Message from the President

Dear Student/Prospective Student:

I’m profoundly honored and privileged to extend to you a warm invitation to enroll and further your training here at Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc.

The Florida Theological Seminary was founded in 1902 in Bartow, Florida by a faithful group of ministers in the First South Florida Baptist Association. This institution is supported by several associations and conventions that are committed to supporting an institution whose goal is to provide quality biblical training that will meet a changing world with an unchanging Word of God.

The administration and faculty are committed to the authoritative Word of God (Scriptures) and to its mission and ministries. Here at this institution each student will be given special attention in areas where he or she may have needs. Here students will be exposed to a faculty who will demonstrate love and respect for them and will do all within their power to assist each and every student to excel in his or her area of endeavor.

If you want to become a competent, articulate, well-trained preacher-pastor, religious educator, missionary, church leader, or more proficient in your present field of labor, come to Florida Theological Seminary, the cost is minimal and your future and career will be brighter.

On behalf of the board directors, dean, faculty and I.............Welcome!

Sincerely,

Alex Harper, Sr.

Dr. Alex Harper, Sr., President
FLORIDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE, INC.

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HISTORY OF THE SEMINARY

The Florida Seminary was organized in October of 1901 in Bartow, at the Providence Baptist Church under the name of Florida Baptist Seminary under the supervision of the South Florida Association.

In 1902, the Seminary was moved to Lakeland to a more centralized location. Once in Lakeland, the Seminary operated out of local churches until 1903 and 1904. During those years the dormitory and academic buildings were erected.

The Seminary continued until November 1921 when the dormitory was burned down and in either 1927 or 1928 the academic building was burned down. From 1921 to 1932, classes were continued in both Harmony Baptist Church and St. Paul Baptist in Lakeland. In 1925, a charter of incorporation was issued by the State of Florida to the institution’s new name of Florida Seminary.

In 1932 a building was erected and the Seminary once more began operating on its own property. The campus facilities now includes a chapel, library, cafeteria, classrooms, dormitory and administrative building.

Today, alumni from what is now the Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College are spread throughout the South serving as pastors to churches of every size. Congregations are receiving the blessings from the seeds planted in these servants of God at Florida Theological Seminary.
Welcome to Florida Seminary!

All roads lead to Lakeland, Florida, the home of the “Best Kept Secret, Now Revealed.” There is no better place to prepare for ministry than at FTS!

A recent poll, according to the Association of Theological Schools, revealed that there are hundreds of theological institutions in the United States. So, why should you make FTS your choice or preparing for ministry? I’m glad you asked………..

Location: FTS is located among some of the best known churches and ministries in the state. You can begin your ministry on the growing edge! Providing you with endless opportunities to sharpen your skills, broaden your perspectives and expand your understanding. Learning at FTS promotes self-knowledge, appreciation of our intellectual and cultural heritage. Regardless of the size of your local church, something awaits you here!

Leadership: At FTS, we’re committed to developing leaders who will serve as impact players in the life of Christ’s church. Our goal is to produce leaders who are making a difference, providing the leadership tools that are needed in times like these.

Learning: Our goal is to make a difference in you and in the church where you serve. Our commitment to you is, learning that makes the difference! Whether you’re studying a biblical text, reflecting on Church history or learning new skills in preaching, our objective is to relate your learning to practical ministry experience.

Mission Statement

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc. is a Biblical Institution committed to:

- Pursue and practice what is true;
- Excel in its educational programs;
- Collaborate as partners in learning and preparation;
- Integrate Christian faith into every aspect of life; and
- Nurture every person toward Christian maturity

Our Vision is to prepare leaders who will faithfully serve Jesus Christ with evangelical passion and missionary skills in biblically grounded and culturally relevant ministries

ACCREDITATION STATUS

FTS is a biblical training school under the auspices of First South Missionary Baptist District Association, and is therefore not accredited under rules promulgated and adopted by the state of Florida, or by any national or regional accrediting agency. We are not under the direct authority, control or influence of the state, or any body other than the ministry of Jesus Christ.
Florida Theological Seminary

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament are verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Matt. 5:18; John 10-35; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:21)

2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 2:9; Acts 4:3-5)

3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. (Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18, 25; John 5:18; Luke 2:52)

