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**Founder: Pastor Christopher W. Brooks**  
**Executive Director: Pastor Mickey Badalamenti**  
**Registrar/Administrative Director: Crystal Steiniger**  
**Assistant Administrator: Janet Van Assche**

## **Note about the Catalog**

While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information within the academic catalog and web site, the Detroit Bible Institute reserves the right to change, without notice, statements in the catalog concerning rules, policies, fees, curricula, courses, or other matters.

Changes to an academic catalog that are necessary following the start of the fall semester will be noted as an addendum to the original catalog.

It is students' responsibility to schedule a meeting with Detroit Bible Institute advisory staff and to be knowledgeable about institutional requirements, academic regulations, and calendar deadlines specified in the catalog.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS:

September 6, 2021 (Labor Day); November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving); May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**FALL:** Registration: August 1 — September 7, 2021

**WINTER:** Registration: December 5 — January 4, 2022

**SPRING:** Registration: March 6 — April 5, 2022

### Fall Course Dates:

TUESDAY: September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23.

### Winter Course Dates

TUESDAY: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22.

### Spring Course Dates

TUESDAY: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21.

### **2022 GRADUATION : July 23, 2022**

Commencement — Saturday at 12:00 pm

Location:

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# FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Program Objective:** To develop Christian leaders by equipping them with a foundational biblical, theological and ministerial education.

## FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL COURSES

- Apologetics: Classical Issues
- Church History I
- Counseling from the Scriptures
- Essential Christian Doctrines
- Inductive Bible Study
- New Testament Survey
- Old Testament Survey

The Foundational Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion of seven **CORE course** and one **ELECTIVE course**. Each course consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. Courses meet once a week on Tuesdays, for two hours, for the duration of the twelve weeks. If a course date falls on a holiday, then it will be at your Instructors discretion on how to make up the hours lost/missed. When classes are cancelled due to weather and/or a special situation, students will be notified by phone/text/e-mail and class time will be rescheduled.

## ELECTIVE COURSES

- Acts
- Apocalyptic Writings
- Apologetics: World Religions
- Biblical Leadership
- Biblical Leadership II
- Church History II
- Counseling: Special Issues
- God the Son – A study of Jesus
- Hebrews
- Hermeneutics
- Historical Theology
- Homiletics
- Introduction to Greek
- Introduction to Greek II
- Introduction to Hebrew
- Introduction to Hebrew II
- Introduction to Missions
- Kingdom of Israel
- Revelation
- Role & Responsibilities of the Minister
- Role & Responsibility of the Pastor
- Systematic Theology
- The Gospels– Life of Christ
- The Pastoral Epistles
- Theology of Prayer
- Theology of Worship
- The Major Prophets
- The Minor Prophets
- The Pentateuch
- Urban Apologetics
- Wisdom Literature
- Women's Ministry Leadership
- Worship Ministry Leadership

# ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Program Objective:** To further develop Christian leaders who have completed the Foundational Biblical Studies Program, by equipping them with a more advanced biblical, theological and ministerial education.

**The Advanced Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion the Foundation Biblical Studies Program and an additional six courses from the following list.\***

Each course consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. Courses meet once a week on Tuesdays, for two hours, for the duration of the twelve weeks. If a course date falls on a holiday, then it will be at your Instructors discretion on how to make up the hours lost/missed. When classes are cancelled due to weather and/or a special situation, students will be notified by phone/text/e-mail and class time will be rescheduled.

## ADVANCED BIBLICAL COURSES

- Acts
- Biblical Leadership
- Church History II
- Counseling Special Issues
- Hebrews
- Hermeneutics
- Homiletics
- Introduction to Greek
- Introduction to Greek 2
- Introduction to Hebrew
- Introduction to Hebrew 2
- The Gospels-Life of Christ
- Revelation
- Systematic Theology
- The Epistles of Paul
- The Major Prophets
- The Minor Prophets
- The Pastoral Epistles
- The Pentateuch
- Theology of Prayer
- Theology of Worship
- Wisdom Literature

***\*If a course from this list was previously taken and counted towards your Foundational Biblical Studies Diploma, it cannot count towards the 6 course requirement for the Advanced Biblical Studies Diploma.***



# FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL STUDIES

## COURSES

### **Apologetics I: (Classical Issues)**

This course is designed to equip Christians to understand and uphold the validity of the Christian faith. Apologetics prepares the student to intellectually withstand the frontal attacks and subtle influences of world religions and views, while effectively preparing them to evangelize.

