

BIRMINGHAM BIBLE INSTITUTE COURSE CATALOG



Evening Sessions in Bible Study
for Christian Workers and Concerned Laymen

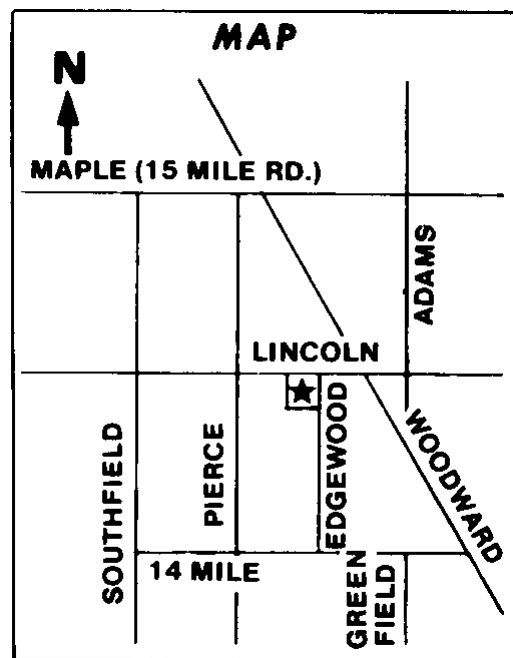
BirminghamBibleInstitute.org

Located at
Grace Baptist Church
280 East Lincoln Street
Birmingham, Michigan 48009-3673
(248) 646-2000
GBCministries.com

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY BLANK

BIRMINGHAM BIBLE INSTITUTE

Teaching and Training Laymen for Life



© 2020
by
Birmingham Bible Institute
Birmingham, Michigan 48009
All Rights Reserved

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY BLANK

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PURPOSE.....	7
FACULTY & STAFF.....	8
GENERAL INFORMATION.....	10
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS	10
FINANCIAL POLICY	10
CALENDAR	10
ATTENDANCE	10
APPEARANCE.....	11
CHAPEL	11
VISITORS	11
LIBRARY	11
BOOKSTORE	11
STUDENT CENTER.....	11
PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE.....	11
ACADEMIC INFORMATION	12
COURSES OF INSTRUCTION	12
GRADING SYSTEM	12
REPORT CARDS / CERTIFICATES / DIPLOMAS.....	12
NOTICE OF DIPLOMA / LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE COMPLETION.....	13
TRANSFER OF CREDIT.....	13
ELECTIVE COURSES.....	14
AUDITING COURSES.....	14
CYCLE OF CLASSES FOR THE BIBLE & CHRISTIAN WORKER'S DIPLOMAS	14
BIBLE DIPLOMA.....	15
ADVANCED BIBLE DIPLOMA IN OLD TESTAMENT.....	17
ADVANCED BIBLE DIPLOMA IN NEW TESTAMENT	18
CHRISTIAN WORKER'S DIPLOMA	20
CHRISTIAN LIVING DIPLOMA	21
BIBLE ENRICHMENT COURSES (ONE COURSE REQUIRED)	21
CHURCH HISTORY COURSES (ONE COURSE REQUIRED).....	22
CHRISTIAN LIVING COURSES (ONE COURSE REQUIRED)	22
CHRISTIAN WORK COURSES (ONE COURSE REQUIRED).....	23

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COURSES.....	26
MUSIC COURSES.....	26
SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE.....	28
BIBLICAL GREEK CERTIFICATE	30
BIBLICAL HEBREW CERTIFICATE	31
DOCTRINAL STATEMENT.....	32

PURPOSE

We have sensed the need and desire of numbers of Christian workers and laymen for more extensive training in the Bible, practical Christian living, and Christian service. It is our goal to help meet this need for those whose schedule permits them to attend evening classes. Each semester, classes designed to further train and equip Christians in the realm of personal spiritual growth and service in their local churches will be offered.

The Institute encourages the participation and fellowship of like-minded pastors. These area pastors often serve as faculty members and chapel speakers.

FACULTY & STAFF

CRAIG C. HURLEY, B.A., M.Div.

Bob Jones University, B.A., M.Div.; Pastor to the Deaf, Grace Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA, 3 years; Instructor in Bible and Science, Victory Christian School, Sacramento, CA, 2 years; Associate Pastor, Bible Baptist Church, Durham, NC, 8 years; Assistant Pastor (2001–2013) and Senior Pastor (since 2014), Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2001.

GAIL E. CREWDSON

Birmingham Bible Institute, A.S.L. courses; Mott Community College, Interpreter Training Program; Educational and Community Free-Lance Interpreting; Church Interpreter, Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 1999.

GLEN CURRIE, B.A., M.Div.

Bob Jones University, B.A.; Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, M.Div.; Assistant Pastor, Inter-City Baptist Church, Allen Park, 11 years; Instructor in Bible, Inter-City Baptist High School, 3 years; Instructor in Bible, Inter-City Bible Institute, 4 years; Pastor (1987–2016) and Assistant Pastor (since 2016), Maranatha Baptist Church, Clarkston; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 1992.

CHERYL ELDRIDGE, B.S.

Bob Jones University, B.S.; Tax Accountant, Daniel T. Jones III, CPA, PA, 2008–2016; Registrar, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2018.

NATHANIEL J. ELDRIDGE, B.A., M.A.

Bob Jones University, B.A. and M.A.; Counselor & Houseparent, Miracle Hill Ministries Children's Home, 2008; Intern, First Calvary Baptist Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, 2 years; Youth Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham, since 2014; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2015.

