

# **World Bible Institute & Graduate School of Theology**

**PREPARING GOD'S PEOPLE WITH HIS WORD  
TO REACH THE WHOLE WORLD (Mark 16:15, 16)**



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Church of Christ (2 Timothy 2:1-3)**

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Dear Prospective Student:

Welcome to the opportunities for you at the World Bible Institute! Thank you for taking time to browse through our catalog. The opportunities offered in this catalog will make a difference in your life and eternity, as well as in the lives of others with commitment by attending this wonderful Institute with other Kingdom Dreamers. God needs partners in the great and rewarding work of ministry (1 Corinthians 15:58).

The *World Bible Institute* is a single purpose Institute with a goal of preparing Christians in the word of God and ministry skills to share the Gospel with the world (Mark 16:15, 16). Does this sound like something you may be interested in?

MBI is not for everyone. We are very selective in enrolling students. We are looking for special persons who want to make a commitment, not just send an application. God is seeking people who love Christ, His word and the mission of His church; and who want to share the Gospel with others. You can make a difference!

We are excited about you attending MBI! Please read this catalog carefully and prayerfully. If you have a desire and qualify, we look forward to helping you become a student at MBI. Don't hesitate any longer! Pray about where God wants to you in the Kingdom!

Yours for Making a Difference,

J. J. Turner, President

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## CALENDAR AND PROGRAMS \*

### 2009-2010

#### UNDERGRADUATE SCHEDULE

First Quarter ..... September 7—November 13  
Second Quarter ..... November 23-January 30, 2010  
Third Quarter .....February10 —April 16  
Fourth Quarter .....April26—June 30  
Summer Break.....July & August

#### MASTER'S BLITZ WEEK

Fall Blitz .....October 20—24, 2009  
Spring Blitz Week....April 19-23, 2010

#### SCHOOL SHEPHERDING

Spring Session.....May 11—16  
Fall Session.....November 9—14

\*Other classes and events will be scheduled throughout the year.

## NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

World Bible Institute does not discriminate on the basis of race or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or any other school-administered programs.

## PHYSICAL FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

The Bible Institute, as part of the educational work of the McDonough Church of Christ, is conducted in the numerous classrooms designated for the Institute. The main lecture hall is equipped with power point, audio recording, video, boards, etc. The Greek room contains the boards for classroom exercises. The library is housed in the church building in the Bible Institute building.

## ADMINISTRATION

*President, JJ Turner, PhD.*  
*VP of Public Relations, Herbert Moore, MBS*  
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*Registrar, Ebbie Wheeless*  
*Librarian, Sandra Brown, MA*

## RATIONALE

World Bible Institute is a single purpose Institute: To prepare persons in the word of God and ministry skills in order to be more effective in their Christian lives and church activities. We are a “single subject” Institute: The Holy Bible, all 66 books and ministry related areas. The Bible is the foundation for every course listed in this catalog. We are more interested in equipping for ministry than for any other vocation in life. In fact ministry preparation will enhance whatever work you are presently involved in.

The church's central purpose is to bring glory to God (Ephesians 3:21). There are numerous ways for the church to accomplish this central mission. As the "pillar and support of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15), it must be done in harmony with sound biblical teaching. All objectives must be related to the eternal vision God has for the church (cf. Isaiah 2:2-4); which is commanded in the Great Commission (Mark 16:15, 16). The major purpose of church leadership is to equip the Body for the work of ministry (cf. Ephesians 4:11-16). Faithful members must be prepared to perpetuate God's mission in the world (cf. 2 Timothy 2:1-3). The goal of each Christian is to become a teacher of God's word (cf. Hebrews 5:11-14).

The world's population is rushing toward seven billion. Each second one person dies somewhere in the world; many of these are dying lost because they have not heard the Gospel. Add to this the decline of the church in the USA: from 23,000 congregations to 13,500; add to this fact the thousands of towns, counties, cities, etc., that don't have congregations and you begin to see the staggering need for preparing workers, at all levels, to share the Gospel message, edify the saved and restore the erring. The church is experiencing a leadership crisis at all levels. Bible class teachers are difficult to find; and the shortage of full-time preachers is alarming. Thirty-three percent of our congregations are without the services of a full-time worker.

There needs to be Institute level training in the Bible for those who have families and have to work. It is not financially feasible for them to quit their jobs, uproot their families and go to a distant city to acquire biblical training. This is why **World Bible Institute** has developed a plan to deliver Bible education in an affordable and convenient curriculum through weekend, evening, and in-ministry course offerings. This will allow students from distances to attend the Institute. Millions live within three-hundred miles of **MBI**. Through in- ministry courses, students don't have to leave home.

We are located on the edge of South Georgia's mission field. Numerous churches need strengthening, as well as the establishment of new congregations in Georgia.

It is because of these, and other challenging needs, that the elders of the McDonough Church of Christ have prayerfully begun the **World Bible Institute**. It started in January of 2005. This is a basic Institute and Bible teaching ministry of the church.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To respond in a positive and biblical way to the needs outlined above in the rationale through the following objectives:

1. To provide a sound and balanced Bible curriculum for students.
2. To equip each student for ministry in the local church.
3. To conduct practicum's for developing relevant ministry skills.
4. To stress the importance of the church in God's eternal scheme of redemption.
5. To develop leaders at all levels: elders, deacons, teachers, preachers, etc.
6. To develop biblical materials for usage in churches.
7. To prepare the church for the "after the next generation."
8. To honor the church's scriptural role in training people in God's word.