### **Church History I:**

This class will provide the student with the background history of the Orthodox Christian Church including the early church fathers. The student will be exposed to over 2000 years of Christian church history. To recognize the value of knowing how history helps in understanding our times and not to repeat the mistakes of the past. A deep appreciation for the names, places, movements, and creeds of the Christian faith will be realized.

### ***Counseling from The Scripture: (Counseling Self Confrontation)***

This course is designed to help you become a biblical counselor in the body of Christ (BCBC). This course is for those who are compassionate, caring and concerned about seeing lives enriched by healing past issues, equipped by applying Biblical truth to current life issues, and empowered by experiencing the abundant life to fulfill their Kingdom Dream. This course is foundational in addressing the need for counseling in the world, the church and each counselor's personal life. Some of the topics will include the role of the Holy Spirit; becoming a counselor; ethics, procedure and protocol; understanding yourself; the process of change, utilizing scripture, theories on counseling, life span development, family dynamics and much more

### **Essential Christian Doctrines:**

The course is a basic overview of the major historic doctrines of the Christian faith. Students will begin to see how the essential doctrines of the faith relate to one another.

### **Inductive Bible Study: (*How to study the Bible*)**

This course is designed to teach the student how to use the Inductive Bible Study method of observation, interpretation and application using the books of the Bible as an example. The course will culminate with each student sharing a creative presentation of their individual inductive study of Mark.

### **New Testament Survey:**

This class is designed to systematically survey the books of the New Testament. portion of the Bible. Students will learn all 27 books in sequential order. They will learn each book's: historical setting, and Literary Features, one sentence summary, teachings about salvation, identifying Christ in the book, , when events of the book happened, how the books fit into God's story and fulfilled prophecy .

### **Old Testament Survey:**

This class is designed to systematically survey the books of the Old Testament portion of the Bible. Students will learn all 39 books in sequential order. They will learn each book's: historical setting, and Literary Features, one sentence summary, teachings about salvation, identifying Christ in the book, When events of the book happened, how the books fit into God's story, and prophecies declared.

**FOR THE ONE ELECTIVE COURSE YOU MAY CHOOSE  
ANY ELECTIVE COURSE WHEN OFFERED.  
SEE ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS**

# ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERING: FOR FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL STUDIES AND ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

## **Acts:**

This class is a study of the record of radical change “the Acts” or “actions” of the followers of Christ after the resurrection. Observing the out pouring of the Holy Spirit, through the spreading of the Gospel and some noteworthy activities of Paul during that time.

## **Apocalyptic Writings:**

This course will examine the genre of apocalyptic writings in both the Old and New Testaments with special attention given to the books of Daniel and Revelation. Students will understand the significance of apocalyptic literature to its original audience and its relevance for us today in the twenty-first century.

## **Apologetics II (World Religions):**

This class will expose student to the major views that make up the religious and philosophical landscape of today’s world. They will learn the major differences between the major religions. They will learn how to effectively evangelize those from other world views who are open and defend their faith against those who are antagonistic.

## **Biblical Leadership I:**

Our biblical leadership class will teach emerging and established leaders the principles that govern successful self-leadership, including the mentoring of aspiring leaders. Students will learn a systematic process for developing high quality leaders.

## **Biblical Leadership II:**

Biblical Leadership II: This class will build on the principles that govern successful self-leadership as taught in Biblical Leadership I, including the mentoring of aspiring leaders. (Note: Though this class draws upon principles from Biblical Leadership I, it is not required that the student have taken Biblical Leadership I before taking this class).

