



# Genesis Study

## Global Lecturer Bios

We hope you enjoy the many different voices and perspectives in the *Genesis* Global Lectures. These short bios provide connection points between the listeners and the lecturer. Feel free to share this information weekly with class member and leaders.

### **Genesis Intro: Todd Wethall**

Todd is BSF's Chief Communications Officer. A Wisconsin native, he and his wife, Holly, raised their two children in Kentucky, where Todd served as a Teaching Leader before answering God's call to BSF Headquarters in 2011. Holly is an occupational therapist. Both of their children, Andrew and Anna were married seven weeks apart just two years ago.

### **Lesson 1: Lea Compton**

Lea Compton has been a part of BSF in Ohio and South Carolina, USA. She is married to Clint and they have an 11-year old son named Gabriel. Lea works at BSF in San Antonio as a North American Regional Director and enjoys taking road trips and adventures in nature with her family.

### **Lesson 2: Matthew Leung**

Matthew is a BSF Online area team member. He was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Melbourne, Australia, where he currently lives. He has a long history with BSF, having served as an Ambassador, Teaching Leader, Substitute Teaching Leader, Group Leader and Area Personnel. He is an in-house lawyer at AGL Energy and will do (almost) anything for good mac 'n' cheese.

### **Lesson 3: Susie Rowan**

Susie is the Executive Director of Bible Study Fellowship. An attorney by training, Susie and her husband Roger left home in Kansas City to plant BSF classes in Brazil and India before moving to San Antonio in 2009 to lead BSF. Susie and Roger have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. They love Jesus, His Word, His people and the game of golf!

### **Lesson 4: Wetherell Johnson**

Miss Johnson was a British missionary in China and imprisoned in a Japanese internment camp. Upon her return to San Bernardino, California she was asked to lead a women's Bible study in 1952. Miss Johnson is founder of Bible Study Fellowship.

### **Lesson 5: Clifford Shum**

Clifford is a Teacher Trainer in the Young Adults class in Adelaide, South Australia. He has been involved in the young adults class since 2011 as a Group Leader, Substitute Teaching Leader, and now Teacher Trainer. He has been happily married to his wife Rachel for almost 2 years. They love travelling the world and serving God together. By day, he works as a Software Engineering Team Leader, and by night he is an avid basketball player, musician and loves eating at every new restaurant in town.

### **Lesson 6: Ryan Hubbell**

Ryan is a Regional Director for men's area personnel in north America and east Asia. Ryan and his wife Renea met 24 years ago while starting a young adult class in the California Bay Area. They raised their daughter 21, and twin boys 19, while living in northern Indiana. The family served actively in BSF in various roles prior to moving to San Antonio.

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### **Lesson 8: Maureen Law**

Maureen is a Regional Director with Bible Study Fellowship overseeing BSF women's classes in Asia, Australia and New Zealand and leading the China Initiative. Maureen was born in Singapore and has been with BSF for over 29 years. She joined the first Pilot Class in Singapore in 1987 and has served as a Group Leader, Teaching Leader and Area Personnel before answering God's call to serve as RD at BSF HQ in 2016. She is married with 2 daughters.

### **Lesson 9: Debbie Young**

Debbie serves as the Chief Curriculum Officer for BSF and has been working at BSF HQ since 2011. Her experience with BSF began as young mom who came to class hungry to study God's Word. Serving in a local class in Cape Girardeau MO, then on an Area Team, Debbie loves seeing the people of BSF grow through the study of God's Word. She is married to Larry and the mother of three grown children and grandmother to five grandchildren.

### **Lesson 10: Nate Thoreson**

Nate is a Regional Director for men's classes and BSF Online men's groups at Bible Study Fellowship. A physical therapist by training, he and his wife, Barb, moved from Idaho to Texas to answer God's call to HQ. Their son and daughter-in-law, Luke & Sierra, and new baby Amira live in Boston. His daughters, Kiana and Sara, are dancers in college. Nate has been a Children's Leader, Substitute Teaching Leader, and Teaching Leader. He loves Jesus and likes adventures, good coffee, and chocolate chip cookie dough!

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### **Lesson 12: Joyce Newhall**

Joyce is Regional Director Team Lead. She and her husband Scott raised their family in Indiana, where she worked as a Human Resource Manager and served as a Teaching Leader. When God called her to BSF Headquarters, their 2018 move to Texas added a fourth US time zone to the family. With 5 children and 3 grandchildren spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific, travel is their favorite hobby.

### **Lesson 13: Linda Deal**

Linda is a Field Training Specialist at HQ. She and her husband, Dave, moved to San Antonio four years ago when she joined the staff as a Regional Director after having served as AP, TL, CS and CL in Minnesota. Linda and Dave have two married children and one grandchild. They have enjoyed acclimating to Texas – especially the wildflowers, barbeque and mild winters!