It should be noted that World Bible Institute is a **single** purpose school. We exist for the **sole** purpose of providing programs of study in Bible, theology, divinity, religious education, missionary training, and training for church ministry. We do not, and will not, grant postsecondary degrees of a nonreligious nature. We are a **Bible Institute seeking to honor God in all our academic programs (2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 3:21)**.

This is why our degrees are all designated as *degrees in Biblical Studies: e.g., Associate of Biblical Studies, Bachelor of Biblical Studies, Master of Biblical Studies*. If a person desires academic study or preparation for work other than in ministry, he should enroll in a Institute offering appropriate programs of study.

## OPERATING AUTHORITY

The World Bible Institute operates in accordance with Code Section 20-3-250-3, of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission of Georgia, as an exempt religious school, on religious grounds. The Institute is an advanced level Institute and Graduate School program with its own State Charter and 501(3)(c) State and Federal Tax Exemption.

## METHODOLOGY

The above outlined major objectives will be accomplished through some of the following methods:

1. The conducting of resident classes in McDonough.
2. Appropriate research assignments for class objectives.
3. Courses taught by qualified faculty, both spiritually and academically.
4. Guest lecturers, tapes, videos, etc. will be used as resources.
5. Through reading assignments in appropriate textbooks.
6. Ministry projects and practicum.
7. Through extension centers where courses are delivered.
8. Appropriate testing for classes.
9. Classes on internet, through correspondence, in- ministry courses, etc.
10. Special seminars, lectureships, workshops, etc.
11. Upon approval a student may be concurrently enrolled in a local Institute to earn general education hours to apply to an undergraduate degree program.

## CLASS SCHEDULING

In order to make biblical education available for the most people, at an affordable cost, in the beginning the **World Bible Institute** will offer two courses every two months in the classroom with thirty (30) additional days to complete certain assignments. A typical schedule will be as follows:

1. A class may meet from 9:00—12:00 on Saturday morning for two months. A class may meet one evening during the week (e.g. Wednesday 6—9 P.M.).
2. Our goal is to establish convenient schedules for students. Classes may also be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00—9:30.
3. This will allow each class to have enough hours for 3 semester units in each subject.
4. The basic Institute calendar will be ten months per year; making it possible to complete ten courses each year. Seminars, workshops and special “blitz week” courses will also be used to earn Institute units.
5. Each course will have an additional 30 days after classroom work to complete

certain assignments if the professor deems appropriate. This allows the student to work on the next courses while completing the last month's course; thus, work is being done on two courses at a time.

6. The graduate courses will be conducted in **Blitz Weeks**. The student comes to the campus for an intensive week of study: Monday—Friday. During this week, two courses will be studied, one in AM and one in PM, four hours each. Prior to coming to campus the student will do certain pre-assignments for the classes and will have 60 days after classes to complete all course work.
7. There will be no classes scheduled in July and August of each year.
8. During the year some courses will be offered on Video and DVD.
9. We plan to begin full-time day courses in the 2010.

## IN-MINISTRY COURSES

In-Ministry courses are completed in the student's local church or ministry setting. These are practical assignments usually involving research projects, lesson preparation, and other ministry related projects. These have a 60 to 90 day time limit, depending on the nature of the In-Ministry course. This is where you do what you study, and study what you do (James 1:18-23). Reading assignments are heavy in this course area, as well as writing. This method of study allows the student to complete course work without having to leave home or work. There is a fee for each In-Ministry course.

## CREDITS AND AWARDS

The initial goal of MBI is to offer four Bible and ministry related curriculums, which will consist of 60 semester hours for the *Associate of Biblical Studies*: 54 hours earned in the class room and 6 hours from ministry projects. Hours may be earned through other academic/ministry activities, too. The *Bachelor of Biblical Studies* will consist of 128 semester hours: 120 earned in the class room and 8 hours from ministry projects. The *Master of Biblical Studies* will consist of 32 hours beyond the bachelor degree. Twelve (12) hours will be earned through campus *Blitz Weeks* and 14 hours will be earned through *in-ministry* study projects, and a six (6) hour thesis or an additional six hours of class room studies is required. *Special Certificates in Biblical Studies* will be awarded after 30 semester hours of study in a chosen field.

1. *Associate of Biblical Studies (ABS)*—60 semester hours
2. *Bachelor of Biblical Studies(BBS)*—128 semester hours
3. *Master of Biblical Studies (MBS)*—32 semester hours, including a thesis.
4. *Special Certificates will be awarded*—30 semester hours (In various fields, e.g. Shepherding).
5. *Honorary Degrees (DCM)*. In certain cases MBI will award persons who have demonstrated outstanding skills in ministry and service to mankind over a period of not less than 20 years, the honorary *Doctorate of Christian Ministry* degree.

## MINISTRY AND SERVICE SKILLS

MBI will award one hour per quarter (8 hours) for ministry and Christian service

completed in the local church while attending classes. This ministry will include such activities as personal evangelism, campaigns, visitation in the local church, mission trips, teaching Bible classes, preaching, follow-up Bible studies, etc.

