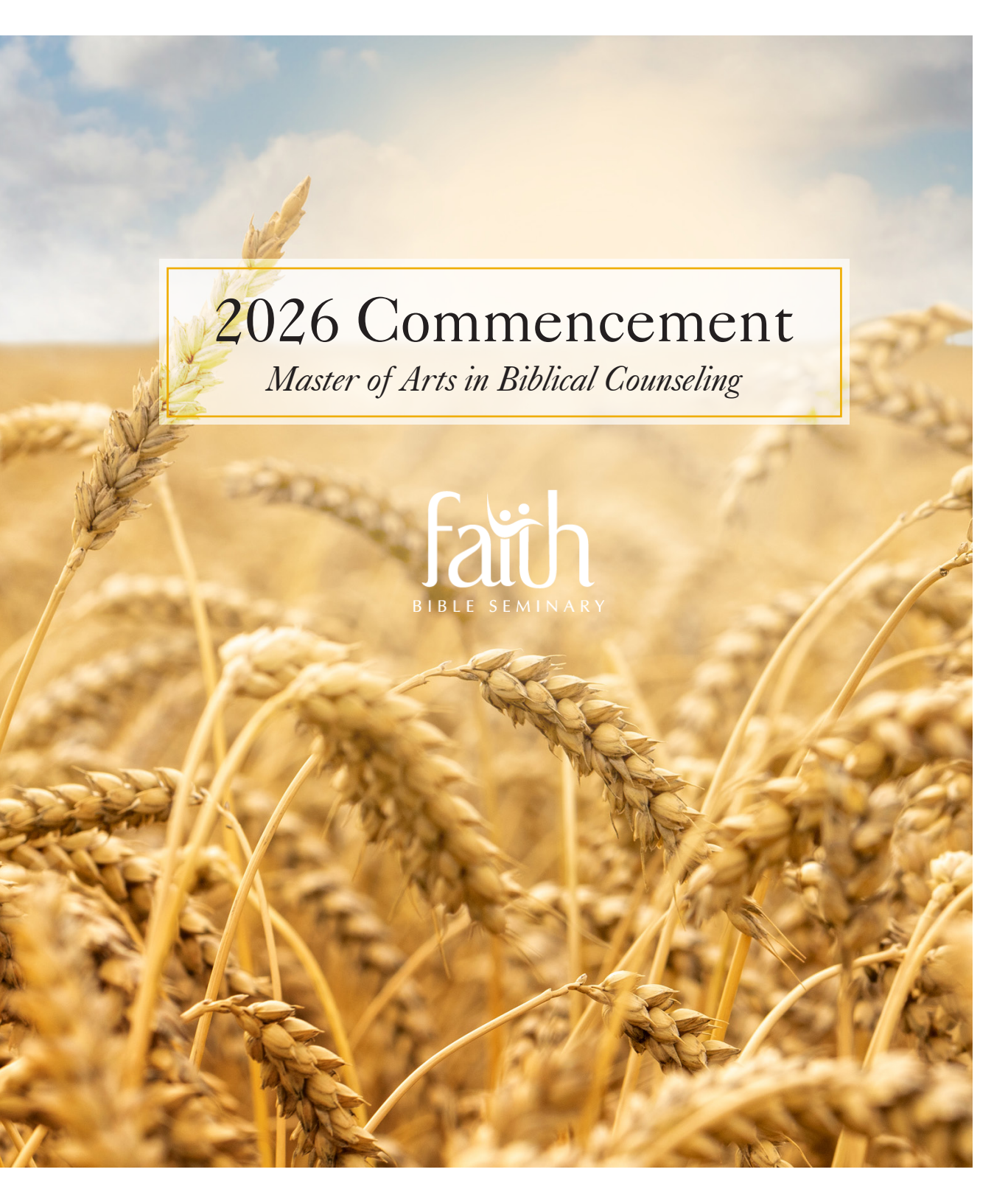




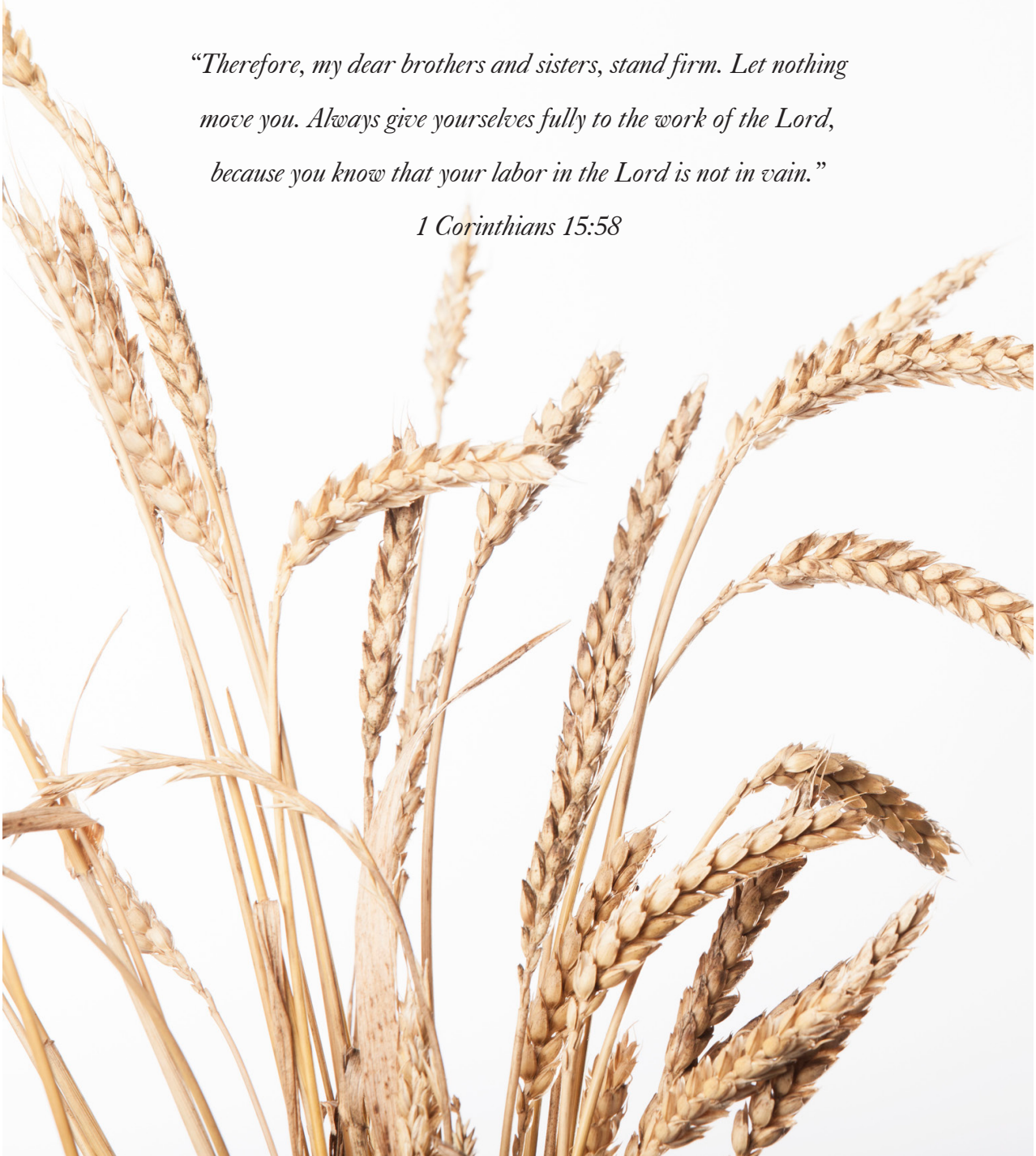
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“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58



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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Welcome.....	President Brent Aucoin
Congregational Song	Worship Team
History of Faith Bible Seminary	President Brent Aucoin
Charge to Graduates.....	Pastor Rob Green
Congregational Song of Dedication.....	Worship Team
Presentation of Diplomas & Gifts	President Brent Aucoin
Student Testimony	Mandi Vermilyea
Prayer of Dedication.....	Dr. Amy Baker
Pronouncement	President Brent Aucoin
Congregational Song of Praise.....	Worship Team

We invite you to join us for refreshments in the Faith Church foyer immediately following the ceremony.

2026 Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling Graduates

Christy Bretz*

Lindsey Martin*

Andy Callis*

Randall Moore*

Sarah Chadbourn**

Steve Puleo***

Minda Haggh***

Wesley Schmunk***

Ariel Hidalgo***

Juanita Stevens***

Sydney Hopkins**

Aaron Vasquez**

Rachel Kimble***

Mandi Vermilyea***

Karen Lehner***

Rob Vota*

Lawrence Machonga***

Leanne Whitaker**

Bold names are students that are walking but are working on finalizing all the requirements. All the students had three ways to finish the program. The asteriks show which concentration each student chose.

* = Counseling Concentration

** = Thesis Concentration

*** = Training Concentration



Christy Bretz

The MABC program has stretched me spiritually and academically. Every class provided a significant piece of learning that challenged me to know what I believe and why. Interactions with other students also broadened my thinking and created friendships that will certainly last well beyond graduation.

