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Academic Calendar

2023 - 2024

Residence Halls Open 8/21/23
Fall Registration 8/22/23 - 8/25/23

Fall Semester

Session 1 8/28/23 - 9/28/23
Session 2 10/2/23 - 11/3/23
Session 3 11/6/23 - 12/15/23

Special Events

Labor Day 9/4/23
no classes

Spiritual Renewal 9/28/23 - 9/30/23
no classes Friday

Veteran's Day Observed 11/10/23
no classes

Thanksgiving Break 11/20/23 - 11/24/23
no classes

Christmas Break 12/18/23 - 1/3/24
no classes

Academic Calendar

2023 - 2024

Residence Halls Open	1/1/24	
Spring Registration	1/4/24	- 1/5/24

Spring Semester

Session 4	1/8/24	- 2/9/24
Session 5	2/19/24	- 3/22/24
Session 6	4/1/24	- 5/3/24

Special Events

President's Day	2/19/24
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no classes

Missions Trips	3/25/24	- 3/29/24
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no classes

Commencement	5/7/24
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About Pastor Bob Gray II

Pastor Bob Gray II heads up our Seminary team as Chancellor of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools (TIBS).

Pastor Gray does not lead the Seminary from his office but engages with the students in the hallways, classrooms, and most especially in the chapel hour on a regular basis. Students attending TIBS can expect to get to know Pastor Gray on a personal basis as well as benefiting from his many years of ministry experience.

Pastor Gray is a graduate of TIBS (formerly Texas Baptist College). He received both his Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries and his Master of Theology degree from TIBS.

Prior to becoming the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview (formerly Longview Baptist Temple), Pastor Gray served as the youth pastor of Longview Baptist Temple for thirty-one years.

He was called to be the sixth pastor of the Longview Baptist Temple on December 17, 2008. Pastor Gray and his wife, Kelly, have been married since 1987. They have three children and five grandchildren.

About Dr. Darrell Moore

Dr. Darrell Moore joined our seminary team in the Fall semester of 2019. He brings to our Seminary decades of experience in working with young men and ladies in a college setting.

Darrell Moore surrendered to the call of God in his life at the age of twelve. He immediately immersed himself in the ministry, even as a young person, winning souls, working on bus routes, and teaching in Sunday school.

Darrell Moore continued his education at Hyles Anderson College in Hammond, Indiana. Doctor Moore received not only his Bachelor of Science degree in Bible, but also a Master of Education, from that institution. In addition, he received an honorary Doctorate in Pastoral Theology from Hyles Anderson.

Following his graduation, he continued to serve in both Hyles Anderson College as well as in the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, in various capacities for nearly four decades. He served 23 years as Administrative Vice President of Hyles Anderson College.

Over the years, God has used him to invest personally in the training of more than 1000 men and women for the gospel ministry.

Our History

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview (formerly the Longview Baptist Temple) was formally organized in October 1960. Evangelist Nihl Bulkley Sr. was called to be the first pastor. Over the church's fifty plus year history, she has had six pastors.

Nihl Bulkley, Sr.	1960 - 1962
Jerry Smith	1965 - 1968
Terry Smith	1968 - 1978
Larry Webb	1978 - 1980
Bob Gray, Sr.	1980 - 2009
Bob Gray II	2009 - present

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools (formerly Texas Baptist College) was founded in 1982 by Dr. Bob Gray Sr. along with the church's deacons and Christian businessman Frank Sturrock. TIBS was established to train soul-winning, independent Baptist church leaders.

In 2009, Dr. Bob Gray Sr. resigned as pastor of the Longview Baptist Temple and Chancellor of the Seminary; his son, Dr. Bob Gray II, became the sixth pastor of Longview Baptist Temple and second Chancellor of TIBS. Under Pastor Gray II's leadership, the church and school continue the founding principles with a renewed vigor and greater focus.

In 2019, the church membership voted to change the name of the church from the Longview Baptist Temple to Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview.

Who We Are

Our seminary has two facets: **classroom education** and **practical training**, both daily and on the weekends.

Classroom Education

In the classroom, every student will be given the knowledge and skills needed to work in his chosen field of ministry. In addition, all majors come together in classes which teach or sharpen their knowledge in areas of general study, including Bible, English, History and Humanities, etc.

Daily Practical Training

Outside of the classroom, students will learn the practical workings of a local church ministry, both in daily church work as well as in weekend ministry work.

TIBS Religious Education students work daily in the Longview Christian Academy, the church's K-12 school, observing and teaching in real classrooms with real teachers and students. An Education major will spend 75 clock hours every school year acting as a teacher's assistant.

TIBS Music students work daily honing their skills in small groups and choirs, overseen by the Music Coordinator of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview. As with the Education majors, Music majors will spend 75 clock hours every school year honing their music ability.

Weekend Practical Training

On the weekends, every student will be assigned to a small ministry team of students who work in area local churches. Students visit homes and win souls in the area of their assigned church on Saturday. On Sunday morning, they become an active part of that church's Sunday school and morning service – playing the piano, leading singing, preaching, teaching in Sunday school, baptizing converts, and whatever else might be needed.

We believe that by giving students both vibrant classroom learning as well as daily and weekend hands-on ministry training, they will graduate truly ready to do the work of the ministry.

Our Class Schedule

In a traditional university class structure, a student takes six or seven classes over a fifteen-week semester, with a sixteenth week for final exams.

This structure works well in secular colleges where student finances may be bolstered by scholarships and grants; however, the majority of our students work full-time jobs in order to pay their tuition and living expenses.

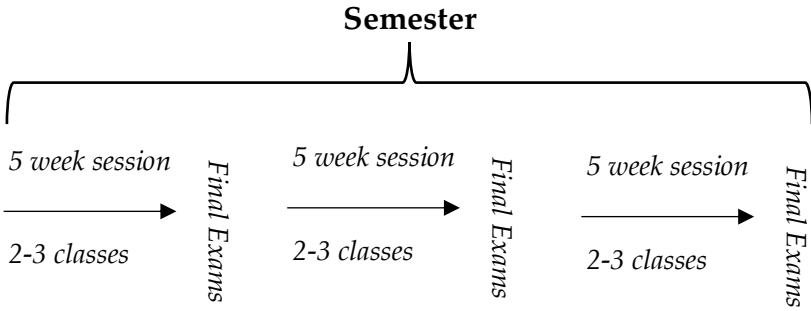
The burden of studying for six or seven classes at a time while working a full-time job often proves disastrous to young men and ladies only recently graduated from high school and unused to such a schedule.

At TIBS, we sought for a means to relieve this burden while not sacrificing the quality of the student's education. We believe the system we have adopted does this.

The class schedule at TIBS subdivides each semester into 3 five-week sessions. During each session, students take only two or three classes. This allows the student to focus on only just a few subjects at a time rather than six or seven.

To ensure that academic quality is maintained, class periods are longer than in a traditional setting. Each class meets for sixty-five minutes, with an additional thirty-five minutes daily dedicated to practical training for Education and Music majors.

Semester Overview



Daily Class Schedule

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 – 10:05	Period 1	8:00 – 9:05	Period 1		
10:15 – 11:20	Period 2	9:15 – 10:20	Period 2		
11:30 – 12:35	Period 3	10:30 – 11:35	Period 3		
		11:45	Chapel		
1:00	Lunch				

TIBS Core Values

The Word of God

As the fear of the Lord is the beginning of both knowledge and wisdom (Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10), we ask our staff and students alike to abide by the teachings of the Word of God in all things.

“But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep [it], and bring forth fruit with patience.” Luke 8:15

Personal Soul Winning

TIBS believes in the individual’s personal responsibility to preach the gospel, and asks all staff and students to present the gospel to sinners weekly.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

Biblical Standards and Convictions

TIBS stands for Biblical Christianity. Personal conformity to the Word of God and Biblical separation from the world should be the standards by which every Christian lives.

“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.” James 1:23-24

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” Colossians 2:8

Ministry

Ministry is caring for people. At TIBS, students will learn how to care for and build people up in the Lord,

*“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”
Ephesians 4:12*

Personal Character Development

Scriptural principles and attitudes are of no value unless a young person learns to master his time, his responsibilities, his finances, etc. At TIBS, students will be guided in learning self-discipline so that they are prepared to fulfill the work of the ministry.

*“And beside this, giving all **diligence**, add to your faith...” II Peter 1:5a*

Educational Philosophy

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools believes that God is the source of all knowledge and wisdom and has revealed that knowledge and wisdom to man through His Word. Since education is the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom through teaching and learning, TIBS endeavors to provide an environment that is scripturally-based with a faculty that is spiritually-minded to challenge students intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. The final goal of each student should be to glorify their Lord and Saviour through a lifetime of service.

Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools operates on a core curriculum standard. Upon declaring a course of study (major), students are enrolled in a core curriculum program designed to achieve the following results:

- Develop a commitment to the pursuit of learning
- Demonstrate a seminarian level of competence in their field of ministry
- Develop the ability to communicate scriptural values and beliefs
- Exercise leadership skills

Student Code of Conduct

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools is dedicated to educating and training God-called servants of Jesus Christ for work in New Testament Baptist churches and their ministries. A strong Christian character and a disciplined, self-denying life are vital in local church leadership.