4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7; 3:6,7; Rom. 5:12-21)

5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all that believe in Him are justified on the grounds of his shed blood. (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Tim. 2:6; Rom. 3:24, 25; 5:1; 1 John 2:2; 1 Pet. 2:24)

6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and His present life for us, as High Priest and Advocate. (Matt. 28:7; John 21:13, 14; Acts 1:9; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1)

7. We believe in “The Blessed Hope,” the personal pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; Titus 2:13; Rev. 20:4-6; 1 Thess. 1:10)

8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. (Dan. 12:2; John 5:29; Matt. 25:46; Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 20:4-6, 11-15)

9. We value the worth and dignity of all persons as created in the image of God. We affirm the priesthood of all believers and the responsibility of every Christian woman and man to take an active role in edifying the Church. For that purpose, the Holy Spirit distributes ministry gifts to believers without distinction of any kind. That reality imposes the responsibility on every believer to fulfill ministry consistent with God’s grace. (Gen. 1:27; Gal. 3:28; Rom. 12:5-6a; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 9:8)

10. We distinguish between ministry functions and church office. While upholding the necessity of mutual respect and affirmation as those subject to the Word of God, understanding that the biblical office of elder/pastor in the early church was gender specific. Therefore it maintains that it is consistent with that understanding of Scripture that those church offices should be limited to the male gender. (Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:1-2, Titus 1:7-9)

ADMISSIONS

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College’s courses of study are designed in such a way as to provide graceful growth, starting with the certificate level and continuing through the bachelor’s level. We offer academic programs that lead to Certificates; Associate of Arts degrees; Bachelor of Science degrees in Biblical Studies, Christian Education, Biblical Exposition, and Theology; Master of Art Degrees in Biblical Studies and Christian Education; and Masters Degree in Theology.

We at Florida Theological Seminary value the worth and dignity of all persons as created in the image of God. We affirm the priesthood of all believers and the responsibility of every Christian man and woman to take an active role in edifying the Church. For that purpose, the Holy Spirit distributes ministry gifts to believers without distinction of any kind. That reality imposes the responsibility on every believer to fulfill ministry consistent with God’s grace. (Gen. 1:27; Gal. 3:28; Rom. 12:5-6a; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 9:8)

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NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

*Florida Theological Seminary is an Equal Opportunity Institution open to any qualified individual without regard to race, religion, sex, age, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability. This non-discriminatory policy includes admission policies, and other school administered programs, except where required by specific religious tenets held by the Florida Theological Seminary*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Application for admission may be made at any time. To be admitted, all prospective students are required to complete the Application for Admission Form and mail it with the applicable documents and fees to the Seminary.

For students applying for the Adult Bible Studies Program there is no academic requirement to enter, just an honest desire to study and learn God’s Word. However, before the student can enter any Certificate, Associate of Arts or Bachelor’s Degree program, the student must possess a high school diploma, or GED.

Students applying for any of the Certificate or Degree Programs must provide a high school diploma, or a GED, and arrange for transcripts from any previously attended college or seminary to be sent to Florida Theological Seminary. Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College will not accept more than (15) semester hours towards any certificate program, thirty (30) semester hours towards an applicable associate of arts degree, and forty-two (42) semester hours towards the bachelor degrees.

EVALUATION OF CREDIT FOR MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

The maximum credit Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College will grant for ministerial/life-work/pastoral experience is:

Any Pastor/Minister with 20 years or more Pastoral/Ministry experience will be given credit for their Pastoral/Ministry experience.

Consideration will be given on a case by case basis with the final decision resting with the officers of Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College will accept transfer credits received from other Theological and secular schools subject to review and evaluation by the officers of Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College.

The transfer of credits from FTS to another institution is at the discretion of the accepting institution, and it is the student’s responsibility to confirm whether or not credits will be accepted by the institution of the student’s choice.

*Note: All transcripts must be mailed to Florida Theological Seminary directly from student’s former school(s).*

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition Schedule (Effective September, 2015)

Please Note: All textbooks are purchased by the student from the source of his/her choice.