SHAWNA P. FENNER, A.B., M.Ed., Ph.D.

Oberlin College, A.B.; Wayne State University, M.Ed. and Ph.D.; graduate work, Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary; Social Studies Teacher, Fraser Public Schools, over 15 years; Research and Statistics Consultant, 14 years; Computer Specialist, 3 years; Professional Technician, Photography @ Wayne State, 2001–2017; Office Assistant (1994–2015), Church and Bible Institute Webmaster (since 2015), and Bookkeeper (since 2016), Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 1988.

GARY R. FLATT, A.A.S., B.A.S., M.A.

Macomb Community College, A.A.S.; Siena Heights University, B.A.S.; Central Michigan University, M.A.; Electronics Technology Teacher, Anchor Bay High School, 11 years; Deacon and adult Bible class teacher, Ryan Road Baptist Church, Warren, 11 years; Creation Ministry since 2003; Instructor, Macomb Community College, since 2005; Quality Engineer, Burtek, Inc., since 2008; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 1994.

BARBARA A. HARRELL, A.A.

Michigan Christian College (now Rochester College), A.A.; office management coursework, Life Office Management Association, Boston, MA; Birmingham Bible Institute, Sign Language Certificate; Substitute Sign Language Instructor; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2018.

MARY JANE HINES, B.S., M.S.

Bob Jones University, B.S.; Saginaw Valley State University, M.S.; Elementary Teacher, Pensacola Christian Schools, 5 years; Elementary Substitute Teacher, Hazel Park Schools, 2 years; Elementary Teacher, Warren Consolidated Schools, 33 years; extensive experience in children's church, child evangelism classes, Good News Clubs, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and AWANA; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2019.

BRIAN W. HOLLOWAY, B.S., B.A., M.MUS.

Bob Jones University, B.S. in Music Education, B.A. in Piano Pedagogy, M.Mus. in Church Music; Teacher, Baptist College of Ministry/Falls Baptist Academy, 17 years; Teacher, Fayette Christian School, 2 years; Music Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham, since 2015; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2016.

ROBERT A. McLAUGHLIN, Th.B.

Baptist Bible Seminary, Th.B.; graduate work, Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary; Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oglesby, IL, 3 years; Pastor, Ambassador Baptist Church, Royal Oak, over 25 years; Pastor, Herring Lake Baptist Church, Frankfort, MI, 12 years; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, 1999–2003 and since 2016; Pastor of Education and Outreach, Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham, since 2016.

RON WAGNER, B.A., M.MIN., D. D.

Bob Jones University, B.A.; Northland Baptist Bible College, M.Min.; South India Baptist Bible College, D.D.; Youth Pastor, Westwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH, 2 years; Assistant Pastor, Calvary Heights Baptist Temple, St. Louis, MO, 5 years; Senior Pastor, Macomb Baptist Church, since 1989; Faculty Member, Birmingham Bible Institute, since 2005.

Selection of instructors is based on their practical experience in the ministry, Christian education, and/or special training. Occasionally, special courses are taught by highly qualified guest instructors.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Any person who has a sincere desire to be trained in Christian growth and service and who exhibits a proper attitude toward the standards of conduct, purpose, and doctrinal position of the Institute may enroll. Children between the ages of ten and twelve must be accompanied by an adult who enrolls in the same class(es). Birmingham Bible Institute does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or age. There is no formal application process, nor is there an application fee.

FINANCIAL POLICY

A registration fee must be paid at the time of enrollment each semester; this fee is nonrefundable after three business days following enrollment. This fee is \$25.00 for early registration (by mail or in person) by the established deadline for the semester, or \$50.00 thereafter. The tuition total for the fall or winter semester is based upon the total class hours for the class(es) in which the student is enrolled: \$90.00 for one class hour, \$130 for two class hours, \$160 for three class hours, or \$180 for four class hours. Full-time Christian workers may be eligible for reduced tuition. A \$10.00 **per class hour** deposit should be paid at the time of enrollment along with the registration fee. The balance of the tuition may be paid in total or on a weekly basis, with payment in full expected by the sixth week of the semester. Payments should remain current with the courses taken. Spring semester tuition is \$100 for one class, and must be paid in full by the third week of the six-week semester.

Textbooks and/or class notes are required for most courses. The cost of these materials is not included in tuition.

All tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if the applicant is rejected by the school before enrollment. An application fee of not more than \$25.00 may be retained by the school if the application is denied. All tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if requested within three business days after registering for classes. All refunds shall be returned within 30 days.

A student may cancel his/her enrollment by written resignation or contact with the Institute office (248-646-2000). The registration fee is not refundable after three business days following enrollment. Tuition will be refunded in full prior to the start of the semester or prorated on the basis of sessions occurring prior to the student's notice of resignation.

A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for each check returned for non-sufficient funds.

CALENDAR

Birmingham Bible Institute will be closed on all official state and federal holidays.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled with punctuality and regularity. *The grade of a student missing more than two sessions per 12-week semester or one session per 6-week semester may be significantly affected.* Excused absences for legitimate reasons (such as serious illness, a death in the family, etc.) may be made up by special arrangement with the faculty.

APPEARANCE

Students are encouraged to be appropriately dressed in class sessions. Attention should be given to grooming and dress befitting a Christian educational institution.

