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Founders



Dr. Ben M. Bogard

Ben M. Bogard attended Georgetown College at Georgetown, Kentucky, in 1888-1889 and attended Bethel College in Russellville, Kentucky, in 1889-1891. In 1898, Bogard was instrumental in helping Charleston Baptist College in Charleston, Missouri, secure a four-acre campus and erect a four-room brick building. On May 29, 1901, Bogard delivered the Baccalaureate Address at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri. During its graduation exercise, that college conferred on Bogard the Doctor of Divinity Degree. In 1907, Bogard helped raise operating funds for Buckner College, Wicherville, Arkansas.

In May of 1924, Dr. Bogard delivered the graduation address at the Missionary Baptist College; at that time, the college conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Dr. Bogard became a trustee and was elected Secretary of the Trustees of the college in 1926. On February 5, 1927, he was elected as President of the Trustees, a position he held until the college closed in 1934. Dr. Bogard served on many committees which attempted to raise or borrow money to finance the college.

After making provision for the sustenance of his widow, Bogard willed the remainder of his assets to the Missionary Baptist Seminary; that bequest was in addition to the printing equipment and the valuable property he had previously donated to the seminary. Dr. Bogard died on May 29, 1951.



Dr. J. Louis Guthrie

Dr. J. Louis Guthrie was educated in the rural schools of Seymour, Iowa. He received the Bachelor of Oratory Degree from the Chillicothe Normal School, Chillicothe, Missouri, in 1898 or 1899 and the Bachelor of Arts Degree from the same college one year later. Guthrie received the Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Peoples National University, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1933. His dissertation topic was "The Place of Jesus Christ in Creation."

Dr. Guthrie taught in the public schools of Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. From 1911 until 1913, he taught at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee; from 1913 until 1915, he was President of Laneview College, Laneview, Tennessee. After teaching at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, from 1915 until 1925, he served as President of Caledonia Baptist Academy, Caledonia, Arkansas, from 1926 until 1928. Dr. Guthrie was President of the Missionary Baptist Seminary from its beginning in 1934 until his death in 1945.



Dr. C. N. Glover

Conrad N. Glover was among the first students to enroll in the Missionary Baptist College in Sheridan, Arkansas. He dropped his studies before the end of his first year but enrolled again in 1921 and completed that year. Glover remained in the college for the next fourteen years, either as a student or as an instructor. He finished all the courses offered, except some in music and home economics. He was awarded the Bachelor of Theology Degree in 1925, the Associate of Arts in Bible in 1930, the Associate of Arts in Secular Education in 1931, the Licentiate in Instruction in 1931, and the Doctor of Divinity in 1931. The Missionary Baptist Seminary conferred its first degrees on Dr. Glover in 1937, the degrees of Doctor of Church History and Doctor in Bible.

Dr. Glover was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Missionary Baptist College from 1926 until 1934. He was President of the American Baptist Association for seven years (1941-1946 and 1952), Moderator of the State Association for six years, and Moderator of the Pine Bluff Association for twenty-five years.

Dr. Glover was elected Vice-President of the Missionary Baptist Seminary on its founding in 1934 and continued in that position until 1977, when he was designated as Vice-President Emeritus. Brother Glover died on April 3, 1986.

Presidents

Dr. J. Louis Guthrie	1934-1945
Dr. Ben M. Bogard	1945-1946
Dr. L. D. Foreman	1946-1966
Dr. Paul Goodwin	1966-1971
Dr. Vernon Lierly	1971-1973
Dr. John Owen	1973-1986
Dr. J. C. James	1986-1989
Dr. Don Price	1989-1998
Dr. Carroll Koon	1998-2018

Deans of Students

Dr. L. D. Foreman	1945-1946
Dr. L. D. Capell	1946-1988
Dr. Terry B. Parrish	2000-2006
Mark Harris	2006-Present

Academic Dean

Dr. Phillip Miller	2014-2018
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Chancellor

Dr. David Robinson	1988-1999
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Registrars

Dr. Leo Causey	1948-1967
Dan Maloch	1967-1975
Dr. J. C. James	1976-1978
Dr. David Robinson	1978-1988
David Ward	1988-1999