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*Any former student who has been absent for more than 5 years must reapply for admission*

Payment Plans

All tuition and fees are due and payable by the third week of class. Pre-approved financial assistance is granted on a case-by-case basis as approved by the Dean and the Business Office. Payments may be made by cash, checks or money orders. Failure to pay all tuition and fees by the beginning of the fourth week will result in the delinquent student being expelled and not allowed to resume attendance until all tuition and fees are paid in full.
Financial Aid Programs

Students attending FTS do not have access to any federally sponsored student aid, grant programs, or VA benefits. The generosity of individual Christians, churches, associations, and conventions helps students receive quality training at a cost much less than that charged by many institutions. FTS strives to help every student receive the education they desire.

GRADING SYSTEM

The following numerical and letter grading system is employed by the faculty in assessing the student’s performance.

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Incomplete Grades

Students should meet all course requirements by the time of the semester examination. Should that not be the case and should the professor so choose, he/she may record an “I” or “Incomplete grade,” document the outstanding work with the registrar and give the student a deadline for the removal of the “I.” “I” grades must be removed by the end of the 3rd week of the next regular (fall or spring) semester. On the morning following the deadline day, all “I” grades will be converted to permanent “F”s.

Grade Point Average

The GPA of a student is obtained by dividing the total number of grade points by the number of semester hours attempted for credit. To qualify for graduation, a student must have at least a 2.0 (C) average. The college provides a forgiveness policy through which students may retake courses in which they have earned an F, WF, or D. While the last grade earned in a retake counts in the GPA, repeats are forgiven only on a one for one basis (for example if a course is failed twice and then passed, only one F grade is dropped).

Grade Reports

A grade report, showing the hours earned and grades received in all subjects, is issued to the students in good standing at the end of each term.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College Offers the Following Programs of Study for Those Interested in the Certificate, Associate of Arts, Bachelor and Master’s Degrees:

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES PROGRAM**
**BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM**
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM**
**THEOLOGY PROGRAM**
**THE MASTER’S PROGRAM**
**THE DOCTORATE PROGRAM**

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College Offers the Following Programs of Study for Those Interested In the Adult Bible Studies Program, or the Certificate, Associate of Arts and Bachelors of Arts Degree Programs

**Adult Bible Studies Program**
The Biblical Studies Program is designed for those Christian men and women who desire to advance their biblical knowledge without entering a college level program.

**Biblical Studies Program**
The Biblical Studies Program is designed for those Christian men and women who desire to further their biblical knowledge. This program may be considered as an entry-level program because it provides for one to receive a basic biblical education without committing to a specific discipline.

**Christian Education Program**
The Christian Education Program is designed for those Christian men and women who are currently in or desire to serve in the area of Christian Education. This program extends the entry-level program by including courses specific to Christian Education.

**Theology Program**
The Theology Program is designed for those Christian men who have been called into the preaching ministry and who are serving as pastors or presently pursuing a pastoral position.
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES PROGRAM

**Basics of the Bible** presents the inspiration, authorship and essentials of the Bible.

**Old Testament Survey 1** is an overview of God's working from creation through the early days of His chosen people.

**Old Testament Survey 2** covers the message of the books of poetry and prophecy, which gives insight into God's dealings with His people.

**New Testament Survey** brings unity and chronological sequence to New Testament study weaving the contents of the books around the person of Jesus Christ.

**Biblical Beliefs** presents foundational Bible doctrines in a popular, easy-to-understand format.

**The Triune God** covers the individuality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the biblical teaching of the Trinity.

**Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity** presents a strategy for growing toward Christ likeness.

**Beyond Reasonable Doubt** is an introduction to the study of evidence for the Christian Faith.

**Exposing the Cults** exposes the doctrinal errors of cults and other false religions.

**Your Ministry of Evangelism** covers the biblical foundations of evangelism.
**Individual Curriculums**

**BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM (CORE CURRICULUM)**

**CERTIFICATE** in BIBLICAL STUDIES (30 Semester hours)

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**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS in BIBLICAL STUDIES (30 Additional Semester Hours) – 60 Total Hours**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(30 Semester Hours)
Certificate Core Curriculum (Biblical Studies)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(63 Semester Hours)
Associate Arts Core Curriculum (Biblical Studies) with:
Basics of Christian Education

BACHELOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(123 Semester Hours)
Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum (Biblical Studies) with:
Basics of Christian Education + Christian Teaching Methods 1&2
Advanced Teaching Methods

