



Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr.

November 30, 1940 - May 11, 2025

John 11 (King James Version)

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Dr. Douglas C. Bain, Jr., longtime chair of the Biblical Division at Blue Mountain College and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, received his heavenly reward on May 11th, 2025, at age 84. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by family.

Dr. Bain was born on November 30, 1940, in Poplarville, Mississippi, to Dr. Douglas C. Bain, Sr., and his devoted wife, Audrey (Smith). The junior Dr. Bain was a resident of Blue Mountain for 41 years (1976-2017); for the last eight years of his life he lived on Ashland Road in Ripley.

Doug was the devoted husband of Carlyn McCullar Bain and father to their son, Andrew, both current residents of Ripley, along with Andrew's wife, Emily and their new daughter. Doug had two older sons by a previous marriage, Kent (Rachel) and Kevin (Hilarie), who reside in Blue Mountain and Oxford respectively. Doug has five grandchildren: granddaughters Taylor, and Lorelei, and grandsons William, Sam and McCord; one great-grandson, Jamie; and niece and nephew. Doug is survived by all of these family members. He was

preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, David S. Bain.

Dr. Bain was a committed member of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church in Blue Mountain. He raised three sons and baptized two grandchildren in the church, both of whom went on to graduate from Blue Mountain College.

Doug attended Starkville High School and received his bachelor's degree at Mississippi College.

After graduating from college, he was ordained in the ministry in 1962 and undertook missionary work for a year in Montana, where he planted Miles City Baptist Church. He received his Th.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and in 1974, he took his first full-time position in the ministry as associate pastor and youth minister at First Baptist Church in Tupelo.

Beginning in 1975, Dr. Bain served Blue Mountain College for 45 years in the following capacities: Professor of Biblical Studies (1975-2019); Chair, Department of Biblical and Associated Studies (1996-2018); and, Adjunct Faculty (2019-2020). Over the decades, he instructed thousands of students in the following fields of study and courses: New Testament, Old Testament, Biblical Archaeology, Greek (I, II, and III), Church History, World Religions, Ethics, Adolescent Psychology, Counseling & Psychotherapy, and Philosophy.

To many of those students, Dr. Bain was a trusted ear as well as respected professor, and he counseled many informally as they sought advice on navigating personal trials and tribulations. More than a few needed consolation over grades received in one of his classes, as Dr. Bain earned a reputation as a tough teacher over the years. Little did they realize that he demanded even more of himself than of them, investing countless hours in class preparation for each of his courses. His goal was not merely to impart information or have them memorize it, but, as he said many times, "to teach

them how to think.”

Dr. Bain was a committed son, husband, father, grandfather, congregant, community member and friend, frequently visiting those in need. Family members fondly recall that not a birthday, holiday or observance would pass without a card arriving from him with a loving hand-written message, a timely phone call, or both. A testament to his thoughtfulness was his annual display of Christmas cards received from acquaintances old and new.

Doug was an avid runner, logging tens of thousands of miles in his lifetime. He, Carlyn and Andrew traveled extensively to Hawaii, the Rocky Mountains, the Canadian Rockies and the Great Smoky Mountains (which held a special place in Doug’s heart due to family connections), where they chalked up thousands of miles on back-country hiking trails.

Dr. Bain was a faithful giver his entire life, supporting the church he planted in Miles City, Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church and other ministries. But he gave most fully of himself to others, as his Lord exhorted us to do.

Although Dr. Bain devoted his professional life to instructing others in Biblical studies and related fields, his passionate devotion to those around him, and the upstanding manner in which he lived his life, spoke more loudly of his personal faith than any classroom lesson he ever gave or sermon he ever delivered. This world will be a poorer place for his absence and the heavenly hosts will celebrate the homecoming of a true and faithful servant of the LORD God Almighty and his son Jesus Christ Our Savior.

Bro. Michael Baker and Dr. Ronald Meeks will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Bain’s three sons and three grandsons.

Those wishing to make a donation in his memory can give to the Dr. Douglas Bain Christian Scholar Scholarship at Blue Mountain Christian University or to the Blue Mountain Baptist Church building fund.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the caregivers, Martha Turner and Crystal Stephens, and the staff at Gentiva Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Blue Mountain Cemetery

Blue Mountain, MS 38610

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Blue Mountain Christian University (Berry Auditorium)
201 W Main St
Blue Mountain, MS 38610
(662) 685-4771

Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM.