Executive Vice-Presidents

Dr. John E. Owen	1971-1973
David Ward	1999-2001
Dr. Terry B. Parrish	2006-2014

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe that love one for another as Jesus loves the believer manifests our discipleship, proves our love for God and symbolizes our authority as New Testament churches. Love is therefore the great commandment of the LORD Jesus Christ upon which all others are dependent (Matt. 22:35-40; John 13:34, 35; John 15:12; 1 John 4:7-21; 1 John 5:1-3; Rev. 2:4, 5).
2. We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice (Psalm 119:160; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17).
3. We believe in the personal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection (Matt. 28:19).
4. We believe in the Genesis account of Creation (Gen. 1; 2).
5. We believe that Satan is a fallen angel, the archenemy of God and man, the unholy god of this world, and that his destiny is the eternal lake of fire (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; Matt. 25:41; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-17; Rev. 20:10).
6. We believe in the virgin birth and sinless humanity of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22).
7. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (John 10:30; John 1:1, 14; 2 Cor. 5:19).
8. We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine Administrator for Jesus Christ in His churches (Luke 24:49; John 14:16, 17; Acts 1:4, 5, 8; Acts 2:1-4).
9. We believe that miraculous spiritual manifestation gifts were done away when the Bible was completed. Faith, Hope and Love are the vital abiding Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. chapters 12-14).
10. We believe that Man was created in the image of God and lived in innocence until he fell by voluntary transgression from his sinless state, the result being that all mankind are sinners (Gen. 1:26; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12, 19).
11. We believe that the suffering and death of Jesus Christ was substitutionary for all mankind and is efficacious only to those who believe (Isa. 53:6; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 2:2).
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ and the bodily resurrection of His saints (Matt. 28:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:42-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
13. We believe in the pre-millennial, personal, bodily return of Christ as the crowning event of the Gentile age. This event will include the resurrection of the righteous to eternal heaven, and the Millennium will be followed by the resurrection of the unrighteous unto eternal punishment in the lake of fire and that the righteous shall enter into the heaven age (John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19; Rev. 20:4-6; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 21:8).
14. We believe that the depraved sinner is saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and the requisites to regeneration are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3-5; John 3:16-18; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8, 9), and that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer (John 3:6; John 16:8, 9; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Eph. 4:30; Titus 3:5).
15. We believe that all who trust Jesus Christ for salvation are eternally secure in Him and shall not perish (John 3:36; John 5:24; John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:35-39; Heb. 10:39; 1 Peter 1:5).
16. We believe that God deals with believers as His children, that He chastises the disobedient, and that He rewards the obedient (Matt. 16:27; Matt. 25:14-23; John 1:12; Heb. 12:5-11; 2 John 8; Rev. 22:12).
17. We believe that Jesus Christ established His church during His ministry on earth and that it is always a local, visible assembly of scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship to carry out the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, and each church is an independent, self-governing body, and no other ecclesiastical

body may exercise authority over it. We believe that Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to the New Testament churches only, and that He promised the perpetuity of His churches (Matt. 4:18-22; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Eph. 3:21).

18. We believe that there are two pictorial ordinances in the Lord's churches: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is the immersion of penitent believers in water, administered by the authority of a New Testament church in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance, restricted to the members of the church observing the ordinance (Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 8:12, 38; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 5:11-13; 1 Cor. 11:1, 2, 17-20, 26).

19. We believe that there are two divinely appointed offices in a church, pastors and deacons, to be filled by men whose qualifications are set forth in Titus and 1 Timothy.

20. We believe that all associations, fellowships, and committees are, and properly should be, servants of, and under control of the churches (Matt. 20:25-28).

21. We believe in freedom of worship without interference from the government and affirm our belief in civil obedience, unless the laws and regulations of civil government run contrary to the Holy Scriptures (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15).

22. We believe the Bible definition of marriage is the union between a man and a woman (Gen. 2:21-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; 1 Cor. 7:2-4; Eph. 5:22-31).

General Information

Statement of Purpose

The Missionary Baptist Seminary exists to train those who work for the cause of Christ through His churches.

Educational Philosophy

An absolute confidence in the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God shapes the educational philosophy of the Missionary Baptist Seminary. These divinely inspired Scriptures are able to make one wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and to thoroughly equip the child of God for every good work (II Timothy 3:15-17).

Affiliation

The Missionary Baptist Seminary, as a part of Antioch Baptist Church, is affiliated with the churches of the American Baptist Association fellowship. Students are welcome from other affiliations. All students are expected to respect the doctrinal positions of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Support

The seminary is a faith ministry financially supported by the offerings of interested churches and individuals. As a 501-(c)3 nonprofit organization, the school welcomes contributions from planned giving. (See section on planned giving for other details.) The seminary does not accept government aid of any kind.

Accreditation and Recognition

The seminary is a founding and continuing member of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools and accepts its Catalog of Uniform Standards. The seminary is approved by the United States Veterans Administration. Veterans may receive educational benefits for which they qualify while studying in the seminary. The student is responsible for obtaining a certificate of eligibility from a VA educational counselor.

The Missionary Baptist Seminary and Institute has received a Letter of Exemption of Certification issued by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to offer church-related training courses and degrees.

Even though we are not accredited, we are an institution of higher education. Our hours may be accepted by other institutions of higher learning. Transfer of hours to other institutions of higher learning is determined on a case by case basis.

History

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church has owned and operated the Missionary Baptist Seminary since 1934. The church established the seminary after the Missionary Baptist College of Sheridan, Arkansas, closed because of the Great Depression.

The need for a sustainable, credible Bible School moved the church to call Dr. J. Louis Guthrie, a Baptist preacher and educator, to serve as the founding President. Dr. Ben Bogard, the pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, and Dr. C. N. Glover of Sheridan and Dr. J. Louis Guthrie organized the seminary to give affordable yet excellent Bible teaching and ministerial training.

Campus

The seminary occupies a fifty-eight acre campus next to Antioch Baptist Church in a quiet area of suburban Little Rock. Mixed hardwood and pine trees and surrounding open fields provide a peaceful setting. The campus is located at 5224 Stagecoach Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Guthrie Memorial Building, constructed in 1979, houses the Bogard Memorial Chapel, the Glover Memorial Library, administration and faculty offices, and classrooms. The seminary also has a 20 apartment complex for single women and married couples and families and a dormitory for single men for ABA scholarship students only.

School Seal

The seal contains many symbolic elements which are important to our seminary. The first and central element is the Word of God.