CHAPEL

All students are encouraged to participate in the chapel sessions. Chapel attendance is expected of those who have a second- or third-hour class. We strive each week to bring the finest speakers in the area to the chapel pulpit. Some of the most valuable lessons will be learned and most memorable moments experienced as faculty members and other men of God minister to the student body. Periodically, concerts and special programs are presented.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome to observe the Institute during class sessions. Prior contact should be made with the Institute office (248-646-2000). Students are expected to obtain permission from faculty members for visiting friends before bringing them to classes.

LIBRARY

The library is open during Institute hours and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Several thousand volumes are catalogued, and more are added regularly. The selection includes many helpful supplemental materials for all the courses taught at the Institute to enable outside reading assignments and other projects to be easily completed. A number of the finest reference books are also available.

BOOKSTORE

A small Christian bookstore is located on the premises. All textbooks are available there, as are other supplies such as notebooks, pens, and paper. The best-known commentaries, reference materials, Bibles, devotional books, and Christian literature can be purchased.

STUDENT CENTER

A concession area is open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for those who come early or have time between classes. Refreshments, including coffee, tea, soft drinks, juice, sandwiches, cookies, candy, and other snacks, are sold. Comfortable seating for fellowship, eating, and study is provided in the study hall next to the library. These areas are closed during chapel.

PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

Birmingham Bible Institute does not provide placement assistance for its students.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Up to three or four courses may be taken per semester. Except where specifically noted in the course listings, each course counts as one class hour (12 clock hours of instruction).

Students should make schedule changes or transfers on or before the third class session of a 12-week semester or the second class session of a 6-week semester to avoid falling too far behind academically. Students who desire to drop one or more classes should notify the registrar, and their tuition will be prorated.

Students who satisfactorily complete one or more courses will receive a certificate of completion. A permanent transcript of courses and grades is maintained for each student.

GRADING SYSTEM

The 4.0 grade point system will be used according to the following standards:

A	Excellent	4.00 points	93-99.99 %
A-		3.67 points	90-92 %
B+		3.33 points	87-89 %
B	Good	3.00 points	83-86 %
B-		2.67 points	80-82 %
C+		2.33 points	77-79 %
C	Satisfactory	2.00 points	73-76 %
C-		1.67 points	70-72 %
D+		1.33 points	67-69 %
D	Unsatisfactory	1.00 point	63-66 %
D-		0.67 points	60-62 %
F	Failing	0.00 points	Below 60 %

Special courses and seminars may also be graded as “Passing” or “Not Passing.” A grade of “Incomplete” (I) or “Withdrawn” (W) will be entered for students who do not complete coursework or who owe a balance on their tuition. “Incomplete” grades will be changed to “Withdrawn” if the missing work has not been completed by the end of the following semester.

REPORT CARDS / CERTIFICATES / DIPLOMAS

A report card will be sent to each student following the end of the semester in which he/she has taken courses. The card will not be sent to students who have unpaid tuition.

A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to each student for the course(s) he/she has completed with a passing grade. Courses in which the student has earned a grade of D, F, I, W, Z (Audit), or Y (Enrolled) will not appear on the certificate.

A Diploma in Bible will be awarded to a student who completes the required course of study.

Eighteen semester courses (216 clock hours) are required.¹ Tuition costs range from \$960.00 to \$1620.00.²

An Advanced Bible Diploma in Old Testament will be awarded to a student who completes the Diploma in Bible and six additional courses elected from among alternatives specified in the catalog (72 additional clock hours). Tuition costs range from \$180.00 to \$540.00.²

An Advanced Bible Diploma in New Testament will be awarded to a student who completes the Diploma in Bible and six additional courses elected from among alternatives specified in the catalog (72 additional clock hours). Tuition costs range from \$180.00 to \$540.00.²

A Christian Worker's Diploma will be awarded to a student who completes the Diploma in Bible and six additional required courses³ (72 additional clock hours). Tuition costs range from \$180.00 to \$540.00.²

A Christian Living Diploma will be awarded to a student who completes the Diploma in Bible and six additional courses elected from among alternatives specified in the catalog (72 additional clock hours). Tuition costs range from \$180.00 to \$540.00.²

A Sign Language Certificate will be awarded by the Deaf Division to a student who completes the six courses required (144 clock hours) or their equivalents. Tuition costs range from \$420.00 to \$780.00.²

A Certificate in Biblical Greek or Biblical Hebrew will be awarded to a student who completes twelve or more course credits (144 clock hours) in that language or their equivalents. Tuition costs range from \$360.00 to \$1080.00.²

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA / CERTIFICATE COMPLETION

The student who plans to complete a diploma or certificate program must notify the registrar *in writing* no later than the eighth week of a 12-week semester or the fourth week of a 6-week semester. This will enable the Registrar to verify the student's eligibility to complete the program in a timely manner and to prepare the diploma or certificate for the final night of classes.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Acceptable credit for previous training or education can, upon furnishing of a valid transcript, be substituted for any of the requirements for the Diploma in Bible. A minimum of 8 semester hours of resident training is required to be eligible for a diploma from Birmingham Bible Institute.

ELECTIVE COURSES

In addition to the courses required for the Bible and Christian Worker's Diplomas and the Certificate programs, several elective courses that qualify for credit in our other diploma programs are offered every semester. A number of these are listed and described in this catalog. A

¹ Students embarking on this diploma program before Fall 2009 are not required to take Bible Study Methods.

² See page 10 for an explanation of the tuition costs. Costs are lowest if the student takes three credit hours per semester.

