

Student Catalog

Macedonia
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Macedonia Theological Seminary Inc.



**President/Chancellor
Dr. James A. Gordon PhD.**

Notice

The information in this catalog is subject to change without notice and does not constitute a contract between any student and Macedonia Theological Seminary.

It is a privilege and not a right to be a student of Macedonia Theological Seminary. At any time, the Seminary may insist on the withdrawal of a student who does not conform to the standards or spirit of this institution.

Macedonia Theological Seminary has a non-discriminatory admissions policy. All applications are considered without regard to sex, race, national or ethnic origin.



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President's Address

The Philosophy of Macedonia Theological Seminary is to provide its students with training designed:

To impart the Revelation Knowledge of the Word of God, in a simple and a practical way, in order to enlighten and enrich the students spiritually; To impart the Anointing of the Holy Spirit, which is so vital and essential to fulfill the task of reaching the world with the Gospel; and to minister to the needs of the people with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Theoretical Contents of the Degree Courses offered by M.T.S adequately cover all the essential Biblical Doctrines and Principles, which would challenge and motivate the students to maintain the highest spiritual standards, both in their personal lives and in their ministry.

Our Lord has a wonderful plan for your life. The glory of that plan is that God will place people with experiences in your pathway that will insure the maximum fulfillment of your potential in obtaining His unique purpose for your life.

It is my conviction and firm belief that every prospective student of M.T.S, regardless of their background and calling, will find all the course materials provided by M.T.S in the curriculum of various degree programs relevant, meaningful, practical and challenging, in preparing them to serve the Lord.

Macedonia Theological Seminary Information

Brief History

The Macedonia Theological Seminary, Inc. was founded by Dr James A. Gordon, Pastor of Macedonia Cathedral Church of God in St. Albans, New York.

In the beginning the Seminary offered a 60 hour course “certificate of completion in Biblical studies” to its first six graduates and has since been certified and authorize by the New York State Board of Education, the American Association of Christian Therapists and Dayspring Christian University; to offer higher education programs.

Statement of Mission and Purpose

The mission of Macedonia Theological Seminary is to support the local church by providing Scriptural knowledge and practical training to better equip dedicated Christians to serve God and minister to the spiritual needs of others.

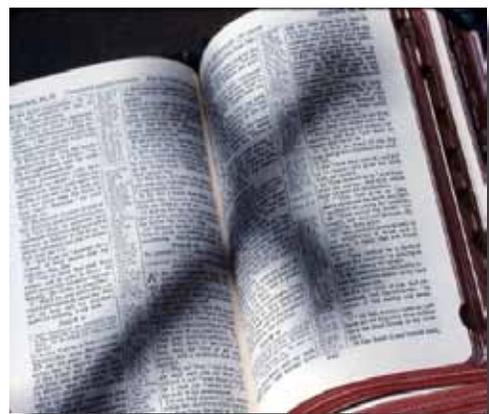
It is the purpose of Macedonia Theological Seminary to:

- (1) Provide a systematic and practical Bible education for any believer.
- (2) Help prepare believers for ministries through the local church. Areas of concentration include Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, Evangelism and Missions, Christian Education, and Christian Counseling.
- (3) Encourage and revitalize those currently in the ministry through an invigorating exposure to God’s Word.
- (4) Make a quality, Biblical education affordable and user-friendly for every off-campus student.
- (5) Grant degrees of recognition for achievement in various levels of Bible education.

As a MTS Graduate You Will Be:

1. A proven self-starter
2. A proven self-learner
3. Passionate about education
4. Passionate about the Bible
5. Grounded in Bible basics
6. Faithful steward with God’s money

In short, the MTS graduate will be equipped to serve the church, the Lord, His children, and His “soon-to-be” children.



General Information



Statement of Faith

1. **We believe** the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God and is the all sufficient rule in matters of faith and practice.
2. **We believe** in the historical accuracy of all Biblical accounts including: special creation as it occurred during six literal days, the existence of Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all people, the fall and resultant divine curse on creation, and the worldwide flood.
3. **We believe** in the triune God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-eternal and co-equal from all eternity, each with distinct personalities but of one essence. God is sovereign, unchangeable and perfect in all His attributes. He is worthy of honor, adoration, and obedience.
4. **We believe** Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born miraculously of a virgin, sinless in His humanity, and complete in His deity as the second person in the Trinity. His suffering and literal death was a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of the world. He was buried and rose again bodily and ascended into heaven.
5. **We believe** that man is totally depraved and salvation from the eternal penalty of sin is provided solely by the grace of God through personal faith in His person and work.
6. **We believe** in the personal work of the Holy Spirit which includes conviction of sin, regeneration of sinners, and indwelling believers.
7. **We believe** that Satan is a fallen angel, the archenemy of God and man, the unholy god of this world, for whom the place of eternal punishment was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ shall be confined in conscious torment for eternity.
8. **We believe** in the bodily return of Christ to establish His literal eternal Kingdom.



Philosophy of Education

It is the purpose of Macedonia Theological Seminary to contribute to the development of our students in the areas of Christian character, academic skills, subject mastery, Biblical understanding, and practical wisdom.

We believe that Christian character and practical wisdom are best achieved through a cooperative effort with the local church. Academic skills and subject mastery are accomplished through clear explanation and responsive repetition, such as that found in our workbooks. There is no beneficial understanding apart from a Biblical understanding (Eph. 4:17-24). All of our curriculum is written from a Biblical viewpoint.

We firmly believe that conclusions about life and reality must be based on the Word of God above all other experience and research.

We believe study methods should be individualized: ([You] study to show thyself approved...), and if at all possible, directed by the pastor/teacher (II Tim 2:15; 2).

We believe the product of higher education should be a Christian servant, skilled in the Word of God, trained in an area of service, and able to effectively use his education to the glory of God.

Overview of Distance Learning



 **Course textbooks and workbooks** are delivered directly to the student who studies independently and at his/her own pace. Each course consists of one or more textbooks and a workbook coupled with the KJV Bible. Courses are *reading*-based, *not lecture*-based. Students love the courses!

No mandatory or fixed class times requiring your presence. Self-paced, self-directed!

 **Course Ordering**—Students may order online from our Seminary, by phone, by mail, or by fax. Students order courses as they are ready for them; learning is self-paced. Courses are affordably priced!

 **Course Delivery**—(via postal or e-mail) directly to the student who studies independently and at their own pace. When finished with the course, the student returns their workbook for grading. Each course consists of one or more textbooks and a workbook.

 **Student Communications**—We excel in our student communications by phone, internet websites, e-mail and postal mail.

 **Course Assessment**—No Tests! Student learning is assessed via workbooks turned in for grading. Students are *not* required to participate in online discussion forums!

e-Courses—Many undergraduate courses are also offered as interactive PDF's. The student downloads a coursebook and completes it on a computer.

Faculty

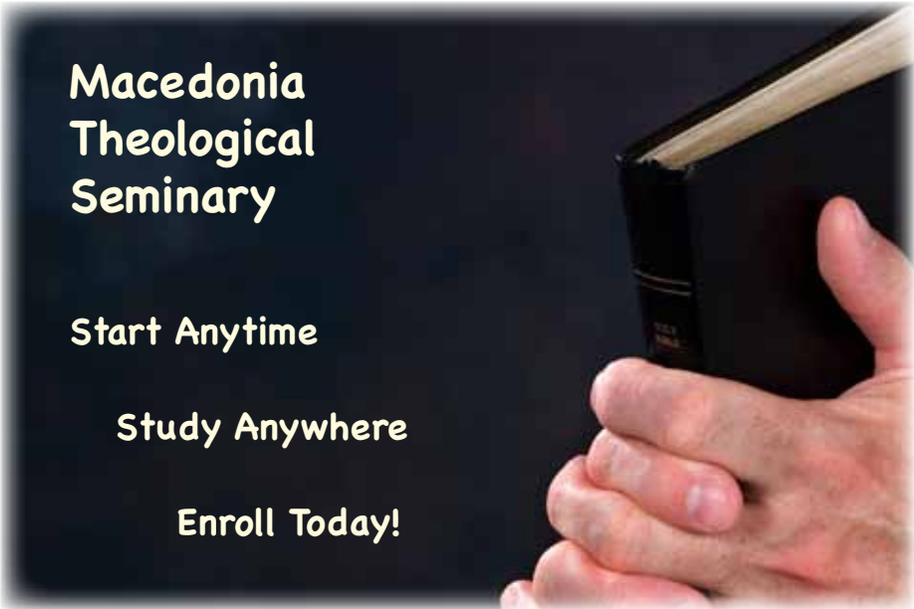
These courses are self-directed, correspondence studies and as such do not employ professors. The student is provided with curriculum-based learning rather than professor-based classroom teaching. Our courses are selected under the direction of Dr. James A. Gordon, President of Macedonia Theological Seminary.

Our primary teacher is the Holy Spirit!

The Bible informs us that the Holy Spirit is our Teacher and that He dwells within the born-again Believer. This is why we require a profession of faith by all Macedonia Theological Seminary students. The Bible teaches us that the 'natural' man will not understand the Truth of the Bible (see 1 Cor. 2:12-14).

Course Competence

Every course requires the use of the best book of all—the Bible (KJV). No other textbook or reference book approaches the depth and richness of the Bible. Much of the student's learning requires research and reading of the Bible. The included resource books are written by notable Christian scholars and preachers, and are squarely based on the Bible—not human reasoning.



Macedonia
Theological
Seminary

Start Anytime

Study Anywhere

Enroll Today!

Benefits of Study with MTS Distance Learning Programs

1. Self-directed study permits flexibility in your schedule; allowing you to continue your education without interrupting your present responsibilities. These courses are especially designed for the mature person whose responsibilities will not permit full-time on-campus study.

2. Helps you to be more effective in the Lord's work by giving you more than 'head knowledge'; instead equipping you with knowledge and purpose.

3. This ministry makes a Christian education affordable. Students may set their own payment plan. No student loans or grants are required to get your degree!