Philippians 1:27, *"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ..."*

1 Timothy 3:2, *"A bishop then must be blameless..."*

We train people not only to win souls to Christ, to baptize converts, and to teach them the Word of God, but also to understand the importance of displaying a Christ-honoring life to their converts and church members. The Word of God explains it this way in 1 Corinthians 11:1, *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."*

Corrective Procedures

A student who fails to observe any guidelines or procedures outlined in the student handbook, or displays any behavior contrary to the Word of God, will face corrective procedures in the following manner:

Admonishment – consists of a verbal warning in the form of a private conversation between a staff member and a student (or group of students). This verbal warning will be followed up with communication to the student via email with a copy forwarded to the administration.

Correction – Following an admonishment which the administration deems not to have been heeded, the administration will meet with the student (or group of students), giving definite expectations to correct improper behavior; these expectations will include a time limit by which the student must show improvement. The subject of the correction along with the expectations for correction will be noted in writing and placed in the student's file, with a copy being given to the student.

Discipline – If a student fails to live up to expectations clearly laid out by the administration, discipline will be administered; this discipline could be in the form of revocation of privileges, limitations, suspensions, academic penalties, dismissal, fines, etc. A notation of the discipline will be placed in the student’s academic file.

Student’s Right to Appeal

- Every student has the right to appeal any correction or discipline.
- A request to appeal must be made in writing (physically or digitally via email) to the registrar’s office with a full explanation of the reason for the appeal.
- Once an appeal in writing is received, the administration will meet with the student to discuss the appeal.
- Once a decision is made by the administration following an appeal, it is considered binding. No further appeal on the same topic will be considered unless new information is made available.
- The student may at any time appeal directly to the chancellor.

Suspension and Dismissal

If a student receives three or more disciplinary actions within a single semester, that student may be suspended from classes or dismissed at the chancellor’s discretion.

Suspension

Suspension is a period of time during which a student may not attend classes; the student will be withdrawn from classes with a grade of WP (withdrawn passing) or WF (withdrawn failing).

The student may or may not be allowed to live in the residence halls during a suspension at the chancellor’s discretion. If the student lives in the residence halls during a suspension period, additional limitations may be placed upon the student’s access to campus facilities during that time.

Dismissal

Dismissal is the removal of a student from all classes and the loss of all privileges. The student will receive a grade of WP (withdrawn passing) or WF (withdrawn failing) in each class that has not been completed.

Residence hall students must remove themselves and all their belongings from the residence hall within 24 hours or at the chancellor's discretion.

If a student is under the age of 21 and unmarried, his parents or legal guardian will be notified of the dismissal. Additionally, his home pastor will be given a courtesy call informing him of the dismissal.

A dismissed student must wait two full semesters before reapplying to TIBS. Acceptance is not guaranteed.

Voluntary Withdrawal from TIBS

A student who decides to withdraw from TIBS for any reason must notify the administration of his intention and complete the steps in the following section.

Steps to Take when Dismissed or Voluntarily Withdrawing

If a student does not complete his withdraw from school in the following manner, he will not be eligible to reapply at any time and his transcripts will not be released for any reason.

- Meet with the Registrar to complete a *Withdrawal from Classes* form. The student will receive the mark of "WP" (withdrawn passing) or "WF" (withdrawn failing) from each class in which he is currently enrolled.
- Turn in keys and fobs to the front desk in the Wayne Daniel building. Fines will be added to the semester's bill for any keys or fobs not returned.
- Leave a forwarding address for mail at the front desk in the Wayne Daniel building. Mail will be forwarded for up to six weeks. Afterwards, it will be discarded or returned to sender.

The student is responsible for all financial responsibility to the college according to the schedule provided in the Financial section in this catalog. Any damage to TIBS property will be assessed and appropriate fines added to the semester's bill.

Admissions

The statements presented in this section are for information purposes only. Students should not assume that the information is the basis of a binding contract between the student and TIBS.

Undergraduate Admissions

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools encourages applications from students who believe they have received a calling from God to serve Him full-time and have demonstrated to the satisfaction of their local church and pastor that they possess the gifts to do so. The TIBS administration will qualify applicants for admission after the application file is complete.

Graduate Admissions

Students desiring to enroll in graduate programs at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools must have earned a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) representing a minimum of 120 credit hours to pursue a master's degree, and a master's degree to pursue a doctor's degree. The TIBS administration will qualify applicants for admission after the application file is complete.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, and scripturally-based gender and does not discriminate on said basis in administering its educational policies and school programs.

How Do I Apply?

Undergraduate Admissions

Digital Applications

To apply, fill out and submit the undergraduate application through the Seminary website, texasibs.org/application.

Once you have submitted your application, you will be contacted by a member of our team.

Paper Applications

You may also request a paper or pdf copy of the application from the TIBS office, (903)759-0940. These may be scanned and emailed to seminary.tibs@gmail.com, or they may be mailed to:

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools

Admissions Department

2200 W. Loop 281

Longview, TX 75604

In either case, the application must be accompanied by a \$25.00 application fee.

Completion of Application Packet

Once an application is received, a member of the recruitment team will guide the applicant through additional paperwork, including:

- Pastor's Recommendation
- Two Personal References
- Medical, Physical, and Emergency Permit Forms

Secondary School Transcripts

In addition to the required application forms, an official high school transcript, GED certificate (or equivalent), or post-secondary transcripts (with at least 30 credits earned) is necessary prior to enrollment in classes at TIBS. A form will be provided to request this information from the appropriate institutions.

If the student expects to transfer any number of credits from another post-secondary institution, official transcripts must be sent to the TIBS admissions office directly from that institution.

Transfer Credits

Students with previous undergraduate studies from a different institution will complete the application as outlined with these exceptions:

- If a prospective student has earned a minimum of 30 credits from a previous post-secondary institution and maintained a 2.0 or better gpa, the transcript from that institution may be submitted instead of a high school transcript.
- If a prospective student has earned fewer than 30 credits from the previous post-secondary institution, the high school transcript is required.

Acceptance of Credits in Transfer

Acceptance of credits in transfer is completely at the discretion of TIBS administration. In general,

- A “credit” represents approximately 13.5 clock hours of classroom study and/or practicum work
- Credits may be accepted from courses in which the student earned a “C” or above
- Bible and ministry-related credits may be accepted from post-secondary institutions of like faith and practice only
- General studies and elective credits may be accepted from post-secondary institutions provided the course content approximates a similar course in the TIBS catalog
- In any case, transferring students may be granted only 50% of the credits required to complete their program at TIBS

Readmitted Students

If the applicant has previously attended Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools and desires to return:

- The applicant must submit an application and pastor's recommendation for readmission.
- The applicant must request **official transcripts** to be mailed directly to the TIBS office from each institution where post-secondary level work has been completed since last attending TIBS.

Regional Student Program

Students whose home church is within a two-hundred-mile radius of the TIBS campus may apply for permission to enroll in the Seminary as a student while maintaining their local church membership and weekend ministry activity in their home church.

Approval must be granted by both the TIBS administration and the student's home church pastor. The home church pastor will be asked to verify the student's weekend ministry activities and tithing.

Students accepted into this program may leave campus as early as the end of the class schedule on Fridays and must return to Longview in time for Monday classes at 9 a.m.

Either the TIBS administration or the home pastor will have the right to suspend the program if the student suffers financially, academically, or medically as a result of the weekend travel schedule.

Graduate Admissions

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You may also request a paper or pdf copy of the application from the TIBS office, (903)759-0940. These may be scanned and emailed to seminary.tibs@gmail.com or they may be mailed to:

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In each case, the application must be accompanied by a \$25.00 application fee.

Pastor's Recommendation

Once the graduate application is received, a member of the recruitment team will reach out to the applicant's pastor for a recommendation.

Post-Secondary Transcripts

The applicant must request to have an official post-secondary transcript sent directly to TIBS.

- Transcript must include the total credit hours and cumulative grade point average and graduation date.
- The applicant's cumulative grade point average must be at least a 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale)

Financial Responsibility

Basic Costs per semester

Tuition	\$	2,550
Room and Board	\$	1,950
Internet Fee	\$	50
Administrative Fee	\$	250

- Tuition assumes full-time status.
- TIBS does not offer part-time status except in the student's final semester before graduation if the student needs fewer than 12 credit hours to complete his course of study.
- Approved part-time students pay \$150/credit hour.

Financial Discounts

- Married students receive a 50% discount off their tuition costs.
- Any student who pays his tuition in full at or before the time of registration will receive a 10% discount off the tuition.
 - *This discount does not apply to Room and Board or any fees.*

Monthly Payment Plan

Students unable to pay in full at the time of registration may pay instead by five monthly payments according to the following payment plan.

	Residence Hall Student	Off Campus Student	Married Student
<i>Tuition</i>	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$1,275.00
<i>Room & Board</i>	\$1,950.00	-	-
<i>Internet Fee</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Administrative Fee</i>	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<i>Total</i>	\$4,800.00	\$2,850.00	\$1,575.00
<i>Monthly Payment Amount</i>	\$960.00	\$570.00	\$315.00
<i>(20% of total)</i>			

The payment plan for each semester includes five monthly installments: August through December for the Fall semester and January through May for the Spring semester. The first payment is due at registration, with the remaining payments being due on the 22nd of each month.

There is a 5-day grace period after the 22nd of each month, after which time a student who has not made the monthly payment

in full may not attend classes until all late payments are made up.

A prospective graduate's bill must be paid in full prior to the issuance of a diploma.

Financial Withdrawal Policy

A student who withdraws from school after orientation week will owe all costs for the semester according to the following schedule:

- 1 - 7 days after the Friday of orientation week 25%
- 8 - 14 days after the Friday of orientation week 50%
- 15 - 21 days after the Friday of orientation week 75%
- 22 days after the Friday of orientation week 100%

Refunds

Should a student officially withdraw after having paid more than the amounts outlined above, a refund will be made for any over-payment upon request.