## **Church History II:**

Continuing the study of the Christian church from the eleventh century on through the twentieth century. Special attention will be given to the most notable periods like the Renaissance, Reformation and the first and second “Great Awakenings.” We will also heavily consider the development of the modern day Pentecostal and Charismatic movements.

## **Counseling Special Issues:**

This course is designed to teach you how to apply God’s word to the issues of life. As we continue to look at the condition, changes and cries of our society. This course is designed to provide Hope, Help, and Healing in specific areas such as: Anger Depression, Addictions, Fear, Stress, Sexual Abuse, Grief and Loss, Premarital Counseling and more. This course will equip counselors to minister to those who are broken, backslidden, or in bondage with confrontation, love and grace.

## **God The Son – A Study of Jesus Based On The Gospel Of John**

This class will do a deep dive into the theological view of Jesus as found primarily in the Gospel of John. The other Biblical writings of John will be referenced, as well as other Old and New Testament books that relate to John’s view of Jesus as the Christ. The class will move the student toward entering the kind of deep relationship with God that Jesus had with his heavenly Father.

## **Hebrews:**

This course will study the different aspects of Jesus Christ as Savior, High Priest, and Lord that are central to the book of Hebrews, a book that is essential to unlocking the unity of the Scriptures and the importance of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God’s covenant with His people. The course also includes a brief study the book of James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude.

## **Hermeneutics:**

This class will teach the art and science of proper Bible interpretation. Students will be exposed to the major genres and literary styles of biblical writing and will be taught how to understand the historical context and original meaning of a given passage of scripture.

## **Historical Theology:**

This course takes the student through the historical development of Christian theology throughout the last 2,000 years. Students will learn the theological foundations of different movements within the Christian Church and examine various creeds that have been influential

## **Homiletics :**

This class will teach students the art of sound biblical teaching and preaching. Picking up where Hermeneutics left off, students will learn how to communicate the original meaning of a text in a relevant and powerful way to a contemporary audience. Students will also be required to show proficiency in the areas of biblical research and sermon preparation.

## **Introduction to Greek:**

This course is an introduction to the Greek language of the New Testament. Students will be both challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages, and be given a basic set of tools and resources for doing so.

## CONTINUATION OF ELECTIVE COURSE FOR FBS AND ABS PROGRAMS

### **Introduction to Greek 2:**

This course is a continuation to the Intro to Greek class. Students will be further challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages, and be given additional sets of tools and resources for doing so.

### **Introduction to Hebrew:**

This course is an introduction to the Hebrew language of the Old Testament. Students will be both challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages, and be given a basic set of tools and resources for doing so.

### **Introduction to Biblical Stewardship**

This course will assist individuals with identifying the criteria for stewarding individual and church resources. The main objectives will center on applying biblical doctrine to the governance of tithes, talents and treasures with respect to the church and beyond.

### **Introduction to Hebrew 2:**

This course is a continuation to the Intro to Hebrew class. Students will be further challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages, and be given additional sets of tools and resources for doing so.

### **Introduction to Missions:**

Students will learn the fundamentals to mission's ministry. They will also discover their mission field. The students will be required to strategically plan and take part in a missions trip (local, national or international)

### **Kingdom of Israel:**

This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the history of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Various aspects of the Sovereignty of God in history will be examined through the background of each book, along with key events, political and geographical impact, and significant spiritual themes.

**Revelation:** This course is designed to overview John's epistle of Revelation. To examine the different scope of its prophecies and discuss the various systems of its interpretation that has emerged through history, with special emphasis on the orthodox protestant approach to scriptures.

### **Role and Responsibilities of the Minister:**

This class will teach ministers-in-training the practical responsibilities of their office. Students will be taught how to conduct funerals, weddings, hospital visitations, counseling sessions and much more. This course is designed to be very practical in nature and highly interactive in application

### **Role & Responsibility of the Pastor:**

The focus of this class is to teach senior ministers and aspiring pastors the duties and requirements of their office. Students will learn how to properly lead and manage the church as an organization, going beyond the dynamics of the Sunday service. Seasoned Senior Pastors will teach students the legal, financial, human resource and other administrative functions of the church management.