## **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

Those enrolled in the BBS degree program who plan to preach or serve as missionaries are required to take 12 hours of Greek. Those enrolled who do not plan to preach are exempt from the language requirement but are encouraged to take 6 hours to learn how to use the Greek helps in their studies.

## **BENEFITS FROM ATTENDING MBI**

There will be numerous benefits for students enrolled in **MBI**. Some of the major ones are as follows:

1. The student will gain a deeper and broader understanding of God's word.
2. The student will grow in Christ likeness (Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 2:5-8).
3. The student will be prepared to teach God's word in an effective manner.
4. The student will be trained to minister in a local church.
5. The student will participate in practical ministry activities (e.g., visitation, evangelism, campaigns, etc.).
6. The student will develop leadership skills.
7. The student will be encouraged to counsel others and be a people helper.
8. The student will be an example to others through preparing self for God's service.
9. The student will enjoy the small student-faculty ratio which allows closeness and more help when needed.
10. The student will earn an academic award for successfully completing courses.
11. The student will not have to quit his job in order to attend Institute.
12. The student will not be a financial burden to the brotherhood (e.g., raising support).

## **HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

World Bible Institute, as an educational arm of the local church, will not tolerate conduct unbecoming to the Christian principles set forth in the Bible. Each student in MBI assumes by their voluntary enrollment the responsibility to abide by the regulations, values, morals and standards of the Institute; both on and off the campus.

Because MBI is committed to preparing Christians for kingdom service, students must honor the basic principles of academic integrity. Consequently, all forms of dishonesty, including plagiarism or cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Each student will do their own work; executed to the best of their ability, exclusively for the assignment for which it is presented.

The consequences for breach of academic integrity may result in some of the following; from the least to the most severe:

1. 1.Repeat or substitution of assignment
2. 2.Written reprimand
3. 3.Zero (O) credit for the violation

4. 4.Zero (O) credit/F for course involved, or\*
5. 5.Academic dismissal.  
\*Step 4 carries automatic academic probation.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who desire to transfer credits from other Institutes will be assessed by the Registrar's office for credit acceptance and enrollment. All courses will be evaluated regardless of when it was taken. The school, teachers credentials, and curriculum of each transcript will contribute to the acceptance or rejection of credits. No transfer credit will be given for grades below "C" for undergraduate level and "B" on the graduate level.

## FACULTY

Faculty members are chosen from spiritually, academically, and biblical members of the Lord's church in the Atlanta area and from the brotherhood. They must have a proven record of "being doers of the word." (James 1:18-24). The faculty is the key to the quality of education delivered at **MBI**.

## TENTATIVE CURRICULUM

The **World Bible Institute** plans to have a well- balanced curriculum, ranging from textual studies to practical studies, and core general education courses. The following is a prospectus of our total curriculum:

***Undergraduate Curriculum\**** : (Each course is a three (3) semester hours course):

### *YearOneCurriculum\**

- 101 How We Got the Bible
- 102 Hermeneutics: How to Study the Bible
- 103 The Gospel of John
- 104 Old Testament Survey
- 105 The Church of the Bible
- 106 Evangelism
- 107 Lesson Preparation For Teaching & Preaching
- 108 Missions
- 109 Greek 1
- 110 Greek 2
- 111 Greek3

### *YearTwoCurriculum\**

- 201 Denominational Doctrines
- 202 The Book of Acts
- 203 Doctrine of Godhead
- 204 General Epistles
- 205 New Testament Survey
- 206 The Epistles of John
- 207 Marriage & The Family
- 208 The Synoptic Gospels
- 209 Prison Epistles

210 1 and 2 Corinthians

YearThreeCurriculum\*

- 301 The Learning Church
- 302 The Minor Prophets
- 303 The Fundamentals of Leadership
- 304 The Book of Hebrews
- 305 Galatians and Ephesians
- 306 The Book of Romans
- 307 Greek 4
- 308 Wisdom and Poetic Literature
- 309 Job
- 310 Law of Moses
- 311 Ministry Practicum

YearFourCurriculum\*

- 401 Preaching (Sermon Delivery)
- 402 Isaiah
- 403 Daniel
- 404 I & II Timothy, Titus
- 405 World Religions
- 406 Restoration History
- 407 Christian Evidences
- 408 Biblical Counseling
- 409 The Book of Revelation
- 410 Church Growth

**\* Undergraduate General Education Courses**

In order to provide students with a basic foundation in general education, a prerequisite for those who desire to transfer to a Christian University, and meet accreditation standards, MBI offers the following 30 hours in general education:

- Ed. 110 English Grammar
- Ed. 111. English Composition
- Ed. 112. Business Math
- Ed. 113. Introduction to Philosophy
- Ed. 114. Introduction to Psychology
- Ed. 115. Earth Science
- Ed. 116. Sociology
- Ed. 117. Western Civilization/History
- Ed. 118. Speech Communication Ed. 119. Introduction to Logic Ed. 120. Computer Science

\* These will be offered on a special schedule basis.