No other refund will be made to a student for any other reason.

No refunds will be issued until after the third week of the semester.

Books and Supplies

The cost of textbooks and supplies is not included in the basic cost per semester.

The student is personally responsible for acquiring all books and supplies needed for scheduled classes.

A list of textbooks and supplies is made available to all students prior to the beginning of each semester.

Missions Internship Fee

Each student enrolled in the World Missions program will spend one full year in a missions internship on the mission field with a veteran missionary.

Total cost for the student engaged in the missions internship is \$500/semester.

- Missions internship fee of \$250/semester in place of tuition.
- Additionally, missions intern students are responsible for the \$250 administrative fee.

Graduation Fee

A one-time, non-refundable graduation fee of \$150.00 will be due for each potential graduate by March 1 of the student's graduation year.

Scholarships and Awards

The Danny Peurifoy Scholarship Award

The Danny Peurifoy Scholarship Award will be given to a student who has successfully completed the freshman, sophomore, and junior years at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools.

The recipient of this award is determined by academic and spiritual achievement as well as Christian character.

The candidates will be voted upon by the TIBS administration.

The Award will be presented at the Commencement exercises prior to the recipient's senior year.

The Danny Peurifoy Scholarship is a monetary award to be applied directly to the recipient's final semester's basic cost.

Children of Missionaries Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships for children of missionaries currently on the field may be available. Please contact the Seminary office for more information.

Academic Information

Academic Programs

Upon enrollment in Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools, students must declare a program of study (see Overview of Programs of Study). Each program of study has a predetermined program curriculum that must be completed to be awarded a degree. Students must adhere to and complete the curriculum for their program major.

Authority to Operate

Believing that sole authority to educate and train New Testament church leaders resides in a local New Testament church, Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools is a local church ministry owned and operated by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview, Texas.

Accreditation

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools is a non-accredited, post-secondary institution. TIBS has not sought, nor is it seeking, accreditation.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Under FERPA, students have the right to inspect and review their education records maintained by the school. Additionally, they have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If such a request is denied, they may then request that a notation regarding their concerns be made a part of the education records.

The Student's Right to Privacy

In most cases, schools must have written permission from a student in order to release any information from that student's education record. Below are listed conditions under which the school may disclose such records without consent, as well as a listing of directory information which the school may disclose (at the administration's discretion) without permission.

- TIBS may disclose education records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interest
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies
 - State and local authorities, pursuant to specific State law
- At the administration's discretion, TIBS may disclose, without consent, "directory" information, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - Name
 - The student's Program and Field of Study (Major)
 - Dates of enrollment/attendance
 - Degrees, certificates, and awards received
 - Student classification (undergraduate, freshman, etc.)
 - Name of the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended
 - Telephone number and /or email address
 - Current and permanent addresses
 - Names of prospective graduates
 - Any other records that could be treated as directory information under FERPA
- Except under the conditions listed previously, TIBS will not disclose the following without the student's permission:
 - Social Security number
 - Transcripts
 - Grade reports
 - Copy of Diploma
 - GPA
 - Financial records
 - Discipline records

Course Information

Semester Hours

The unit of credit is the semester hour.

TIBS has subdivided each semester into 3 five-week sessions.

Each 2 credit-hour course meets for 65 minutes daily from Monday through Friday for five weeks. 1 credit-hour practical training for Education and Music majors meets 35 minutes daily Monday through Friday each session.

In addition, each student also earns 1 credit-hour total per semester in applied ministry work for participating in their assigned weekend ministries.

This system provides an equal amount of in-class instruction time as in a traditional 16-week semester, which is defined as one fifty-minute period of instruction per week for 15 weeks with an additional week dedicated to final examinations.

Course Designations

BI	General Bible
BU	Business
ED	Education
EN	English
HI	History
HU	Humanities
MA	Math
MI	Missions
MU	Music
TH	Theology

Course Numbering

Course numbers consist of a two-letter course designation and three digits.

In courses specific to a program of study (Theology, Missions, Education, Music), the numbering is indicative of the class rotations – 100 classes are all taught in the same year, for instance.

In classes common to all programs of study, the number indicates the recommended level of study for that course. A 100 level course is for freshmen, a 200 level course is for sophomores, a 300 level course is for juniors, a 400 level course is for seniors.

It is not required that courses be taken in their designated order, but the registrar will make the final decision.

Registration for Classes

The academic programs for Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools are contained in this catalog. Once a student declares a program of study (or *major*), the registrar enrolls the student in the appropriate classes for their academic major, level, and semester. Students must complete the required classes for each level and semester to advance.

Part-time Status

No part-time enrollment is permitted except during a student's final semester before graduation if that student needs fewer than 12 credits to complete the curriculum required for graduation by their declared major.

Withdrawal from Courses

Any student desiring to withdraw from any course after initial enrollment must complete the Withdrawal from Classes form available through the registrar's office. Completing the paperwork does not guarantee approval from the President and/or Chancellor, and any student who stops attending classes prior to approval will accumulate absences in those classes.

Withdrawal from School

To withdraw from school, the student must take the following steps:

- Notify the president or vice president in person
- A meeting will be scheduled for the student with the Chancellor
- Complete required withdrawal paperwork through the registrar's office
- Make appropriate financial arrangements through the financial office

- Turn in any student ID, keys, and fob
- If the student lives in the TIBS residence halls, the student must prepare their living area for final inspection

If the student fails to attend to any of the aforementioned requirements, the student may be disqualified from returning to TIBS as a student in any future semesters.

A grade of “W-P” (withdrawn passing) or “W-F” (withdrawn failing) will be recorded on the student’s permanent record if the student withdraws after the first testing day of any class. Otherwise, a grade of “W” (withdrawn) will be recorded.

Transcript Requests

The registrar maintains a permanent record of grades on each student. Students may obtain copies of their transcripts by submitting a written request either in person, by mail, or by email to registrar.tibs@gmail.com. The registrar will then send a Transcript Request form via email. Each request, including third party requests, must bear the signature (or digital signature) of the student.

The Registrar will not release official transcripts if the student’s financial account is outstanding for any reason.

Declaring a Course of Study and Level of Completion

A student enrolling in Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools must declare a course of study and level of completion on their application. Careful consideration should be taken before making a declaration.

Associate programs can be completed in 2 years of study (64 credit hours)

Bachelor programs can be completed in 4 years of study (128 credit hours)

Graduate programs can be completed in 2 years of study (64 credit hours)

Changing a Course of Study and/or Level of Completion

A student desiring to change an academic course of study and/or level of completion may only do so in the student's freshman year and must obtain permission from the administration. Students may obtain a Request to Change Course of Study from the registrar's office at any time, but these requests are only processed after the current semester has concluded.

Required Events

Attendance is required at certain school events, such as TIBS chapel, Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview services (including special meetings), orientations, ministry requirements, and Commencement activities and exercises.

Students participating in internships at area churches or in the Regional Student Program will be exempt from Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview services if they are attending their assigned or home church services.

Grade Scale

Letter Grade	Percentage Grade	Grade per Hour	Points Credit
A	93 – 100	4.00	
B	84 – 92	3.00	
C	75 – 83	2.00	
D	66 – 74	1.00	
F	65 or below	0.00	
WF	Withdrawal while failing	0.00	
WP	Withdrawal while passing	--	

Classification of Undergraduate Students

Classification of students is based on minimum credit hours earned and not on semesters attended. Classifications shall be according to the following minimum standards:

Classification	Minimum Credit Hours Completed
Sophomore	32
Junior	64
Senior	96

Programs of Study

Bachelor of Arts

All Bachelor of Arts programs encompass 4 years of study. The Religious Education and Missions programs include a full-year internship in the student's final year.

Pastoral Theology

World Missions

Religious Education (Elementary or Secondary)

Church Music

Christian Ministries

Associate of Arts

All Associate of Arts programs encompass 2 years of study.

Church Music

Christian Ministries

Each program is built on three core principles:

- Emphasize Jesus Christ
- Employ His Word – the King James Bible – in the Classroom and on the Streets
- Enable His Called Servants for Practical Work in a Local Church Ministry

Pastoral Theology

- Engage in Local Church Ministry Work in Emmanuel Baptist Church and Nearby Partner Churches
- Learn Pure, Bible-Based Doctrine in the Classroom
- Work Alongside Your Classroom Teachers in Weekend Ministry Work
- Go on to Become a Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Youth Worker, or Evangelist

The Pastoral Theology Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Theology and Practical Ministry courses	48 credit hours
General Studies courses	48 credit hours
Biblical Studies courses	24 credit hours
100 hours of soul winning	8 credit hours (1 per semester)
Total	128 credit hours

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Some courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may at times be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Bachelor of Arts

Pastoral Theology

Freshman

<i>Fall</i>	cr.	<i>Spring</i>	cr.
Christology	2	Biblical Counseling	2
Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
Bibliology	2	Hamartology	2
Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2		
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	17		15

Sophomore

<i>Fall</i>	cr.	<i>Spring</i>	cr.
World Religions	2	Teleutology	2
Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
Soteriology	2	Bible Geography and Anthropology	2
Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
		<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	15		17

Junior

<i>Fall</i>	cr.	<i>Spring</i>	cr.
Eschatology	2	Pneumatology	2
Bible Study Methods	2	Introduction to Missions	2
Paterology	2	Cults	2
Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
Advanced Grammar & Composition	2	Computer Skills	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2		
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	17		15

