel.
3. On May 20th, 2019 Dr. Paul Fiddes, a professor at Oxford University (Regent's Park College), had a presentation at ITBB on "A Christian and Baptist Perspective on Human Rights and Sacraments in Cyber Space."
4. On May 24-25, 2019, the XXXVIIth Congress of the Christian Baptist Union of Romania took place in Cluj-Napoca. The theme of this congress was: "United in Christ for Mission" (Matthew 28: 19-20)
5. On July 14, 2019, the graduation ceremony of the students from the Faculty of Baptist Theology, the University of Bucharest and the students from the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest took place.



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- Equipping for Ministry -

Baptist Union Statement of Support for the Seminary



Delegates at the XXXVIIth Congress of the Christian Baptist Union of Romania welcome the entire community of Baptist believers from the country and from the diaspora on the occasion of a century after the founding of the Baptist Union of Romania, following an ad hoc conference held at Buteni (Arad County) on June 8-10, 1919, and are committed to preserving and promoting the brotherhood of the Baptist believers in our country, a unit represented for a hundred years by the Baptist Union.

At the same time, the delegates at the XXXVIIth Congress of the Christian Baptist Union of Romania, nearing the accomplishment of a hundred years since the establishment of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest in 1921 as a school to prepare ministers for the Baptist Union churches, affirm the continuity and contribution that this educational institution of our Union has had over the years in the training of ministers for the Baptist churches in Romania and the diaspora.

We are grateful to God for keeping this institution of theological education under favorable or less favorable circumstances in our country's history, and calling on the Baptist churches in Romania and the diaspora to continue to support the ministry from the Institute, started almost a century ago, according to the vision of the founding brothers.

The Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest, the continuation of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest, is an emblem for the history of Romanian Baptists from everywhere. Church delegates at this congress further support the institutional development and study programs of the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest, in line with the original intention of the founders and the current needs of the churches.

The Congress of the Baptist Union, met in Cluj is thankful to God for all the servants who have been trained in the Institute for nearly 100 years, and further supports the formation of leadership ministers for the work of God.

Presentation of the Motion of Support of the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest at the UBR Congress in Cluj

*Rector Conf. Dr. Daniel Mariș, Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest
May 24-25, 2019*



Transcultural Mission

Together with the All Nations Missionary College in London, the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest organizes the training course in a cross-cultural and international mission in the Baptist churches in Romania. The duration of the course is four weeks: one week in October, one in November, another in March, and the last week in May.

The training includes areas specific to the international mission: understanding the personal role in the mission; the Biblical perspective of the mission; the religions of the world and their culture; practical aspects of contextualization and, ultimately, practical activities of work and integral mission. After completing the course, we will try to make it easier for graduates to engage in international missions in different countries.

This course is open to any member of a Baptist or Evangelical Church in Romania or the Romanian Diaspora. The course is taught by both London and Romanian teachers. Throughout the course visits to international churches in the city are organized, dialogue with people from other cultures present in Bucharest, visit to the mosque, security simulation for personal risk situations, a visit to the penitentiary and, last, but not least, direct interaction with Romanian and foreign missionaries.

Course Coordinators: Alex and Cami Vlaşin



Mission in the Baptist Community of Craiova

Between June 8 and 9, Rector Conf. Dr. Daniel Mariș, together with the students choir, directed by Conf. Univ. Dr. Cristian Caraman, participated in an evangelistic service organized by the Baptist Churches in Craiova, at the Student Culture House. On Sunday, June 9, brother Rector and ITBB students served in several churches in Craiova and the community in Oltenia.





Steve și Judy Powell

Volunteers from the Woodlands Church in the ITBB Library Project at the XXXVIIth Congress of the Christian Baptist Union of Romania

We have been associated with BTI for the past few years through our work at the seminary library. Through this, we have watched many young men start and finish their seminary degrees. It has been a joy for us to pray with them, encourage them, and see BTI prepare these men to become pastors and church leaders.