**UNDERGRADUATE TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR PREACHERS**

**FIRST YEAR**

**FIRST QUARTER:**

- Ed. 110 English Grammar
- 101 How We Got The Bible

- 102 Hermeneutics: How to Study the Bible
- 103 The Gospel of John
- 106 Evangelism

**SECOND QUARTER:**

- Ed. 111 English Composition
- 104 Old Testament Survey
- 109 Greek 1
- 208 The Synoptic Gospels
- 202 The Book of Acts

**THIRD QUARTER:**

- 107 Lesson Preparation For Teaching and Preaching
- 110 Greek 2
- 206 Epistles of John
- 207 Marriage and the Family
- 209 Prison Epistles

**FOURTH QUARTER:**

- 111 Greek 3
- Ed. 112 Minister's Personal Finance
- 201 Denominational Doctrines
- 203 Doctrine of the Godhead
- 204 General Epistles

**SECOND YEAR**

**FIRST QUARTER:**

- 205 New Testament Survey
- 307 Greek 4
- 305 Book of Galatians & Ephesians
- 311 Law of Moses
- 408 Christian Evidences

**SECOND QUARTER:**

- 306 Romans
- 309 Book of Job
- 407 Restoration history
- 404 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus
- 409 Biblical Counseling

**THIRD QUARTER:**

- 303 Fundamentals of Leadership
- 308 Wisdom & Poetic Literature
- 406 World Religions
- 411 Church Growth
- 410 Book of Revelation

**FOURTH QUARTER:**

- 301 The Learning Church
- 303 The Minor Prophets
- 304 Book of Hebrews
- 108 Missions
- 401 Preaching (Sermon Delivery)

### **\* Graduate School Curriculum**

#### ***Master of Biblical Studies\****

- 501 Introduction to Graduate Study (2 semester hours)
- 502 Advanced Biblical Exegesis (3 Semester hours)
- 503 Advanced Biblical Counseling (3 semester hours)
- 504 Total Communication (3 semester hours)
- 505 Leadership Development (3 semester hours)
- 606 Growing the Local Church (3 semester hours)
- 607 Postmodernism and Humanism (3 semester hours)
- 607 Gospel of John (3 semester hours)
- 608 Research Methodology (3 semester hours)
- 609 Thesis (6 semester hours)

#### ***School of Shepherding\****

Because of the biblical emphasis on the work of elder-shepherds in the local church, we will give it a special place in our curriculum. It will be a certificate program. Classes may be taken on a per need basis or for a certificate.

- S 001 The History of Shepherding in the Bible
- S 002 Jesus, The Chief Shepherd
- S 003 The Kind of Shepherds God Wants
- S 004 Qualifications of an Under-Shepherd
- S 005 Biblical Work of a Shepherd
- S 006 Fundamentals of Leadership for Shepherds
- S 007 Shepherds as Counselors
- S 008 Handling Conflict and Problems
- S 009 Integrity of Shepherds
- S 010 Making Decisions and Delegating

**Electives will be added on a needs basis to the curriculum.**

**\* Courses may be changed if warranted.**

### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Bible affirms that those who are taught the word should support those who teach the word (Galatians 6:6). **MBI** seeks to provide a curriculum at the lowest possible expense for both the Institute and student. Qualified teachers will be brought in to teach the master's degree *blitz weeks*. Expenses may involve air fare, motel expenses, and a stipend. This is why each student will be asked to make a stewardship commitment to the Institute. This will involve a per course contribution that will be determined prior to enrollment in the course. From these contributions the teacher will receive a stipend and materials for the class will be purchased (e.g., syllabus, testing, handouts, etc.). Local teachers will also be paid for their services to the Institute. **MBI** seeks no profit from its educational endeavors, only expenses for the operation of the various programs. Congregations are encouraged to make contributions to this work; this will reduce the amount of contributions made by students. Supporting a student in the Bible Institute would be an excellent work and investment in the work of the kingdom (Matthew 6:33).

**\*Contributions (tuition)**

Charges at registration constitute a contract and obligate the registrant for full payment. Fees are not refundable; tuition is refundable based on the below scale. No grades, transcripts, certificates, or diplomas will be issued until all obligations are satisfied.

The estimated tuition contribution for a student taking all 120 semester hours for the bachelor degree is \$4200.00.

The estimated tuition contribution for a student taking all 32 hours for the master of biblical studies degree is \$2,240.00.

The estimated tuition contribution for a student taking a 30 hours certificate or diploma program is \$1050.00.

\*\* Additional fees for graduation, books, and other costs are figured separately from the tuition and will be made known to the student at registration.

**Breakdown of fees and tuition:**

**\*ALL Courses** (Including Auditing and Free Courses) require a \$25.00 Registration Fee.  
Fees and tuitions may be adjusted and additional fees may be added as needed.

Quarterly Registration.....	\$25.00*
In-Ministry Course (per 3 hours semester course).....	FREE
Undergraduate Course Hour.....	FREE
Certificate Courses .....	FREE
Auditing.....	FREE*
Graduate Hour (\$35 per hour x 3 hour course).....	\$105.00
Master's Thesis (\$35 per hour x 6 hour course).....	\$210.00
Graduation Fee (Cap & Gown, Diploma, and Banquet, etc.) .....	\$120.00

**Refund Policy:**

Tuition refunds will be based on the following table:

1. Within first week.....	90% refund
2. Within second week.....	60% refund
3. Within third & fourth week.....	30 % refund
4. After fifth week .....	0% refund

**Transcript Fee**

1—3 copies .....	No charge
4th and additional copies .....	\$3.00 each

### *Room & Board*

At this time MBI does not provide housing or meals for students. It is up to each student to secure housing.