Senior

<i>Fall</i>	cr.	<i>Spring</i>	cr.
Hermeneutics 1	2	Homiletics 1	2
Bible Doctrines 1	2	Bible Doctrines 2	2
Hermeneutics 2	2	Homiletics 2	2
Music in a Soul Winning Church	2	Advanced Media Presentations 1	2
Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
Bible Teaching Methods	2	Advanced Media Presentations 2	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
		<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	15		17

Total Credit Hours **128**

World Missions

- Learn in the Classroom from Experienced Missionaries
- Study to Present Christ and Start Churches at Home and Abroad
- Engage in Practical Ministry Training on the Weekend
- Spend a Full School Year on a Mission Field with a Veteran Missionary

The World Missions Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Missions and Practical Ministry courses	36 credit hours
General Studies courses	36 credit hours
Biblical Studies courses	18 credit hours
100 hours of soul winning	8 credit hours (1 per semester)
Mission Field Internship	30 credits in Senior Year
Total	128 credit hours

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may at times be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Bachelor of Arts

World Missions

Freshman

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Missionary Biographies	2	Biblical Counseling	2
Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
Missions Methods	2	Cultural Anthropology	2
Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
Missionary Relationships	2	Church Ministries	2
Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
		<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	15		17

Sophomore

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
World Religions	2	Cults	2
Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
Church Planting	2	The Gospels and Acts	2
Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
Missionary Finances	2	Church Ministries	2
Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2		
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	17		15

Junior

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Hermeneutics 1	2	Homiletics 1	2
Bible Study Methods	2	Introduction to Missions	2
Hermeneutics 2	2	Homiletics 2	2
Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
Deputation Principles	2	Church Ministries	2
Advanced Grammar & Composition	2	Computer Skills	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
		<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	15		17

Senior

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Missions Internship	15	Missions Internship	15
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	16		16

Total Credit Hours **128**

Religious Education

- Engage Daily with Real Students and Teachers in EBC's K-12 School, Longview Christian Academy
- Learn Teaching Techniques from Experienced Teachers with Decades of Experience
- Experience Teaching in the TIBS Classrooms with Fellow Students
- Spend Your Senior Year as a Student Teacher in Longview Christian Academy

The Religious Education Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Education courses	36 credit hours
General Studies courses	36 credit hours
Teaching In-service (225 clock hours total)	18 credit hours
100 hours of soul winning	8 credit hours (1 per semester)
Teaching Internship	30 credits in Senior Year
Total	128 credit hours

The courses of study on the following pages are recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may at times be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Bachelor of Arts

Religious Education

Freshman

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Philosophy of Education	2	World History	2
Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
Vocabulary Enrichment	2	Teaching Bible	2
Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
Teaching Science /History	2	Child Psychology	2
Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
Teaching In-service	3	Teaching In-service	3
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	16		16

Sophomore

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Basic Algebra	2	General Math	2
Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
Basic Math	2	Teaching English	2
Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
Educational Psychology	2	Tests and Measurements	2
Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
Teaching In-service	3	Teaching In-service	3
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	16		16

Junior

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Christian School Administration	2	Teaching Methods	2
Bible Study Methods	2	Introduction to Missions	2
Classroom Management	2	Teaching Reading	2
Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
Teaching Math	2	US History	2
Advanced Grammar & Composition	2	Computer Skills	2
Teaching In-service	3	Teaching In-service	3
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	16		16

Senior

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Teaching Internship	15	Teaching Internship	15
Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>	Ministry Practicum	<u>1</u>
	16		16

Total Credit Hours **128**

Church Music

- Take Part of the Vibrant Church Music Ministry of the Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Learn How to Run a Local Church Music Ministry
- Work with Music Leaders Who Have Decades of Experience
- Continue On to Become a Music Pastor, Choir and Orchestra Director, or Music Coordinator in a Local Church Ministry

The Music Major's Bachelors coursework is broken down as follows:

Music Courses	48 credit hours
General Studies Courses	48 credit hours
Music Practicum (320 hours total)	24 credit hours
100 hours of soul winning	8 credit hours (1 per semester)
Total	128 credit hours

The Associates program is exactly half in each of the above categories.

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may at times be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Bachelor of Arts

Church Music

Freshman

Fall

Concert Choir	2
Orientation	2
Instrument Workshop	2
Personal Evangelism	2
Orchestration	2
Personal Finance	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Spring

Church Music Administration	2
English Grammar 1	2
Music Methods	2
English Grammar 2	2
Piano Lab	2
Speech	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Sophomore

Fall

Concert Choir	2
Media Presentations 1	2
Ear Training and Sight Singing	2
Media Presentations 2	2
Music History	2
Music Appreciation	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Spring

Music Theory 1	2
Song Leading	2
Music Theory 2	2
Baptist History 1	2
Piano Lab	2
Baptist History 2	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Junior

Fall

Concert Choir	2
Bible Study Methods	2
Conducting Techniques	2
Apologetics	2
Music Ministries	2
Advanced Grammar & Composition	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Spring

Music Technology	2
Introduction to Missions	2
Song Writing and Arranging	2
Ministry Mindset	2
Piano Lab	2
Computer Skills	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Senior

Fall

Concert Choir	2
Bible Doctrines 1	2
Ear Training and Sight Singing	2
Music in a Soul Winning Church	2
Music History	2
Bible Teaching Methods	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Spring

Music Theory 3	2
Bible Doctrines 2	2
Music Theory 4	2
Advanced Media Presentations 1	2
Piano Lab	2
Advanced Media Presentations 2	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Total Credit Hours **128**

Associate of Arts

Church Music

Freshman

Fall

Concert Choir	2
Orientation	2
Instrument Workshop	2
Personal Evangelism	2
Orchestration	2
Personal Finance	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Spring

Church Music Administration	2
English Grammar 1	2
Music Methods	2
English Grammar 2	2
Piano Lab	2
Speech	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Sophomore

Fall

Concert Choir	2
Media Presentations 1	2
Ear Training and Sight Singing	2
Media Presentations 2	2
Music History	2
Music Appreciation	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Spring

Music Theory 1	2
Song Leading	2
Music Theory 2	2
Baptist History 1	2
Piano Lab	2
Baptist History 2	2
Music Practicum	3
Ministry Practicum	1
	16

Total Credit Hours **64**

Christian Ministries

- Gain Wisdom and Insight from Godly Teachers
- Study through All the Scriptures for Pure Doctrine and Practical Application
- Supplement Biblical Studies with a Choice of Courses from the Pastoral Theology, World Missions, Church Music, and Religious Education Programs
- Become a Valuable Asset in a Local Church as a Member or Staff Person

The Christian Ministries Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Biblical Studies	48 credit hours
General Studies Courses	48 credit hours
Electives*	24 credit hours
100 hours of soul winning	8 credit hours (1 per semester)
Total	128 credit hours

** Electives are chosen from the Theology, Missions, Practical Ministry, Education, and Music courses.*

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may at times be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Bachelor of Arts

Christian Ministries

Freshman

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Books of History 3	2	Ecclesiology	2
Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
Minor Prophets 1	2	Hebrews	2
Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
The Synoptic Gospels	2	Isaiah	2
Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2		
Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
	<u>17</u>		<u>15</u>

Sophomore

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Books of History 1	2	Romans	2
Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
Minor Prophets 2	2	I&II Corinthians	2
Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
Books of Poetry	2	Jeremiah & Lamentations	2
Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
		<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
	<u>15</u>		<u>17</u>

Junior

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
Pentateuch	2	The King James Bible	2
Bible Study Methods	2	Introduction to Missions	2
Minor Prophets 3	2	Daniel/Revelation	2
Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
Acts	2	Ezekiel	2
Advanced Grammar & Composition	2	Computer Skills	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2		
Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
	<u>17</u>		<u>15</u>

Senior

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
General Epistles	2	Book of John	2
Bible Doctrines 1	2	Bible Doctrines 2	2
Pastoral Epistles	2	Books of History 4	2
Music in a Soul Winning Church	2	Advanced Media Presentations 1	2
Books of History 2	2	Pauline Epistles	2
Bible Teaching Methods	2	Advanced Media Presentations 2	2
<i>Elective</i>	2	<i>Elective</i>	2
		<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
	<u>15</u>		<u>17</u>

Total Credit Hours **128**

Associate of Arts Christian Ministries

Freshman

Fall

Books of History 3	2
Orientation	2
Minor Prophets 1	2
Personal Evangelism	2
The Synoptic Gospels	2
Personal Finance	2
<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	1
	17

Spring

Ecclesiology	2
English Grammar 1	2
Hebrews	2
English Grammar 2	2
Isaiah	2
Speech	2
<i>Elective</i>	2
	2
Ministry Practicum	1
	15

Sophomore

Fall

Books of History 1	2
Media Presentations 1	2
Minor Prophets 2	2
Media Presentations 2	2
Books of Poetry	2
Music Appreciation	2
<i>Elective</i>	2
	2
Ministry Practicum	1
	15

Spring

Romans	2
Song Leading	2
I&II Corinthians	2
Baptist History 1	2
Jeremiah & Lamentations	2
Baptist History 2	2
<i>Elective</i>	2
<i>Elective</i>	2
Ministry Practicum	1
	17

Total Credit Hours **64**

Graduate Programs of Study

Theology

Graduate Programs

Master of Theology, Th.M.

Doctor of Theology, Th.D.

The graduate theology programs are designed to allow the student to come to a greater familiarity with and understanding of the scriptures. Using established hermeneutical principles, the TIBS instructor will guide the student through completing a personal, thorough, and intense study of the books of the Bible.

Students who complete both the Masters and Doctoral programs will have completed a book-by-book study of the entire Bible and will have personally produced outlines and analyses of the scriptures which will prove invaluable to him throughout his life and ministry.