³ Students embarking on this diploma program between Fall 1998 and Spring 2009 must also take Bible Study Methods.

complete schedule of course offerings for a given semester is printed in our brochures and made available online prior to the start of that semester.

AUDITING COURSES

Students who wish to benefit from classes without taking them for credit may register for such classes on an “audit” basis. Although tuition cost is the same, the auditing student is not required to take examinations or complete course assignments.

CYCLE OF CLASSES FOR THE BIBLE & CHRISTIAN WORKER'S DIPLOMAS

The Bible Diploma can be completed in three years if the student takes the three required classes each semester. One of the six required classes for the Christian Worker’s Diploma is offered each semester over a three-year period. Every possible effort is made to offer the required classes according to the three-year cycles. If we are unable to offer a required class at a scheduled time, a substitute may be offered.

CYCLE OF CLASSES FOR THE BIBLE DIPLOMA

2020–2021		2021–2022		2022–2023	
<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>
Life of Christ	Poetical Books	OT Survey 1	OT Survey 2	Pentateuch	Historical Books
Hebrews	Acts	Major Prophets	Minor Prophets	NT Survey 1	NT Survey 2
Revelation or Alternate	Bible Study Methods	Paul’s Longer Epistles	Paul’s Shorter Epistles	John’s Writings ¹	General Epistles ²

CYCLE OF CLASSES FOR THE CHRISTIAN WORKER'S DIPLOMA

Personal Evangelism	Christian Ethics	Song Leading	Sermon Prep (men) Bible Lesson Prep (women)	Bible Doctrines 1	Bible Doctrines 2
---------------------	------------------	--------------	--	-------------------	-------------------

BIBLE DIPLOMA

The Bible Diploma requires completion of eighteen courses, and at least twelve of the eighteen required courses must be taken. Each student *may* substitute up to six electives qualifying for the Advanced Old or New Testament Diploma programs to meet the remaining requirements.

Required Courses (at least twelve of these must be taken)

OT 101 & 102 Old Testament Survey 1 & 2

These courses provide a foundational survey of the Old Testament. The purpose, distinctives, character, and broad outline of each book are presented to give a general grasp of the entire Old Testament.

OT 110 Pentateuch

The first five books of the Bible—dealing with Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and Jewish law and history through the Mosaic period—are explored. Practical applications of doctrinal and devotional truth are made for the student.

OT 120 Historical Books

The history of the Hebrew nation, as recorded in the books of Joshua through Esther, is studied. Practical applications are developed from the lives of God's Chosen People.

OT 130 Poetical Books

The books of poetry—Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon—are examined for the doctrinal and practical teaching they contain.

OT 140 Major Prophets

The books Isaiah through Daniel are surveyed. The special messages of each of the five books and their contemporary and future implications are studied, stressing Messianic passages.

OT 150 Minor Prophets

The books of Hosea through Malachi are surveyed. Each book is explored from both historical and prophetic perspectives.

NT 101 & 102 New Testament Survey 1 & 2

These courses provide a foundational survey of the New Testament. The author, background, purpose, and general outline of each book are presented to give an overview.

NT 110 Life of Christ

The events in the life of Christ, as recorded in one or more of the synoptic Gospels, are studied. His birth, ministry, passion, resurrection, and ascension are all explored.

NT 120 Acts

This course focuses on the origin and development of the New Testament Church. Both devotional and historical analyses of the book are provided.

NT 130 Paul's Longer Epistles

The books of Romans and I & II Corinthians are explored. Both doctrinal themes and practical applications to Christian living are discussed.

NT 140 Paul's Shorter Epistles

The ten shorter epistles of Paul, Galatians through Philemon, are examined. Both doctrinal themes and practical applications to Christian living are discussed.

NT 180 Hebrews

The epistle to the Hebrews is examined. Emphasis is placed on doctrinal truths and practical applications derived from this epistle.

NT 150 General Epistles

This course surveys the letters written by James, Peter, and Jude. Attention is given to their historical setting, thematic development, and practical applications.

NT 160 John's Writings

The Gospel and three epistles of John are studied. The discourses and miracles of Christ are expounded, and practical applications of the epistles to Christian living are explained.

NT 170 Revelation

(alternate to BT 100, BT 101, or BT 102)

This course provides a chapter-by-chapter exposition of the book of Revelation, including an outline of prophetic events.

BT 100 or 101 or 102 Bible Prophecy Overview or Bible Prophecy 1 or 2

(alternate to Revelation)

All major events from the coming of Christ to the Great White Throne Judgment are surveyed, including the Rapture, Tribulation, Millennium, resurrections, and judgments.

BT 110 Bible Study Methods

Practical methods of Bible study are introduced, and principles of Bible interpretation are stressed. A foundation concerning God's appraisal of His eternal Word is laid. Students develop skills in independent Bible study.