### **Systematic Theology:**

This class is designed to expose the student to the major doctrines of the Bible. Each doctrine will be studied in an organized and connected manner with the goal of creating a tight knit theological system, which students can use for discerning truth from heresy.

**The Epistles of Paul:** This course offers an overview of the epistles of Paul. Special attention is given to the theology of Romans and Galatians and the doctrine of salvation inherent in Paul's writings.

### **The Gospels - Life of Christ:**

This course provides an overview of Jesus' life & ministry as presented in the four New Testament gospels, highlighting the historical & cultural background, argument, theology, and practical implications of each gospel.

### **The Major Prophets:**

This is a study of life and writings of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel and Daniel. Students will learn the historical background of these prophetic books, their main theological messages and the importance of the role of the prophet in Israel.

## CONTINUATION OF ELECTIVE COURSE FOR FBS AND ABS PROGRAMS

### **The Minor Prophets :**

This course looks at the role of the prophet and prophetic literature in Israel by examining the writings of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Students will learn the main message of each book and their impact for our lives today.

### **The Pastoral Epistles:**

Exposes students to an expository treatment of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus. Includes insights into ministry of the church on lay levels and the unique offices of elders and deacons.

### **The Pentateuch:**

This course will survey the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy and lift up key themes and stories that form the basis for and identity of the Judeo-Christian worldview. Students will also gain an understanding of the importance of the Pentateuch in the life of Israel and the New Testament authors.

### **Theology of Worship:**

This course is designed to teach the student Biblical doctrine concerning worship. It is also designed to teach the student how to have encounters with God as they worship. It will conclude with an awesome worship service that the student must be a participant in.

### **Theology of Prayer:**

This course will explore the biblical foundation for prayer and intercession. The prayers of kings, priest, prophets, apostles and Jesus Christ our Lord will be studied in depth. The course will also feature a prayer lab where students will have opportunity to experience prayer.

### **Wisdom Literature:**

A study of the Old Testament books generally recognized as wisdom books: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job. Consideration will be given to the relation of these books to the Old Testament as a whole and their individual theological and ethical thrusts.

### **Women's Ministry Leadership:**

This class is designed to equip women with the tools and insight needed to effectively minister to other women. Aspiring and current women ministry leaders will be taught the requirements, along with the specific freedoms and limitations of their office. Additionally, students will be empowered, through practical instruction to create programs and teaching curriculum that is relevant for meeting the unique needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Christian women.

### **Worship Ministry Leadership:**

This class is designed to explore the Purpose, Power, and Practices of Worship. It will Teach the essential organizational structure of the worship ministry in the local church. Student will explore powerful moments of worship highlighted in the Scripture and their relevance to us today. They will explore historical inspirations of worship. Finally students will be required to participate in a worship ministry activity.

### **UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HEBREWS:**

This class will primarily explore the book of Hebrews, a central book in the Bible that ties the Old and the New Testaments together. It reveals how Christ is the fulfillment of the Scriptures. The course will study the different aspects of Jesus Christ as Savior, High Priest, and Lord that are central to the book. The book of Hebrews is essential to unlocking the unity of the Scriptures and the importance of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's covenant with His people. The course also includes brief study of the book of James, I & II Peter, and Jude.

### **URBAN APOLOGETICS:**

This course will assist believers in dealing head-on with the complex issues of our day from a Biblical Perspective. Issues ranging from Abortion and Sexuality to Social Justice and the Role of the local church and many more.

# COURSE OFFERINGS

## FALL SESSION

**Courses:** Tuesdays from 7:00—9:00PM

**OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS:**

**September 6, 2021 (Labor Day); November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving); May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day)**

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Please see the registration dates, start and end dates on page 6.