In addition to the contextual, book-by-book analysis of the scriptures, the Masters student will also complete a Masters Thesis (30,000 words) and the Doctoral student a Doctoral Dissertation (60,000 words) detailing an approved topic or doctrine from the Word of God.

Master of Theology

Prerequisites

- Bachelor of Arts, Theology, or equivalent earned in a minimum of 128 credits or 2,048 clock hours.
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater

Requirements

- Completion of 60 credit hours (960 clock hours) of assigned program courses.
- Completion of a 30,000-word thesis: topic to be approved by the TIBS administration.

Program Courses

Year one

Fall

Analysis of Matthew	3	(48)
Analysis of Mark	3	(48)
Analysis of Luke	3	(48)
Analysis of John	3	(48)
Analysis of Acts	3	(48)

Spring

Analysis of Romans	3	(48)
Analysis of 1 Corinthians	3	(48)
Analysis of 2 Corinthians	3	(48)
Analysis of Church Epistles	3	(48)
Analysis of Personal Epistles	3	(48)
Analysis of Hebrews	3	(48)

Year two

Fall

Analysis of General Epistles	3	(48)
Analysis of Revelation	3	(48)
Analysis of Job	6	(96)
Analysis of Psalms	6	(96)

Spring

Analysis of Proverbs	6	(96)
Analysis of Ecc. & Song of Solomon	3	(48)
Submission of Thesis	4	(64)

Doctor of Theology

Prerequisites

- Master of Theology or equivalent.
- G.P.A. of 3.0 or greater

Requirements

- Completion of 60 credit hours (960 clock hours) of assigned program courses.
- Completion of a 60,000-word dissertation: topic to be approved by the TIBS administration.

Program Courses

Year one

Fall

Analysis of Genesis	3 (48)
Analysis of Exodus	3 (48)
Analysis of Leviticus	3 (48)
Analysis of Numbers	3 (48)
Analysis of Deuteronomy	3 (48)

Spring

Analysis of Joshua	3 (48)
Analysis of Judges & Ruth	3 (48)
Analysis of 1 Samuel	3 (48)
Analysis of 2 Samuel	3 (48)
Analysis of 1 Kings	3 (48)

Year two

Fall

Analysis of 2 Kings	3 (48)
Analysis of 1 Chronicles	3 (48)
Analysis of 2 Chronicles	3 (48)
Analysis of Ezra - Nehemiah	3 (48)
Analysis of Isaiah	3 (48)

Spring

Analysis of Jeremiah & Lament.	3 (48)
Analysis of Ezekiel	3 (48)
Analysis of Daniel	3 (48)
Analysis of Hosea - Haggai	3 (48)
Analysis of Zechariah - Malachi	3 (48)
Submission of Dissertation	4 (64)

Master of Practical Ministry

The Master of Practical Ministry graduate program is designed for those who are currently in the ministry serving on the staff of a local church. The purpose of the program is to give the student practical experience in building a local church ministry from the ground up.

The program has two facets: academic and practical. Academically, the student will receive instruction from the staff of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary and Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview via video conferencing. Practically, the student will work under the guidance of his home pastor to build a new ministry or to rebuild from the ground up an existing ministry within his local church. Staff of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary will have reporting status only for the sake of issuing the final diploma but the ministry project will be under the authority of the student's pastor.

In this manner, the student gains valuable information as well as practical experience in the ministry.

Master of Practical Ministry

Requirements for Admission

- a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a college of like faith and practice
- at least twelve months experience working on staff in a local church ministry
- currently working on staff in a local church ministry
- Pastor's reference

TIBS reserves the right to make the final determination concerning acceptance of any applicant.

Academic Requirements

The student will complete 120 academic modules.

Each module consists of a 30-minute lesson via video conferencing, presented by Faculty and Staff of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary and Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview. (60 clock hours of instruction).

Ministry Project

Under the direction of his own pastor, the student will organize a new ministry or reorganize an existing ministry within his local church.

This ministry will be carefully planned and implemented prior to the student receiving his Masters degree.

The program is designed to be flexible, the student completing academics according to his own schedule. The program can be completed in as few as two years but may be extended to as many as three years.

Financial Responsibility

Masters of Practical Ministry

Academic Modules

- Each academic module costs \$30, to be paid prior to the student taking that module.
- The total cost after 120 modules are completed is \$3,600.

Masters Project

- Once the project has been approved by the student's pastor, a one-time \$200 administrative fee is due the Seminary.

Staff and Faculty

Administration

Dr. Bob Gray II

Chancellor

B.B., Th.M., L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College, Longview, TX. Thirty-six years ministry experience as a youth pastor, Bible college professor, conference speaker, college Dean of Men, and senior pastor.

Dr. Darrell Moore

President

B.S., M.Ed., D.D. – Hyles-Anderson College, Crown Point, IN.

Forty years ministry experience as Professor of Bible, Administrator, & Mission Pastor

Dr. Joseph M. Koenig

Vice President

B.B., L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College, Longview, TX; D.R.E. Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Twenty-six years ministry experience as Seminary college instructor, nine years experience as Christian school principal or assistant principal, six years experience as church choir director, and eleven years experience as church orchestra conductor.

Faculty/Instructors

Elizabeth Brackeen

Instructor

B.R.E. Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools. Five years as a church graphic designer. Two years as a church videographer. Two years as college media instructor.

Jordan Gray

Instructor; Media Department

B. Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Seven years experience in Teen ministry. Twelve years experience in the bus ministry. Five years experience as media director at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Six years experience teaching at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary.

Mitchell Haley

Instructor

B. Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Eleven years experience in the ministry. Currently works in the financial department at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview.

Shawna Koenig

Instructor; Receptionist

B.R.E. – Texas Baptist College, Longview TX. Eight years elementary teacher at Longview Christian Academy. Church nursery director six years. Eighteen years teaching 3-year-olds in Sunday school setting. Four years instructor and front desk secretary at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary.

Juan Meave

Instructor; Director of Social Activities; Director of Weekend Ministries

B.Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary, Longview, TX. Nine years Spanish ministry experience pastoring, teaching Sunday School, translating, and foreign missions work.

Ethan Medders

Instructor

B. Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary, Longview, TX. Six years ministry experience. Currently heads up the children's ministry at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview, TX.

Dr. Jennifer L. Petticoffer

Head of Music Department

B.M. Ed., C.M.M., L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College, Longview, TX. Forty years ministry experience as church and college Music Coordinator, Bible college professor, and college Dean of Women.

John Robinson

Instructor

B.B. – Texas Baptist College, Longview, TX. Seventeen years ministry experience as an assistant pastor and Bible college professor, including head of the Media Department for Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview. He now acts as the Chief Operations Officer at Church Bible Publishing in Longview, TX.

John Smith

Instructor

B.B., Th.M., D.D. – Texas Baptist College, Longview, TX. Thirty-five years ministry experience as assistant pastor, registrar at Texas Baptist College, Bible college professor, and Assistant Pastor.

Dr. Ruth E. Smith

Dean of Women

B.S. Elementary Education – Hyles-Anderson College, Crown Point, IN; L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College, Longview, TX. Thirty years ministry experience as Christian school teacher, Bible college professor, and college Dean of Women.

Daniel Woods

Chief Financial Officer

B.Th. Texas Baptist College; Administration Specialist Certificate, Texas Baptist College; Christian school principal, seven years; professional bookkeeper and office manager, eight years; currently CFO Church Bible Publishers and Texas Independent Baptist Seminary

Course Descriptions

Undergraduate Programs

BI 101 PERSONAL EVANGELISM A study of the basics of witnessing, the motivations to witness, the dynamics and logistics of soul winning, and how to achieve a more vital and effective soul-winning life. Studies will include several key approaches to soul winning as well as various specific types of presenting the Gospel through the Scriptures.

BI 102 BIBLE DOCTRINES 1 The first of two courses presenting the major Bible doctrines as outlined in the Statement of Faith of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview and Texas Independent Baptist Seminary with reference to works of literature by renowned Baptist authors.

BI 103 BIBLE DOCTRINES 2 The second of two courses presenting the major Bible doctrines as outlined in the Statement of Faith of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview and Texas Independent Baptist Seminary with reference to works of literature by renowned Baptist authors.

BI 104 BOOKS OF HISTORY 2 (THE KINGDOMS OF SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON) Study the books of I Samuel through II Chronicles, following the historic period of the kingdom of Israel under the first three kings – Saul, David, and Solomon.

BI 105 BOOKS OF HISTORY 4 (THE RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY) Study the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, following the historic period of rebuilding after the captivity in Babylon.

BI 106 ROMANS Explore the book of Romans, placing it in its historical context, and analyzing its doctrinal teachings and practical applications.

BI 107 PAULINE EPISTLES Enrich your understanding of the books of Galatians through II Thessalonians, placing their writings in the surrounding narratives of the New Testament

and seeking its doctrinal and practical truths for the modern age.

BI 108 PASTORAL EPISTLES Examine the letters of Paul to Timothy and Titus, with a goal of learning practical truths to working in the ministry of a local church.

BI 109 GENERAL EPISTLES Explore the writings of James, Peter, John, and Jude, placing their teachings in the overall New Testament narrative, with emphasis on doctrine and practical application.

BI 202 PENTATEUCH Study the first five books of the Bible, with an emphasis on their historical context, Jewish covenants and feast days, the priesthood and Mosaic law, etc. including how these concepts relate to the New Testament age.

BI 203 BOOKS OF HISTORY 1 (THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN AND THE JUDGES) Study the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, considering their historical context during the conquest of Canaan and the time of the judges.