ADVANCED BIBLE DIPLOMA IN OLD TESTAMENT

Completion of the Bible Diploma and Any Six of These Courses

Old Testament Book Studies

A book (or pair of books) of the Old Testament is made the focus of an in-depth study. Background, meaning, and practical applications are explored. Past offerings include:

OT 201 Genesis	OT 224 Jeremiah
OT 202 Exodus	OT 226 Ezekiel
OT 207 Judges	OT 227 Daniel
OT 218 Job	OT 232 Jonah
OT 219 Psalms	OT 240 Joshua & Judges
OT 220 Proverbs	OT 241 Ezra & Nehemiah
OT 223 Isaiah	OT 242 Ruth & Esther

Old Testament Character Studies

A Bible character is made the focus of an in-depth study. The historical context and life experiences of the character are explored, and practical applications to Christian living are developed. Past offerings include:

OT 251 The Patriarchs	OT 254 The Life of Moses
OT 252 The Life of Abraham	OT 255 The Life of David
OT 253 The Life of Joseph	OT 256 The Lives of Elijah & Elisha

BT 201 Bible Geography¹

Bible lands in the Old and New Testaments are studied. Emphasis is placed on Palestine's plains, valleys, rivers, mountains, and cities. *Alternates* to BE 201 include:

- BT 202 Let Us Bring the Holy Land to You
- BT 203 Holy Land Tour

BT 104 God's Plan for the Ages¹

End-times events from the millennial kingdom to eternity are examined from the perspective of the Old and New Testaments.

BT 210 Advanced Bible Study Methods¹

A variety of advanced techniques for the study of the Bible are identified and examined.

¹This course may be applied to only one of the Advanced Bible Diplomas, not both.

ADVANCED BIBLE DIPLOMA IN NEW TESTAMENT

Completion of the Bible Diploma and Any Six of These Courses

New Testament Book Studies

A book, portion of a book, or small combination of books of the New Testament not treated separately in required courses is made the focus of an in-depth study. Background, meaning, and practical applications are explored. Past offerings include:

NT 201 Gospel of Matthew	NT 212 Colossians
NT 203 Gospel of Luke	NT 215 1 Timothy
NT 204 Gospel of John	NT 231 1 & 2 Thessalonians
NT 206 Romans	NT 230 Pastoral Epistles
NT 207 1 Corinthians	NT 220 James
NT 208 2 Corinthians	NT 221 1 Peter
NT 209 Galatians	NT 232 2 Peter & Jude
NT 210 Ephesians	NT 233 The Epistles of John
NT 211 Philippians	

New Testament Character Studies

A Bible character is made the focus of an in-depth study. The historical context and life experiences of the character are explored, and practical applications to Christian living are developed. Past offerings include:

NT 251 The Life of Paul	NT 252 The Life of Peter
-------------------------	--------------------------

BT 201 Bible Geography¹

Bible lands in the Old and New Testaments are studied. Emphasis is placed on Palestine's plains, valleys, rivers, mountains, and cities. *Alternates* to BT 201 include:

BT 202 Let Us Bring the Holy Land to You
BT 203 Holy Land Tour

BT 104 God's Plan for the Ages¹

End-times events from the millennial kingdom to eternity are examined from the perspective of the Old and New Testaments.

BT 210 Advanced Bible Study Methods¹

A variety of advanced techniques for the study of the Bible are identified and examined.

¹This course may be applied to only one of the Advanced Bible Diplomas.

NT 241 Parables of Jesus¹

(alternate to NT 242 Miracles & Parables)

This course focuses on the messages and meanings of several of Jesus' parables. Principles for analysis and understanding of the parables are presented and discussed.

NT 242 Miracles & Parables¹

(alternate to NT 241 Parables of Jesus)

This course focuses on the messages and meanings of several of Jesus' miracles and parables. Principles for analysis and understanding of the miracles and parables are presented and discussed.

NT 243 Sermon on the Mount¹

(alternate to NT 244 Major Messages of the Master)

This course focuses on the messages and meanings of Jesus' most famous discourse. Principles for analysis and understanding of the Sermon on the Mount are presented and discussed.

NT 244 Major Messages of the Master¹

(alternate to NT 243 Sermon on the Mount)

This course focuses on the messages and meanings of several of Jesus' most noted sermons. Principles for analysis and understanding these messages are presented and discussed.

NT 245 Prayers of the Apostle Paul

Paul's prayers as recorded in Acts and the Pauline Epistles will be identified and analyzed. Application will be made to the student's personal prayer life.

¹ Either this course or its alternate may be applied toward the Advanced Bible Diploma in New Testament.

CHRISTIAN WORKER'S DIPLOMA

A change to the Christian Worker's Diploma requirements is being made starting in Fall 2018. The course "Confidence in Public Speaking" is being replaced by "How to Prepare Sermons" (for men) or "How to Prepare Bible Lessons" (for women). Students who have already taken "Public Speaking" will not be affected by this change.

Completion of the Bible Diploma and All Six of These Courses

CW 211 & 212 Bible Doctrines 1 & 2

Basic tenets of conservative fundamental Christianity—God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, angels, Satan, man, sin, salvation, the Church, and last things—are discussed.

CW 220 Personal Evangelism

This course is concerned with person-to-person evangelism. Techniques for effective soul-winning are analyzed and demonstrated.

CW 231 Practical Methods for Sermon Preparation (*for men*)

This course provides an introduction to homiletics—the science and art of preaching. It is designed primarily for Christian laymen who wish to develop skills in preparing and presenting sermons and Gospel addresses.

CW 232 Practical Methods for Bible Teaching (*for women*)

Emphasis is placed on preparing and teaching Bible lessons in children's classes and women's ministry. Techniques for identifying and organizing material are discussed and practiced.

CW 240 Song Leading

This course is designed to prepare the student to direct congregational music. Proper selection of hymns and Gospel songs for varied musical programs is discussed.

CW 250 Christian Ethics

Biblical principles underlying Christian conduct, morality, and spirituality are studied.