Above it, we are encouraged to search the scriptures. Outside of these elements is a cord which not only binds us to this principle but demonstrates that our understanding of the Word gives us strength. Surrounding the name of the seminary is an outer circle with three open circles symbolizing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Twelve additional solid circles represent each of the disciples. Between these circles are a series of three smaller circles. These are the founders of the seminary as well as the many disciples who are taught here.

School Colors

The school colors are purple, crimson, and gold. Purple has long been regarded as a symbol of royalty. So precious was this dye, possibly the first to be fixed in wool or linen, that only the imperial or royal rank could obtain it. It reminds us of the allegiance we owe to our Sovereign, the Christ. As we reflect on His Majesty as the King of kings, we are compelled to hear His Word and do His bidding. Crimson is a strong, bright red color, reminding us of blood. As Christ shed His own blood for the redemption of the human race, so we are taught to give our lives in service to others. Our ancestors shed their blood as martyrs to give us this rich heritage. We ask God for grace that we, too, if need be, could endure the fires of affliction for His sake.

Gold has been in all generations recognized as the most precious and sought after metal. Because gold denotes wealth, endurance, and beauty, it suggests Divinity to us.

These colors, therefore, represent Christ as King, the service He rendered us, our duty to Him, and His Divinity.

C. N. Glover Library

The C. N. Glover Library is housed in a well lighted, spacious area with a great view of the campus. The book collection is primarily theological. A wide range of periodicals and journals are available. A thesis library of students' theses is also housed in the library. Computer media are also available to library patrons.

The records of the History and Archives Committees of the American Baptist Association and of the Arkansas State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches are part of the library collection of materials.

Alumni Association

Graduates of the Missionary Baptist Seminary labor in many areas of the United States and the world. They serve as pastors, missionaries, teachers, authors, and do many other services in the cause of Christ. The ministry of the seminary spans the globe through its students and alumni. These alumni continue to support and encourage the seminary long after they leave the class room. In 1947, they organized officially into the Alumni Association. Because the seminary is the Lord's work and the Alumni Association does not consider itself an exclusive group, it welcomes all who share a love for the seminary.

The Alumni Association meets on the opening day of the Fall semester and sponsors the Alumni Banquet each spring prior to our graduation ceremonies to honor the graduates of each year.

The Searchlight

The *Missionary Baptist Searchlight* is a monthly publication of the seminary and is the oldest publication among Missionary Baptists. The *Searchlight* enjoys a nationwide circulation and is received in several foreign countries as well. The *Searchlight* keeps its readers informed concerning activities in the fields of missions, churches, the Missionary Baptist Seminary, and other areas of interest to its subscribers. It presents sermons and other devotional and informative articles. Individual subscriptions are available for \$8.00 a year, and church subscriptions are also offered for

\$6.00 per person for one year. Send to *Searchlight*, 5224 Stagecoach Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas 72204 or email us at searchlight@mb-seminary.net

Trustees

The trustees of the Missionary Baptist Seminary are elected by Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, serve as an advisory committee to the President, and act under the direction of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Spiritual Formation

Only students with a testimony of salvation and of a Christian lifestyle will be admitted. Students are expected to be active in the church of their membership as a means of worship, service, and spiritual development. Attending chapel services and special lectures is an integral part of seminary training. The seminary campus is a tobacco-free and drug-free environment.

Special attention and honor are to be given to the regular services of Antioch Baptist Church who sponsors the school. Her times of worship are to be respected as well as her doctrines. Students should attend her special services. The role of the sponsoring church is one she takes seriously. Antioch supports the school with finances, prayers, service, and time.

Students are expected to be actively involved in the church of their membership. Students should have an active prayer life, study the Bible daily for personal spiritual growth, and regularly sharing their faith with others in witnessing opportunities.

The Beacon

Each year the seminary publishes *The Beacon* an annual to hold the memories and images of the past school year. It also contains contact information of currently enrolled students. This is done to encourage student participation and to help morale.

Opening Day

At the beginning of each school year in the fall, the seminary has the annual Opening Day service. This service is designed to begin each school year with excitement and a spiritual focus. New stud-

ents are introduced, a seminary report is given, and a brief Alumni Association meeting is held. Most importantly, an opening day sermon is delivered. Family and guests are strongly encouraged to attend. All students are required to attend.

Alumni Banquet and Graduation

At the end of each school year in the spring, the Alumni Association sponsors the Alumni Banquet to honor the graduates of that year. Family and guests are strongly encouraged to attend to help honor these graduates. It is held in the fellowship hall of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Graduation is held at the end of each spring semester in the sanctuary of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Website

The seminary's website can be found at www.mb-seminary.com. Students and others can find information about the history, beliefs, mission, administration, faculty, publications, class schedules, alumni, and much more about the Missionary Baptist Seminary.

**Academic
and
Financial
Information**

Admission

Applicants for admission to the Missionary Baptist Seminary are evaluated regarding personal moral character and compatibility with the purpose and philosophy of the seminary.

The seminary was founded to train pastors, missionaries, and other church workers. Emphasis is placed upon teaching Bible knowledge, Bible study skills, and related ministry applications. Only those desiring this specialized training should apply for admission.

Sincerity of commitment to the ideals of Christian lifestyle and service is expected of all students. Submission to the doctrinal teachings of the seminary and Antioch Baptist Church is required. Admission is a **privilege** to be given and not a right to be demanded. If disagreement exists concerning the doctrinal statement, the applicant will provide a written statement of said disagreement.

Although not required for admission, a high school diploma or equivalent is required for graduation.