THEOLOGY PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY
(36 Semester Hours)
Certificate Core Curriculum (Biblical Studies) Plus:
Ministerial Ethics
Homiletics 1

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY
(72 Semester Hours)
Associate Arts Core Curriculum (Biblical Studies) Plus:
Ministerial Ethics
Homiletics 1
Homiletics 2
Greek I

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY
(135 Semester Hours)
Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum (Biblical Studies) Plus:
Ministerial Ethics
Homiletics 1&2
Expository Preaching
Greek 1&2
Church Administration
Pastoral Care – Biblical Counseling

THE MASTER’S PROGRAM

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College Offers the Following Programs of Study for Those Interested In the Master of Arts or the Master of Theology Degrees:

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
MASTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
MASTER OF THEOLOGY
MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
(36 SEMESTER HOURS)

The Biblical Studies Program is designed for those Christian men and women who desire to extend their biblical knowledge through the post-graduate program without committing to a specific discipline.

(Prerequisite – Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies)
(Core Master Level Courses)

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MASTER OF Christian Education
(45 SEMESTER HOURS)

The Christian Education Program is designed for those Christian men and women who are currently in or desire to serve in the area of Christian Education and wish to extend their knowledge through this post-graduate program.

(Prerequisite – Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education)

Core Master Level Courses Plus Christian Education Requirements

Educational Ministry
Christian Teaching
Adult Education

MASTER OF Theology
(48 SEMESTER HOURS)

The Theology Program is designed for those Christian men who have been called into the preaching ministry and who are serving as pastors or presently pursuing a pastoral position and wish to extend their knowledge through the master’s program.

(Prerequisite – Bachelor of Theology)

Core Master Level Courses Plus Theology Requirements

Advanced Greek
Pastoral Ministry
Pastoral Counseling
Church Management Administration

Individuals Holding Secular Degrees Must Complete The Following Courses Or Their Equivalent In Order To Be Accepted As Candidates For A Master’s Degree

(108 Semester Hours)

REQUIREMENTS FOR SECULAR DEGREE HOLDERS

Bible/Theology Courses
Basic Courses
Greek I & II (Theology Only)
Hermeneutics
Book of Acts
### Old Testament
- Old Testament I (Intro, Gen-Deut)
- Old Testament II (Joshua-Mal)
- Isaiah
- Daniel
- Minor Prophets
- Revelation

### New Testament
- New Testament I
- New Testament II Pauline Epistles I (1 Cor-Gal)
- Gospel of John
- Book of Acts
- Romans
- Pauline Epistles II (Eph – Phil)
- Hebrews
- General Epistles

#### Miscellaneous Requirements
- Apologetics
- Evangelism
- Christian Ethics or
- Ministerial Ethics
- Poetic Books

### THE DOCTORATE PROGRAM
Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College offers the following Programs of Study for those interested in the Doctor of Ministry or the Doctor of Theology Degrees:

#### DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
*(Prerequisite – Master’s degree from FTS or an acceptable college or seminary.)*

The Doctor of Ministry provides pastors and other ministry leaders the opportunity for advanced theological reflection of the work of the ministry and to sharpen ministry skills. The candidate must hold a Master’s degree from Florida Theological Seminary or an acceptable college or seminary. The candidate must complete forty (40) semester hours of work beyond the Master’s degree with Florida Theological Seminary which shall include writing a thesis/dissertation containing no less than (50,000) words.

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INDIVIDUAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic Courses

CD101 Christian Doctrine I  3 Semester Hours
This course presents the basics of the Christian faith. Topics include God, The Bible, the Trinity, the Deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit, Angels, Man, etc…

CD102 Christian Doctrine II  3 Semester Hours
Continuance of Christian Doctrine I with the topics: the Person and Works of Christ, Salvation, Christian Ordinances, etc.

BS101 Elements of Bible Study  3 Semester Hours
Learn basic principles of biblical interpretation, and gain skill in the use of other methods and tools for Bible study. Learn how to get an overview of any book of the Bible, how to make observations and ask interpretative questions, how to distinguish between figurative and literal language, how to outline passages, and how to make applications from biblical principles.