*\* These contributions may be adjusted.*

*\* Additional fees ~~may be~~ added as needed.*

## **OVERSIGHT OF MBI**

Since the **World Bible Institute** is one of the educational works of the McDonough Church of Christ, it is under the oversight (i.e., trusteeship) of the McDonough elders. They have the final say-so in all matters pertaining to the Institute. The elders make up the Board of Trustees. At present they are:

Russ Havard  
Roger Jones  
J.J. Turner

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The McDonough elders (trustees) will select and appoint a qualified person to serve as the President of the Bible Institute. The person selected will be, above all, qualified in the Word of God and soundness in the faith, with skills appropriate for their assignment. The day-to-day operations of the Institute will be the responsibility of the President, who has been selected and appointed by the elders. He will select all teachers, develop curriculum, determine Institute policies, etc.

## **ADVISORY BOARD**

The Bible affirms that there is safety (i.e. wisdom) in a multitude of counselors (Proverbs 11:14). The **World Bible Institute** will develop a national advisory board that will be asked to give suggestions, finances, evaluations, counsel, and other pertinent information for the development of the Institute. These persons will be selected from those who believe in and support the objectives of the Institute. This Board has no authority to make or change Institute policies.

## **AUXILIARY GROUPS**

The Bible Institute will develop auxiliary groups that have as their objective the promotion of the Institute through fund raising, advertisement, public relations, etc. Those selected for these groups will believe in the objectives of the Institute.

## **ADMISSION POLICY**

1. All prospective students must submit a formal application for approval.
2. Enrollment is open to all persons who agree to abide by the policies of **MBI**.
3. In order for a student to qualify for an undergraduate degree, he must be a high school graduate or have an equivalency (GED) diploma. An exception will be granted to the "mature student" who is over 21 years of age. To enroll in the

- Graduate School a student must have a bachelor's degree from an approved Institute for the master's, with hours in biblical studies, and a master's degree to enroll in the doctorate, from an approved Institute, with hours in biblical studies.
4. Students not qualifying in point three (3) will be allowed to pursue the Diploma in Biblical Studies award or a Certificate in Biblical Studies.
  5. A student may audit a course if class space is available.
  6. All students must agree to abide by the **Institute Rules of Conduct** (i.e., Institute handbook).
  7. A small one-time application fee (e.g., \$30.00) will be required of all students.
  8. Continuation in MBI will depend on the student's grades, faithfulness in a local congregation, and recommendation by the Institute administration and faculty.
  9. All undergraduate courses will need a minimum of seven (5) students enrolled for credit before it will be conducted. The graduate courses require ten (10) students.
  10. Once enrolled as a student in MBI a student must register for each course he plans to take at least 15 days before the course begins.
  11. In certain cases prior Institute work or school of preaching work, etc., from approved schools, will be accepted as transfer hours toward MBI awards. Official transcripts must be submitted for evaluation.
  12. In certain cases MBI will grant a limited number of credit hours from Life-learning experiences (e.g., military, ministry involvement, etc.). A portfolio must be prepared according to Institute guidelines and submitted for evaluation.
  13. World Bible Institute does not/will not discriminate on the basis of race in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship policies, or any other Institute-administered programs or policies.
  14. In order to graduate from MBI all contribution pledges must be paid in full.

## LIBRARY

The library is the heartbeat of a Institute. We are in the developmental stage of our library, with numerous books and more to be added. Faculty, local Institute libraries and internet borrowing libraries are available to the students. The library collection will include books, e-books, DVD and VHS programs, audiocassette tapes, CD- ROMs, periodicals, and on-line journals. Space is allocated for computer-assisted research, individual study, and library resources, The library Information Commons houses computers available to patrons for internet use, database research, and access to specialized software programs that support the MBI curriculum.

## TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

Each teacher will select or recommend the textbooks for each course. The student will have to purchase materials and textbooks; they are not included in the tuition. Priority for textbooks will be given to brotherhood writers and materials. A list is available in the Institute office.

## JOB PLACEMENT

While the need and demand for qualified ministry workers is great, MBI does not maintain a job placement department; neither do we guarantee students a job of any kind because they complete one of our courses or programs. We are a church training program, equipping for ministry in local churches; realizing each church determines the standards for selecting workers.

## GRADING AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Institute will have a uniform grading policy such as follows:

64 and below F

65—69	D	81—85	B	96—99	A
70—75	C-	86—90	B+	100	A+
76—80	C+	91—95	A-		

Grading will involve the appropriate value assigned by each professor to assignments in the class (e.g., grade value of each paper, memory work, class participation, tests, reading assignments, etc., will all contribute to the overall grade earned in a course).