Berry Auditorium on the Campus of Blue Mountain Christian University
Blue Mountain, MS

Tribute Wall

CR

“ I love this man. His interpretations of the beliefs of Christianity defied many common standards, but were consistent with his scholarship and his moral framework. He ran the race, he kept his faith.

Chris Roberts - April 15 at 05:29 AM

J'

“ While it saddens me the loss of one of my many favorite Bible instructors. I rejoice in the fact that's he's with the Christ he so eloquently proclaimed. One thing that I remember from his class was this quote and it has stuck with me.. “we are not called to be our brother's keeper, we are called to be our brother's brother”

Jonathan Cagle class of '09 - May 15, 2025 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ We at Bennett Plumbing were so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. Bain. May the Lord give you comfort in you time of sorrow.

Mac Bennett - May 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr..



May 14, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr..



May 14, 2025 at 01:46 AM



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NG

“ This news saddens our hearts. Both myself and my wife, Lea, were students of Dr. Bain. In my journey, Dr. Bain was first my professor who instilled my love for the Greek New Testament, he later became a close friend and fishing buddy, and finally, my colleague as we both taught for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Extension Center at Blue Mountain. Lea, Anna, and I will be praying for you all - Carlyn, Andrew, Kent, and Kevin along with your extended family.

Neil, Lea, and Anna Gant

Neil Gant - May 12, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DM

Nelda and I were saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Bain. He was an encourager to me always as his pastor. He served on the Search Committee when I was called to Lowrey Memorial. We are praying for Carolyn and the children, and the grandchildren.

Ron Mitchell DMin.

Dr Ron Mitchell - May 13, 2025 at 08:29 AM

TG

“ Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr.



Terrye Grisham - May 12, 2025 at 09:59 PM

KB

“ Whenever I talk about Doug and the Mississippi Bains, I always say that they are the family I actually like to visit and that Doug was my favorite of my dad's cousins. Doug was gentle and kind and lived his faith. Not by preaching (to me), but by example. He shared his knowledge and love of nature and always made me feel comfortable and loved. He will be greatly missed. My love, prayers and sympathy go to Carlyn, Kent, Kevin, Andrew and all our loved ones.

Karen Bain - May 12, 2025 at 09:54 PM

RF

“ Robert F. Bain Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr..

Robert F. Bain Family - May 12, 2025 at 09:49 PM

RF

“ Robert F. Bain Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr..



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KE

“ Dr. Bain was an exceptional professor whose teaching encouraged us to think beyond accepted norms. He also had great taste in women and enough sense to marry my dear friend Carlyn. Thank you for caring, Dr. Bain.

Kimbe4li Hood Easley - May 12, 2025 at 09:07 PM

LD

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. We thoroughly enjoyed his Sunday School Class at LMBC. Carlyn, keeping you and your family in our prayers.
Lavon and Chris Driskell

Lavon and Chris Driskell - May 12, 2025 at 08:04 PM

SM

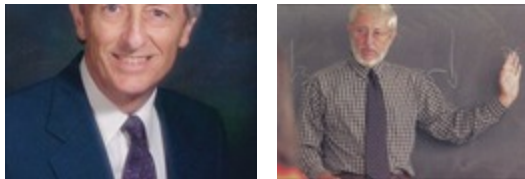
“ Steve, Lee, Neely, and Riley Mullen purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Douglas C. Bain Jr..



Steve, Lee, Neely, and Riley Mullen - May 12, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



McBride Funeral Home, Inc. - May 12, 2025 at 03:26 PM

DH

I am so saddened to learn about Doug's passing. I'm grateful that I received this notice.

Looking back I am absolutely INSPIRED by the life my friend Doug chose to live, especially his decision to dedicate his life to serving others at Blue Mountain College.

Doug and I were close friends during our student years at Mississippi College. In my judgment Doug has been a Christ-like person..He's been the "salt of the earth." I believe he's lived an exceptional life and has chosen, by design, to live his life to help others. Bravo for him! He has helped to make the world a better place because he has inspired and influenced others to live the kind of life the Lord wants us all to live.

May Doug rest in peace!!!

Dr. Ed Hewlett, former Mississippi College Dean of Men

Dr. Ed Hewlett - May 14, 2025 at 10:13 PM