BS201 Hermeneutics  3 Semester Hours
Develop deeper and richer skills in studying the Bible. In particular, learn to deal properly with the Word of God through following the twenty-three fundamental principles of biblical interpretation presented in this course.

Bible Courses

Old Testament

OT101 Old Testament I (Intro, Gen-Deut)  3 Semester Hours
Genesis through Deuteronomy giving attention to the beginnings of God’s program for man, a study of redemption that shows the drama of Israel’s deliverance from slavery, the origins of the Passover Feast, the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Law, and the tabernacle and various Offerings.

OT102 Old Testament II (Joshua-Mal)  3 Semester Hours
The books of Joshua through Malachi are covered. Israel’s conquest of the Promised Land is analyzed, the books of poetry and prophecy are studied and attention is given to the individual books showing their relationship to the entire Bible.

OT201 1&2 Samuel  3 Semester Hours
The course concentrates on the leadership and lives of Israel’s first prominent leaders, Samuel, Saul and David.

OT202 Isaiah  3 Semester Hours
This course deals with Isaiah’s messages for backsliding and embittered Israel and gives predictions of the first and second comings of Christ.

OT203 Daniel  3 Semester Hours
The Book of Daniel reveals the sovereignty of God, the course of Gentile world empires and the ultimate deliverance of God’s people.

OT304 Minor Prophets  3 Semester Hours
Focusing on the prophecies of the Minor Prophets, giving attention to each book and presenting their relationship to the entire Bible.

New Testament

NT101 New Testament I (Matt-Luke)  3 Semester Hours
This course focuses on the Synoptic Gospels giving individual attention to each book.
NT102 New Testament II (Life of Christ)   3 Semester Hours
A chronological and thematic study of the life, times, and teaching of Christ as presented in a harmony of the four Gospels.

NT201 Gospel of John   3 Semester Hours
The study of the life Jesus Christ as uniquely presented by the apostle John following the flow of John’s emphasis on faith throughout the book, the key events and teachings of Christ.

NT202 Book of Acts   3 Semester Hours
Discover the major changes in God’s dealing with the world and His people in this key book of the New Testament. Follow the six major sections of the book, considering the purpose and historical context of the book, and studying the major events in each section. Note the significance of the beginning of the church at Pentecost, the gift of tongues, Stephen’s speech, and the conversion of Cornelius, the Jerusalem Council, Paul at Mars Hill, and the place and purpose of baptism.

NT203 Romans   3 Semester Hours
Study Paul’s presentation of God’s provision of righteousness for all people. Discover the doctrine of justification, Israel’s future in the program of God, and the tension between obedience to God and obedience to legal authorities.

NT204 Pauline Epistles I (1 Cor-Gal)   3 Semester Hours
Interpret the two key letters from Paul to the church at Corinth and deal with the important topics concerning Christian behavior and the letter to Galatians concerning Law and Grace.

NT205 Pauline Epistles II (Eph-Philemon)   3 Semester Hours
Study of the letters of Paul to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon in order to understand his teaching on Christian liberty, the person and work of Christ, the role of the church, justification by faith, and the spiritual life of the believer. Also included are Paul’s teaching to a young church (1 and 2 Thessalonians) and to young ministers (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus).

NT301 Hebrews   3 Semester Hours
Study of the letter to the Hebrews highlighting passages concerning the deity of Christ and clarifying His high-priestly ministry as a fulfillment of Old Testament types and shadows.

NT302 General Epistles   3 Semester Hours
A study of the letters of James, Peter, John, and Jude.

NT303 Revelation   3 Semester Hours
An exegetical study of the New Testament’s prophetic book examining the end of history and discussing many elements of the last days.

Theology

ST201 Systematic Theology I   3 Semester Hours
Theology is the systematic organization of what the Bible teaches. In this course, you will study what the Bible teaches about God’s Word, God Himself, and the Angels.

ST202 Systematic Theology II   3 Semester Hours
In this course, you will study what the Bible teaches about Christ, Man, Sin, and Salvation.

ST203 Systematic Theology III   3 Semester Hours
In this course, you will study what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the End Times.
CD201 Dispensations 3 Semester Hours
A study of the seven periods of time in which God deals with man in a particular way concerning sin and man’s responsibility

General Education
EN101 Introductory English 2 Semester Hours
This course is an introduction to the structure and usage of the English language and provides a basis for the further development of writing skills.