4. The KJV Bible is our central textbook. This curriculum constantly leads to extensive use of God's Word.

5. Measurable progress is seen as you study only God's truth. *A two-credit course may be completed every 2-4 weeks.* Human reasonings outside the truth of the Bible are not taught here.

6. Credit for college-level life and ministry experience is available at the Bachelor degree level.

7. Our program is tailored to meet your individual needs. Advisors are available to personally assist and guide you toward your goals in Christian service.

8. The student is given step-by-step, achievable objectives leading toward a well-rounded and relevant study of the Bible applied to our lives in today's world.

9. Students from other schools may transfer in and finish their degrees...or earn advanced degrees.

10. Each course promotes spiritual growth, builds character, strengthens your home and church, and offers preparation for a Christian ministry.

Visit
www.macthseminary.org

Course Assistance Available As Needed

When difficulties or questions are encountered regarding a course, a student may get assistance by contacting Macedonia Theological Seminary. Due to our work load, students need to give a description of their problem by email or to the office Administrator by phone. An Academic Advisor will respond (usually within 24 hours) by email or phone.

Who Should Enroll?

Anyone who desires a greater knowledge and understanding of God's Word, who seeks to continue education, and prepare for more effective Christian service can benefit as a MTS student.

These courses equip the student to serve as:

1. Pastor, evangelist, missionary, youth minister, church staff member.
2. Christian school administrator or teacher.
3. Dynamic leader in a local church.
4. Military personnel desiring to become more effective in Christian service.
5. Counselor, serving in a church ministry.
6. Believer desiring personal enrichment through challenging Christian studies.

A Macedonia Theological Seminary degree will equip you to serve the Lord in whatever way He has called you. We give you much more than "head knowledge."



Admission Policies & Procedures

All students must be Bible-believing Christians who have demonstrated a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Undergraduate candidates must have a high school diploma or GED. Applicants into a Master's program are required to have a four-year Bachelor degree or equivalent with a GPA of 2.5 or better. Doctoral candidates must have a M. A. or equivalent with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Statement of Faith & Commitment to Personal Holiness

Students must indicate that they agree with our doctrinal position, and that they agree to strive for personal holiness and separation from worldly living. This includes making a diligent effort to pray and to read God's Word daily, to faithfully attend a Bible believing church and to honor the Lord by abstaining from sinful acts.

Statement of Understanding

Applicants must signify that they understand that Macedonia Theological Seminary is a religious school. Credits are not guaranteed to be accepted by secular or state-run programs.

Transfer Students

Evaluation of transfer credits will be made from official transcripts after the student has been accepted for admission. Students from schools of higher learning will receive full credit for equivalent courses in which he/she made "C" or better, if the content of the courses meet requirements for the student's program. The maximum number of *transfer* credits for each degree program is as follows:

Bachelor-90 credits Master-15 credits D.Min.-18 credits

Equivalency Exam

Students with vocational Christian experience are invited to take the Macedonia Theological Seminary Equivalency Exam. This test offers credit based upon knowledge gained through years of Bible study and academic learning. A maximum of one-fourth of a student's Bachelor degree requirements may be earned in this manner. There is no charge for credits awarded as a result of the Equivalency Exam, except for the initial \$85 testing fee. (EE credit is only available to Bachelor students.)

Life Experience and Ministry Evaluation (LEME)

A portfolio may be submitted to determine if any credit may be awarded for experience relating to a specific degree. Bachelor degree students interested in this opportunity should complete the Life Experience and Ministry Evaluation form. There is a \$40 charge for evaluating the portfolio, plus a fee of \$5 for each credit hour awarded in this manner. The form for the evaluation is provided free of charge. (LEME credit is only available to Bachelor students.)

Authorization and Accreditation

Accreditation/ Certification/Approval are a process by which a facility's services and operations are examined by a third-party accrediting agency to determine if applicable standards are met. Should the facility meet the accrediting agency's standards, the facility receives accredited status from the accrediting agency.

Macedonia Theological Seminary does not admit students for Federal Financial Aid, which requires accreditation from a regional accrediting agency to an agency recognized by the Federal Department of Education. The following list of Certification agencies affirms Macedonia Theological Seminary choice to maintain its religious freedoms and integrity of its Judeo-Christian heritage in offering of this program on the study of the Holy bible.

M.T.S Accredited by Trinity Theological Seminary, IARC, ST. Elias Graduate School, Washington DC, Alabama A&M University, Texas Board of Examiner, BOLM Bible School, D.A.T.C and JCCAE Foundation where the president and chancellor, Dr. James A. Gordon served on the Educational Advisory Board, and on the board of directors. Dr. Gordon is the Director for the Joint Commission on Chaplain Accreditation and Education in the New York Region. The M.T.S was approved and certified by the New York State Board of Education, the American Association of Christian Therapists and Dayspring Christian University; to offer higher education programs from Associates to doctoral programs (PhD).

The Macedonia Theological Seminary provides specialized courses in six week intervals on a variety of ministry subjects. Any person 18 years of age and older can register for School of Ministry courses.

Undergraduate Studies Degree Requirements



School of Ministerial Studies

Students are required to complete the minimum number of **courses** indicated in each category listed in their program. Each Associate degree program requires a total of 32 *courses* (64 credits). Courses must be ordered from the current “order form”. *All undergraduate courses offer two credits.* Unless instructed otherwise, students may choose their own course sequence.

Transfer credits, Equivalency exam and Ministry experience credits are **NOT** accepted toward an Associate degree at Macedonia Theological Seminary. *(These credits may only be applied to a Bachelor’s degree program).*

Associate of Biblical Studies

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	6 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	6 courses
New Testament	6 courses
Christian Education (CE 111 REQUIRED)	1 course
Church Ministries	1 course
Christian Counseling	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	3 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	4 courses

Associate of Christian Counseling

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament	5 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 431 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling	5 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Associate of Pastoral Studies

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament	5 courses
Pastoral Ministries (PM 121 REQUIRED)	4 courses
Christian Education (CE 111 REQUIRED)	1 course
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Associate of Evangelism & Missions

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament	5 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling	2 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	4 courses
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Undergraduate Studies Degree Requirements



School of Christian Education

Students are required to complete the minimum number of **courses** indicated in each category listed in their program. Each Associate degree program requires a total of 32 *courses* (64 credits). Courses must be ordered from the current “order form”. *All undergraduate courses offer two credits.* Unless instructed otherwise, students may choose their own course sequence.

Transfer credits, Equivalency exam and Ministry experience credits are **NOT** accepted toward an Associate degree at Macedonia Theological Seminary. *(These credits may only be applied to a Bachelor’s degree program).*

Associate of Arts in Christian Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament.....	5 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111 & 202 REQUIRED).....	5 courses
Christian Counseling.....	2 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Associate of Arts in Christian Early Childhood Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament.....	5 courses
Christian Education (CE 111, 116 & 202 REQ.)	5 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling.....	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Associate of Arts in Christian Elementary Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament.....	5 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 112 & 202 REQUIRED).....	5 courses
Christian Counseling.....	2 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Associate of Arts in Christian Secondary Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	5 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	5 courses
New Testament.....	5 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111 & 202 REQUIRED).....	5 courses
Christian Counseling.....	2 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions	1 course
Character Studies	2 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	1 course
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	1 course
Electives	3 courses

Undergraduate Studies Degree Requirements



School of Ministerial Studies

Students are required to complete the minimum number of **courses** indicated in each category listed in their program. Each Bachelor degree program requires a total of 64 *courses* (128 credits). Courses must be ordered from the current “order form”. *All undergraduate courses offer two credits.* Unless instructed otherwise, students may choose their own course sequence.

Bachelor of Biblical Studies

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	12 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	12 courses
New Testament.....	12 courses
Christian Education (CE 111 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Church Ministries.....	2 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 REQUIRED)...	2 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	3 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	9 courses

Bachelor of Christian Counseling

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 & 315 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament (NT 401 REQUIRED).....	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 431 REQUIRED).....	4 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	10 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 REQUIRED)...	3 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	3 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	5 courses

Bachelor of Pastoral Studies

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 205 & 314 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament (NT 401 & 402 REQUIRED)	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 431 REQUIRED).....	4 courses
Pastoral Ministries (PM 121 & 303 REQUIRED)...	6 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 & 311 REQUIRED) ...	4 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	4 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 REQUIRED)...	3 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	3 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	4 courses

Bachelor of Evangelism & Missions

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament.....	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 431 REQUIRED).....	4 courses
Pastoral Ministries (PM 303 REQUIRED).....	3 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	4 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 REQUIRED)...	6 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	3 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	5 courses

Undergraduate Studies Degree Requirements



School of Christian Education

Students are required to complete the minimum number of **courses** indicated in each category listed in their program. Each Bachelor degree program requires a total of 64 *courses* (128 credits). Courses must be ordered from the current “order form”. *All undergraduate courses offer two credits.* Unless instructed otherwise, students may choose their own course sequence.

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 & 315 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament.....	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 202, 221, 321 REQ.)	12 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 or 201 REQ.)....	2 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	4 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	5 courses

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Elementary Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 & 315 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament.....	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 112, 202, 323 REQ.)	12 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 or 201 REQ.)....	2 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	4 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	5 courses

Plus Practice Teaching (PR 422)

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Early Childhood Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 & 315 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament.....	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 116, 202, 215 REQ.)	12 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 or 201 REQ.)....	2 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	4 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	5 courses

Plus Practice Teaching (PR 422)

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Secondary Education

General Bible (GB 101 REQUIRED)	8 courses
Old Testament (OT 314 & 315 REQUIRED)	10 courses
New Testament.....	10 courses
Christian Ed. (CE 111, 202, 315 REQUIRED).....	12 courses
Church Ministries (CM 102 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling (CC 312 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Evangelism and Missions (EM 120 or 201 REQ.)....	2 courses
Character Studies	4 courses
Science (SC 208 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Social Studies (SS 351 REQUIRED)	4 courses
English	2 courses
Electives	5 courses

Plus Practice Teaching (PR 422)

Graduate Studies

Master Degree Requirements

Students must complete the minimum number of **courses** indicated in each category. Each Master degree program requires ten *courses* (30 credits), plus a Thesis (6 credits) for a total of 36 credits. (All graduate courses offer **three** credits).