Students transferring from member schools of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools may receive credit for applicable work completed, if an official transcript of the work is presented and that the grade is a "C" or above. Credit for courses will be granted at the discretion of the Administration. The courses transferred must meet the equivalence of the courses offered by the seminary. All transfer credit approval must be documented by the office of the Dean of Students.

Admission to one program of study does not constitute admission to any other program. Application must be made and all requirements met. Our graduate program requires a new application for admission and approval. Students who are absent for more than two semesters must reapply for admission. The Missionary Baptist Seminary accepts the fact of God's love for all

people and welcomes students of all ethnic groups and nationalities.

Admissions Procedure

Communications regarding admission should be addressed to the Dean of Students. Applications for admission should be submitted early so that arrangements for entrance may be made in the most helpful manner.

A non-refundable and a non-transferable fee of \$30.00 **must** accompany each application. The applicant **must** provide academic transcripts from the last school attended and from all other appropriate institutions. Letters of recommendation for the application must come to the Dean of Students separately and directly from personal references. A photograph should accompany the application.

No decision regarding admission will be made until all material requested has been received.

The school reserves the right to alter or amend the requirements for admission in any manner that the administration deems necessary and proper for the fulfillment of the objectives of the school.

Applicants may be accepted provisionally or rejected. All applicants will be notified of action taken as quickly as possible.

Dismissal – Student Conduct

Any student who conducts himself in a manner unbecoming to a Christian will be dismissed. The church of their membership will be notified of the action taken. Students may also be dismissed from the seminary for academic failure.

Registration

All students should register during the scheduled registration period. Late registration may be accepted during the first week of classes, but a late registration fee of \$25.00 is charged all students registering after the scheduled registration period.

Adding a Course

Fall semester registration for currently enrolled students opens in April of each year. Spring semester registration opens in December. New students need to register for classes as soon as they receive their letter of acceptance into the school.

Some classes fill quickly, so it is best to register as soon as possible. If a class is full, students will be placed on a waiting list for the class.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to be present at all class sessions of the courses for which they are registered. Those missing more than one week of classes including those missed through late registration will be assigned make-up work by the instructor. Students missing more than three weeks of class sessions will receive credit for the course only after approval by the administration in consultation with the instructor.

Arriving late for classes three times will be counted as an absence (three tardies equals one absence). Every student is expected to be present on time for all assigned classes.

This attendance policy includes night school also.

Inclement Weather Policy

Inclement weather is a normal part of life in Arkansas. Because of this, our policy is to follow the schedule for inclement weather of the Little Rock Public School District. However, if the student commutes some distance, allowances will be made for hazardous driving conditions.

Auditing Courses

Students enrolled in regular courses of study for credit may audit other courses. The class instructor determines the amount of participation of any student not taking the course for credit. The same fees are charged for auditing as for credit, and all admission and registration procedures must be followed.

Courses may be added within the first two weeks of the semester. There is no charge for this if done during the allotted time. The student must provide the class instructor and the Dean of Students a Change in Enrollment form. This form must be **signed** and **returned** to the Dean of Students.

Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from a class within the first six weeks of classes. Withdrawal during the first two weeks will result in a non-punitive grade of "W." After the first two weeks of classes a grade of "WP" (withdrawal passing) or "WF" (withdrawal failing) will be given. No course may be dropped after the first six weeks of a semester without receiving a grade of F (failure). If a student needs to withdraw, the student must provide the class instructor and the Dean of Students a Change in Enrollment form. This form must be **signed** and **returned** to the Dean of Students. No credit for the class will be given for grades of "W" or "WP".

Grading System

The seminary operates on a four-point grading system. All academic work is recorded according to the following standards:

A-Outstanding.....	4 Grade Points
B-Above Average.....	3 Grade Points
C-Average.....	2 GradePoints
D-Below Average.....	1 Grade Point
F-Failing.....	0 Grade Points
I-Incomplete.....	0 GradePoints
W-Withdrawal.....	..0 GradePoints
WP-Withdrawal Passing.....	0 GradePoints
WF-Withdrawal Failing.....	0 GradePoints
AU.....	Audit

Special Recognition

Summa Cum Laude	4.0 CGPA
Magna Cum Laude	3.8 - 3.99 CGPA
Cum Laude	3.5 - 3.79 CGPA

Grades are recorded for each semester, and a permanent transcript is kept for each student.

One transcript is provided after graduation upon request at no charge. After this, all transcripts are \$7.00 each.

Incomplete Grades

An incomplete grade (“I”) will not be posted to the student’s permanent transcript. If the instructor has not notified the Dean of Students of a grade change within two weeks after the semester has ended, a grade of “F” will be assigned and posted on permanent records. The **student** is responsible for contacting the teacher to complete course requirements.

Academic Probation

Any student who does not maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better during a given semester will be placed on academic probation for one semester during which he will have the opportunity to raise his grade average. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from school. Re-admittance will be gained only by approval of the administration.

Classification

Undergraduates are classified according to the credit hours they have accumulated. The classifications are used to determine eligibility to enroll in certain classes and for scholarships. These classifications do not relate to years of attendance.

0-30 semester hrs credit.....Freshman
31-60 semester hrs credit.....Sophomore
61-90 semester hrs credit.....Junior
91-120 semester hrs creditSenior

Students with a bachelor’s degree from this school are recognized as having a graduate classification. Those holding a bachelor’s degree from a school that is a member of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools may be recognized with graduate classification after review of their transcript by the Dean of Students.