BI 204 MINOR PROPHETS 3 Study the prophets Zechariah, Haggai, Joel, and Malachi, and the period of time during which they preached, following the return of a remnant from Babylon to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple.

BI 205 I & II CORINTHIANS Explore the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians, placing the narratives within their historical backdrops, and discovering the doctrinal teachings and practical applications for New Testament Christianity.

BI 206 HEBREWS See the richness and beauty of God in this letter to the Hebrew Christians, exploring its themes of the person of Christ, the fulness of redemption, and cleansing from sin.

BI 207 THE KING JAMES BIBLE Explore the care and diligence that went into the crafting of the King James Bible, examine the various texts, the translation techniques, and the diligence of the translators to come to a deeper conviction in and a greater appreciation for our Bible in English, the King James Bible.

BI 300 BIBLE TEACHING METHODS A study of scriptural methods of communicating the message of Christ in the

classroom, Sunday school, Bible clubs, children's church, and other evangelistic atmospheres. Actual practice required for completion of course.

BI 302 APOLOGETICS The student will learn to expound on difficult passages of scripture, defend biblical doctrine, and present scriptural truth from a strong, logical scriptural position.

BI 303 ECCLESIOLOGY Learn to recognize a New Testament church, explore the scriptural foundations of the church, and see the place of the local church in the New Testament and in the modern age.

BI 304 BOOKS OF HISTORY 3 (THE DIVIDED KINGDOM) An in-depth study of the historical contexts of the books of I Kings through II Chronicles, following the narrative of the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, with practical application concerning working with people using biblical leadership principles.

BI 305 BOOKS OF POETRY Study the books of poetry, from Job to Song of Solomon, examining their historical context and exploring practical applications.

BI 306 ISAIAH Study the book of Isaiah, placing the narratives in their historical setting and exploring the many prophecies of Christ.

BI 307 JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS Study the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations, looking particularly at the historic setting and the prophecies, both concerning the coming captivity of the Jews and the future coming of the Messiah.

BI 308 EZEKIEL Study the prophet Ezekiel and his writings, especially the various illustrations, prophecies, and visions he saw.

BI 309 MINOR PROPHETS 1 Study the prophets Hosea, Amos, Micah, and Jonah, and the period of time during which they preached, leading up to the downfall of Samaria and the Assyrian War in Judah.

BI 310 BIBLE STUDY METHODS The student will learn different methods of gleaning and organizing truths from the Word of God.

BI 311 MINISTRY MINDSET A scriptural philosophy of working with people within the scope of a ministry of the local church aimed at practical application in a vibrant church ministry.

BI 401 MINOR PROPHETS 2 Study the prophets Zephaniah, Nahum, Habbakuk, and Obadiah, and the period of time during which they preached leading up to the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple by Babylon.

BI 402 THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS Study the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, both compiling and comparing their accounts of the events of Jesus' life, his teachings, his parables, and his death, burial, and resurrection.

BI 403 THE BOOK OF JOHN Study the book of John, its singular character from the other Gospels, the historical narrative, and the symbology and teachings of Christ.

BI 404 ACTS Study the ministry of the apostles following Christ's resurrection and the growth of New Testament churches under the ministries of the original apostles and then of Paul.

BU 100 ORIENTATION First year students are taught to organize their schedule, maintain their responsibilities, study for tests, research and prepare papers for projects, etc.

BU 101 PERSONAL FINANCE A financial study presenting the scriptural philosophy of personal finances. The student is taught how to handle a checking account and how to scripturally care for a personal budget.

BU 200 COMPUTER SKILLS This course presents the basics of Word Processing and working Spreadsheets to create professional-looking documents such as resumes, letters, presentations, reports, legal documents, brochures, manuals, et al., as well as learning the creation of spreadsheets for data entry including basic formulas, charts, and tables. The latest editions of Microsoft Word and Excel desktop software is required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 201 MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 1 An introduction to graphic design using Adobe Photoshop. Design skills include photo enhancement, layout skills, and print design with a focus

on church media needs. Adobe Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 202 MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 2 Expands Adobe Photoshop design skills with a focus on major thematic church projects. Includes in-depth design training from conceptualization to implementation. Adobe Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 400 CHURCH FINANCES An in-depth study of all finances involving the operation of a church including accounts payable, accounts receivable, offerings, payroll, and budgeting.

BU 401 ADVANCED MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 1 Introduces students to video production and editing, including livestreaming, media presentations, and working with video equipment includes cameras, projectors, etc. Adobe Premiere Pro and Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 402 ADVANCED MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 2 More advanced video production and editing is introduced along with instruction on incorporating media into church ministries. Adobe Premiere Pro and Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

ED 100 WORLD HISTORY An overview of World History including Creation, Old World History, New World History, Map Studies, etc.

ED 101 CHILD PSYCHOLOGY A study of a child's spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development emphasizing the teaching-learning process at different stages, spiritual development, and the teaching of self-discipline.

ED 103 TEACHING BIBLE Organizing a Bible class that will make an impact on the lives of Christian school students. The course will teach how to use visuals, songs, character traits, and Bible memory for grades kindergarten through sixth.

ED 104 PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION Explores the Biblical foundations of Christian Education, a history of education generally, and a history of Christian education.

ED 200 TEACHING MATH A class focusing on the fundamentals of techniques for teaching mathematics in a Christian school, including the basics of classroom instruction, drills, board work, classwork, games, etc.

ED 204 TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS Learn to effectively use and/or create tools of measurement and evaluation in the classroom, including setting educational objectives, testing and writing tests, grading, and evaluating student achievement.

ED 205 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY A study of educational philosophies, both secular and biblical, with a view of their practical difference in the K-12 classroom.

ED 300 CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT Students learn to run a K-12 school classroom, including preparation of curriculum and the classroom environment, time management, organization of materials and records, and classroom discipline.

ED 301 TEACHING READING A class designed to teach future Christian school teachers the phonics approach to reading along with spelling and handwriting.

ED 302 UNITED STATES HISTORY A review of the history of the United States from a Biblical perspective. Students will build a framework of US History from which they can more effectively understand and teach the subject in the K-12 school.

ED 303 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION Learn to oversee the planning and preparation of the academic year and the management and supervision of teachers and staff in a Christian school.

ED 304 TEACHING METHODS An in-depth study explaining and demonstrating the most effective methods of teaching, with emphasis on story-telling and visual aids.

ED 305 TEACHING ENGLISH Students learn the various methods and difficulties teaching English in the Christian school. This course pairs practical instruction with peer-to-peer teaching, as students teach lessons to their fellow students in the TIBS classroom.

ED 310 TEACHING SCIENCE AND HISTORY A class designed to teach future Christian school teachers how to teach science and history from a scriptural perspective.

ED 400 STUDENT TEACHING 1 Supervised classroom teaching for the first of two semesters at Longview Christian Academy. The student will work up to teaching the entire school day with full responsibilities.

ED 401 STUDENT TEACHING 2 Supervised classroom teaching for one semester at Longview Christian Academy. The student will work up to teaching the entire school day with full responsibilities.

EN 100 ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 This course comprises a foundational study of English grammar including a review of the parts of speech, basic paragraph structure, and mechanics and punctuation; foundational studies of sentence structure nouns and noun phrases; verbs and verb phrases; and an introduction to essay style writing.

EN 101 SPEECH An introductory study of speech. Fundamentals of voice production, platform poise, gestures, and speech organization are investigated.

EN 103 VOCABULARY ENRICHMENT Students will expand their English vocabulary and develop a greater grasp of how words are formed (morphology).

EN 200 ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 A study of the eight parts of speech, functions of nouns, in-depth understanding of verb phrases, verbal phrases, and various types of dependent clauses.

EN 400 ADVANCED GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION A study of the structure, form, and techniques of effective writing.

HI 200 BAPTIST HISTORY 1 A detailed study of the triumph of Christ and His church from the age of the Apostles, emphasizing the early church and early church fathers to the reformation of the 1500's and the reformers of that era.

HI 201 BAPTIST HISTORY 2 A continuing study taught from the Baptist perspective, and not reformation theology. Dated

from the Reformation period to today's fundamentalist movement.

MA 200 BASIC MATH A review of principles of primary and elementary mathematics including basic multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, graphs, basic geometry, fractions, equations, converting measurements, etc.

MA 201 GENERAL MATH Continuing from the material presented in Basic Math, concepts previously presented in that course are studied at more advanced levels and with more complex equations, including instruction on solving word problems.

MA 202 BASIC ALGEBRA A course designed to familiarize students with fundamental algebraic concepts, including inequalities, polynomials, linear and quadratic equations, and fundamental trigonometry.

MI 100 INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS Introduction to Missions comprises a Biblical study of the foundation of missions, with emphases on history, philosophy, and missions in the local church.

MI 101 MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES Study the lives and missionary works of great missionaries of the past and present, beginning with the Apostle Paul in the books of Acts and continuing to this present generation.

MI 102 MISSIONS METHODS Students learn to present the Gospel and conduct missions work in a variety of cultures, integrating with foreign cultures without compromising Biblical standards and principles.

MI 200 MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIPS Students develop their skills both in presenting and in reporting on missionary efforts to home/supporting churches, as well as building effective relationships with other missionaries in the same field and with foreign governments.

MI 201 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY Learn to effectively communicate the Gospel to a people not just of a foreign field but with foreign values and viewpoints.

MI 202 CHURCH PLANTING Learn how to start new churches both in America and on the foreign field, including

principles of evangelism, location, procuring facilities, financing, promotion, and organization.