**Registration: August 2 — September 8, 2020**

**M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.**

**Sundays 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Or register online at [www.detroitbibleinstitute.org](http://www.detroitbibleinstitute.org)**

**Old Testament Survey: Instructor — Dr. Analee Dunn**

This class is designed to systematically survey the books of the Old Testament portion of the Bible. Students will learn all 39 books in sequential order. They will learn each book's: historical setting, and Literary Features, one sentence summary, teachings about salvation, identifying Christ in the book, When events of the book happened, how the books fit into God's story, and prophecies declared.

**Text Book: Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey by Bill T Arnold**

**ISBN-13: 978-0801049538**

**TUESDAY: September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23.**

**Apologetics World Religions: Instructor — Pr. Mickey Badalamenti**

This class will expose student to the major views that make up the religious and philosophical landscape of today's world. They will learn the major differences between the major religions. They will learn how to effectively evangelize those from other world views who are open and defend their faith against those who are antagonistic.

**Text Book: The Kingdom of the Cults by Walter Martin**

**ISBN-13: 978-0764228216**

**TUESDAY: September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23.**

**The Kingdom of Israel: Instructor — Pr. Keith Nelson**

This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the history of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Various aspects of the Sovereignty of God in history will be examined through the background of each book, along with key events, political and geographical impact, and significant spiritual themes.

**Text Book: TBD**

**TUESDAY: September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23.**

# COURSE OFFERINGS

## WINTER SESSION

Registration: December 5, 2021 – January 4, 2022

M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Sundays 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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### **Church History I: Instructor — Dr. Don Pedde**

This class will provide the student with the background history of the Orthodox Christian Church including the early church fathers. The student will be exposed to over 2000 years of Christian church history. To recognize the value of knowing how history helps in understanding our times and not to repeat the mistakes of the past. A deep appreciation for the names, places, movements, and creeds of the Christian faith will be realized.

**Text Book: Church History in Plain Language by Bruce Shelley**

**ISBN-13: 978-1401676315**

**TUESDAY: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22.**

### **Introduction to Greek: Instructor — Michael Smokovitz**

This course is an introduction to the Greek language of the New Testament. Students will be both challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages, and be given a basic set of tools and resources for doing so.

**Text Book: The Bible**

**TUESDAY: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22.**

### **The Pastoral Epistles: Instructor — Dr. Larry Mann Jr.**

Exposes students to an expository treatment of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus. Includes insights into current-day ministry and the unique offices of elders and deacons.

**Text Book: TBD**

**TUESDAY: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22.**



# COURSE OFFERINGS

## SPRING SESSION

**Registration:** March 6 — April 5, 2022

**M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.**

**Sundays 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

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### **Essential Christian Doctrine: Instructor — Dr. George Johnson**

The course is a basic overview of the major historic doctrines of the Christian faith. Students will begin to see how the essential doctrines of the faith relate to one another.

**Text Book: Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know by Wayne Grudem**

**ISBN-13: 978-0310255994**

**TUESDAY: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21.**

### **The Gospels– The Life of Christ: Instructor — Dr. Randy Rheaume**

This course provides an overview of Jesus' life & ministry as presented in the four New Testament gospels, highlighting the historical & cultural

background, argument, theology, and practical implications of each gospel.

**Text Book: Four Portraits, One Jesus: A Survey of Jesus and the Gospels by Mark L Strauss**

**ISBN-13: 978-0310226970**

**TUESDAY: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21.**

### **Hebrews- General Epistles: Instructor — Dr. Don Pedde**

This course will study the different aspects of Jesus Christ as Savior, High Priest, and Lord that are central to the book of Hebrews, a book that is essential to unlocking the unity of the Scriptures and the importance of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's covenant with His people. The course also includes a brief study the book of James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude.