Additional Required Course¹

CW 260 Bible Study Methods

(currently a Bible Diploma requirement as BT 110)

Practical methods of Bible study are introduced, and principles of Bible interpretation are stressed. A foundation concerning God's appraisal of His eternal Word is laid. Students develop skills in independent Bible study.

¹ For students embarking on the Christian Worker's Diploma program between Fall 1998 and Spring 2009

CHRISTIAN LIVING DIPLOMA

Completion of the Bible Diploma and Six of the Courses in These Categories

BIBLE ENRICHMENT (ONE COURSE REQUIRED)

BE 001 How We Got Our Bible

The transmission of the text of the Old and New Testaments from the original manuscripts to our English translations is traced.

BE 011 History of the Jewish People

The history of the Jewish people will be traced from the call of Abraham to modern-day Israel. Contributions of major Jewish leaders of the past and present will be discussed.

BE 021 Truths from the Tabernacle

The history of the Jewish people will be traced from the call of Abraham to modern-day Israel. Contributions of major Jewish leaders of the past and present will be discussed.

BE 031 Study of Angels of the Bible

A survey of angels appearing in the Old and New Testaments is conducted, and the significance of the angels mentioned is discussed.

BE 041 Creation Science 1 & BE 042 Creation Science 2

The “creation versus evolution” controversy is reviewed from a Biblical standpoint. Students may take either course or both.

BE 043 Universe by Design: Astronomy & Creation

God’s design of the universe is examined as it relates to astronomy. This exploration takes place from a Biblical standpoint.

BE 081 Person & Work of the Holy Spirit¹

(alternate to BE 082 The Holy Spirit & His Gifts)

The Holy Spirit’s ministries in the believer’s life and in the Church are examined from biblical and practical standpoints.

BE 082 The Holy Spirit & His Gifts¹

(alternate to BE 081 Person & Work of the Holy Spirit)

The Holy Spirit’s ministries in the believer’s life and in the Church and His gifts to individual believers and the Church are examined from biblical and practical standpoints.

¹ Either this course or its alternate may be applied toward the Christian Living Diploma.

CHURCH HISTORY (ONE COURSE REQUIRED)

CH 001 America's Christian Heritage

The Christian foundations of the United States and its fundamental documents are examined. Biblical principles underlying this nation, and their implications for today's society, are identified and discussed.

CH 011 Church History 1: The Ancient Church

The history of the Church of Jesus Christ from the Apostolic Age to the first Pope is examined. The experiences and influence of great personalities and events are stressed.

CH 012 Church History 2: The Medieval Church

The history of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Middle Ages is examined. The experiences and influence of great personalities and events are stressed.

CH 013 Church History 3: The Modern Church

The history of the Church of Jesus Christ from the Reformation to the present is examined. The experiences and influence of great personalities and events are stressed.

CH 014 Baptist History

The history of the Baptist church in the United States is examined. The experiences and influence of great personalities and events are stressed.

CHRISTIAN LIVING (ONE COURSE REQUIRED)

CL 010 Scripture Memory

This course focuses on reasons for, methods of, and rewards resulting from memorizing Scripture. Emphasis is placed on applying what is learned by selecting verses to memorize and embarking on a systematic program for "hiding His Word in your heart."

CL 020 Practical Christian Living

Emphasis is placed on application of a number of important Scriptural principles to the daily lives and activities of Christians.

CL 024 Gaining Victory over Anxiety

Scriptural principles related to anxiety are identified and discussed. Practical applications of these principles to the lives of the Christian are explored.

CL 027 Applying the Fruit of the Spirit to Life

The fruit of the Spirit identified by Scripture will be examined and discussed. Practical ways to apply the fruit of the Spirit to the believer's life will be explored.

CL 028 & 029 Understanding the Times 1 & 2

Today's competing worldviews will be identified and explored. Students will examine their own assumptions, attitudes, and actions to determine whether these are consistent with a Christian worldview. Students may take one or both of these courses.

CL 050 Marriage & Family Living

Scriptural principles underlying the Christian home and their practical applications are studied. The Biblical roles of husband and wife, the discipline and training of children, and money management are discussed.

CL 063 Biblical Answers to Today's Issues

Several of today's important ethical issues are examined. Scriptural principles related to these issues are identified and discussed.

CL 070 Study of Satan, False Religions & Cults

This study provides a general background in Satan worship and the modern cults. Emphasis is placed on the founders, writings, development, characteristics, and false teachings of each.

Alternates to CL 070 include:

CL 071 Study of Satan

CL 072 Contemporary Cults

CL 073 Comparative Religions & Cults

CL 074 Christianity, Cults & Religions

CL 081 Developing Spiritual Disciplines

Students explore the Bible as an instruction manual for Christian living.

CL 084 Confronting Our Sin

Believers engage in an ongoing battle against sin in their lives. Sometimes even "respectable" behavior can be sin. Students examine their own behavior and gain skills in coping with sin.

CL 090 Principles of Prayer

The role and significance of prayer in the Christian life are discussed. Bible prayers are examined as models for Christian intercession.

CHRISTIAN WORK (ONE COURSE REQUIRED)

CW 001 Doctrine of the Kingdom

The Bible's teachings on the Kingdom are identified and explored.

CW 010 Soteriology: The Language of Redemption

The doctrine of soteriology is discussed in depth.

CW 013 Pneumatology: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

The doctrine of pneumatology is discussed in depth.

CW 014 Biblical Foundations of Forgiveness

Biblical principles underlying forgiveness are examined in depth.

CW 016 Knowing God: A Study of Divine Attributes

The attributes of God are identified and examined in depth.