Any student carrying 12 or more hours is considered to be full-time for classification purposes.

Ninety Hour Special Master Program

Students accepted into the 90 hour Special Master’s program are classified as graduate students. This program is available to students having received a bachelor’s degree from other acceptable schools.

Veteran’s Educational Benefits

The Missionary Baptist Seminary is an approved institution for the training of eligible veterans. Veterans apply for a Certificate of Eligibility at the appropriate Veterans Administration office. The seminary will certify enrollment to the proper agency. Benefits belong to the student, not to the seminary, and must be paid directly to the student. The seminary looks to each student for payment of all applicable tuition and fees. The student is responsible for being informed of all VA policies that govern the receipt of benefits.

Prior Credit: It is the policy of this institution that an evaluation of previous education and training will be conducted, appropriate credit granted, if applicable, the institution’s duration in the course will be shortened proportionately, and the VA and the student will be notified. VA credit will be given for prior training for veterans and eligible programs.

Residency Requirements

Students must have at least thirty (30) semester hours in residence at the Missionary Baptist Seminary to receive a degree from the school.

Catalog and Degree Requirements

Students who have completed course requirements as scheduled each semester and have attended full time without interruption may graduate under the requirements of any catalog in effect during any year of their study. Other students must meet the requirements of the catalog current at the time of their graduation. Degrees are approved by vote of the faculty. In addition to course requirements, the faculty will take into consideration the conduct and character of the student.

Chapel Services

The spiritual development of students and faculty is of paramount importance to the seminary. For this reason, chapel services are scheduled and a required part of the educational program of every student. Attendance is required. Failure to attend will result in disciplinary action. Exceptions from chapel attendance must be given by the administration.

Special chapel services and lecture weeks are also scheduled periodically for the benefit of students and guests of the seminary. Students are required to attend all of these special services.

Tuition and Fees

Affiliated churches and friends of the seminary provide most of the income to operate the school. The seminary continues its heritage of making an excellent education available to all. An application fee of \$30.00 is due at the time of applying for admission. This fee is not refundable.

Each student must pay a registration fee of \$120.00 to submit a registration form each semester. No portion of this fee is refundable. The spouse of a seminary student may have registration fees reduced. An additional \$25.00 will be charged for registering after the announced enrollment dates.

Tuition is \$120.00 per semester hour. Tuition may be paid in four equal monthly installments if at least one-fourth is paid at registration. All fees and tuition must be paid in full by the end of each semester. Failure to pay fees and tuition results in the withholding of grades, degrees, and transcripts.

Fees for auditing classes are the same as taking classes for credit.

PLEASE NOTE:

The above fee schedule is in effect at the time of publication. The school reserves the right to change any fee without notice.

Refund Policy

The Application and Registration Fees are not refundable. Tuition may be refunded according to this schedule after official withdrawal. Date of official withdrawal is used to calculate refund not the last date of attendance.

Before first scheduled class

100 percent refund

Within first two weeks

80 percent refund

Two to four weeks

60 percent refund

Four to six weeks

40 percent refund

After six weeks

No refund

VA Students: In the event a veteran fails to enter the course or withdraws or is discontinued, a refund will be based on a pro rata refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, and charges. This refund shall be returned promptly.

Financial Assistance

The Missionary Baptist Seminary does **not** participate in State or Federal government financial aid programs.

The seminary is a faith ministry of Antioch Baptist Church. The operation of the school is supported by the contributions of interested individuals and churches. Student registration fees and tuition cover only a small percentage of the general expenses of the seminary. Cost to the student is kept at a minimum as an act of Christian service.

The Missionary Baptist Seminary is approved as a nonprofit, charitable, religious, educational institution under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

Planned Giving

The seminary will help with planned giving arrangements provided under the current federal tax laws. Thoughtful supporters of the seminary have made provision for this ministry of Christian education by naming the school in their wills.

Financial Aid Grants

From time to time the seminary receives gifts designated to student financial aid. These fund grants are made to help students remain in school. Grants are based upon demonstrated financial need and merit. The funds are administered by the Dean of Students and the President. Forms for application can be found in the Deans's office of the Dean of Students.

Student Loan Fund

Small short term loans are available to students who have completed at least one semester of work at the Missionary Baptist Seminary. Applications for such loans should be made through the office of the Dean of Students. Loans must be repaid before the end of the spring semester.

American Baptist Association (ABA) Scholarship

A student who has been a member for at least one year of a church fellowshipping with the American Baptist Association will receive a scholarship in the amount of his tuition. Recipients are also eligible for scholarship housing. The scholarship award ceases on the date the student is no longer a member of an ABA church.

Students who fail a class while receiving the ABA scholarship must pay the tuition to retake the failed class.

Honor's Scholarships

The student in each year classification who earns the highest cumulative grade point average at the end of each school year will be awarded an honor's scholarship for the following school year. The student must meet the hour requirements for each year and must enroll for the next term. If the student withdraws before the end of the term, the scholarship will be forfeited.

Other Scholarships

Other scholarships are awarded at the end of the spring semester for the following school year. These awards vary and are awarded according to the wishes of the donor in consultation with the administration. Because these vary, we consider the scholarship and need of the student.

Some scholarships are available for non-ABA students and must be applied for in the office of the Dean of Students.