### **Lesson 14: Kirby Iler**

Kirby, a former Teaching Leader, currently serves in the BSF Area Personnel role. He and his wife Dari (a Children's Supervisor) live outside Yellowstone National Park in Cody, Wyoming. They enjoy their five grandchildren, along with kayaking and hiking. Kirby worked with a fortune 500 company over his career prior to retiring as a lead counsel.

### **Lesson 15: Janie Stephens**

Janie is Executive Assistant at Bible Study Fellowship. Before God called her to BSF Headquarters, Janie lived in Dallas, TX, where she served as Teaching Leader of the Dallas Young Adults BSF class. Janie is passionate about teaching, communication, travel and food (especially dark chocolate!). She also loves learning. Janie attended culinary school in Paris, France, and most recently is pursuing her Master of Biblical and Theological Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary.

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### **Lesson 17: Mike Gaynor**

Mike is a Wisconsin native and began his BSF career as a pilot TL in Milwaukee WI, USA in 2001. The first BSF class Mike was ever in...he gave the lecture! He served as an Area Advisor for seven years and currently is back as TL of the Milwaukee WI EM class in his thirteenth year of teaching. Mike led his class through the Revelation Pilot study in 2014 and serves as a member of the coaching team at TL Orientation since 2015. He works for an investment & financial services firm, and is married to Mary (who was a TL for 12 years as well). They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. They have found that through BSF God has asked more of them than they ever expected and given them more than they could ever imagine!

### **Lesson 18: Cicella Monroe**

Cicella works in the Training Division at BSF HQ. Born and raised in Chicago, Cicella has had the privilege of being a part of four different BSF classes. After answering the call to HQ, she now lives in San Antonio with her husband of 31 years and has two adult children.

### **Lesson 19: Hollie Roberts**

Hollie is BSF's Chief Field Development Officer. Hollie and her husband Kevin split their time between Houston and San Antonio. Hollie retired from being a TL in 2015 and started volunteering with the training team shortly after. She officially joined the HQ staff in 2017. Hollie and Kevin look for any and every excuse to hang out with their two grandkids!

### **Lesson 20: Amar Chandnani**

Amar is serving as Teaching Leader for the EM class in Manila, Philippines. Amar is a Fil-Indian or Filipino-Indian married to Cherrisse (Fil-Danish). They both serve in BSF and their 4 children attend the School Program. Amar is a health professional who runs a nutritional supplement business. He is passionate about Jesus and still wonders if Jesus was a pescatarian. :)

### **Lesson 21: Jessi Silva**

Jessi works remotely from California for BSF's Training Team. She started BSF at 18 years old and served as GL and TL piloting a new class. Jessi and her husband Frankie have 3 daughters and live on 4 acres in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Her favorite things to do include high-intensity work outs and reading good book.

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### **Lesson 23: Chad Lackey**

Chad is the Product Strategy and Men's Division Director at BSF. He was born in Minnesota and grew up in San Diego. Currently Chad lives in the Seattle area where he served as a teaching leader and group leader before answering the call to BSF HQ. Chad and Lauri, his wife, are blessed with three children, two children-in-law and five grandchildren! Chad loves God, loves people and loves to see life change one step at a time! When he's not working or leading his BSF Online group, you will likely find him on the golf course with Joshua!

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### **Lesson 25: Jeff Hubbard**

Jeffrey is the Field Development Operations Director for BSF. Jeffrey and his wife, Cathi, lived in the same general area of Indiana for over 40 years before moving to San Antonio to join the BSF staff. A coach at heart, Jeffrey also loves facilitating, training and leading teams.

### **Lesson 26: Suzanne Wells**

Suzanne served as a BSF Teaching Leader in two classes in the Houston, Texas area for 16 years and is a Regional Director for BSF. She loves people and is passionate about developing people to spread the gospel and teach the Word, especially through mentoring. Suzanne and her husband Bret have two college-age children and enjoy ministry to international students.

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### **Lesson 28: Jeff Luger**

Jeff is the Director of Campus Operations. Jeff, his wife Tracey and three kids moved from Caldwell Idaho to San Antonio January 2011 after receiving a call from the Lord to serve at HQ. Jeff has served in many capacities in the field and loves most when God reveals Himself as Jeff studies His word. If Jeff is not at campus you can usually find him somewhere near water with a fishing pole in his hand.

**Lesson 29: Simon Lennox**

Simon is Director of BSF's [WordGo](#). He was born in Northern Ireland where he lives with his wife, Amy, and daughter, Rosie. He served as teaching leader of the BSF YA class in Belfast from 2015 to 2018. He moved to San Antonio, Texas, to work at BSF HQ for one year before returning to Ireland to lead the WordGo team. Simon is passionate about fitness, technology, travel and helping people engage with Scripture.