EN102 English Composition I 3 Semester Hours
This course focuses on the written language. In this course you will learn to write a well organized essay, search for and find information on a topic in various media, write an organized research paper, learn new words, and be exposed to various examples of well-constructed written works.

CH201 Church History 3 Semester Hours
An overview of church history from the Apostolic Age to the present, noting doctrinal developments, major movements, and key figures in the history of the church.

PS101 Public Speaking 3 Semester Hours
This course discusses the preparation and delivery techniques for addresses and other public speeches.

HI101 World Civilizations I (Old Testament History) 3 Semester Hours
An overview of the history and cultures of the Middle Eastern nations mentioned in the Old Testament (2000 BC - 4 AD) and how they affected Israel.

HI102 World Civilizations II (New Testament History) 3 Semester Hours
An overview of the history and cultures of the nations affecting Israel in the days immediately preceding and encompassing the New Testament period

MA101 Financial Stewardship (Math) 3 Semester Hours
An in-depth Bible study on how to handle personal finances. Designed to encourage the development of a family budget in order to be free from financial bondage.

HI201 Creation Science 3 Semester Hours
The study of the origins of man, earth and the universe from the perspective of scientific creationism and biblical theology.

CO101 Marriage and The Family (Christian Family) 3 Semester Hours
This course focuses on current family issues, looking at biblical foundations for the Christian home, tracing the family through its life cycle of pre-parrenthood and parenthood, and treating problems and issues in family life.

Miscellaneous Courses
AP301 Apologetics 3 Semester Hours
Peter exhorted believers to “always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.” This course helps equip you to understand and present the truth in a way that it makes a difference to those who question it. Evidences for biblical positions are studied, along with various competing systems of thought. Special attention is given to key issues such as creation, evolution, the presence of evil, and the lack of morality in today’s world.

HI202 Bible Customs 3 Semester Hours
A study of the life, religion and customs of people in bible times and how they affect life and customs in today’s culture.

BP101 Poetic Books 3 Semester Hours
An introductory study of the Poetic Books: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.
BP201 Biblical Prophecy 3 Semester Hours
A study of the major bible prophecies of the Old and New Testaments and how they affect life in today’s culture.

AP201 Cults 3 Semester Hours
Exposes the doctrinal teachings of cults such as Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Christian Science, Spiritualism, Unity, eastern cults, and the New Age movement. Designed to sharpen Bible knowledge and strengthen witnessing skills.

ET201 Christian Ethics 3 Semester Hours
Christian living is decision making. This course helps you form habits of decision making in all areas of life that will honor the Lord. It encourages the proper development of relationships, ethical decision making, the development of a biblical worldview, the Spirit-filled life, the body life of the church, and healthy interpersonal relationships.

EV101 Evangelism 3 Semester Hours
Study the mission that the Lord assigned to His body, the church. Our task, winning the world to Christ, is still incomplete. This course will guide you into a firsthand acquaintance with the biblical basis of missions, its historical dimensions, its cultural significance in every nation, and the dynamics of how the local church should be involved. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel . . .” This course will give you inspiration and information to be more effective in witnessing and leading the lost to Christ. It includes basic training in various approaches to soul-winning.

ET301 Ministerial Ethics 3 Semester Hours
This course focuses on how values and ethics are established and managed in the ministerial setting and how they are influenced by the personal beliefs, values and ethical standards as presented in scripture.

CL202 Christian Leadership 3 Semester Hours
This course focuses on leadership principles as presented in scripture and how they are to be practiced by Christian leaders.

BS301 Homiletics I 3 Semester Hours
A basic course in the principles of preaching as they relate to the exegesis of the biblical texts, and the context, content, application, structure, style and delivery of sermons.

BS302 Homiletics II 3 Semester Hours
This course is designed to give the student experience in applying the principles learned in Homiletics I through the preparation of expository, topical, and life situation sermons.

GR101 Greek I 3 Semester Hours
Gain a clearer understanding of the message of the New Testament through an introduction to the elements of New Testament Greek. Study the language that was common throughout the Western world and used by God for the spreading of the gospel. Learn Greek sentence structure, the use and meaning of words in their first century context.