**Text Book: *Be Confident. Live by Faith, Not by Sight* by Warren, W. Wiersbe**

**ISBN-13: 978-1434767356**

**TUESDAY: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21.**





## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Detroit Bible Institute exists to develop world-impacting Christian leaders through biblical, theological and ministerial training that is high-quality, affordable and accessible.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### GOD

We believe that within the One Supreme Being that is God, there eternally exist three co-equal and co-eternal persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, otherwise known as the Trinity. We believe that God is spirit, and is uncreated and infinite; perfect in his holiness, justice and righteousness; all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present, all-loving and unchangeable. (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; Jn. 10:30; John 4:24; Ps. 90:2; Mal. 3:6; Ps. 11:7; Gen 18:25)

### JESUS CHRIST

That God the Son came to earth in the person of the sinless savior, Jesus Christ, God incarnate (fully God and fully Man); that He was born of a virgin and died as a substitutionary sacrifice, atoning for the sin of all humanity; that on the third day He rose bodily from the grave; and that He sits at the right hand of the Father in authority. (Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:23; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 10:33, Heb. 4:15, 7:26; 1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 2:9; Mark 16:19)

### THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible – The 66 divinely inspired books which have been historically accepted by the Protestant Church as Canon – is the inspired and inerrant Word of God and totally accurate in all matters it addresses. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the author of all Scripture and that He superintended the authors as they penned the Word of God. We attest to the sufficiency of the Bible, it being the believer's final authority, and that within it is found all that is needed for Christian faith and practice. (2 Tim. 3:15-16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Mat. 5:18; Ps. 119:11)

### SALVATION

We believe that humanity by nature is fallen and has inherited the condition of sin from Adam and Eve, the original human beings created by God. We believe in the Gospel, which is that the only way for a person to be saved and redeemed is through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ on their behalf, and acceptance of His Lordship over all. Finally, we believe that salvation is completely a free gift of God's grace for those He alone has chosen to redeem. (Jn. 3:16-19, 5:24; Rom 3:23-24, 5:8-9; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-7)

### THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is comprised of the community of believers in Jesus Christ throughout all times, and that for all eternity God's divine plan was to establish the church as His bride and His body, for His glory. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ commanded, and confirmed through His apostles, that His Church maintain two specific ordinances: Water Baptism and Holy Communion. We are committed to the Church universal and through local assembly, and believe that the Church was intended to operate as a diverse and multi-faceted people, effectively ministering the saving Gospel to the local communities of people they live among. (Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 2:19-22, 4:11-12; Matt. 28:19-20)

### THE FUTURE

We believe that Jesus Christ will return bodily to judge the living and the dead in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost -- they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jn. 5:28-29)

### ***Additional Theological Positions***

Detroit Bible Institute strives to maintain a balance other important doctrinal issues that have a diversity of understanding within the Church, which are specified below. These positions are binding on DBI board members and instructors.

***Prosperity, poverty & stewardship:*** That God guarantees health & wealth in this life through faith (*prosperity* gospel), or that godliness can only be found in willing poverty (*poverty* gospel), are considered aberrations of Scripture. The proper interpretation of Scripture is *stewardship*, which is a recognition that God is the owner of everything and in His sovereignty materially provides as He wills to each person, and that person is accountable for how he honors God with all that God has given to him. While we may teach about the above aberrations, we do not endorse them as a scriptural position. (1 Tim. 6:3-10; Prov. 30:7-9; Gen. 13:2; Matt. 8:20)



**Human life & sexuality:** Scripture teaches that man is made in the image of God, and that God designed Him expressly for uniting in marriage to a woman and reproducing other image-bearers. The direction of scripture never changes on the issues that innocent human life is sacred and therefore should not be terminated by humankind, and that sexuality is designed to be expressed between one man and one woman in the bonds of marriage. Any other teaching on these issues is an aberration of Scripture. While we may teach about these aberrations, we do not endorse them as a scriptural position. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:13; Ps. 139:13-16; Lev. 18:22; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 5:9-11, 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 12:16, 13:4; Rev. 21:8, 22:15)

**Calvinism & Arminianism:** Whether or not salvation is irresistible & irreversible (the *Calvinist* position) or can be resisted & repudiated through apostasy (as in the *Arminian* position), along with various other characteristics of these positions, are respected as various views held within the historic Christian Church, provided that the heresy of *Pelagianism* (that man is able to receive salvation because of his own moral strength) is not embraced, which is expressly denied by Scripture (Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-7). We seek to inform students that the Calvinist/Arminian positions are in-house questions that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.