CW 017 Christology: The Doctrine of Christ

The doctrine of Christology is discussed in depth.

CW 018 Theology: The Doctrine of God

The doctrine of theology is discussed in depth.

CW 019 Developing a Theology of Suffering

Bible passages related to suffering are explored in depth. Students develop a theology of suffering based on this exploration.

CW 020 Bible Doctrines: Special Topics

A specific doctrine of Scripture will be examined in detail.

CW 021 Apologetics

Students will learn tools and techniques that will enable them to systematically defend their faith. Arguments supporting the divine origin and authority of Christianity and its major doctrines are discussed.

CW 022 Discipling the New Believer

This class is designed to meet the needs of new converts, promoting their Christian growth and spiritual development.

CW 023 World Missions Today

The many areas of Christian missionary activity are explored through media such as slides, filmstrips, and films. Present-day missionaries are spotlighted. Group participation is required.

CW 024 Child Evangelism

Methods and materials that can be used to encourage the salvation and spiritual development of young people are emphasized.

CW 034 Homiletical Grammar

Students learn to break down and analyze passages of Scripture grammatically in order to better understand Biblical texts.

CW 040 Philosophy of Christian Music

Students develop a philosophy of Christian music through an examination of Scripture related to music and worship.

CW 063 Leadership Training

Motivation, principles, characteristics, and attributes of leaders are studied. Qualities of successful people and causes of success, as well as characteristics and causes of failure, are carefully analyzed. Scriptural principles and promises are applied.

CW 064 Local Church & Sunday School Administration

Motivation, principles, characteristics, and attributes of leaders are studied. Qualities of successful people and causes of success, as well as characteristics and causes of failure, are carefully analyzed. Scriptural principles and promises are applied.

CW 067 Graphic Design for the Church 1

Students learn how to create eye-catching bulletins, brochures, flyers, and other printed material with the free program “Open Office.”

CW 068 Graphic Design for the Church 2

Students learn how to create promotional videos using the free program “Windows Live Movie Maker.”

CW 069 Video Skills for the Church, Home & Office

Students learn the basic skills involved in producing professional-looking videos for their churches and/or businesses and for their own home movies.

CW 070 Counseling 1: Principles of Counseling

Principles of Christian counseling are introduced and discussed. Applications of the basic principles are made.

CW 071-079 Counseling Topics

Periodically, a special topic or issue related to Christian counseling is made the focus of in-depth analysis. Past courses include:

CW 071 Marriage Principles

CW 072 Effective Parenting

CW 073 Premarital Counseling

CW 074 How to Change

CW 075 Family Counseling

CW 076 A Christian Perspective on Secular Psychology

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ED 010-019 Topics in Children's Work

These courses provide an introduction to working with young people—children only or children and teens—in the local church. Past offerings include:

- ED 010 Christian Education for Children 1**
- ED 011 Christian Education for Children 2**
- ED 012 Tools for Children's Ministry**
- ED 013 Children's Church**
- ED 014 Teaching Truth to Children & Teens**

ED 030 Teaching the Scriptures: Exposition

This course is designed for Christian workers. It emphasizes methods of teaching and lesson presentation for those who teach the Bible.

ED 040-049 Topics in Youth Work

These courses provide an introduction to working with teens in the local church. Methods for developing a youth ministry are discussed. Past offerings include:

- ED 040 Reaching & Teaching Teens**
- ED 041 Developing an Effective Youth Ministry**
- ED 042 Giving Teens a Sense of Mission**

MUSIC

MU 001 & 002 Group Music Lessons 1 & 2

The workshop format of this class is designed to enable each student in the group, whatever his/her skill level and experience, to progress in his/her understanding of and ability to perform on the instrument of his/her choice.

MU 003–009 Group Voice Lessons 1 and above

Principles of vocal performance will be discussed and practiced.

MU 010 Music Appreciation

Basic principles of music are examined and explained. Discussions are supplemented with listening examples and exercises that focus on each principle. Both superior classical compositions and sacred music are analyzed.

MU 030 Music Fundamentals

This course is designed for students who have little or no prior musical training. The basic elements of music are identified and described. Students practice rudimentary musical skills.

MU 031 Music Theory 1

Students with varying levels of musical knowledge and ability begin at a level that is comfortable for them. Music fundamentals, including note-reading, keys, scales, and rhythmic and simple melodic dictation, are presented, as are listening techniques intended to further the appreciation of good music.

MU 032+ Music Theory 2 and above

Prerequisite: **MU 031 Music Theory 1**

The student may elect to take a second semester of music theory for credit. local church music director are studied.

SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

*Required Courses*¹

SL 110 Beginning Basic Sign Language (2 course credits)

Students learn and practice the alphabet, finger-spelling, word signs, concept signs, facial expressions, and other elements of A.S.L. sign language for the deaf.

SL 120 Continuing Basic Sign Language (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: SL 110 Beginning Basic Sign Language or equivalent

Students continue to learn and practice the alphabet, finger-spelling, word signs, concept signs, facial expressions, and other elements of sign language for the deaf.

SL 131 Conversational Sign Language 1 (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: SL 120 Continuing Basic Sign Language or equivalent

Students add to their sign language vocabulary and develop skills in conversing with the deaf.

SL 132 CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE 2 (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: SL 131 CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE 1 or equivalent

Students continue to add to their sign language vocabulary and develop skills in conversing with the deaf.