GR102 Greek II 3 Semester Hours
Extend your enrichment and knowledge of New Testament Greek. By the completion of the course you should be able to recognize by sight a large percent of the words in the New Testament and have skills for determining the rest.

ED201 Christian Education 3 Semester Hours
This course emphasizes the issues and functions of biblical education as it relates to the home, the school, and the church, as well as an understanding of how people learn.
ED301 Teaching the Bible 3 Semester Hours
A study of the principles of Christian teaching and learning, personal Bible study, steps in lesson preparation and planning, classroom management, and evaluation.

MI301 Pastoral Care – Biblical Counseling 3 Semester Hours
Topics presented in this course cover pastoral care, dating, courtship, premarital counseling, financial principles, and etc., all from a biblical perspective.

MI302 Church Administration 3 Semester Hours
A presentation of the various types of church organization along with the various techniques and processes utilized in leading the congregation.

EP301 Expository Preaching 3 Semester Hours
This course focuses on the delivery of expositional messages in preaching with adaptation for delivery of messages in teaching settings. It leads you through the process of formulating ideas for messages to developing, supporting, structuring, and delivering them to congregations.

**Master Level Courses**

**Core Courses**

**Basic Courses**

RW500 Research and Writing 3 Semester Hours
A study of the basic research and writing skills required of graduate biblical students. Topic include: Library research, writing term papers, and documenting sources.

BH501 Advanced Hermeneutics 3 Semester Hours
An advanced study of the basic principles and the specific guidelines governing biblical interpretation. General principles, which include: reliance on the Holy Spirit; attention to context; knowledge of the culture; and recognition of the various types of literary forms, are covered.

**Bible Courses**

BP501 Pentateuch 3 Semester Hours
An in-depth study of the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) with emphasis on the progressive revelation of God and the types, forms, and symbols as they relate to salvation and Christ.

BP502 Poetic Books 3 Semester Hours
An in-depth study of the Poetic Books: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

BP503 Pauline Pastoral Epistles 3 Semester Hours
An in-depth study of I and II Timothy and Titus that examines doctrinal issues regarding church leadership, administration, and ministry.

**Theology**

TH501 Historical Theology 3 Semester Hours
A study of how the church interpreted Scripture and developed doctrine throughout its history from the time of the apostles to present times. This study identifies the theological errors of the past.

TH502 Old Testament Theology 3 Semester Hours
This study is concerned with the biblical theology of the Old Testament as it examines the dominant themes and the development of theological concepts of the Old Testament.

TH503 New Testament Theology 3 Semester Hours
This study is concerned with the biblical theology of the New Testament as it examines the dominant themes and the development of theological concepts of the New Testament.
TH601 Christology 3 Semester Hours
This study concentrates on the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ as it considers His work in the Old Testament, in the Gospels, on Calvary, currently in Heaven, and His return to this earth.

TH602 Pneumatology 3 Semester Hours
This study concentrates on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, examining His work in the Old Testament, in the New Testament, and currently on earth.

TH603 Soteriology 3 Semester Hours
A study of the doctrine of salvation which includes redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, conviction, repentance, faith, regeneration, forgiveness, justification, sanctification, preservation, and glorification.

TH604 Eschatology 3 Semester Hours
A study of the prophetic revelation of the plan and purpose of God, examining the rapture of the Church, the tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ, and the millennium.

Christian Education Courses
ED601 Educational Ministry 3 Semester Hours
This course provides insight into the history and philosophy of education within the Christian Church. This course will also provide the student with the ability to gain knowledge and skills to enhance their own educational ministries within the Church.

ED602 Christian Teaching 3 Semester Hours
Analytical study of the teaching act and of teaching-learning events, including a survey of the teaching acts in the ministry of Jesus. Includes current insights furnished by the social sciences and exploration of implications for developing one’s own approach, strategy, and style as a teacher.

ED606 Adult Education 3 Semester Hours
This course examines the specific question of how the educational ministry of the local church might be enhanced by the deliberate integration of a contemporary understanding of the teaching-learning process and inductive Bible study methodology. The course will give careful attention first to the principles of adult education and then to the practical issues of planning and implementing Bible study programs.

