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Founder: Pastor Christopher W. Brooks
Executive Director: Pastor Mickey Badalamenti
Administrator/Registrar: Crystal Steiniger
Class Session Administrator: Janet Van Assche

Note about the Catalog

While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information within the academic catalog and website, 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 student's 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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"Attending this
class gave me
a deeper trust
and faith in
God."

-DBI Student, Winter 2022

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)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) shares equally with the Father and the Son all the attributes of deity. He has spoken through the writers of Holy Scripture. He personally indwells the believer in Christ to sanctify and empower him/her to live a godly life (2 Cor 3:17-18; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 6:11, 12:1-11).

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 Holy Spirit
was present
and the
discussions
were inspired"

-DBI Student, Winter 2021

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 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.***

"DBI is an important part of my growth, my opportunity to learn, my fellowship and my Christian walk."

-DBI Student, Winter 2021

TEACHING FACULTY

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Ordained Minister & Associate, Messenger Fellowship, B.S., Engineering, B.S., Music, University of Michigan

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Dr. Donald Pedde

B.A. in Bible, M.A. and Ph. D. in Biblical Studies; Pensacola Christian College

Pastor Randy Rheume, Ph.D.

Ordained minister and Senior Pastor of Stony Creek Church in Utica, MI. Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE), William Tyndale College; Master of Theology (ThM), Dallas Theological Seminary; Doctor of Ministry (DMin), Trinity International University; PhD in NT, University of Wales

Pastor Flynn A. Smith

M.A., Teaching of Mathematics, University of Detroit Mercy B.S., Geography, Michigan State University Pursuing M.A.

Michael Smokovitz

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Ordained Minister & Associate, Messenger Fellowship, Postgraduate in Biblical Studies/Theology, Wheaton College B.S., Psychology, Evangel University

Brian Wassom

Elder, Rockpointe Community Church
J.D. (magna cum laude), Case Western Reserve University School of Law; B.A. in Political Science & International Studies, Wayne State University

"The instructor loves the material, brings enthusiasm to the topic and knows how to draw the students in"

-DBI Student, Winter 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS:

November 7th, 2023—Election Day

REGISTRATION:

- **FALL:** August 6 — September 5, 2023
- **WINTER:** December 3 — January 2, 2024
- **SPRING:** March 3 — April 2, 2024

SESSION DATES:

- **Fall 2023: TUESDAY:** September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21.
- **Winter 2024: TUESDAY:** January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19.
- **Spring 2024: TUESDAY:** April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18.

"I was astonished at how my views and understanding of the Bible, history, current events, and my own walk with Jesus became clearer and so much more meaningful"

-DBI Student, Winter 2021

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL STUDIES

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

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL COURSES

*The Foundational Biblical Courses are specifically designed to offer a well rounded theological education for Christians. They are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologetics I• Church History I• Counseling from the Scriptures• Essential Christian Doctrine | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to Study the Bible• New Testament Survey• Old Testament Survey |
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The Foundational Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion of seven CORE courses 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts• Apologetics II• Applied Apologetics & Evangelism• Biblical Leadership• Biblical Leadership II• Church History II• God the Son – A study of Jesus• Hebrews• Hermeneutics• Introduction to Greek• Introduction to Greek II• Introduction to Hebrew• Introduction to Hebrew II• Revelation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Systematic Theology• The Art of Godly Living• The Birth of the Kingdom of Israel• The Epistles of Paul• The Gospels– Life of Christ• The Kingdom of Israel• The Major Prophets• The Minor Prophets• The Parables and Teachings of Jesus• The Pastoral Epistles• The Pentateuch• The Resurrection of the Kingdom of Israel• Theology of Prayer |
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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.

ADVANCED BIBLICAL COURSES

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| • Acts | • Introduction to Hebrew II |
| • Applied Apologetics & Evangelism | • Revelation |
| • Biblical Leadership | • Systematic Theology |
| • Church History II | • The Art of Godly Living |
| • Hebrews | • The Epistles of Paul |
| • Hermeneutics | • The Major Prophets |
| • Introduction to Greek | • The Minor Prophets |
| • Introduction to Greek II | • The Pastoral Epistles |
| • Introduction to Hebrew | • The Pentateuch |
| | • Theology of Prayer |

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

**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

*The Foundational Biblical Courses are specifically designed to offer a well rounded theological education for Christians. They are:

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 and be able 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 Doctrine:

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.

How to study the Bible - Inductive Bible Study

This course is designed to teach the student how to use the Inductive Bible Study method. The principles of observation, interpretation, and application will be used to analyze and explore Scripture, applying these principles to study one book of the Bible as an example.

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.

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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 in “the Acts” or “actions” of the followers of Christ after the resurrection. Observing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, through the spreading of the Gospel and some noteworthy activities of Paul during that time.

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 and they will learn how to effectively evangelize those from other world views who are open and defend their faith against those who are antagonistic.

Applied Apologetics & Evangelism:

This class is designed to help students utilize their knowledge about the gospel and apologetics and translate it into effective conversations that can lead others to Christ. Students will train in utilizing apologetics in practical situations for real life encounters. Among the topics covered are: Articulating a gospel presentation clearly; directing conversations toward the gospel message; argument construction and refutation; preparing for common objections; ways to effectively practice for an actual conversation/encounter; deciding to whom one’s gospel outreach efforts will be directed; and various outreach strategies. This class is for students who want to have a part in seeing their family, friends, and community come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ

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.