SL 141 Church Signing 1 (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: SL 120 Continuing Basic Sign Language or equivalent

Students learn to interpret both Bible verses and related concepts and church vocal music by expanding their sign language vocabularies, exploring grammar and syntax of sign language systems, and applying their knowledge. The first semester focuses on vocabulary.

SL 142 Church Signing 2 (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: SL 141 Church Signing 1 or equivalent

Students learn to interpret both Bible verses and related concepts and church vocal music by expanding their sign language vocabularies, exploring grammar and syntax of sign language systems, and applying their knowledge. The second semester focuses on interpreting messages and songs.

¹ Students embarking on the Sign Language Certificate program before Fall 2005 must take only five of these six courses.

Elective Courses

SL 013 Fingerspelling (1 course credit)

Students develop greater proficiency in finger-spelling.

SL 014 Gospel Songs in ASL (1 course credit)

Students learn how to sign Gospel songs.

SL 015 Songs to Sign (ASL) (1 course credit)

Students develop greater proficiency converting songs into ASL for the deaf as they are applied in church settings.

SL 133 Conversational Sign Language 3 (1 course credit)

Prerequisite: **SL 132 Conversational Sign Language 2** or equivalent

Students continue to add to their sign language vocabulary and develop skills in conversing with the deaf.

SL 143 Church Signing 3 (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: **SL 142 Church Signing 2** or equivalent

Students learn to interpret both Bible verses and related concepts and church vocal music by expanding their sign language vocabularies, exploring grammar and syntax of sign language systems, and applying their knowledge. The second semester focuses on interpreting messages and songs.

SL 144 Church Signing 4 (2 course credits)

Prerequisite: **SL 143 Church Signing 3** or equivalent

Students learn to interpret both Bible verses and related concepts and church vocal music by expanding their sign language vocabularies, exploring grammar and syntax of sign language systems, and applying their knowledge. The second semester focuses on interpreting messages and songs.

BIBLICAL GREEK CERTIFICATE¹

GR 100 Continuing Biblical Greek

Prerequisite: Depends upon the topic to be covered

This course may cover a variety of topics, such as developing a better understanding of Greek and English grammar or translating a specific portion of Scripture. Since the subject matter varies each time it is offered, this course may be taken more than once.

GR 101 Biblical Greek 1

Students gain a working knowledge of the Greek alphabet, pronunciation, vocabulary, and diacritical marks. Grammar is not stressed.

GR 102 Biblical Greek 2

This course is a continuation of GR 101. Some Greek grammar will be introduced.

GR 103+ Biblical Greek 3 and above

These courses build upon GR 101 & 102. More advanced Greek grammar will be studied and translation skills will continue to be developed.

¹ Students embarking on the Biblical Greek Certificate program before Fall 2006 must take a minimum of ten course credits in Greek. Starting in Fall 2006, a minimum of twelve course credits in Greek must be taken for the certificate.

BIBLICAL HEBREW CERTIFICATE¹

HE 100 Continuing Biblical Hebrew

Prerequisite: Depends upon the topic to be covered

This course may cover a variety of topics, such as developing a better understanding of Hebrew and English grammar or translating a specific portion of Scripture. Since the subject matter varies each time it is offered, this course may be taken more than once.

HE 101 Biblical Hebrew 1

Students gain a working knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, pronunciation, vocabulary, and vowel pointing. Grammar is not stressed.

HE 102 Biblical Hebrew 2

This course is a continuation of HE 101. Some Hebrew grammar will be introduced.

HE 103+ Biblical Hebrew 3 and above

These courses build upon HE 101 & 102. Students learn additional vocabulary. Hebrew grammar will be discussed in more detail, and translation skills will be developed.

AR 201–203 Biblical Aramaic 1–3

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Advanced Biblical Hebrew

Students gain a working knowledge of the Biblical Aramaic and the ways in which it is similar to and different from Biblical Hebrew. Students will translate Biblical texts from Aramaic.

¹ Students embarking on the Biblical Hebrew Certificate program before Fall 2006 must take a minimum of ten course credits in Hebrew. Starting in Fall 2006, a minimum of twelve course credits in Hebrew must be taken for the certificate.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, and God-breathed. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

The One True and Living God

We believe that there is one God and only one, Who is self-existent, eternal, and infinite in every excellence; and Who has revealed Himself as FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST, the same in essence, though distinct in personality. Isaiah 45:21-22; Jeremiah 10:10; Exodus :14; Deuteronomy 6:4; John 1:1-3; Romans 9:5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Revelation 1:8; John 14:26, 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:11; Matthew 28:19

The Origin, Nature, and Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved, and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; Ephesians 2:2-3; Romans 5:12

We believe that God created man and woman in His own image as two distinct but equal genders and that He defined separate, interdependent roles for each. We further believe that the rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God and God's design for that person. Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19:4-5

We believe in the Biblical definition of marriage, which is the uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive and permanent relationship. Sexual intimacy belongs exclusively within the bonds of marriage, and any form of sexual immorality (adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and an offense to God. Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

The Savior

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross, as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is made sure by His literal physical resurrection from the dead. Romans 3:24-25; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-5

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 9:24, 7:25; Romans 8:23; 1 John 2:1-2

The Way of Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God, brought to men by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose blood was shed on Calvary's cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

The Future

We believe in the premillennial coming of Christ. Jesus Christ is to come again, judge the nations, and fill the earth with His glory and power. Matthew 24:25-51; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8; Revelation 1:7, 20:1-6