Since each undergraduate course is taught within a two month period (there would be an exception for day courses) it is imperative that a student attend all classes and complete all assignments in a timely manner. Students are responsible for making up the work they missed in class. Each professor will determine how to do this in his class. Since graduate courses are taught in **Blitz Weeks** a student cannot miss any of the classes; the exception being an emergency requiring the students involvement (e.g. funeral, etc.), or personal health issue. All class misses must be made up.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### *YEAR ONE CURRICULUM*

#### **101 How We Got the Bible**

This course examines the development of the canon and how the Bible has been translated and delivered to us; it will also include a look at various translations. (3 Hrs.).

#### **102 Hermeneutics: How to Study the Bible**

This course explores the various methods that have been used to exegete Scripture; it will help the student develop a sound set of study skills. (3 Hrs.).

#### **103 The Gospel of John**

John is the Gospel of belief. John presents seven miracles to prove that Jesus is the Son of God. A study of this book will enrich the life and ministry of each student. (3 Hrs.).

#### **104 Old Testament Survey**

The apostle Paul said, "The things written beforehand, were written for our learning" (Rom. 15:4). This survey will give the student an overall working knowledge of the Old Testament, which is essential for understanding the New Testament. (3 Hrs.).

#### **105 The Church of the Bible**

This course explores the establishment of the church in the first century; its organization, mission, worship, and so forth. It is essential for ministers and every Christian to know about the "church Jesus built." (3 Hrs.).

#### **106 Evangelism**

In this course the student will learn how to share the Gospel, and in so doing, edify and help the local church grow. The student will also learn how to "keep the saved, saved." (3 Hrs.).

### **107 Lesson Preparation for Teaching & Preaching**

The nature and purposes of teaching and preaching will be studied. Major attention will be given to beginning a lesson for either the pulpit or classroom. The student will learn how to give CPR to every message. (3 Hrs.).

### **108 Missions**

This is a study of the principles, methods, and practices one will need to understand in order to effectively do mission work. It will enable the student to plan and prepare for the mission field with Scriptural and workable goals and approaches best suited to his abilities and specific culture. (3Hrs.).

### **109 Greek 1**

The New Testament was written in the Greek language. This course will take the student through the fundamentals of this language. (3 Hrs.).

### **110 Greek 2**

This is a continuation of Greek I with an emphasis on translating the texts. (3 Hrs.).

### **111 Greek 3**

This is a continuation of Greek 1 & 2 with an emphasis on translating the texts. (3 Hrs.).

### **112 Ministry Practicum**

This course gives the student, under supervision, an opportunity to become involved in the practice of ministry in a local church context. It is the “using what you learn” key to education. (3 Hrs.).

## **YEAR TWO CURRICULUM**

### **201 Denominational Doctrines**

This is a course which explores what the various religious groups teach and practice, especially in the USA. The foundation of these practices and teachings will be better understood by the student after this course. (3Hrs.).

### **202 Book of Acts**

This is a study of the Book of Acts with an emphasis on the spread of the Gospel in the first century; cases of conversion and how problems were handled (3 Hrs.).

### **203 Doctrine of the Godhead**

The doctrine of the Trinity and its development will be studied in this course, giving insight into the nature, essence and personalities in the One Divine God. This is a faith builder. (3 Hrs.).

### **204 General Epistles**

This is a survey study of James, I & II Peter and Jude; relevant lessons for today will be learned from these dynamic epistles. (3 Hrs.).

### **205 New Testament Survey**

This course will help the student get an overall view of the New Testament and how each book relates to one another; as well as how it relates to the Old Testament (3 Hrs.).

### **206 The Epistles of John**

The three short epistles of John—1, 2, and 3 John, will be studied in light of relationships within the church, as well as their historical backgrounds. These short letters will be faith builders. (3 Hrs.).

### **207 Marriage and the Family**

Few institutions in our nation are more challenged than the home. This course will explore the fundamentals in God's word relative to how to have a great marriage and family. (3 Hrs.).

### **208 The Synoptic Gospels**

The Synoptic Gospels very powerful as they address the Jewish and Roman mind relative to power. Jesus will be seen as the one with power and authority. Lessons for the Christian life will be gleaned. (3 Hrs.).

### **209 Prison Epistles**

The apostle Paul wrote more epistles than any other writer in the New Testament. This course will explore his literary style the Prison Epistles, as well as other emphasis in his many writings. (3 Hrs.).

### **210 1 & 2 Corinthians**

This is an exegetical study of the text while explaining the many church problems addressed in this Pauline Epistle. The class is designed to help the student deal with church problems in local ministry. (3Hrs.).

### **211 Ministry Practicum**

This is a continuation of the ministry practicum begun in year one. This course moves deeper into the practice of ministry in all areas. (3 Hrs.).

## *YEAR THREE CURRICULUM*

### **301 The Learning Church**

A local church will be no stronger than her educational program. This course will equip the student with knowledge and skills relative to how a learning church should function: curriculum, teacher training, etc. (3 Hrs.).

### **302 The Minor Prophets**

These 12 men were minor only in the length of the content of their writings. Each prophet will be examined in light of his work among the Jews. Relative messages for today will be learned. (3 Hrs.).

### **303 Fundamentals of Leadership**

Every congregation, business, family, etc, is in its present position because of leadership. This course will help the student learn how to use the basics of leadership to help the church grow. (3 Hrs.).