Scholarship Housing

The school offers subsidized housing for rent to students. To qualify for an apartment, a student must be accepted for admission, **must** qualify for the American Baptist Association scholarship, and **must** be enrolled as a student. Limited space is available in the apartments for single female students.

Dormitory space is also available for single male students who qualify for subsidized housing. Please contact the office of the Dean of Students for prices and other information concerning housing.

Expectation of Thanks

All students receiving a scholarship from a church, institution, or individual are expected to write a thank you note. The addresses are included in the congratulatory letter. Scholarships and housing may be forfeited if a student acts in an unchristian manner or in any way that violates the policies of the Missionary Baptist Seminary.

Degree Programs

Disclaimer

The following information is intended to be used as a guide. The seminary reserves the right to add, delete, or change any course or degree requirement anytime and for any reason.

Course Sequence

Some courses are prerequisite to others. Every course is not offered in every semester. We strongly recommend that the courses be taken in the sequence as described in the following degree plans. This will allow for completion of degree requirements in the shortest time possible.

Course Numbering System

The seminary uses a three-digit course numbering system as follows:

First Number

- 0 = Electives
- 1 = Freshman classification
- 2 = Sophomore classification
- 3 = Junior classification
- 4 = Senior classification
- 5 = Graduate classification

Second Number

- 0 = Electives
- 1 = 1st semester of a two-semester course
- 2 = 2nd semester of a two-semester course
- 3 = 1st semester only
- 4 = 2nd semester only

Third Number

- The semester hours of credit for the course and hours of class time per week.
- 2 = 2 semester hours
 - 3 = 3 semester hours

Online Seminary

At the present time, Missionary Baptist Seminary offers all hours necessary for degrees of Associate in Bible and Masters in Theology online. Please contact the dean's office for information concerning this program.

Associate in Bible

The Associate in Bible program is designed for students who wish to prepare for general Christian service. Students preparing for pastoral ministry are encouraged to take the Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Bible Languages program. To receive the Associate in Bible degree, the student must complete sixty semester hours of study with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average. The following is a list of available courses. The student will take at least 15 hours per semester. It might be necessary to substitute other classes to accommodate the needs and schedules of individuals students. Decisions will be made by the Dean of Students.

Freshman Year Day Schedule

Fall Semester

English.....	113
Old Testament Survey.....	133
Evangelism.....	113
Bible Analysis	133
Homiletics.....	112*

Total Hours 14

Spring Semester

English.....	123
Bible Doctrine.....	143
New Testament Survey.....	143
Ministerial Practicalities.....	142
Evangelism.	123
Homiletics.	122

Total Hours 16

Sophomore Year Day Schedule

Fall Semester

Church History.....	233
Greek.....	213
Life of Christ.....	213
Speech.....	232
Historical Books.....	233

Total Hours 16

Spring Semester

Greek.	223
Life of Christ.....	223
Christian Writing.....	242
Church Administration.....	243
Apologetics.	243

Total Hours 14

60 hours total

Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology is designed for those preparing for pastoral ministries. To receive the degree, the student must complete 124 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0. After completing the basic courses, the student may choose an emphasis in Bible languages. The following is a list of available courses. It might be necessary to substitute other classes to accommodate the needs and schedules of individuals students. Decisions will be made by the Dean of Students.

Freshman Year

Fall Semester

English.....	113
Old Testament Survey.....	133
Evangelism.....	113
Bible Analysis	133
Homiletics.....	112

Total Hours 14

Spring Semester

English.....	123
Bible Doctrine.....	143
New Testament Survey.....	143
Ministerial Practicalities.....	142
Evangelism.	123
Homiletics.	123

Total Hours 16

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester

Church History.....	233
Greek.....	213
Life of Christ.....	213
Speech.....	232
Historical Books.....	233
Foundations in Genesis	232

Total Hours 16

Spring Semester

Greek.	223
Life of Christ.....	223
Christian Writing.....	242
Church Administration.....	243
Apologetics.	243

Total Hours 14

Junior Year

Fall Semester

General Hermeneutics	313
Pastoral Epistles	333
Expository Preaching	333
Greek.....	313
Hebrew.....	313

Total Hours 15

Spring Semester

General Hermeneutics.....	323
General Epistles	343
Pastoral Care.....	343
Greek	323
Hebrew.....	323

Total Hours 15

Senior Year

Fall Semester

Christian Writing.....	432
Poetical Books.....	432
Church Planting (Acts).....	433
Corinthians.....	433
Thess/Galatians.....	433
Minor Prophets.....	433

Total Hours 16

Spring Semester

Hebrews - Leviticus.....	443
Eph. Phil. Col.....	443
Pastoral Care.....	442
Revelation/Daniel	443
Romans.	433

Total Hours 14

120 hours total

Bachelor of Theology **Bible Language Emphasis**

The Bachelor of Theology with a Bible Language emphasis is designed for those preparing for pastoral ministries. To receive the degree, the student must complete 128 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0. The following is a list of available courses. It might be necessary to substitute other classes to accommodate the needs and schedules of individuals students. Decisions will be made by the Dean of Students.