Andy Callis

The MABC has been a blessing to me in many ways. I have enjoyed the consistent training throughout our classes. I have also enjoyed the variety of teaching and topics from some of the best professors in the field. I also appreciated the final training involving real hours with counselees and assistance from classmates and professors to grow in our skills.

Sarah Chadbourn

This program has refined my counseling thought and process. Through the professors' practical teaching, I found immediate and applicable sanctification to life and ministry. As a wife, mother, and biblical counselor God has molded me within the program and provided great blessing through the ministries, classmates, and leadership of this seminary.

Minda Haggh

The MABC has helped me grow in my knowledge and application of God's word and it has been an incredibly practical degree to invest in.



Ariel Hidalgo

The MABC has pushed me to grow in my personal life and in the application of the Scriptures to daily living.

Sydney Hopkins

The MABC has given me an opportunity to grow my love for the Lord and his Word, hone my counseling skills, and build iron-sharpening-iron friendships with other biblical counselors. I am now better equipped to handle God's Word rightly and to apply it in counseling.

Rachel Kimble

I have been challenged to both learn content and develop skills to help people with God's Word. I have grown in confidence and reliance on God in the process.



Karen Lehner

My own walk with the Lord has grown and changed significantly because of how the Word ministers to me first and foremost. It has been very humbling and encouraging. I've become more skilled at ministering the Word to others and have become a better wife, mother, step mother and grand momma. While in the program, I've gone through the death of my husband of 22 years, the loss of our home, finances, two moves across the country, a new marriage and now battling stage 4 cancer. Without the Word and the growth, I know I would be responding differently to all the opportunities God has given me.

Lawrence Machonga

My hopeful intention in entering the program in my 50's was to be a much more equipped pastor and counselor. I loved the Lord and people, but felt woefully inadequate to help them navigate through their challenges and issues to glorify God. The MABC program at Faith has not only helped me develop a working model that enables true heart change but also helped to train many others who are now equipped and enthusiastic about God's Word.

Lindsey Martin

The MABC program has been such a blessing to me! Even if I never counseled another person, the program was worth it for all that I learned about myself and my own heart. I pray that all that the Lord has done in my life will help me to counsel others well.



Randall Moore

I've been blessed by this program in many ways. The greatest blessing has been a deeper view of Christ's finished work on the cross and a growing desire to continue sitting at His feet. I now see that the gospel applies to every aspect of life each day and for that I am grateful. I will always be thankful for the truths that have personally changed how I live as a husband and father. I am grateful to see more clearly that the Bible is sufficient for life and godliness, including counseling.

Steven Puleo

The MABC has been a profound blessing to me personally and in ministry. It has deepened my conviction in the sufficiency of Scripture and strengthened my ability to faithfully apply God's Word. The training has sharpened my thinking, exposed areas of needed growth in my own heart, and equipped me to counsel with greater clarity, compassion, and confidence. The content, mentorship, accountability, and practical experience have been invaluable—continually pointing me back to Christ as the true source of hope and change for myself and those I serve.

Wesley Schmunk

The MABC has broadened my understanding of the Bible and helped make it even more significant in my day to day life.



Juanita Stevens

The MABC has been a blessing to me through the friendships made, challenges in my walk with the Lord, and growth in confidence as a counselor and helping others in need. The instructors have been a blessing through their words of encouragement and challenged me to go beyond the basics to become more like Christ.

Aaron Vasquez

The MABC has prepared me for a life of ministry. I've grown in my ability to rightly interpret the Scriptures and apply the Bible to people's lives. I feel confident to help people with their problems and circumstances with the sufficient Word of God.

Mandi Vermilyea

This program has far exceeded what I expected! Not only have the classes been wonderful times of learning, I can see how God used each and every one of them to work in my heart and relationship with him. That is even more valuable than the instruction and content that we received! Also, I have been blessed by the friendships and relationships that have grown with classmates and professors. I didn't expect to gain such a rich and encouraging community in this process.



Robert Vota

The MABC has been a blessing to me in many different ways including the students, the materials and the instructors. I was especially impacted by Dr. Carson, Dr. Baker, Dr. Scott, Dr. Aucoin, Dr. Steve Viars, and Pastor Rodney Hutton. The Lord has shaped me through their instruction, the Word, and the Spirit of God.

Leanne Whitaker

The Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I entered the program expecting to grow in my counseling skills, but the Lord surprised me with something far deeper: tremendous personal growth, spiritual maturity, and a richer walk with Him. Through the rigorous coursework and faithful teaching of the faculty, I gained greater confidence in counseling as well as new teaching and leadership skills. I am deeply grateful for every professor and classmate who poured into my life and for the deep friendships that were forged throughout the program. I am excited to graduate and step into the next season of ministry. I will truly miss this special community. Above all, the MABC has strengthened and confirmed my calling to serve in the ministry of biblical counseling for years to come.



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