New Testament Baptism

On June 16, 2019 the Rector of the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest, Conf. Univ. Dr. Daniel Mariș visited the Pâncota Baptist Church in the Arad community, where brother Valer Slăvoacă is the pastor, on the occasion of a New Testament baptism in this church.



Ovidiu Rauca

Pastor of the Romanian Baptist Church in San Francisco, California



We entered the courtyards of the “seminar”, as we said then, in the troubled years of transition from nothing to the nowhere of the 1990s. In the general confusion of that time, ITBB, through its professors and its Western spirit, gave me direction and support. Although I was very young and lacking in work experience, due of the excellent reputation of ITBB, I went into pastoral work from school benches. The fact that we graduated ITBB weighed enormously in 2004, when I was elected senior pastor at the Romanian Baptist Church in the area of San Francisco, California. Looking back, I am grateful to the Lord for giving me the privilege of having to meet wonderful people in ITTB, to learn what I could not have been taught elsewhere and then to become what I would not have done otherwise. Soli Deo Gloria!

The Meeting of the 1999 Promotion Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest



Athorbei Peter Rong Makur

Pastor of the Baptist Church “Spiritual Revival” in Bucharest



The Baptist Theological Institute taught me how to clearly understand the Bible and how to preach by the help of the Holy Spirit. All the subjects I have learned at the Baptist Theological Institute helped me serve God in the church where I serve. I am grateful and blessed to have studied in this great school of God which has prepared the majority of Baptist pastors in the country. God bless the Baptist Theological Institute with many blessings!

Lăpugăanu Emanuel Zaharia

Pastor of the Baptist Church "Hope" from Ogrezeni



Following the divine guidance to serve God, I decided, led by the Holy Spirit and under the direction of my father (a graduate of the Seminary of the '78s), to follow the courses of the Baptist Theological Institute for a thorough theological and practical training. God's call to serve in this place was accompanied by God's prompt care for covering all spiritual and material needs. The multilateral theological development (pastoral, teaching, youth work, transcultural mission) that I have enjoyed has been of real use to me in many areas of church ministry.

Graduates and Professors of the Baptist Theological Institute Promotion 2019



Involvement and Service of Graduates The Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest



Graduates of the Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest, 1994 promotion, involved in theological education and ministry of Rep. Moldova. Ion Miron (Executive Secretary of the Baptist Evangelical Christian Churches Union and Professor at UDG), Mihai Malancea (First Vice-Rector of Divitia Gratiae University), Serghei Namesnic (Rector of Divitia Gratiae University), together with Daniel Fodorean (Prorector - Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest). - at the Divitia Gratiae University

Youth Conference 2019

Youth Conference of Pastors and Youth Leaders organized by the Baptist Theological Institute on May 2-4, 2019, with the theme: "Reclaiming the Young Generation in Contemporary Churches".



Board of ITBB April 9, 2019



Graduation of the 2019 Promotion
from the Faculty of Baptist Theology

Professors and 2019 graduates from
the Bachelor and Master program.

GRADUATION FESTIVITY

On July 14, 2019, the Agape Baptist Church celebrated the graduation ceremony of the 2015/2019



Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Prayer topics and requests

- Prayer for ITBB students who will go to serve in the Romanian churches and diaspora in summer practice.
- Prayer for candidates for ITBB Admission this year.
- Prayer for developing the ITBB 3rd Biblical Training Module.
- Prayer for the training modules in transcultural mission.

ITBB Admission Period

Candidates can enroll for the admission contest at the College secretary from **July 9-16 and September 9-16**.

Oral test (elimination test) - Interview and Confession of Faith of the Christian Baptist Worship of Romania.

Summer session: July 17th, 2019 / autumn session September 17th, 2019

Written test - Biblical knowledge

Summer session: 18th July 2019 / autumn session 18th September 2019

For more details visit the www.itb.ro site

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Thanks for your support in prayer!
 May God bless you!

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