**The perpetuity of spiritual gifts:** Whether the gifts & manifestations stated in Scripture and given by the Holy Spirit to believers are continuing (*continuationism*) or have ceased (*cessationism*), are respected as various views held within the historic Christian Church. We seek to inform students that this is an in-house question that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.

**Role of Men and Women in the Church:** The positions of *complementarianism* and *egalitarianism*, particularly in regards to roles within the Church (Pastor, Teacher, etc.), are respected as various views held within the historic Christian Church. We seek to inform students that this is an in-house question that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.

**Eschatology:** The Church is historically united on the essential elements that Jesus Christ will return, call His Church, and judge the living and the dead (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:10). Beyond these, the Church has held various views on the nature of the rapture, the millennium, and other aspects of the end-times. We seek to inform students that these various views represent an in-house issue that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.

## **CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Decisions regarding credit for previous education and training are made by the Executive Director. New students who have completed the equivalent course work of the Foundational Biblical Studies Program through another ministry training school may enroll directly into the Advanced Biblical Studies Program if approved by the Executive Director. New students interested in this advanced standing must first submit all pertinent transcripts to the Executive Director who will review them and make a decision.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

There are no academic requirements for admission. All are encouraged to apply. Once enrolled, a student will be continuously enrolled and eligible to take classes.

## **AUDIT POLICY**

This classification is for a student who wants to take classes for personal enrichment. A student may request, in writing, to audit a class or to change from "audit" status to a "for credit" status through the third week of class. After such time has passed, no change may be made regarding the audit/for credit status of a student and no refunds will be given. If, at a later date, the student enrolls as a for credit student, credit will not be extended for any course previously taken as an audit student. Repeated courses will incur all expenses as outlined in the financial section of this catalog.

## **ENROLLMENT DATES:**

August 1—September 7, 2021, December 5, 2021—January 4, 2022, March 6—April 5, 2022.

## COURSE FRAMEWORK

- 1) A DBI approved instructor will teach the course.
- 2) The course will be for a duration of 12 weeks (2 hour sessions) with one 10-minute break.
- 3) Each student to receive credit must attend 10 of the 12-week sessions or a minimum of 20 hours per course.
- 4) Each student must successfully complete requirements outlined in the syllabus provided by the instructor.

## GRADING SYSTEM

<i>Letters</i>	<i>Grade Points</i>	<i>Grade Scale</i>	<i>Letters</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
A	4.0	95-100	W	Withdrawal, No Penalty
A-	3.7	90-94	I	Incomplete
B+	3.3	87-89	AU	Audit
B	3.0	84-86		
B-	2.7	81-83		
C+	2.3	79-80		
C	2.0	77-78		
C-	1.7	75-76		
F	0	0-74		

DBI employs a letter-grade system. A student must attain at least 75% of the available points to pass a course. The following letter grades and their achievement equivalents listed below are used by instructors at DBI to reflect a student's performance in a course. "Incomplete" and "Withdrawal" are recorded appropriately. Students who receive "Incomplete" must resolve it within one month of the last date of the class or an "F" is recorded for the class. Transcripts are issued only by student's request. Students will receive written notice of their grades after each session is completed.

## ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP WORK

**Our Attendance Policy:** is that a student cannot miss more than 2 classes of a given course and still pass. Exceptions can be made for students that complete successfully complete and pass their course work within the Detroit Bible Institute's guidelines. Students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be notified in writing by the administrative office.

### **Our Leave of Absence Policy:**

A student that has registered and completed at least three weeks of classes and find themselves experiencing sickness, work scheduling conflict, and/or family hardship, is eligible for a leave of absence. This leave will allow the student to take this class when it is offered again through the Detroit Bible Institute without having to pay again for the course. This leave of absence will expire the next session after it has been offered again.