Courses must be ordered from the current order form. Master-level students normally select courses numbered 500-600. Unless instructed otherwise, students may choose their own course sequence.

School of Ministerial Studies

Master of Biblical Studies

Old Testament (OT 501 REQUIRED)	3 courses
New Testament.....	3 courses
Theology (TH 511 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Electives	2 courses

Master of Pastoral Studies

Old Testament (OT 501 REQUIRED)	2 courses
New Testament.....	2 courses
Theology (TH 511 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Pastoral Ministries	2 courses
Electives (CE 601 REQUIRED)	2 courses

Master of Christian Counseling

Old Testament (OT 501 REQUIRED)	2 courses
New Testament.....	2 courses
Theology (TH 511 REQUIRED)	2 courses
Christian Counseling.....	2 courses
Electives (CE 601 REQUIRED)	2 courses

School of Christian Education

Master of Christian Education

Old Testament (OT 501 REQUIRED)	2 courses
New Testament.....	2 courses
Christian Education (CE 601 REQUIRED)	3 courses
Electives (TH 511 REQUIRED)	3 courses

Graduate Studies

Doctoral Degree Requirements

Students must complete the minimum number of **courses** indicated in each category. Each Doctoral degree program requires twelve *courses* (36 credits), plus a Dissertation (9 credits) for a total of 45 credits. (All graduate courses offer **three** credits).

Courses must be ordered from the current “order form”. Doctoral-level students normally select courses numbered 700-800. Unless instructed otherwise, students may choose their own course sequence.

School of Ministerial Studies

Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Studies

Old Testament (OT 701 REQUIRED)	3 courses
New Testament.....	3 courses
Theology	2 courses
Electives	4 courses

Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Studies

Old Testament (OT 701 REQUIRED)	3 courses
New Testament.....	3 courses
Pastoral Ministries	2 courses
Theology	2 courses
Electives	2 courses

Doctor of Ministry in Christian Counseling

Old Testament (OT 701 REQUIRED)	3 courses
New Testament.....	3 courses
Theology	2 courses
Christian Counseling	2 courses
Electives	2 courses

School of Christian Education

Doctor of Ministry in Christian Education

Old Testament (OT 701 REQUIRED)	3 courses
New Testament.....	3 courses
Theology	2 courses
Christian Education	2 courses
Electives	2 courses

Macedonia Theological Seminary School of the Bible

One Year and Two Year Diplomas

Do you want to study the Bible more deeply, but you are not interested in a degree?

Macedonia Theological Seminary Inc. offers a Bible Diploma. Successfully complete 12 courses and receive a Diploma from the MTS School of the Bible.

Macedonia Theological Seminary School of the Bible is one of Macedonia Theological Seminary Inc. schools that offers a diploma course to the student (not a degree track). The School of the Bible offers an exciting opportunity to increase your Bible knowledge and to improve your ministry!

Macedonia Theological Seminary School of the Bible was established for those of you who are not interested in pursuing a college degree at this time.

Vocational Ministry Certifications

Study to earn a certification and serve as a Pastor, Teacher, Elder, Deacon, Christian Counselor, Missionary or Evangelist.

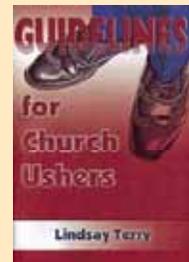
Macedonia Theological Seminary School of the Bible offers Vocational Ministry Certifications after completion of the educational requirements at Macedonia Theological Seminary School of the Bible. The certification can be the basis for ordination or licensing by your church or independent ministry.

Ideal for specialized chaplain ministry

This certification will demonstrate to the 'employing' ministry that the minister has studied to become an approved workman with a doctrinally sound school. These certifications start with a basic, conservative and fundamentally sound program.

Church Usher Certification

An usher can be one of the most valuable public relations representatives in your church. No one comes in personal contact with as many people. His Christlike manner and attitude can be a soul-winning aid. This program begins with the basics of being a good usher, then continues with the Biblical courses below that are designed to help develop the usher's character and spiritual leadership.



GB 101— Basic Bible Doctrine
GB 105—Humility
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UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*Each undergraduate course offers two credits, and is designed to be completed within 2-4 weeks.
The following course listings are for Associates and Bachelors studies.*

GENERAL BIBLE COURSES

GB 101—Basic Bible Doctrine

This course covers important Bible doctrines, including the attributes of God, the person and work of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit; and teachings regarding man, Satan, angels, the church, and end-time events. Added emphasis is placed on Christian living.

GB 105—Humility

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:6). The Lord desires to exalt you! And He will, after your natural pride is replaced with His supernatural humility. In this crucial course, Andrew Murray and others provide great insight from God’s word on the pivotal ingredient of true Christianity.

GB 125—The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, equal with the Father and with the Son in the Godhead. He is not an “it” nor an undefined “spirit just floating out there”. Believers are sealed and indwelt by the Spirit, sanctified with the Spirit, and filled with the Spirit. The student will enjoy this inspiring and balanced look at the attributes and work of the Third Person of the Godhead. Theodore Epp’s research is firmly grounded in Biblical truth.

GB 127—Christ’s Second Coming

“Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not” (Luke 12:40). There are more than 300 verses in the New Testament remind us that Jesus is coming again! The second coming of Jesus Christ is the blessed hope of every Christian. The certainty of the event has frequently been diminished or distorted. The event is unique to Christianity. The event gives a joy that is only available to believers and strikes fear in the hearts of non-believers. Few Bible subjects raise as many questions and speculations as the second coming of Christ. Lee Roberson, R.A. Torrey, Hugh Pyle and others give a careful, verse-by-verse exploration of this important and interesting topic.

GB 201—Surviving An Economic Meltdown

How can you survive today’s financial crisis? People are getting laid off, many are losing their homes, investments have gone up in smoke. Does the Bible have anything to say about this? This course is for anyone entangled (or about to be) in an economic meltdown. Know this: priceless treasure is within your reach. And with it, liberating joy. Discover a joy more precious than gold. Learn practical and spiritual strategies for you and your friends. Jesus has given us the treasure principle. Unearth it.

GB 202—Key Words of the Christian Life

This doctrinal word study based on the work of Warren Wiersbe covers such topics as justification, adoption, regeneration, propitiation, imputation, sanctification, reconciliation, redemption, intercession, mediation, predestination, and glorification. This course is designed to deepen the student’s walk with Christ.

GB 203— Heaven and Hell

Heaven is real; so is hell. And everyone will spend forever in one or the other. Therefore, it is vital that we learn what the Bible says about each of these eternal places. This knowledge can fuel our belief-system to help us answer mankind’s most compelling faith questions. Dr. John R. Rice, Curtis Hutson and others contribute to these crucial studies.

GB 205—Present Labor & Future Rewards

When will we be judged? How does God chasten believers? Is sickness a result of sin? What kind of rewards will believers receive? How can I be sure of receiving a Crown? This course answers questions like these, as well as others frequently asked about future judgment and preparation for it. Based on the research of Theodore H. Epp and Curtis Hutson.

GB 212—Christ Our Sufficiency

How is Christ our sufficiency? The word means adequate, enough. Evangelist Oliver B. Greene demonstrates that the Believer’s needs are fulfilled in Christ as Savior, Redeemer, Advocate, Great High Priest, Life, Lord, and Hope. He is our all in all. The Apostle Peter testifies, “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3). This course declares the full breadth of this foundational truth.

GB 222—Bible and Prayer

A rewarding study about prayer in the life of the believer. Includes 30 aspects of prayer such as: the purpose of prayer, the preparation for prayer, the power of prayer, private prayer, public prayer, and the perfect prayer.

GB 301—Bible Times and Customs

Knowing Oriental manners and customs is basic to understanding the Bible. This course deals with subjects such as customs at mealtime, education of youth, trades and professions, customs regarding marriage and property, along with many more.

GB 311—Eternal Security

Can salvation be lost or is it truly eternal? This course provides the believer with comprehensive Biblical teaching on such issues as assurance, doubts, the “unpardonable sin”, “grace vs. works” and more. Charles Stanley and Curtis Hutson lay out the teaching that could revolutionize the joy of your faith. A Biblical understanding of this topic will give the minister a powerful evangelistic and disciple-making tool.

GB 321 — Bible Places

Everything has to happen somewhere. That’s why places are important. Bible places are where God often touched the lives of Bible people. Bible places are the historical and geographical link to the truth of God’s Word. In this course, we will use the research of Woodrow Kroll and others to explore more than 125 of the thousands of places in the Bible.

GB 403—America in Bible Prophecy

What does the Bible tell us about the role of the United States in the end times? In this course, Mark Hitchcock addresses the hottest questions on America in Bible prophecy.

GB 405—Christian Warfare

The Christian life is a warfare, not a picnic. We are called to be soldiers, and this course identifies our enemies, shows how we should fight, and describes the conditions for victory. Authors and prayer warriors E.M. Bounds, J.Vernon McGee, and Roy C. Putnam share Biblical teachings on the Christian's most potent weapon—prayer.

GB 411—God's Wonderful Promises

A valuable study of God's promises for personal strength, daily provisions, Divine protection, and inner peace. This course also utilizes *The Bible Promise Book* which contains more than 1,000 promises from the Bible.

GB 412—God's Presence in Your Life

The presence of God in the life of believers gives full access to the power of God for our lives. Christians are to be temples of the living God. In this course, Adrian Rogers explains how Christians can make this truth a living reality and start to fully enjoy the sweetness of their salvation.

GB 415—Listening to God

God wants to communicate with us! But often the clamor of many other voices leave us confused and frustrated. In this practical course, Dr. Charles Stanley shows us what the Bible says about how to distinguish God's voice from the others. Your relationship and attitude to God can be free from distortion. Learn to listen to the God who wants to speak to you.