### **304 Book of Hebrews**

An exegetical study of this dynamic epistle to the Hebrew Christians. Special emphasis will be given to Christ as our High priest and Sacrifice. The course will also emphasize many practical principles for Christian living. (3 Hrs.).

### **305 Parenting God's Way**

The church is in need of good, sound advice and practical skills relative to parenting issues. This course will help the student prepare for this great and needed

ministry within the church (3 Hrs.).

### **305 Galatians and Ephesians**

These two epistles of Paul will be studied in their theological and historical context. Grace will be the emphasis in these short letters to churches; they will build the student's faith. (3 Hrs.).

### **306 The Book of Romans**

This course is an exegetical study of the book of Romans, with an emphasis on Law versus Grace; as well as a discussion of justification and sanctification. (3 Hrs.).

### **307 Greek 4**

This is a continuation of Greek 1, 2, and 3 to help the student to continue to develop his skills in the language. It is also a reading class consisting of translating the book of 1 John (3 Hrs.).

### **308 Wisdom and Poetic Literature**

This is a study of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. The role of poetic literature and wisdom within Israel will be studied, with applications made to today. (3 Hrs.).

### **309 The Book of Job**

This is a study of the suffering and faithful man, Job. Numerous lessons on the problem of good and evil, as well as trusting God will be learned in this course. (3 Hrs.).

### **310 Law of Moses**

This is a survey course of the first five books in the Old Testament. An understanding of the Law of Moses is vital to understanding grace and Christ's mission to earth. This is a foundation course. (3 Hrs.).

### **311 Parenting God's Way**

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### **312 Ministry Practicum**

This is a continuation of the two previous ministry courses. The discipling process never stops—students must not only know the book but also be able to DO it.

## *YEAR FOUR CURRICULUM*

### **401 Preaching (Sermon Delivery)**

This course will help the student research, prepare and deliver Bible messages; especially sermons. It will stress communication dynamics and listening skills. (3 Hrs.).

### **402 The Book of Isaiah**

This is a textual study of this great prophet and his prophecy, giving an emphasis to the criticism, condition of the nations, warnings and threats, prophecies of captivity and return, and messianic prophecies. (3 Hrs.).

#### **403 Daniel and Ezekiel**

This course places and emphasis on the responsibility of the prophet (and preacher) to the people. Attention will be given to the figurative and symbolic language in these books, which will help the student understand Revelation. (3 Hrs.).

#### **404 I & II Timothy & Titus**

These three books authored by the apostle Paul gives an emphasis to the work of an evangelist, as well as how to ordain elders and set things in order in the church (3 Hrs.).

#### **405 I & II Thessalonians**

These two epistles by Paul deal with ethics, conduct and last things. Christians are encouraged to stay active and faithful.(3 Hrs.).

#### **406 World Religions**

This is a course to study the culture and beliefs of the major world religions. It is to give the student a better understanding and love for this culture in order to better serve the people better while in the mission field. (3Hrs.).

#### **407 Restoration History**

This is a survey study to help the student become familiar with the work of restoration preachers such as Campbell, Stone, Smith and so forth, with an emphasis on the Restoration Plea today. (3 Hrs.).

#### **408 Christian Evidences**

A survey of the logical reasons for God's existence and the inspiration of the Bible. Special studies are included to refute evolution, theistic evolution, modern day miracles, and alleged discrepancies of the Bible (3 Hrs.).

#### **409 Biblical Counseling**

God has called us to be "people helpers" (Galatians 6:1, 2). This course will help the student develop a basic biblical approach to helping people with their problems. (3 Hrs.).

#### **410 Book of Revelation**

This book, which is viewed by so many as a mystery, will be considered and exegeted in its literary and historical context. The dynamic principles in the book will be applied to present day life. (3 Hrs.).

#### **411 Church Growth**

This is a course to give the student a better understanding of the biblical principles in planting and maturing a local church in the faith. (3Hrs.).

#### **412 Ministry Practicum**

This is a continuation of the three previous ministry practicum's, where the student is a "doer of the word" (James 1:22, 23). (3 Hrs.).

#### **\* GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

In order to provide students with a basic foundation in general education at the undergraduate level, a prerequisite for those who desire to transfer to a Christian University, and meet accreditation standards, MBI offers the following 30 hours in general

education. Each teacher will select and assign textbooks for these courses.

**Ed. 110 English Grammar**

It is a basic skill for the student to know English Grammar to be able to communicate the Gospel of Christ correctly. This will serve as a refresher course for all students. (3hrs.).

**Ed. 111 English Composition**

Writing is a basic tool for Christian workers, as well as all people. English and basic writing skills are studied in this class. Writing is a powerful tool for reaching the masses. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 112 Business Math**

This is a fundamental course in the basics of math and how they relate to everyday life, business and stewardship. More issues exist around money than any other thing in homes, etc. Money management is a focus of this course. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 113. Introduction to Philosophy**

This course will explore the history, characters and schools of philosophy, both ancient and modern, with an application on how they have influenced the church. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 114. Introduction to Psychology**

This is a basic introductory course to the field of psychology. Various approaches to psychology and therapy will be studied in light of God's word. (3 Hrs.). **Ed. 115**

**Earth Science**

The student will discover the marvels set in the earth by God, as His creation will be studied from various disciplines. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 116 Sociology**

People live in communities, and communities impact every area of our lives. An understanding of culture and communities will help the student minister more effectively. This is a course in the basics of sociology. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 117 Western Civilization**

This is a basic course in the times, events and characters that have shaped western civilization. It will help the student understand how we have arrived at our present forms of government, etc. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 118 Speech Communication**

Few fields have expanded more in the 21<sup>st</sup> century than communication, carrying the human voice across the globe. This course in the fundamentals of speech communication will prepare the student to use the media more effectively. Emphasis will be given to the preparation of material, the listener and delivery of public speeches. (3 Hrs.).