MI 203 THE GOSPELS AND ACTS A study of the daily missions works first of Christ and His apostles, then of the original apostles and Paul, as they spread the gospel to the known world in their own lifetimes.

MI 204 CULTS A study of those groups who claim Christ as their head but reject the truth of Who He is, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, and others. Class includes discussions of witnessing to those deceived by these groups.

MI 205 WORLD RELIGIONS Study the major religions of the world, including Islam, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and others, along with helps to win someone to Christ from these religions.

MI 302 MISSIONARY FINANCES Build the skills necessary to manage incoming support, personal budgets, building projects, and all other aspects of finances while on a foreign field.

MI 303 DEPUTATION PRINCIPLES Students learn the necessary skills to raise their support from likeminded churches, including correspondence, scheduling meetings, personal presentations both spoken and by video technology, handling finances while on deputation, producing prayer cards, and other vital skills.

MI 400 MISSIONS INTERNSHIP 1 As the final step in the missions student's practical education, the student will spend his final two semesters on the foreign missions field with an experienced, established missionary.

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MU 100 CONCERT CHOIR Study choir methods, vocal skills, comportment, and singing with heart. Learn what it takes to be a special group singer, receive simple voice lessons, and sing gospel choral music in a variety of styles.

MU 101 MUSIC IN A SOUL WINNING CHURCH A fundamental study covering choosing godly music, as well as planning and organizing a Bible-based music program. Focuses on music ministries in the independent Baptist soul-winning church.

MU 102 MUSIC THEORY 1 Sharpen your music reading skills in all clefs, including treble, bass, tenor, and alto; review basic rhythmic principles; and study more advanced skills in rhythm and musical form.

MU 103 MUSIC THEORY 2 Learn and master building and recognizing harmonic and melodic intervals, study the structure of triads and seventh chords, and begin applying harmonic theories to real world examples in hymns and hymn arrangements.

MU 104 EAR TRAINING AND SIGHT SINGING Develop listening skills and sight-singing, including recognizing, writing, and singing rhythms, intervals, and melodies. A must-have skill for the future music leader.

MU 105 MUSIC HISTORY 1 Learn the history of music and the musical eras from the viewpoint of hymns and hymn stories to gain a greater perspective of the hymn writer and song.

MU 106 PIANO LAB Develop the skills to playing piano for the congregational song service, including basic accompaniment styles as well as improvisation. Each student will be instructed according to their individual skill level.

MU 201 CONDUCTING TECHNIQUES Students build skills necessary to lead the church choir and orchestra, including score reading, advanced use of conducting patterns, indicating tempo, volume, etc. with the off hand while maintaining the beat with the dominant hand, and many other skills.

MU 202 SONG WRITING AND ARRANGING Participate in a workshop designed to develop song-writing skills, writing and arranging original songs; skills developed include lyric writing, melody writing, score preparation, and choosing chords.

MU 203 MUSIC TECHNOLOGY Gain practical training on music notation software as well as an overview of audio / visual technology used by the music ministry in church services and special meetings.

MU 203 SONG LEADING Learn to lead a church congregation or small music groups in singing hymns or simple arrangements of hymns in a church setting; includes a review of basic music reading skills and an understanding of rhythm and meter.

MU 204 MUSIC MINISTRIES Learn how music is used in various church ministries and how the church music leaders interact with all other aspects of the local church.

MU 300 MUSIC THEORY 3 Continue your study of harmonic theory, study principles of melodic theory, and begin learning vocal writing techniques for choir-style parts (SATB).

MU 301 MUSIC THEORY 4 Learn and practice secondary functions in harmony, inversions, musical forms, and non-chord tones. A student who masters these skills will be able to arrange and write music for the church choir and other vocal groups.

MU 302 MUSIC APPRECIATION Learn a Biblical philosophy of music, develop basic music reading skills, gain an overview of music history, and become acquainted with the use of music in churches and its effect on Christianity and the world in which we live.

MU 303 MUSIC HISTORY 2 Learn the history of music and the musical eras from the viewpoint of hymns and hymn stories to gain a greater perspective of the hymn writer and song.

MU 304 EAR TRAINING AND SIGHT SINGING Develop listening skills and sight-singing, including recognizing, writing, and singing rhythms, intervals, and melodies. A must-have skill for the future music leader.

MU 400 MUSIC METHODS Learn to teach music and music theory one-on-one or in a classroom setting, including such topics as the manner of the teacher, teaching principles of

music theory at different levels, and evaluating and correcting faulty instrument techniques.

MU 401 ORCHESTRATION Learn to write and arrange for the instruments in a typical church orchestra, both for instrumental settings and as vocal accompaniment. Additionally, learn the organization and running of a church orchestra.

MU 402 CHURCH MUSIC ADMINISTRATION Learn how to build and organize a practical and helpful music ministry in a local church. Along with establishing a Biblical philosophy of music, students will learn to work with volunteers, schedule congregational and special music for church services, conduct singing rehearsals, and much more.

MU 403 INSTRUMENT WORKSHOP Grasp the fundamentals of each group of instruments, strings, winds, brass, and percussion, including the basics of playing technique, typical use in choral and instrumental settings, and cleaning and maintenance.

TH 100 BIBLE GEOGRAPHY AND ANTHROPOLOGY A study of the cultures represented within the scope of scripture and the geography of the land of Israel and surrounding areas in order to provide a greater context for the narratives of the scriptures.

TH 101 ESCHATOLOGY Study the prophecies of the end times as given in both the Old and New Testaments, including a Biblical understanding of the church age, the rapture, the tribulation period, the second coming of Christ, the millennial reign of Christ, and the kingdom of God.

TH 103 BIBLIOLOGY What is the Word of God, how was it transmitted to man, how was it preserved from generation to generation, what difference does a translation make, and how is the Word of God powerful in the lives of Christians today? These and many other questions are addressed in this class.

TH 104 PNEUMATOLOGY A scriptural study of the Holy Spirit, Who He is, how he has worked in the lives of men throughout the scriptures, and how he works in the everyday lives of men now.

TH 110&111 CHURCH MINISTRIES (Offered Every Semester) Staff men from the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview, along with guest speakers, present the detailed workings of the ministries they lead and the practical, everyday workings of a local church; learn how to run a nursing home ministry, how to conduct a wedding, how to organize a church nursery, and so much more.

TH 201 HERMENEUTICS 1 The first of two courses designed to learn the theory and methodology of studying the scripture, including basic techniques of recognizing context and comparing scripture with scripture, along with an emphasis on making practical application of doctrinal truth.

TH 202 HERMENEUTICS 2 The second of two courses designed to learn the theory and methodology of studying the scripture, including basic techniques of recognizing context and comparing scripture with scripture, along with an emphasis on making practical application of doctrinal truth.

TH 203 SOTERIOLOGY Students study the doctrines of the New Testament as they relate to the salvation of man, including salvation, justification, redemption, reconciliation, and others.

TH 204 HOMILETICS 1 The first of two courses to learn preaching and the various methods of systematic sermon preparation.

TH 205 HOMILETICS 2 The second of two courses to learn preaching and the various methods of systematic sermon preparation. In addition to classroom study, students preach in front of their peers as well as on street corners and in other common venues.

TH 300 CHRISTOLOGY Students study Who Christ is through His manifestations in both the Old and New Testaments, and how the character of God was perfectly demonstrated in His incarnation.

TH 301 TELEUTOLOGY Study the eternal state of man, including death, heaven, hell, and eternity.

TH 302 HAMARTIOLOGY Students study sin, what it is, its effects in men's lives, Christ's provision for its cleansing, and

the practical aspects of leading men to a scriptural dealing with and recovering from sin to lead productive Christian lives

TH 303 BIBLICAL COUNSELING Students learn the principles of pastoral counseling, including answering a church member's real-life problems with scripture, recognizing and obeying the power of Holy Spirit conviction, and other practical topics such as resolving tension in marriages and family, overcoming the bonds of sin, and more.

TH 305 WISDOM BOOKS A practical study of the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

TH 402 LIFE OF CHRIST A biblical study of Jesus Christ in the Gospels, including a chronological overview of His life, His parables, and His teachings.

TH 403 PATEROLOGY A study of God the Father throughout the Old and New Testaments, the trinity, His names and attributes, His covenants with man throughout the ages, and His special relationship with man as our "Heavenly Father".

Course Descriptions

Graduate Theology Programs

BI 500 ANALYSIS OF MATTHEW An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Matthew.

BI 501 ANALYSIS OF MARK An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Mark.

BI 502 ANALYSIS OF LUKE An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Luke.

BI 503 ANALYSIS OF JOHN An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of John

BI 504 ANALYSIS OF ACTS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Acts.

BI 510 ANALYSIS OF ROMANS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Romans.

BI 511 ANALYSIS OF 1 CORINTHIANS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of 1 Corinthians.

BI 512 ANALYSIS OF 2 CORINTHIANS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians.

BI 513 ANALYSIS OF CHURCH EPISTLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament books of Galatians through 2 Thessalonians.

BI 514 ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL EPISTLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament books of 1 Timothy through Philemon.

BI 515 ANALYSIS OF HEBREWS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Hebrews.

BI 520 ANALYSIS OF GENERAL EPISTLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament books of James through Jude.

BI 521 ANALYSIS OF REVELATION An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Revelation.

BI 522 ANALYSIS OF JOB An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Job.

BI 523 ANALYSIS OF PSALMS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Psalms.

BI 530 ANALYSIS OF PROVERBS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Proverbs.