OLD TESTAMENT

OT 101-105—Old Testament Survey I - V

These five courses survey the content, history and customs of the Old Testament. Many Christians wrongly believe that the Old Testament contains nothing relevant for today. It is almost treated as a separate document that is ignored or treated as a dead history. In truth, the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said that He came not to abolish the OT but to fulfill it. Bible students must know the OT to fully understand the New Testament.

OT 203—Book of Ruth

J.Vernon McGee leads this study on the Romance of Redemption. Is there any more memorable statement of faith than Ruth's "...thy people shall be my people, and thy God shall be my God."? This woman of faith lost her husband and came out of the idolatrous land of Moab only to be remarried to Boaz. We have much to learn from this ancestor in the line of Jesus our Lord. Redemption is only possible through a Kinsman-Redeemer. The student will gain a fuller appreciation of our Redeemer—Jesus.

OT 205—Nehemiah

Have you known people who are able to "make a difference" even in the most difficult situations? Nehemiah was that kind of person. He was a layman called by God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. In spite of opposition he stayed on the job and finished the work.

God is continuously looking for "Nehemiahs"—people with vision, courage, and faith. Our Father uses men and women who see possibilities and believe that God can use them. In this Bible study, Warren W. Wiersbe will inspire the student to be determined in life's tough situations. Pick up your sword!

OT 207—Book of Esther

God's hand of providence and protection on behalf of His people is evident throughout the Book of Esther, though His name does not appear even once. In this study, J. Vernon McGee helps us understand some of the riches and valuable lessons from this great story.

OT 213—Christ in the Tabernacle

Theodore Epp reveals how Christ is portrayed in every aspect of the tabernacle God commanded Moses to build. This will allow the student to understand not only the rich symbolism of this structure but also its relevance to our personal worship of God through Christ.

OT 311—Psalms, Course I

The book of Psalms is the very heartbeat of God's Word. The Book of Psalms shows us the truth about sorrow, love, grief, peace, fear, doubt, hope, cares, faith, worries, and stress. The student's appreciation of Psalms will abound even before finishing this course on the first 72 Psalms.

OT 314—Psalm 23

Shepherd Phillip Keller shares his insights into the life and character of sheep—and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. This course is sure to open the student's understanding of Psalm 23 like never before. Oliver B. Greene and Robert S. Peterson round out the instruction in this much appreciated course.

OT 315—Proverbs

"Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experience." This is one of the many profound insights J.Vernon McGee offers in his commentary on the book of Proverbs. During this study you will gain the tools of interpretation needed to dig out the spiritual treasures of God's wisdom found in Proverbs. The diligent student is given a promise from God to understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

OT 401—Study of Daniel

In this course, Warren Wiersbe helps us to learn valuable lessons from the Book of Daniel, such as the joy of building godly character in the difficulties of life, how to overcome the "world", the importance of daily discipline in the Bible and prayer, and how to be a "transformer" rather than a conformer.

OT 404—Ecclesiastes

Using your Bible, along with commentary by Warren Wiersbe and others, the study of this Old Testament book provides an inspired road map that guides you through the puzzles and problems of living and shows you the source for satisfaction that God first revealed to Solomon.

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Wiersbe's fascinating study of 1 Samuel examines how being a follower after the Lord's own heart made David a true success. The powerful narrative of 1 Samuel helps us to understand how character and greatness is developed.

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NEW TESTAMENT

NT 131—Gospel of Mark

J.Vernon McGee is quoted as saying, “There is probably more content in the first chapter of Mark than any other chapter in the Bible.” Mark reveals that in spite of Jesus’ busy life, He took time to pray. This verse by verse, chapter by chapter exploration spans Mark’s recounting of the prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi through John the Baptist ending with the Resurrection of Jesus. Have you studied this Gospel?

NT 133—Jesus, The Vine

Are you ready to break through to the abundant life? Do you want to experience the joy of making maximum impact for God? The key is found in learning to abide in Jesus, the True Vine. This study from John 15:1-16 explores the teaching of our Lord on the vine and the branches. Discover the fullness of God’s merciful lovingkindness and the blessings of a fruitful life through timeless truths presented by Bruce Wilkinson and Andrew Murray.

NT 205—Christ’s Words from the Cross

This unique and rewarding study discusses the seven sayings Christ spoke while on the Cross. This course is based on the research of Russell Bradley Jones and Warren W. Wiersbe.

NT 211—I Corinthians

The study of this New Testament epistle will help believers discern the difference between man’s knowledge and God’s wisdom. In his commentary, Warren Wiersbe points out that Corinth was not much different from our world today; it was populous, proud, prosperous, philosophical and polluted. And the Corinthian church had its share of problems, but God in His wisdom had the answer...just as He does for us today!

NT 221—Revelation

A captivating study of future events as portrayed in the greatest book of prophecy including the rapture, great tribulation, millennium, Great White Throne Judgment and the new heaven and earth. In this course, J. Vernon McGee takes a pre-tribulation and premillennial viewpoint.

NT 304—I Peter

Using your Bible and commentary by Warren Wiersbe, the study of this New Testament book shows believers how to be hopeful and triumphant, no matter what trials we may face. We can prepare for the best of God’s blessings even if the world attempts to overwhelm us with fears and the worst of man’s hatred.

NT 311—Book of Hebrews

E. Schuyler English is quoted by J.Vernon McGee as saying, “The Epistle to the Hebrews, one of the most important books of the New Testament in that it contains some of the chief doctrines of the Christian faith, is, as well, a book of infinite logic and great beauty. To read it is to breathe the atmosphere of heaven itself. To study it is to partake of strong spiritual meat. To abide in its teachings is to be led from immaturity to maturity in the knowledge of Christian truth and of Christ Himself. It is to ‘go on unto perfection’.”

NT 312—Epistles of John & Jude

Using commentaries by J.Vernon McGee as the study guide, these four epistles combine to deliver a very rewarding course. The definitions of God, that He is Love, Light, and Life draw the student into a deeper understanding of our Father in heaven. The epistle of Jude anchors this study with his call to awareness of the coming apostasy.

NT 316—Colossians

The All-Sufficient Christ by Theodore Epp illuminates the spiritual truths that are packed into the book of Colossians. Often overlooked because it is relatively short, Colossians demonstrates that Christ is all a Believer needs. This course refutes false teaching and shows the Christian how to live based on sound doctrine. The student will gain a greater realization of what the Bible means when it says, “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col 1.27).

NT 401—Book of Philippians

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” is Paul’s fully surrendered statement of faith. Is it yours? Theodore Epp and J. Vernon McGee discuss how Christ is preeminent in all things and how we can see Him as our life, our mind, our goal and our strength. Philippians deals with the philosophy, pattern, prize, and power for Christian living. The Christian will benefit tremendously from this study.

NT 402—Seven Churches of Revelation

In addition to the historical significance, this study includes Vance Havner’s hard-hitting Revival Messages from God’s letters to the seven churches.

NT 405—Pastoral Epistles

In this study of 1-2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon, Warren Wiersbe emphasizes that nothing takes the place of faithfulness. The greatest ability you can have is dependability. This course will help you understand a local church's ministry and encourage you to be faithful to the Word, to your tasks and to other people.

NT 406—1 & 2 Thessalonians

In this course, Warren W. Wiersbe shows how a study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians provides both prophetic and practical lessons. The focus in these books is not on what the return of Jesus Christ will mean to us in the future. Rather, it is on how this subject can be a dynamic in our lives and in the ministry of our churches today.

NT 408—Book of Romans

Understanding the Book of Romans can give a key to understanding the rest of the Bible. It can also provide the key to successful Christian living. In this course, Warren W. Wiersbe introduces you to the main message of this great epistle, and how it applies to your life today.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

BL 121—Intro. to Greek Word Studies

Why study Greek? The purpose of this course is to show the riches of the Greek New Testament and to provide spiritual food and help to those who study the Bible. This study demonstrates that we can discover richer meaning in Scripture from the Greek language.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE 111—Character Development

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, "Your character is what God knows you to be; your reputation is what men think you are." Abraham Lincoln put it this way: "Character is like a tree and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." This dynamic study concentrates on the Biblical attributes, attitudes, and actions of a maturing Christian; and how one may obtain them.

CE 112—Introduction to Elementary Education

A useful course in lesson planning, classroom management, discipline, room arrangement, and student motivation. Attention is given to student needs, slow learners, and interpersonal relationships.

CE 116—Intro. to Early Childhood Education

An overview of the philosophies, content and methods for training preschool and kindergarten children. Learn techniques of teaching through the use of story, pictures, art materials, music, blocks, and more. This course is a tool to help you complete your stewardship as a teacher of young children.

CE 121—5 Love Languages of Children

Kids desperately need to know how much you love them. But if you don't know their special "love languages," you might as well be speaking gibberish. Useful guidance for parents and teachers on how to help meet the deepest emotional needs of children. Discover how to express unconditional feelings of respect, affection and commitment that will resonate in their souls - and inspire them for the rest of their lives. Based on the best-selling work by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell.

CE 205—Controversial Truths

Jesus Christ, the Holy Bible, and religion are openly, and hotly debated in the public square today. Everyone has their own version of truth and faith. What is truth? What can today's Christian believe? Dr. Robert Jeffress walks you through seven foundational, but controversial doctrines of the Bible. This course will feed your soul. Your confidence in God will increase. The lessons learned will return the joy of your faith as you become comfortable with God's absolute truth. The coming days will continue to see an increase in spiritual teaching. Know what is truth and what is false.

CE 212—Sunday School Growth

Some of America's largest churches were built through their Sunday School program! Another shocker: Sunday School is not just for children. This course contains big ideas for a better Sunday School. Dr.'s Clarence Sexton, Lee Roberson, J.R. Faulkner and others contribute to the 40 principles presented in this course. These ideas will help you build an evangelistic Sunday School in the local church.