**Our Make Up Work Policy:** All make up work for each absence is due one week prior to the end of course.

## ACADEMIC AND CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to conduct their personal and professional lives responsibly, ethically and in a manner that respects the integrity of others. Criminal activity, disruptive conduct, harassment, cheating, assault, destruction of property or insubordination are considered grounds for dismissal. The DBI administration reserves the right to dismiss a student for the above-stated reasons or for any other reason deemed detrimental by DBI.

## REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

- 1) For the Foundational Biblical Studies Program - Successful completion of the 7 core classes and 1 elective class.
- 2) For the Advanced Biblical Studies Program - **Successful completion of any 6 classes listed in bold beyond the Foundational requirements.**

A diploma will be given for the successful completion of the Foundational Biblical Studies program or Advanced Biblical Studies program offered by DBI. A public graduation ceremony will be conducted for those who successfully complete the requirements.

**Graduates will be notified of fees and details prior to the end of the school year.**

## DIPLOMA UPON COMPLETION

For the Foundational Biblical Studies Program a Diploma in Foundational Biblical and Ministerial Studies will be issued to those students that successfully complete the program. For those students enrolled in the Advanced Biblical Studies Program that successfully complete the program a diploma in Advanced Biblical and Ministerial Studies will be issued.

## STUDENT RECORDS AND TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Detroit Bible Institute student records, except records of grades, including enrollment data, payments of fees, and attendance shall be maintained for no less than three (3) years following graduation. A student's grades and transcripts shall be retained in perpetuity by the school and shall be available upon his or her request. A school that is no longer operating shall turn over its student records to the board. All student transcripts will be kept electronically, utilizing database software. Requests for transcripts must be made in writing. DBI will issue its own transcripts, but will not issue copies of transcripts from other institutions. A fee of \$5 is charged for each official transcript. No other documents pertaining to the student or the student's work will be copied or released.

## PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL INFORMATION

Students who registered into the DBI Biblical Studies Program prior to the start of the 2009-2010 school year (July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010) *and* have completed at least 5 core classes will have the same course requirements to complete the program as originally outlined. Students who registered prior to the start of the 2009-2010 school year and have less than 5 core classes completed will abide by the new program guidelines.

Students who registered into the DBI Advanced Biblical Studies Program prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year may complete however many **bolded** Elective classes they need to satisfy the requirement of 6 in total. For additional clarification please consult the DBI administration team.

## REGISTRATION FEE AND COST PER CLASS

After three business days of registration, the sessional cost of registration is non-refundable. This fee is \$25 per student, per session. Tuition for each course is \$125. For students who desire to audit (non-graded and not for credit) a class, there will not be a class report given. The auditing student is required to pay a registration fee of \$25.00 and a \$75.00 auditing fee per course. After three business days the registration fee is non refundable.

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

## **EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED BY STUDENT AND SCHOOL**

No equipment is required for any of the classes by the student except for their own basic school supplies and books. DBI will provide all equipment/furniture consistent with a learning environment. Such items may include: chairs, tables, desks, boards, projectors and the like.

## **A STUDENT WISHING TO WITHDRAW FROM THE DETROIT BIBLE INSTITUTE MUST:**

Submit a written notice to the Administrative Director, who also acts as Registrar. Stated below is our withdrawal and refund policy. Submissions can be sent to [crystal@rockpointe.org](mailto:crystal@rockpointe.org).

## **WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY:**

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

If an applicant withdraws later than the third business day after signing the contract, the following policy becomes effective.

- Before classes start, student will receive a refund of tuition paid only. The registration fee is the only fee that will be retained. There will be no other fees student has to pay.
- If after third class, the student will not receive a refund.
- There is no refund the day after third class has ended.

## **COMPLAINTS**

Students who wish to file a complaint with the State of Michigan may do so at [www.michiganps.net](http://www.michiganps.net).

## **PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES**

Courses are not for employment purposes. Placement assistance is not available through DBI. Also, health services are not available through DBI. PLEASE SEE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (located in the main office).