**Ed. 119 Introduction to Logic**

The Gospel is a logical message which needs to be presented in a logical form. The Gospel must be defended, which means one must know how to debate. This course introduces the student to the vital and practical role of logic. (3 Hrs.).

### **Ed. 120 Computer Science**

This is a fundamentals course in the usage of the computer with an application to ministry and marketing. (3 Hrs.)

\* These will be offered on a special schedule basis

### ***Graduate School Curriculum\****

#### ***Master of Biblical Studies \****

#### **501 Introduction to Graduate Studies**

This course introduces the student to the disciplines needed to successfully complete graduate studies. How to research, write and develop material on the graduate level will be stressed. More is required at the graduate level. (3 Hrs.).

#### **502 Advanced Hermeneutics**

This is a course in the science and art of interpreting and applying the Bible on an advanced level. It builds on undergraduate hermeneutics (3 Hrs.).

#### **503 Advanced Biblical Counseling**

This course builds on the fundamentals learned at the undergraduate level. Various issues in counseling will be studied along with Bible solutions to the problems. (3 Hrs.).

#### **504 Total Communication**

This is a course in which all aspects of modern communications will be integrated into a ministry model for reaching people with the Gospel. (3 Hrs.).

#### **505 Leadership Development**

This course equips the student in the "how to" of developing leadership in the local church, as well as an emphasis on developing the leader within. (3 Hrs.).

#### **606 Growing the Local Church**

God wants the church to grow in three major areas: (1) evangelism, (2) edification, and in (3) benevolence. This course will help the student lead the church in growth in these three areas, plus others. (3 Hrs.).

#### **607 Postmodernism and Humanism**

The world is being swept away with postmodernism and humanism. Man has become the center of the universe, developing his own standard of right and wrong. The Christian must not only be aware of these challenges but be able to combat them from Scripture. (3 Hrs.).

#### **608 The Gospel of John**

This is a continuation of the study begun on the undergraduate level; with an emphasis on discovering and delivering messages from this great Gospel. (3 Hrs.).

### **609 Research Methodology**

This is an advanced course in research methods as related to writing a graduate thesis or research project.

This will help the student write the required master's thesis. (3 Hrs.).

### **610 Graduate Thesis**

The student will select a subject, topic or project area and write a minimum of 25,000 words on the chosen theme. All proposals must be approved by the Graduate School faculty. (6 Hrs.).

### ***School of Shepherding***

Because of the biblical emphasis on the work of elder-shepherds in the local church, we give a special place in our curriculum to meeting the need for trained elders in the church. It will be a certificate program, or may be adapted to the undergraduate or graduate degrees. Classes will be scheduled to meet the needs of shepherds and men who aspire to be shepherds, both locally and from distances.

### **S 001 The History of Shepherding in the Bible**

As the course title suggests this will be a survey of what the Bible has to say about elders and shepherds, with an application for today. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 002 Jesus, the Chief Shepherd**

This is a study of what the Bible says about Jesus as the Chief Shepherd, with an application to today's elders in the church. (3 Hrs.)

### **S 003 The Kind of Shepherds God Wants**

This is a study of the qualities God has always wanted in His leaders, with a special application to shepherds in the local church. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 004 Qualifications of an Under-Shepherd**

This is a study of the qualifications of a shepherd as outlined in the Bible. The difference between character qualities and skill qualities will be noted. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 005 The Biblical Work of a Shepherd**

This practical course will examine the works of a shepherd as outlined in the Bible; it will explore what a shepherds work is and is not. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 006 Fundamentals of Leadership for Shepherds**

This course will help equip the shepherd with up-to-date leadership tools that may be used in leading God's flock. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 007 Shepherds as Counselors and People Helpers**

Today's shepherds face problems of every kind within their flocks. This course will help equip them with some counseling and people helper skills to meet these needs. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 008 Handling Conflicts and Problems**

This courses offers instructions in how to deal with conflict and issues that may arise in a congregation from a biblical perspective. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 009 Shepherds and Church growth**

This course is designed to help the shepherd lead the church in the three major growth areas. Methods and programs will be examined. (3 Hrs.).

### **S 010 Shepherds and Delegation and Decision Making**

This is a fundamental course in how to delegate and make decisions at the shepherding level; it will free the elders to do their work. (3 Hrs.).

**\*\*Electives will be added on a needs basis to the curriculum. Courses subject to change.**

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

The World Bible Institute has plans in the future to establish additional programs of studies, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as certificates and diplomas. In the immediate future we plan to begin:

*The School of Missions and Evangelism*

*The Marriage and Family Institute Leadership Institute*

## **MBI FACULTY**

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## **DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS**

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