CE 215—Teaching Preschoolers

This study is a must for every teacher involved in the ministry of weekday early education. Excellent instruction and practical helps to assist the teacher in shaping a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The textbook is written by a team of eight experienced teachers. How important is your influence as a preschool teacher? The preschool teacher is in a unique position to significantly impact the lives of young children and their families.

CE 221—Laws of Teaching and Learning

This course is designed for every parent, teacher, pastor, leader, coach, or mentor. This course outlines seven proven, easy-to-grasp principles developed by Dr. Howard Hendricks. Learn to teach with power and passion. Teaching techniques aimed at changing lives.

CE 312—Teaching Elementary Language Arts

This valuable course offers practical help for teaching all aspects of the language arts to young students in Christian schools. It shows the teacher how to help each student cultivate skills in the areas of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, reading, literature, poetry, writing and penmanship. This course uses the *Language Arts Handbook for Christian School Teachers* by Michelle Lea Bullock.

CE 315—Love Languages for Teenagers

In this course, Dr. Gary Chapman gives new insights into how and why teens need to be loved differently than preteens and other age groups. Discover how to identify—and fluently speak—your teenager's primary love language: quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, physical touch or acts of service. Learn what's at the root of teen misbehavior—and what you can do about it. This course provides valuable help for parents, teachers and anyone else who works with teenagers.

CE 321—Christ, the Teacher

In every respect Jesus was the ideal teacher. He presented unique teaching that caused people to recognize something was different. This course delivers an analytical study of teaching techniques used by Jesus. Learn how Jesus used the lecture method, how He captured interest, used illustrations and paradoxes, even asking questions, making commendations and rebukes, that produced disciples.

CE 323—Teaching Methods (Elementary Ed.)

A good teacher understands the teaching-learning process. There are many ways to guide children to learn. Willingness to learn new methods, new ways to guide learning, even dust-off classic methods is a characteristic shared by good teachers. This course provides guidelines for effective use of materials and methods in communicating knowledge and skills to children.

CE 401—Learning Styles

Effective teaching begins with knowing the student's learning style. Once understood, parents and teachers can become far more effective in helping children grasp confusing concepts, stay interested in lessons, and utilize their strengths. Study the five learning styles: how the mind works, ideal study environments, strategies for remembering, learning and study skills, and areas of intelligence.

CE 402—Administrative Priorities

Focusing on leadership strategies that have emerged from a Biblical philosophy of administration, this course will serve as a guide for the day-to-day management of the Christian school.

CE 431—Family Financial Management

Based on the research of Larry Burkett, this practical course deals with Biblical principles of managing money in the home. Attention is given to the proper attitude toward finances, the church and money, insurance and investing, borrowing and lending, and business ethics.

Education Students

PR 422—Practice Teaching

Education students are responsible for securing a 6-week practice teaching opportunity. Seminary advisors will offer assistance as needed. Comprehensive evaluation forms must be completed by a supervising teacher and returned to MTS.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

PM 111—Following God's Will

This course begins with an examination of John MacArthur's short classic, *Found—God's Will*, on how to discover the direction and purpose God has for your life. It then continues with Paul Chappell's discussion of seven Biblical keys for staying on "*The Right Path*" in your life and ministry.

PM 221—Sermon Preparation

Preaching is the proclamation of the Good News of salvation; the very truth of God through man to men. The preacher is separated by God for the specific work of preaching the Gospel. Every message the preacher delivers ought to be stamped with his own personality and expressed in his own way. Take this close examination of expository preaching with emphasis on the preparation, process, and organization needed to prepare effective sermons.

PM 302—Mastering Pastoral Counseling

There is likely no stickier area of pastoral ministry than counseling. Traps abound. Mistakes will be made. The counseling pastor is in great demand today. How can a devoted pastor combine Biblical teaching with the counseling touch? Archibald D. Hart, Gary L. Gulbranson, and Jim Smith combine decades of experience in pastoral counseling to give the student of a wealth of godly wisdom. "*The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever...*" (Psalm 33:11).

PM 303—Power for God's Work

Based on works by Charles Stanley, D. L. Moody and others, this course will challenge Christian workers to a life and ministry with the power of the Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Holy Spirit will bring joy, peace and victory within the life of any believers, and will also empower Christian workers to successfully reach and teach others for our Lord.

PM 401 & 402—Pastoral Leadership

{Two-course set} Criswell's Guidebook for Pastors is the basis for this comprehensive look into many facets of the pastor's ministry from an experienced pastor. Dr. Criswell deals with wide areas of concern including the pastor's role in Christ's plan, the preaching and study duties of the pastor, the pastor in relationships, administration and his personal life, and such pastoral duties as weddings, funerals, counseling, and pastoral do's and don'ts.

PM 411—Expository Preaching

An investigation of the development and delivery of expository messages. Authoritative preaching is much needed in this age of multimedia presentations, social action appeals, and experiential worship services. Modern techniques can enhance communication but they can also substitute for the message. Today's preacher competes with many sources of information for the hearts and attention of their church members. It has likely never been more important for the preacher to improve their skill at delivering God's message.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

CM 101—Spiritual Leadership

God's church has never had a greater need for divinely-empowered leaders! These classic studies by Oswald Sanders and R.A. Torrey are recognized by many of today's Christian leaders as the foremost works on this subject. They plainly convey how spiritual leaders may obtain God's wisdom and power to serve Him effectively.

CM 102—Your Calling, Passion & Purpose

How are you? Christian motivational author Zig Ziglar would answer, "Better than good!" Learn the three "P's" of an inspired life: Passion, Peak-performance, Purpose. You have a call. Are you willing to hear it? Making life count is not so much about what you do as how you do it. And why. Equipped ministers know their spiritual purpose in life and God's calling on their life. They understand for Whom they live and breathe. It's time to get motivated for these last days. Endurance and perseverance will follow. Clear your mind of failure-prone thinking. Redefine your understanding of success and walk in victory.

CM 201—Children's Ministries

Creative resources to better equip any teacher who works with children in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Children's Church, or kid's club ministry.

CM 203—Jail Ministry

More than one in every 100 American adults is in jail or prison. With more than 2.3 million people behind bars they represent a large and captive population for ministry. Covering various aspects of ministering to inmates in prison or jail this course includes preparation, do's and don'ts, types of ministries, reaching the correctional officers, and involving others. Jail ministry is often the catalyst for church growth. Are you called inside to free the captives? Find out.

CM 243—Nursing Home Ministry

The nursing home minister faces more hurdles in administering God's grace than ever before. With the implementation of HIPPA laws and the employment of non-Christian staff, the minister must do battle just to get permission to enter! Once admitted, the minister will want to be thoroughly equipped. This course is an in-depth study on effective ministry to the elderly who are residing in nursing homes.

CM 301—Effective Women's Ministries

In this course, Jill Briscoe, Laurie Katz McIntyre and Beth Severson share tips and techniques for establishing groups and programs that meet the needs of today's women. The book shows how to develop programs that are specifically tailored to your church and your community.

CM 303—Church Management

Faith, Theology, and Calling are assumed necessities for a pastor. However, pastoral effectiveness is often hampered by inferior skills in church management. In this course, pastors Don Cousins, Leith Anderson, and Arthur DKruyter share decades of experience—victories and mistakes—that will help the Christian leader who desires to master church management. “And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.” Ex 18:20

CM 305—Sunday School Administration

A wealth of practical ideas on how to successfully operate a local church Sunday school program for all ages. Based on the classic work by the late Dr. Jack Hyles, the student will glean practical help for all phases of this ministry.

CM 308—Church Music Ministry

Music ministry goes beyond musical ability. Philosophy, policies and practices should be created and followed. The purpose of music ministry is to bring honor to Christ, not simply entertain or lead songs. In this course Lindsay Terry offers practical ideas, methods and plans to help church leaders in every area of a music ministry. Music is the universal language of mankind and God is the author. Man is to praise God in song.

CM 311—Business Management in Local Church

Christ established the church, He died for it, and He promised us that the very gates of hell could not conquer it. Secular society, on the other hand, has different ideas about the church. This course shows how sound management principles can ensure Godly stewardship within the local church. Among the topics discussed are Church and Law, Church Finances, Church Facilities, Church Personnel, Budgeting and Bookkeeping, Accounting and Taxes.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

CC 105—Overcoming Obstacles

Every believer has “giants” that need to be conquered in their lives. Dr. David Jeremiah challenges us to stand valiantly and seek God's power to slay these giants. This course weaves gripping, real-life stories of contemporary giant slayers who came face-to-face with their own Goliaths: temptation, doubt, procrastination, and jealousy. In each, you will discover afresh the eternal unwavering promise of God to overcome those giants.

CC 114—The Five Love Languages

In this course, Dr. Gary Chapman discusses five languages that married couples can use to express heartfelt communication to their mates—and how to learn which of these languages your mate will best understand. Incredible insight from Scripture that can help your own marriage and that of any couple you counsel.

CC 201—Principles of Spiritual Growth

The aim of this course is to carefully bring out important principles of spiritual growth. The student will learn how to build upon a sound Biblical foundation in Christ. Being filled with the Holy Spirit: What it is, What it is not, What it will do for you, How you may have it. You'll be inspired by this practical study of various aspects of the Christian life by outstanding servants of God, such as Miles Stanford, E.J. Daniels, and others.

CC 203—Success God's Way

Can success and a godly life truly be reconciled? Yes! God desires for His people to be successful and He is committed to helping His people become successful. True principles of success are only those based upon God's Word. Dr. Charles Stanley discusses Biblical truths for achieving true contentment and purpose in life.

CC 225—The Gift of Forgiveness

In this course Dr. Charles Stanley shares the specifics of how to receive God's forgiveness, and addresses such issues as how to practice a life of forgiveness in terms of relationships and how to make forgiveness an ongoing, practical experience. Helping others deal with unforgiveness and bitterness is one of the most important tasks Christian counselors face today.