Theology Courses
GR600 Advanced Greek 3 Semester Hours
This course extends and develops a deeper understanding and proficiency in the understanding of Biblical Greek.

MI601 Pastoral Ministry 3 Semester Hours
This study considers the biblical basis for the pastoral ministry within the larger context of the ministry of all Christians and the nature and mission of the Church. Also considered are the specific functions of ministry as preaching, worship leading, counseling and administration. This study is intended to assist participants in formulating and clarifying a distinctly theological basis for their vocation.

MI602 Pastoral Counseling 3 Semester Hours
This course provides a biblical-theological base for resolving issues related to marriage, family and individual problems developed within the context of the current American lifestyle. Covered in this course is an overview of premarital counseling and pastoral/ministerial counseling of troubled couples.

MI603 Church Management/Administration 3 Semester Hours
This course will examine the skills and resources needed to be an effective administrator of churches and other non-profit organizations. An overview of the following areas will be included: Record keeping, human resource management and financial responsibility.
EP601 Expository Preaching  3 Semester Hours
This course extends and develops a deeper understanding and proficiency in the delivery of expositional messages in preaching and the adaptation for delivery of messages in teaching settings. It further develops the students’ ability to formulate ideas for developing, supporting, structuring, and delivering messages to varying congregations.

Doctorate Level Courses

AP701 Apologetics  3 Semester Hours
This advanced course helps equip the student to understand and present the truth in a way that makes a difference to who questions it. Evidence for biblical position is studied, along with various competing systems of thought. Special attention is given to key issues such as an apologetically approach to the authenticity of the doctrine of dispensation, creation evolution, the presence of evil, and the lack of morality in today’s world.

BH701 Hermeneutics  3 Semester Hours
This is an in-depth course designed to acquaint the student with the science of interpreting scriptures.

BS701 Biblical Studies  3 Semester Hours
This course is designed to provide the student with a working knowledge of the leading facts of Hebrew history, geography, and antiquities as presented in the Old Testament; with an in-depth look at the life of Christ, the progression of the Christian faith, and the doctrines of the New Testament.

BS702 Homiletics  3 Semester Hours
This is a course on the practical approach to homiletics; it is designed to help the student in preparing a message that preaches.

CD701 Christian Doctrine  3 Semester Hours
This course is designed to present the basis of the Christian faith. Topics will include God, the Bible, the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, Man, the church, and angels.

CH704 Church History  3 Semester Hours
This course is designed to explore the church retrospectively from its first outreach to modern day movements, personages, places and events which informs the student as to the history of the Christian church.

EP701 Expository Preaching  3 Semester Hours
This advanced course is designed to help the minister develop sermons and messages from an expositional perspective and then present that information in an expository manner in a sermon.

MI701 Mission  2 Semester Hours
This course is designed to acquaint the student with the biblical missions of the New Testament. This study call for the church to renewal in mission based on the model of Jesus the Messiah.

PC700 Pastoral Care Counseling  3 Semester Hours
This course provides limited counseling practice with supervision, utilizing theories and principles of counseling, listening, responding and establishing rapport as a fundamental basis for helpfulness to individuals, couples, families and groups.

ST703 Systematic Theology IV  3 Semester Hours
This course provides the student with a detailed look at the account of the unfolding mind of God in history, through the successive agents of His special revelation is taken. This is basically an in-depth historical approach to Theology.
TH701 Christology 4 Semester Hours
This study concentrates on the ministry and person of our Lord Jesus Christ viewed from the Old Testament and pursued through the New Testament.

TH702 Pneumatology 3 Semester Hours
This course concentrates on an in-depth of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, examining His work in the Old Testament and currently on earth.

TH703 Soteriology 4 Semester Hours
This course is an advanced study of the biblical teaching of Salvation, what it is, and why it is important and to get it.

TH704 Hamartiology 3 Semester Hours
This course concentrates on an in-depth of the Fall of Man, the origin of sin, the imputed sin, inherited sin, personal sin, and the punishment of sin.

TH705 Eschatology 3 Semester Hours
This course takes the student from the fountainhead of proper interpretation to the culminating eternal state of the believer and the lost person. The covenants and their relation to eschatology are analyzed; the future of the church, the doctrines of mid-tribulation, pre-tribulation and post tribulation are among the many subjects that will be studied.