BI 531 ANALYSIS OF ECCLESIASTES & SONG OF SOLOMON An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

BI 532 SUBMISSION OF THESIS An original, 30,000-word research paper upon a pre-approved topic.

BI 600 ANALYSIS OF GENESIS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Genesis

BI 601 ANALYSIS OF EXODUS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Exodus.

BI 602 ANALYSIS OF LEVITICUS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Leviticus.

BI 603 ANALYSIS OF NUMBERS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Numbers.

BI 604 ANALYSIS OF DEUTERONOMY An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy.

BI 610 ANALYSIS OF JOSHUA An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Joshua.

BI 611 ANALYSIS OF JUDGES & RUTH An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Judges and Ruth.

BI 612 ANALYSIS OF 1 SAMUEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel.

BI 613 ANALYSIS OF 2 SAMUEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 2 Samuel.

BI 614 ANALYSIS OF 1 KINGS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 1 Kings.

BI 620 ANALYSIS OF 2 KINGS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 2 Kings.

BI 621 ANALYSIS OF 1 CHRONICLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 1 Chronicles.

BI 622 ANALYSIS OF 2 CHRONICLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 2 Chronicles.

BI 623 ANALYSIS OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Ezra-Nehemiah.

BI 624 ANALYSIS OF ISAIAH An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

BI 630 ANALYSIS OF JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Jeremiah and Lamentations.

BI 631 ANALYSIS OF EZEKIEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Ezekiel.

BI 632 ANALYSIS OF DANIEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Daniel.

BI 633 ANALYSIS OF HOSEA – HAGGAI An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Hosea through Haggai.

BI 634 ANALYSIS OF ZECHARIAH & MALACHI An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Zechariah and Malachi.

BI 635 SUBMISSION OF DISSERTATION An original, 60,000-word research paper upon a pre-approved topic.

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Statement of Faith

Section 1 – Verbal Inspiration of Scriptures

We believe in the infallible inspired Word of God. We accept the Textus Receptus manuscript as the foundational material from which we derive the King James Bible. We believe the King James Bible to be the inerrant, preserved, infallible, inspired Word of God for the English-speaking people. The Old and New Testament Scriptures were written by human authors divinely inspired and edited by the Holy Spirit, preserved, unbroken and passed down to us today. (II Timothy 3:16; John 10:35; II Peter 1:19-21; Psalm 119:89)

Section 2 – Genesis Account of Creation

We believe the Genesis account of creation, and that what you believe about your origin will determine your philosophy of life. We believe creation was a direct act of God, which included literal days, and that it was instantaneous and miraculous. We believe man was created in the image of God and all reproduction was “after their kind.” (Genesis 1:1; Job 26:7; Psalm 33:6, 9; John 1:3; Colossians 1:17)

Section 3 – Trinity

We believe God is a person, eternally existing. There is one true God existing in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and coequal persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are the same substance but distinct in subsistence. There is one Godhead made up of three persons who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics and desires. (Romans 1:7; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:1-3; Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 8:6)

Section 4 – Deity

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because of His character, His miracles, His influence, His power to forgive sins and set people free from Satan and because He claimed to be and died making this claim and arose victorious over death. (Mark 12:6; John 5:22, 23; Matthew 26:63, 66; John 14:9; John 1:1; Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; I John 5:1-5)

Section 5 – Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost and was in miraculous manner born of Mary, a virgin, as no other person was ever born or can ever be born of woman. He is both the Son of God and God the Son. (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14)

Section 6 – Substitutionary Death of Christ

Jesus took the saved sinner's place, bore his sins, and met the penalty through His substitutionary death for all men. Jesus satisfied the law, becoming our accepted substitute. His righteousness, or His right doing, is imputed to us by faith. Therefore, we have through Him kept the law. Instead of merely covering the sins of man, the blood of Christ cleanses man from his sins. (Isaiah 53:5; Acts 20:28; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28; I Peter 3:18; Matthew 26:28)

Section 7 – Salvation by Grace through Faith

The sacrifice made by Jesus is the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, and the only ground of justification. We believe that no man cometh to God except through Jesus Christ. We hold and believe many important truths, but the most important to every individual is the personal salvation of his own soul. God's order is salvation and then works. (Acts 4:12; I Thessalonians 5:9; Hebrews 5:9; John 12:46; John 20:31; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:9, 10; Titus 3:5-8)

Section 8 – Heaven, Hell and the Lake of Fire

We believe that Heaven and Hell are real, literal, and physical places. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty and glory, just as Hell is a place of indescribable torment and punishment. Throughout all eternity, Heaven is the final eternal dwelling place of the saved. Hell is the temporary abode of the lost, until Hell itself along with its inhabitants is cast into the Lake of Fire, the final eternal dwelling place of punishment for the lost, who will there suffer eternal torment and total separation from God. (Matthew 6:20; Luke 10:20; John 14:2; Daniel 7:10; Isaiah 33:14; Matthew 13:42; Revelation 14:10)

Section 9 – Depravity

By nature, man is wicked and corrupt. All are under sin. Romans 3:10 proves that all are alike under sin in an unregenerate condition. (Genesis 6:5; Job 15:16; Psalm 14:3; Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 16:12; Matthew 23:27; Romans 1:24; II Peter 2:12)

Section 10 – Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion concerning the tongues movement of this church age. The Holy Spirit ministers to the Christian. He regenerates, baptizes (not with water), indwells, seals, and fills the believing sinner. The believer does not get more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit more of the believer. Therefore, these ministries of the Holy Spirit happen instantaneously to the believing sinner. They all occur by faith and are not in the least dependent upon one's personal emotional feelings at the time. (I Corinthians 14:33; Titus 3:5; Romans 5:3-4; Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 1:22)

Section 11 – Separation from the World

We believe that all the saved are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. A person, once he has accepted Christ as Saviour, is a new creation in Christ and should live a holy, consecrated life. He should separate himself from the world and all its lust in obedience to the command of God. (Romans 12:1-2; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Colossians 2:6; I Peter 2:9; II Corinthians 5:17; II Timothy 2:19)

Section 12 – Rapture and Second Coming

The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, is coming in the air at any moment to catch up as many as receive Him as Saviour. The saved of all ages will stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ and enjoy the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We believe in the personal, bodily, visible, premillennial Rapture of all believers. Those left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ Himself shall return to the earth, visible in body (Second Coming), to set up His kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule. After this, the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. (Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:31-34)

Section 13 – Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe there are two ordinances of the local church. They are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church and is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance of the local church members according to the individual examinations and teaching of I Corinthians 11:17-34. The unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, grape juice, are to commemorate the dying love of Christ. This is a local church ordinance. Non-church members do not participate. (Acts 8:38; Mark 1:9-10)

Section 14 – Devil or Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan; that he is the god of this world, blinding the minds of them which believe not, and the author of all the power of darkness. We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors. But, through pride and ambition, to be as the Almighty, he fell and drew after him a host of angels. Satan is the author of all false religions, the chief power of darkness —destined, however, to the judgment of an eternal justice in Hell, a place prepared for him and his angels. (Matthew 4:1-3; Revelation 20:1-3; II Corinthians 4:3,4; Revelation 20:10; I Peter 5:8; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17)

Section 15 – Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He arose bodily “the third day according to the scriptures” from the tomb, ascended bodily into the heavens, and through His resurrection a sure hope of immortality and everlasting life is given to all who have been saved by His grace. He is at the right hand of God as our “Mediator, merciful and faithful High Priest, and advocate.” (John 20; Hebrews 9:24; I Corinthians 15:12- 28; Luke 24:1-7; Romans 4:25)

Section 16 – Eternal Security

We believe in the eternal security of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. A person who is born again has everlasting life, which never ends and cannot be taken away. Saved forever, God’s children are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and sealed unto the day of redemption. (John 10:27-30; I Peter 1:5; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:35-39; John 5:24)

Section 17 – Soul winning and Missions

We believe that the Great Commission to evangelize the world was given to the church by our risen Lord and that this evangelization is the mission of the church. The Great Commission was given to the local church which was commanded to “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Christ commanded His church to “teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

Section 18 – Sanctification

We believe that sanctification is a personal separation from things that are unclean to things that are holy, clean, and sacred. Sanctification is a

progressive work that is begun in regeneration and carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The sanctification of the believer will be complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The soul and spirit are sanctified at salvation. The body will be sanctified in glory. (I Thessalonians 4:1-10, 5:23; I Corinthians 6:11; II Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 3:18; II Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:5)

Section 19 – Local Church

We believe that a scriptural church is a visible assembly of baptized believers, covenanted together under New Testament law for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission, with an unbroken history from the personal ministry of Jesus on earth to this present day. This church is a self-governed, independent body having Christ as the head, the Holy Spirit as its guide, and the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The only scriptural offices of the church are bishop (or Pastor) and Deacons. The two ordinances of the local church are baptism and Lord's Supper. On all matters of membership, polity, government, discipline, or benevolence, etc., the will of the local church is final. (Mark 16:15; Ephesians 1:22,23; I Timothy 3; Titus 1; Acts 20:17-20)

Section 20 – Marriage

We believe that marriage is a physical and spiritual union between a man and a woman before God for a lifetime. Marriage is the foundation for a family and human society. All intimate contact outside of marriage is a sin. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:21-25; Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:1-12; Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Hebrews 13:4)

Section 21 – Gender Identity

We believe that God created only two genders, male and female: there are no others. We believe that gender is not a matter of human choice but of birth and biological design. We believe that physical intimacy is reserved by God for those in a union of biologically-born male and female within the bounds of marriage; all other physical intimacy is sin. (Genesis 1:27, 5:2; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; Hebrews 13:4)



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