CC 311—Counseling the Bereaved

“Ministering to the grief of those left behind following the death of a loved one is never an easy task. Our world is growing more complicated, the challenges are becoming greater, and the situations people face, more intense.” This practical course uses insight from Warren and David Wiersbe to provide a comprehensive and scriptural resource for pastors and church leaders who counsel people who mourn. It shows how to comfort people through the grieving process and how to minister in a wide variety of situations to those who are dealing with death.

CC 312—God's Strength for Life's Journey

What do you do with the bumps on the path of life? Climb on them. God doesn't remove the stones and straighten the path because the bumps are what you can climb on! If you are carrying emotional baggage, you'll need to set it down to climb. Else it will weigh you down with guilt, pain, and inner suffering. Emotional baggage becomes bondage. Jesus came to proclaim liberty to the captives and set at liberty those who are oppressed. Learn how to receive and use God's strength for the journey of life. Become equipped to guide others in their discovery of liberty in Christ. Dr. Charles Stanley and Warren Wiersbe divide the Biblical principles for this course.

CC 322—Marriage Counseling

A course designed to help counselors give good Biblical advice for couples having problems with their relationships. Emphasis is given to the goal of marriage, the meeting of personal needs, and the foundational building blocks for an enduring and successful marriage.

CC 401—Competence in Counseling

Can counseling that uses the secular principles of Freud or Rogerian methods be truly competent? No. Counseling can only be competent if Jesus is at the center of Biblically directed discussions. The Holy Spirit is the one who brings about change in the personality and behavior of the counselee. Learn of the nouthetic counseling approach as taught by Dr. Jay Adams. Christian counseling is dramatically different from secular counseling or psychiatry.

CC 402—Biblical View of Suicide

Presenting Scriptural answers for both the suicidal and for those suffering its aftermath, this course provides a useful resource for counseling with people who may be affected by this issue.

CC 405—Handling Adversity

This course is based on *How to Handle Adversity* by Charles Stanley. When troubles come, we usually ask why. But the more significant question is “How should I respond?” This course can help you personally and can provide a Biblical resource for you in counseling with others.

CC 411—The Biblical Family

A church can only be as strong as its homes. A nation’s future is largely determined by the present health of its homes. A healthy home is defined by its conformance to Biblical principles. Exactly what is a Biblical family? Dr. Raymond Barber and Charles Spurgeon give the student a timeless message of family as designed by God. Family is the basic unit of society. “...Not only a helpful course to build the student’s family...helps equip family counselors...” Spiritual parenting is parenting according to God’s principles and learned through diligent study of God’s Word. Isn’t it time we returned to that which worked so well in the past?

EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

EM 112—The New Birth

Did the Lord Jesus come to this world—suffer and die on the Cross, just to make people moral? Or did He come to do more than that? Today’s soul winner needs to be able to communicate what it means to be born again and what will follow. Can you give solid Biblical answers to questions on such topics as redemption, Christianity, the second blessing and suffering in the life of a believer? This course is based on classic sermons by Evangelist Oliver B. Greene, and can better equip the student to know how to “...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).

EM 120 — Personal Evangelism

George W. Truett said “the bringing of a soul to Jesus is the highest achievement possible to a human life.” Personal soul winning is the most exciting, the most fulfilling and the most rewarding work a Christian ever does. So why do so few Christians win souls to Christ? One reason may be that they do not know how. In this course R. A. Torrey and others provide valuable tools to show you how to become a dynamic witness for our Lord.

EM 201—Child Evangelism

Any Christian can lead a child to Christ! It is a unique opportunity given by the Holy Spirit. A little child can believe in Christ. Some say he can’t; Jesus says he can. It is easier to win a child than to win an adult. People saved while a child have a much greater chance of

a lifetime of service for the Lord. Discover effective ways to gently point children toward Christ and the salvation He offers.

EM 311—Biblical Basis of Missions

The Biblical basis of missions is much deeper than the Great Commission Bible verse. Matthew 29:18-19 is one of the most widely used church mission statements. But what of the actual involvement in missions by the church members? Does the Bible have more to teach about missions? Certainly. Dr. Robert Glover’s classic work gives attention to a wide range of missionary subjects ranging from intercessory prayer to world evangelism.

EM 312—Church Missions Program

A missions program is more than individuals going on mission trips and is more than a missions committee. The local church should have a well thought-out, detailed, planned strategy. Liberalism, materialism, humanism, inflation, and worldliness insidiously attempt to invade the local church. Strategy speaks of the planned use of armed strength in the time of war. Ours is a spiritual battle. This scope of study involves specific methodology of the church to aid missionaries and to advance the cause of Christ around the globe. Ready?

EM 401—Raising Support

Do these two words raise fear in your heart when you hear them? What if you are the one who needs to speak them? They shouldn’t. Support raising is actually people raising: The building of relationships resulting in prayer and financial support. This course topic is often viewed as the most important issue for missionaries. Learn practical guidelines for missionaries and mission organizations in raising necessary support to fulfill their calling. “Great help for deputation”.

EM 408—Practical Missionary Strategies

Biblical principles and common sense approach to the basic preparation for missionary service. This course deals with matters such as the call to mission work, choosing a mission board, family needs, discouragement, differences in countries and major problem areas of missionaries.

EM 411—Discipleship Training

A relevant study for training in discipleship. It includes an investigation of the early church, the process of making disciples, and the elements of leadership training. Special emphasis is also given to the problem of materialism in the life of modern Christians.

CHARACTER STUDIES

CS 301—The Apostles

Can you name all 12 Apostles? (Without looking!) More importantly, what do you know about the life and character of these men? Each one was specially chosen by Jesus. They ‘left all’ to follow Him. This group of men lived and ministered with Christ for three years. When Jesus ascended back to Heaven He left the ministry in their hands! This course opens up their lives as they actually were—the good and the bad. The student will likely see his own reflection in the lives of some of these Apostles.

CS 305—Elijah

“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months”, James 5:17. The prophet is studied in his strengths and his weaknesses, his enormous victories and his deep despair, his times of waiting and his moments of glory. Based on the work of F.B. Meyer.

CS 313—Life of Joseph

Imagine the thoughts of Joseph while at the bottom of the pit, serving as a slave, or residing in jail. “Why Lord? This doesn’t reflect the dream you gave me!” But God planned it for good. Even in trying circumstances, he could see God’s hand on his life. A practical study tracing the events, circumstances, and results in the life of Joseph. Special emphasis is given to Joseph as a type of Christ.

CS 402—Personalities around Paul

This tremendous course, based on the research of D. Edmond Hiebert, focuses on more than a hundred people who God used to influence the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul.

CS 414—Lessons from the Life of Job

“Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?”, the cries of Job. Like Job, we are seldom able to explain the purposes of our own suffering. James reminds us that we have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord - that He is very compassionate and merciful. Theodore Epp presents and exposition on the life of Job.

SCIENCE

SC 208—Bible and Science

Based on research by Henry Morris, this study covers the harmony between science and the Bible, the problem with the theory of evolution, the validity of the flood, Biblical archaeology, and scientific insights into prophecy.

SC 301-302—Physical Science I & II

SC 331-332—Biology I & II

The above courses introduce the student to various areas of science from a Christian viewpoint.

SC 408—The Battle for the Beginning

Based on John MacArthur’s book by the same title, this eye-opening course deals with creation, evolution and the Bible. It vividly shows how the very foundations of our faith depend on the literal truth of the first three chapters of Genesis.

SOCIAL STUDIES

SS 351—God in American History

Is America a Christian Nation? There is much discourse in the public square over this topic. What are the facts? A view of history that proves our American heritage is a Christian heritage. This course shows, based on extensive research, the close relationship between God and the founding and development of our country.

SS 352—Christian America

What if America were a Christian nation again? Does God care which party is in Office? Is it time for Christians to “take back our country”? Where do you sit on this debate? Certainly these are provocative questions for individual reflection or group discussion. We live in an over-heated political climate with values contrary to America’s Christian heritage. This subject is never far from any gathering’s conversation. D. James Kennedy challenges the student with this vibrant topic. “Bench-warmers” beware!

SS 353 & 354—U.S. Constitution, Courses I & II

Most adults will readily recognize that they have forgotten a lot of what they learned about the constitution in high school: And the need for a detailed study of the U.S. Constitution. This course begins with the origins and foundations of the Constitution, and spans the organization and administration of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; the meaning and application of the rest of the Constitution.

SS 405 — America’s Christian Heritage

“This is a Christian Nation.” That’s what the Supreme Court of the United States declared in 1892. From the very beginning, America’s heritage was built upon the principles of the Christian religion. And yet today’s secularists are rapidly dismantling this foundation, attempting to deny the very core of our national life. In this course, Gary DeMar sets the facts straight, providing solid proof that Christianity gave this country its life and character.

SS 415—Biographies of Christians

Great evangelists were called from their hour of deepest conviction of sin eventually to the “hallelujah” hours of conquests for Christ. You will meet nearly fifty giants of the faith converted from a variety of places such as the gold coast, the gutter, Sunday schools, sawdust trails, skid rows, even the sidewalk and brothels. You will walk with them through their stories of revival and preaching to multitudes.

SS 425—Church History (Baptist View)

A unique study of the fascinating men and women who lived and died standing for God’s truth in the development of His churches, from the days of Christ to the modern era.

SS 441-445—History of Civilization I - V

These five courses cover the origin and development of Western man and of his institutions, from the ancient Fertile Crescent to the Reformation.

ENGLISH

EN 131-135—College English I - V

These five courses cover the basics of English composition: grammar, parts of speech, punctuation, mechanics, spelling, sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Master Degree programs

Each graduate course offers three credits, and is designed to be completed within 3-6 weeks. In addition to the following, some subjects listed in the undergraduate section may be available for upgrade to a directed-study, graduate-level course.

Note: In addition to the books supplied with each course, most of the following Bible courses require the *King James Study Bible* (published by Nelson). This Bible is issued to most graduate students at the time of enrollment.

OLD TESTAMENT

OT 501—Joshua: Lessons in Faith & Leadership

Limitless Possibilities: Joshua 1:9. Joshua was one of the two spies who gave Moses a positive report to obey God. Eventually, Joshua was the one called by God to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land. How did this unlikely young man rise up to become Israel's first highly successful general? In this course, Theodore Epp and Henry Blackaby show the student how Joshua can help us to build victorious faith and dynamic leadership.