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 - General Epistles:

This course will study the different aspects of Jesus Christ as Savior, High Priest, and Lord that are central to the book of Hebrews. This 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.

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 II:

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 Hebrew II:

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.

Parables and Teachings of Jesus:

The Parables and Teachings of Jesus will focus on what Jesus taught during his three-year public ministry. Topics will include what he said about God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), man, sin, heaven and hell and other major themes, with a special emphasis on His teaching on the Kingdom. The class will discuss interpretation of parables and will look at each parable in detail. The remainder of Christ's teachings (discourses and "short sayings") will be discussed as time permits.

Revelation:

This course is designed to overview John's epistle of Revelation, and 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.

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 Art of Godly Living: A Introduction to Biblical Wisdom.

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.

The Birth of the Kingdom of Israel:

This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the birth of the Kingdom of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Key books to be covered in this course will be Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. 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.

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 Kingdom of Israel:

This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the birth of the Kingdom of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Key books to be covered in this course will be 1 Samuel to Chronicles. 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.

CONTINUATION OF ELECTIVE COURSE FOR FBS AND ABS PROGRAMS

The Major Prophets:

This is a study of life and writings of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, 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.

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 Parables and Teachings of Jesus:

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The Pastoral Epistles:

This course exposes students to an expository treatment of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus. It 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.

The Restoration of the Kingdom:

This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the birth of the Kingdom 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.

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.

"The possibility
that I will be able
to read the New
Testament, as it
was written, is a
precious thing"

-DBI Student, Winter 2022

COURSE OFFERINGS

FALL SESSION

Registration: August 6, 2023 — September 5, 2023

M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 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: 1) Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know by Wayne Grudem

ISBN-13: 978-0310255994

2) Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (KJV or NIV depending on your bible)

TUESDAY: September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21.

The Kingdom of Israel : Instructor — Reverend Keith Nelson

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Text Book: Bring your own Bible

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The Art of Godly Living : Instructor — Brian Wassom

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-DBI Student, Winter 2022

COURSE OFFERINGS

WINTER SESSION

Registration: December 3, 2023 – January 2, 2024

M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

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Apologetics—Classical Issues : Instructor — Pastor Mickey Badalamenti

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.

Text Book: Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Sean McDowell & Josh McDowell

ISBN: 978-1-401-67670-4

TUESDAY: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19.

The Restoration of the Kingdom of Israel : Instructor — Reverend Keith Nelson

This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the history of the restoration of the Kingdom 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: Bring your own Bible

TUESDAY: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19.

Acts : Instructor — Dr. George Johnson

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

Text Book: ACTS a 12-week study by: Justin S. Holcomb

ISBN: 978-1-4335-4014-1

TUESDAY: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19.

The Gospels : Instructor — Dr. Randy Rheume

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: 1) Mark L. Straus. Four Portraits, One Jesus: A Survey of Jesus and the Gospels 2nd Edition

ISBN: 978-0310528678

2) “The Four Gospels” provided/printed notes, 2nd ed. 2022, by Dr. Randy Rheume

TUESDAY: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19.

COURSE OFFERINGS

SPRING SESSION

Registration: March 3, 2024 — April 2, 2024

M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Or register online at www.detroitbibleinstitute.org

How to Study the Bible : Instructor — Dr. Don Pedde

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.

Text Book: Living by the Book by Howard G. Hendricks and William D. Hendricks. Chicago: Moody Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-8024-0823-5

TUESDAY: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18.

The Epistles of Paul : Instructor — Dr. Analee Dunn

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.

Text Book: TBD

ISBN:

TUESDAY: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18.

God the Son : Instructor — Dr. Randy Rheume

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.

Text Book: God the Son: What John's Portrait of Jesus Means and Why it Matters by Dr. Randy Rheume
ISBN: 978-1532630392

TUESDAY: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18.

Applied Apologetics & Evangelism : Instructor — Michael Smokovitz

This class is designed to help students utilize their knowledge about the gospel and apologetics and translate it into effective conversations that can lead others to Christ. Students will train in utilizing apologetics in practical situations for real life encounters. Among the topics covered are: Articulating a gospel presentation clearly; directing conversations toward the gospel message; argument construction and refutation; preparing for common objections; ways to effectively practice for an actual conversation/encounter; deciding to whom one's gospel outreach efforts will be directed; and various outreach strategies. This class is for students who want to have a part in seeing their family, friends, and community come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Text Book: TBD

ISBN-TBD & ISBN-TBD

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"I really appreciated the instructor's dedication and passion to the subject."

-DBI Student, Winter 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 REQUIREMENTS

Our Attendance Policy:

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.

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difficult, Biblical
language."

-DBI Student, Winter 2022

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/REGISTRATION DATES

August 6—September 5, 2023, December 3, 2023—January 2, 2024, March 3 —April 2, 2024.

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 recognition 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. No other documents pertaining to the student or the student's work will be copied or released.

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-DBI Student, Winter 2021

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.

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, Wi-Fi, electronic equipment, etc.

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.

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.

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).