Freshman Year

Fall Semester

English.....	113
Old Testament Survey.....	133
Evangelism.....	113
Bible Analysis.....	133
Homiletics.....	112*

Total Hours 14

Spring Semester

English.....	113
Bible Doctrine.....	143
New Testament Survey.....	143
Ministerial Practicalities.....	142
Evangelism.....	123
Homiletics.....	122

Total Hours 16

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester

Church History.....	233
Greek.....	213
Life of Christ.....	213
Speech.....	232
Historical Books.....	233
Foundations in Genesis.....	232

Total Hours 16

Spring Semester

Greek.....	223
Life of Christ.....	223
Christian Writing.....	242
Church Administration.....	243
Apologetics.....	243

Total Hours 14

Junior Year

Fall Semester

General Hermeneutics.....	313
Pastoral Epistles.....	333
Expository Preaching.....	333
Greek.....	313
Hebrew.....	313

Total Hours 15

Spring Semester

General Hermeneutics.....	323
General Epistles.....	343
Pastoral Care.....	343
Greek.....	323
Hebrew.....	323

Total Hours 15

Senior Year

Fall Semester

Christian Writing.....	432
Poetical Books.....	432
Church Planting (Acts).....	433
Hebrew.....	413
Minor Prophets.....	433
Greek.....	413

Total Hours 16

Spring Semester

Hebrews-Leviticus.....	443
Eph. Phil. Col.....	443
Revelation/Daniel.....	443
Greek.....	423
Hebrews.....	423

Total Hours 15

121 hours total

Master's Program

Purpose

The Master's program of the Missionary Baptist Seminary is designed to enhance and further develop biblical knowledge and ministerial skills of students who have obtained a Bachelor's degree from this Seminary (or equivalent degrees from ABATS schools). The Master of Theology degree is divided into two emphases: Theology and Bible Languages.

Special Master's Program

The Seminary also offers a Special Master's Program for college graduates. This program requires 90 hours of study on campus or online. The student's schedule of classes is determined on an individual basis in consultation with the Dean of Students.

Admission Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from this institution (or its equivalent from an ABATS school) or a bachelor's degree from an approved college. He must have a proven academic record with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point system for his undergraduate work.
2. The applicant must have excellent Christian character, soundness of doctrine (as is defined in the doctrinal statement of the Missionary Baptist Seminary), and dedication to biblical scholarship.
3. Application will be made through the Dean of Students accompanied by a \$30.00 application fee.
4. Upon acceptance into the program, the student must pay a \$120.00 registration fee to enroll in classes. This registration fee shall be paid for each semester the student is enrolled in the program including the time of thesis writing.

Program and Degree Requirements

The Master's program consists of both classes (see schedules below) and a 15,000 word thesis. Each student shall be assigned a faculty advisor for his thesis work as assigned by the Academic Dean. When the student begins his thesis writing, he will be given a schedule for meeting with his advisor and due dates

for turning in work to his advisor. The advisor shall make recommendations to the student concerning his work and recommendations of acceptance or rejection of the completed work to the faculty.

The student shall submit a thesis statement, summary of the proposed research, and preliminary outline of the thesis to be approved by his advisor and Academic Dean. The Master's thesis of 15,000 words shall be completed in accordance to the schedule given to the student upon enrollment. The thesis shall be written according to the *Form and Style Guide* of the Missionary Baptist Seminary. The thesis is due the first Friday of December. The thesis shall be accepted by vote of the faculty of the Missionary Baptist Seminary upon recommendation of the advisor. An extension of one year may be granted if requested by the student and approved by the advisor and Academic Dean.

Requirements for Graduation

Degrees shall be awarded by vote of the Faculty. The candidate must have completed his classes and thesis according to the requirements, demonstrated scholastic competency on a master's level, and proven advanced skill in biblical research and writing. He must be committed to the Scriptures as inerrant and authoritative, and his doctrinal position must agree with the doctrinal statement of the Missionary Baptist Seminary.

Master of Theology

Fall Semester

Hebrew.....	413
Philosophy of Religion.....	533
Pentateuch.....	533
Systematic Theology.....	513
Bible Interpretation.....	533

Total Hours 15

Spring Semester

Major Prophets.....	543
Comparative Religion.....	543
Systematic Theology.....	523
Preaching.	543
Greek.....	423

Total Hours 15

A 15,000 word thesis is required for this degree.

Master of Theology Bible Language Emphasis

Fall Semester

Hebrew.....	533
Philosophy of Religion.....	533
Pentateuch.....	533
Systematic Theology.....	513
Bible Interpretation.....	533

Total Hours 15

Spring Semester

Greek	543
Major Prophets.....	543
Comparative Religion.....	543
Systematic Theology.....	523
Preaching	543

Total Hours 15

A 15,000 word thesis is required for this degree.

SPECIAL MASTER'S PROGRAM

A Master's program is available to the college graduate. This program requires 90 hours of study on campus or online. The class requirements and schedule will be determined by the Dean of Students in consultation with each student. Students are required to complete all Masters level classes.

Doctoral Program

Purpose

The doctorate program of study in the Missionary Baptist Seminary is designed for those individuals who have successfully completed undergraduate and graduate degrees from this institution (or equivalent degrees from ABATS schools). The student must have proven competence in actual ministry with at least three (3) years of pastoral experience and a desire to do advanced studies in directed research and formal writing.