OT 503—Book of Daniel

A directed OT study that includes work by Warren Wiersbe and others. Wiersbe's commentary helps us to learn valuable lessons from the Book of Daniel, such as the joy of building godly character in the difficulties of life, how to overcome the "world", the importance of daily discipline in the Word of God and prayer, and how to be a "transformer" rather than a conformer.

OT 505—1 & 2 Samuel

I & II Samuel record the early history of Israel. Three themes are considered in this study; prayer, the rise of the kingdom, and the rise of the office of prophet. During this time in Israel's history we see a shift by God from moving through priests to sending His messages through prophets. God's chosen form of government is a kingdom ruled by a king. The coming millennial Kingdom is foreshadowed as we look for the soon-coming King of Kings, our Lord Jesus Christ. This course uses commentary by J. Vernon McGee.

OT 605—Ruth & Esther

A directed study using works by J. Vernon McGee and others. *The Romance of Redemption* (McGee) divulges the memorable statement by Ruth "...thy people shall be my people, and thy God shall be my God."? Redemption is only possible through a Kinsman-Redeemer. The student will gain a fuller appreciation of our Redeemer - Jesus Christ. God's hand of providence and protection on behalf of His people is evident throughout the Book of Esther, though His name does not appear even once.

OT 609—Proverbs

A directed OT study that includes work by J. Vernon McGee and others. "Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experience." This is one of the many profound insights J. Vernon McGee offers in his commentary on the book of Proverbs. During this study you will gain the tools of interpretation needed to dig out the spiritual treasures of God's wisdom found in Proverbs. The diligent student is given a promise from God to understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

OT 611—Directed Old Testament Study

For the student who would like to investigate an Old Testament subject in depth, or complete a special course dealing with an Old Testament book or character not covered by our regular curriculum.

NEW TESTAMENT

NT 505—Gospel of Luke

Dr. Luke's purpose of writing was to present a literary and historical account. Luke wrote to his countrymen, to the Greek mind, and to the intellectual community. This book resonates with today's culture which reveres their intellect and education above the gospel. This course uses teaching by J. Vernon McGee and the King James Study Bible. Luke presents Jesus as the perfect, divine Son of God, our great High Priest, touched with the feeling of our infirmities, able to extend help, mercy, and love to us.

NT 523—Practical Lessons from James

The book of James might aptly be subtitled, "The Epistle of Applied Christianity". But would you believe that in earlier centuries the book was a center of controversy because of its emphasis on works? James was the half-brother of Jesus and one of the main leaders in the church of Jerusalem. The Book of James parallels much of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The student's heart will be thrilled and motivated to honor God even more as they study the five chapters of James. Research by Theodore Epp.

NT 605—Philippians & Colossians

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" is Paul's fully surrendered statement of faith. Is it yours? Theodore Epp and J. Vernon McGee discuss how Christ is preeminent in all things and how we can see Him as our life, our mind, our goal and our strength. Philippians deals with the philosophy, pattern, prize, and power for Christian living.

NT 607—Pastoral Epistles

This directed NT study includes work by Warren Wiersbe and others. In this study of 1-2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon, Warren Wiersbe emphasizes that nothing takes the place of faithfulness. The greatest ability you can have is dependability. This course will help you understand a local church's ministry and encourage you to be faithful to the Word, to your tasks and to other people.

NT 611— Book of Revelation

Everyone is interested in what is going to happen to them and their loved ones after death and what the future holds for this planet. This topic often produces passionate non-biblical arguments and viewpoints—even from Christians. This study of the Book of Revelation is based upon research by Dr. Tim LaHaye. It explains such topics as the rapture of the church, the great tribulation, the final battle against Satan and his hosts, the new heaven and new earth, and much more.

NT 621—Life of Paul

Who is this man that penned nearly half of the New Testament? Study Paul against the backdrop of the Greco-Roman and Jewish cultures. The student will see this great man of God in full perspective as his ministry is opened up. Often under-appreciated and regularly attacked by liberals and feminists, the Apostle Paul's teachings are victim to rejection and partial acceptance. Robert E. Picirilli will challenge the student to learn from Paul's life and teachings.

NT 631—Directed New Testament Study

For the student who would like to investigate a New Testament subject in depth, or complete a special course dealing with a New Testament book or character not covered by our regular curriculum.

THEOLOGY

TH 511—Doctrinal Theology, “Assess, Advance, Apply”

What is the answer to the confusion, moral sickness, and spiritual emptiness presently oppressing the world? God's Word is the answer. Using the *King James Study Bible* and Dr. Billy Graham's "*Peace With God*", the student will contend with a wide spectrum of conservative Biblical doctrine and theology. Easy to read, systematically dispensed, and comprehensively covered—this course delivers.

TH 521—Biblical Answers for Today's Questions

Websites typically have a "Frequently Asked Questions" page to answer the common questions. Wouldn't it be great if God included one for the Bible? This course is the next best thing! R.A. Torrey, William W. Orr, and Dr. Raymond Barber give solid, biblically based answers to the most baffling questions about the Scriptures. The student will reap a gold mine of foundational truths for living an abundant Christian life. Excellent for those interested in apologetics.

TH 603—Kingdom Authority

The world is obsessed with power. But the Bible reveals the most awesome power of all: that of Kingdom Authority, the same power unleashed when God raised Jesus Christ from the grave. That same power is available to every believer today. A study of the awesome power of Christ's kingdom authority based on a book by Dr. Adrian Rogers. Satan does not want you to read this book or take this course!

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

BL 601 & 602—Greek I & II

A rewarding study of Greek, the original language of the New Testament. Starting with Course I, the student will learn to write the Greek alphabet. This course is composed of 6 workbooks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE 501—Christian Approach to Education

The facts of Creation, Sin and Salvation are the basic theological roots of a Christian philosophy of education. This Christian approach to education is wildly opposed to secular public education philosophy. The mark of any Christian institution of learning *is not* whether teachers are Christian, whether the Bible is read or taught, or chapel is held, but whether each subject in the curriculum is presented from the Creator's perspective. Has there ever been a time when this topic was more needed?

CE 511—Spiritual Power in Teaching

How does the Holy Spirit help teachers teach and learners learn? The Holy Spirit is vitally involved in Christian education. His involvement distinguishes Christian teaching from secular teaching. This course uses Roy B. Zuck's classic examination of the teacher's "spiritual Teammate". The student will learn how to cooperate with Him for successful teaching. A teacher's most effective teaching is, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

CE 601—Teaching for Life Change

Using the resource book titled *Almost Every Answer for Practically Any Teacher!* (edited by Bruce Wilkinson), this course covers a wide spectrum of teaching. It will prove useful for professional and lay teachers, parents, employers, group leaders, pastors, church education teachers—anyone seeking to effect life change from the perspective of God's Word. Guaranteed to give you a few "Yes, I needed this!" moments during your studies!

CE 602—Mentoring and Modeling

Mentoring and Modeling by Dr. John Goetsch and Dr. Mark Rasmussen affirms that Jesus taught with more than words—He immersed them in the very experiences of His life. Shouldn't we emulate Jesus? Disciplemakers are called to mentor and model in the manner of our Master. Principles of mentoring and modeling apply whether one is discipling a child, a teen, or an adult. This course instructs the student on principles and techniques of mentoring and modeling.

CE 605—Writing an Historical Novel

Yes! You can become a successful Christian novelist. Best-selling novelist Gilbert Morris of *The House of Winslow* fame leads you step-by-step through the process of writing a novel. The student will enjoy reading *The Honorable Imposter* as the basis of an ingenious “reading for writing” project. Mr. Morris takes the student through many short writing exercises. The learning technique of this course is not the typical “dry” writing composition instruction.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

PM 611—Confident Pastoral Leadership

Three respected pastors—John R. Bisagno, Howard Sugden and Warren Wiersbe—share their insights from decades of pastoral leadership. This course provides answers that both new and experienced pastors need to know to survive and thrive in ministry.

PM 625—Servant Leadership

A study of biblical principles that will help equip pastors and other Christian leaders to lead the way Jesus did. Based on *Guided by Grace* by Paul Chappell and the classic entitled *The Minister as Shepherd* by Charles Jefferson.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

CC 512—Counseling from the Scripture

The Christian church stands in peril from the impact of psychotherapy. This pseudoscience devised by non-Christian minds such as Freud has deceived the world and many within the church. This course is a clarion call to God's people to turn from humanistic methods of curing men's souls back to the Great Physician Himself. Based on the research of the Bobgans, this course offers a wealth of Scriptural resources for helping hurting people with God's Word. Practical foundational principles are emphasized throughout this study.

CC 601—Counseling Youth

Youth workers who counsel teenagers are a much needed asset to the community and the church. Today's teenagers are confronted with issues that few adults handle well. This course is an excellent resource even for the leader who does not want to be come a full-time therapist. This course hits the middle ground between professionals and volunteers. The material is practical, realistic, and useful. The text is authored by William J. Rowley.

CC 611—Counseling the Depressed

Depression is likened to a stubborn darkness. Edward T. Welch, M.Div., Ph.D., uses God's Word to give light for the path to the depressed and those who counsel them. Depression and Bi-polar Disorder are two of the most common diagnoses' given by psychiatrists today. Powerful drugs are prescribed for treatment. Is it possible that God has a divine prescription for treatment? Teaching by Charles Spurgeon is paired with Edward T. Welch's research to help show how to receive joy that will remain despite—the struggles and trials of daily living.

CC 615—Family Counseling Resources

Family counselors need a complete tool box these days. The “home” didn't just spring up yesterday. It is the oldest institution known to man. It existed even before the church was established! A divine prescription is written in the Bible covering every phase, aspect and facet of family relationships. If we would build our lives, our homes and our marriages by the biblical prescription, we would have happy homes. Study and learn the timeless principles to a good marriage, excellent parenting, and how to counsel “broken” families—God's way.

EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

EM 601—The Soul Winner

A heart for winning souls for Christ is taught and caught through classic insights from Charles Spurgeon, John R. Rice and R.A. Torrey. Discover why personal work is the most important work God has given us on earth, why it brings more joy than anything we can do, and tips on how to do it more effectively.

SCIENCE AND HISTORY

HS 601—America—Christian Nation or Not?

What if America were a Christian nation again? Does God care which party is in Office? Is it time for Christians to “take back our country”? Where do you sit on this debate? Certainly these are provocative questions for individual reflection or group discussion. We live in an overheated political climate with values contrary to America's Christian heritage. This subject is never far from any gathering's conversation. Erwin W. Lutzer and D. James Kennedy challenge the student with this vibrant topic. “Benchmarkers” beware!

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Masters Thesis or Project

Minimum of 75 typewritten pages; a popular writing style is permitted for the thesis. In some cases, permission may be granted for a research project in place of a thesis.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Doctor of Ministry

Each graduate course offers three credits, and is designed to be completed within 3-6 weeks. In addition to the following, some subjects listed in the undergraduate section may be available for upgrade to a directed-study, graduate-level course.

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OLD TESTAMENT

OT 701—Life of David

Few intersections of Biblical history loom as large as the life of David. He is the one through whose lineage the Messiah would come. He was called a “man after the heart of God” and yet his moral failures were renowned. Tracing David’s life from his roots as a shepherd through his final days as Israel’s most cherished king, the course reveals David for the special place he holds in God’s Kingdom. Uses research by Theodore Epp and others.

OT 703—Book of Genesis

Genesis is the Book of beginnings—the beginning of creation, man, woman, sabbath, marriage, family, work, sin, murder, sacrifice, races, languages, culture, civilization and redemption. Every one of these topics is under attack in our modern secular world. A Christian cannot fully grasp the importance of our future without a foundational understanding of beginnings.

OT 705—Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon

A directed OT study that includes work by Warren Wiersbe and others. Wiersbe expounds on Solomon’s discourse on all that is “under the sun”. Ecclesiastes delves into many of the questions we wrestle with today; is life worth living, why does it seem life isn’t fair, what about the wicked, what life is all about, and more. After studying this course on the book of Ecclesiastes, the student will be better equipped to answer the deeper questions seekers and skeptics ask.

OT 801—Old Testament Bible People

Think you’ve got problems? How would you like to be thrown into jail every time you preached! And how would you like to be the one to tell a headstrong king that he will be killed in battle? Could you accept God’s will if it meant marrying someone who would disgrace you? What are the characteristics of greatness for people who want to serve God? This course gives perceptive glimpses into the lives of Bible characters which inspire God’s people today.

OT 805—Minor Prophets

God used the Minor Prophets as His voice to their generation. The lives and messages of these 12 prophets provide some of the Bible’s most colorful stories. As each prophet received revelation from God, they were bound by a compelling burden to deliver their message—come what may. Often, their very lives became the message. From being swallowed by a great fish to being told by God to marry a prostitute to prophesying the coming Messiah, the Anti-Christ, and the End Times—God spoke through these men.

OT 811—Advanced Independent O.T. Study

For the student who would like to investigate an Old Testament subject in depth, or complete a special course dealing with an Old Testament book or character not covered by our regular curriculum. You may request a specific topic or Bible Book to study in these courses. Allow extra time for resource material, if you do. If you order these courses without requesting a particular topic or book, one will be selected for you.

NEW TESTAMENT

NT 702—Gospel of Matthew

Matthew was a converted publican who was chosen to write the Jews concerning their Messiah. Some would describe this gospel as, “the most important book in Christendom”. J. Vernon McGee said of Matthew, “it swings back into the Old Testament and gathers up prophecies fulfilled at the first coming of Christ; it swings into the New Testament and speaks of the “new creation” of God. The student will enjoy this broad-brush sweep as well as reading some of Jesus’ most profound teaching.

NT 703—Book of Hebrews

E. Schuyler English is quoted by J.Vernon McGee as saying, “The Epistle to the Hebrews, one of the most important books of the New Testament in that it contains some of the chief doctrines of the Christian faith, is, as well, a book of infinite logic and great beauty. To abide in its teachings is to be led from immaturity to maturity in the knowledge of Christian truth and of Christ Himself. It is to ‘go on unto perfection’.”

NT 801—Book of Romans

A directed NT study that includes work by Warren Wiersbe and others. Understanding the Book of Romans can give a key to understanding the rest of the Bible. It can also provide the key to successful Christian living. In this course, Warren W. Wiersbe introduces you to the main message of this great epistle, and how it applies to your life today.

NT 805— N.T. Bible Characters

The New Testament is filled with stories of men and women who were changed by the Master’s Touch. This course will briefly discuss many New Testament Bible characters, some that are well-known and quite a few who are not. Some people will be discussed more than once, to give different perspectives of lessons learned from their lives. Many questions are pulled from the special edition King James Study Bible as well as books written by outstanding Bible teachers.

NT 811—Advanced Independent N.T. Study

For the student who would like to investigate a New Testament subject in depth, or complete a special course dealing with a New Testament book or character not covered by our regular curriculum.

THEOLOGY

TH 701 — Angelology—The Doctrine of Angels

Probably no major theological issue has received as much secular attention in modern times as angels have. A good many Christians don’t know what to think about angels. A sufficient aim in a study of angels is that you might draw closer to God. This course uses the King James Study Bible and text by David Jeremiah. The course delivers a Biblically conservative look at the Doctrine of Angels.

TH 703 — Hearing from God

The message of the Bible is that God has invited us into His presence. He wants to hear from us — even anticipating our requests. A two-way conversation is necessary if we are to benefit from a deeper walk with the Lord. Authors Woodrow Kroll, R.A. Torrey, and Paul Chappell inspire and challenge the student. This course will help the student to nurture and develop life’s most important relationship.

TH 801 — Pneumatology: The doctrine of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit seals all believers as a pledge of our redemption. He supernaturally transforms human nature. He enables Christians to bring about dramatic but peaceful revolution and to face any crisis. He empowers us for God’s work. Unfortunately, teaching on the Holy Spirit has often been distorted at one extreme and discounted on the other end of the extreme. Dr. Billy Graham (considered by many to be the most influential evangelist of the past century) gives a balanced and Biblical teaching of Pneumatology without “watering it down”.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

BL 701—Advanced Greek I

BL 703—Advanced Greek II

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE 703—Creative Bible Teaching

Are you just “sharing” Bible knowledge, or are you leading students into a growing relationship with God and His Word? This course will renew your enthusiasm for teaching God’s Word. Learn how to unleash the transforming power of Scripture. Resource book is by Lawrence O. Richards and Gary J. Bredfeldt. Creative Bible Teaching is sure to become a foundational book in your library.

CE 711—Future Foundations of Christian Education

The challenge of contemporary Christian education is to meet the academic needs of students while remaining unwavering in adherence to biblical principles. A dozen leading Christian educators discuss how to develop a fresh, innovative Christian education program for churches, homes and schools. This course is Biblically conservative teaching on the basics of evangelical Christian education. Originally published by Moody Press, edited by Robert E. Clark, Lin Johnson, Allyn K. Sloat.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

PM 703—The Effective Pastor

Any seasoned pastor will observe that most everyone claims to know the ministry better than the pastor. This assertion comes in spite of the speaker having no training or experience in pastoring. This course serves as a practical guide to the ministry. If your ministry goal is to be effective {successful in producing a desired or intended result} in your vocation, this course delivers the answers. Pastor Robert C. Anderson has written a volume of excellent ideas, advice, and general rules for the contemporary pastor in an ever-changing ministry.

PM 705—Preaching on Faith

Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that it is impossible to please God without faith. So, it is vital that the minister of God preach often on the subject of faith. If you want to preach well on faith you should first study powerful sermons on faith. What goes into the heart of the preacher will come out. In this course, the student reads and completes a workbook covering more than 50 sermons on faith as preached by Dr. Lee Roberson. In addition, the student will be asked to create five sermons on faith.

PM 801 — Power Filled Living

R.A. Torrey's down-to-earth style of writing scriptural teachings will show how to receive God's promises, transform prayer life, glimpse the glories of Heaven, become an effective soul-winner, and really know that Believers are saved for eternity. This graduate-level study will take the student deeper into the doctrine of the Holy Spirit to build upon an earlier foundation. The student will discover solutions to difficulties in the Bible and explore the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

CC 711—Search For Significance

A Biblical evaluation by Robert S. McGee of the false beliefs which lead to low self-esteem: the performance trap, the approval addict, the blame game, and shame. Includes God's four answers which allow us to rise above these debilitating attitudes. Students are required to complete a second workbook with specially designed Bible Studies and personal application exercises.

CC 721—Addiction Counseling

Edward T. Welch, M.Div., Ph.D., destroys the myth that addiction is a disease. The disease model of addiction counseling has taken over the treatment of addictions. This model only instills hopelessness in the addict. Scripture reveals the addict's true condition: a worship disorder. The cure for addictions is the same as the cure for idolatry. Victory is found only in Jesus! Amen? D.L. Moody shares many true-life stories of overcomers that came to experience a joy-filled life that God has made available to all Christians.

CC 811—Advanced Nouthetic Counseling

Based on the research of Jay Adams, this course takes a nouthetic (Christ-centered) approach to Christian counseling. Includes help for the actual counseling procedure. Special topics include dealing with anger, envy, depression, schizophrenia, sexual problems, and fear.

SCIENCE AND HISTORY

SC 701—Biblical Basis of Modern Science

Modern Science has become a battleground of worldviews with secular scientists taking ownership of the domain. Every scientist with a Biblical worldview has been influenced by the research of the humble and widely respected Dr. Henry Morris. Spanning the sciences of astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, geology -- he clearly presents the student with evidences from the Bible. Dr. Morris has become recognized as "The Father of Modern Creationism".

HS 731—World Events, 1848—1968

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