Admission Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Master's degree from this institution (or its equivalent from an ABATS school). He must have a proven academic record. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point system for his undergraduate work and a 3.5 on a 4 point system for his graduate work shall be the standard by which the scholastic ability is judged.
2. The applicant must have excellent Christian character, soundness of doctrine (as is defined in the doctrinal statement of the Missionary Baptist Seminary), and dedication to biblical scholarship. A requirement of at least 3 (three) years pastoral experience is necessary.
3. A personal resume shall accompany the application (which shall include education and church experience and degrees or honors). A thesis statement, summary of the proposed research, and preliminary outline of the thesis shall accompany the application.
4. Application will be made to the Academic Dean or Dean of Students, and admission shall be granted by the vote of the Faculty. The application shall be accompanied by a \$30.00 application fee. Consideration of applications for this program will be in April of each year.
5. The cost of this program is \$600.00 equal to five (5) \$120.00 registration fees over five semesters. This fee can be paid in five installments at the beginning of each semester.

Program and Degree Requirements

The Doctor of Theology of the Missionary Baptist Seminary is divided into two emphases: Theology and Bible Languages. The student shall decide which emphasis to pursue. The research project must be conducted in the area of emphasis as determined by undergraduate and Master's degrees.

The doctoral program consists of independent research and writing under the direction of an advisory committee of three faculty members as assigned by the Academic Dean. The student will not be required to attend classes during the semester but will be required to meet with the committee in accordance with the schedule that will be given to the student upon accepted enrollment.

The advisory committee of three faculty members shall be appointed by the Academic Dean, one of whom will serve as chairman of the committee. The student shall receive a schedule of meetings and due dates upon accepted enrollment into the doctoral program. The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the student concerning his work and recommendations of acceptance or rejection of the completed work to the faculty.

The program shall consist of thirty (30) months of five consecutive semesters of supervised research and writing. The student shall complete five (5) preliminary research papers related to the research topic according to the *Form and Style Guide* of the Missionary Baptist Seminary. The subjects of these papers shall be assigned by the advisory committee in consultation with the student. These papers shall be related but not be a part of the thesis, although they may be used as references. These papers shall be turned in to the chairman of the committee according to the due dates on the schedule given to the student upon accepted enrollment. Upon completion of the five research papers, the student shall begin the 50,000 word thesis written in an acceptable thesis form in accordance with the *Form and Style Guide* of the Missionary Baptist Seminary. The student shall follow the schedule of meeting with and turning in work to the committee.

At the scheduled due date, the student will present to the advisory committee the completed doctoral thesis. The thesis shall be accepted by vote of the faculty of the Missionary Baptist Seminary upon recommendation of the advisory committee.

An extension of one year may be granted if requested by the student and approved by the advisory committee and the faculty.

Requirements for Graduation

Degrees shall be awarded by vote of the Faculty. The candidate must have completed his research and writing according to the requirements, demonstrated scholastic competency on a doctorate level, and proven advanced skill in biblical research and writing. He must be committed to the Scriptures as inerrant and authoritative and his doctrinal position must agree with the doctrinal statement of the Missionary Baptist Seminary.

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Missionary Training Ministry



The Missionary Baptist Seminary in conjunction with Flatwoods Missionary Baptist Church of Mountain View, AR, and the Missionary Training Ministry of that church offers an Associate in Missions. The courses are offered over a period of two years. There are six modules that must be completed. Four of these are on the campus of the Missionary Baptist Seminary, and two are off campus.

The Missionary Training Ministry supplies the faculty and schedule for this degree. They set the requirements and give the grades. The Missionary Baptist Seminary encourages prospective missionaries, pastors, and other interested students to avail themselves of this training. Please contact the Missionary Baptist Seminary or the Missionary Training Ministry of Flatwoods Missionary Baptist Church for complete information on the program, its costs, completion schedule, and times for the courses.

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Course Descriptions

100 Level Courses

Evangelism 113, 123

This two-semester course is designed to bring a proper understanding of evangelism, how it fits into the students' personal lives, and how it functions in ministries and churches. The class focuses upon the absolute command of God for evangelism in the student's own life and among churches. It is the very foundation for living a God-centered life. Materials introduced in class will be both classic from times past to contemporary as today. The subject of evangelism will also be explored from the Bible. The goal is to share with students evangelism strategies that can be implemented in both the student's personal life and public ministry. Students are also required to memorize Bible verses for use in evangelism opportunities.

English 113, 123

These classes are straightforward English grammar classes with a biblical twist. The classes have basically three purposes for students: to help the student understand English grammar (1) so that he/she might understand the English Bible more clearly; (2) so that he/she might communicate (both in speech and writing) the Bible in English more clearly; and (3) so that he/she might be prepared to learn the grammars of the Bible languages of Hebrew and Greek. These classes are divided according to the eight parts of speech, and the textbook, *English Grammar for Bible Language Students*, is written by the teacher, Dr. Phillip Miller.

Personal Discipleship 133

This class mainly addresses a pastor's personal relationship with the Lord. Pastors must not neglect their own walk with God as they preach and teach God's Word and lead God's people. Emphasis will be placed on personal study time, prayer, relationships, purity and understanding of Scripture. The call to preach will also be considered. This class will benefit men who are not yet pastors, men who are new to pastoring, and men who have much experience as a pastor.

Bible Analysis 133

Bible Analysis is a class designed to help the student develop proper study skills and contextual application for teaching and preaching. It will help the student communicate biblical writing in a teaching and preaching format. The class will be structured in lecture format with class discussion and will include research projects based on the discussions and syllabus.

Bible Doctrine 143

This is a study and introduction to the basic teachings of the Bible. Special attention is paid to the particular doctrines of Baptists. This study is designed to instill the fundamental Scriptures into the heart of the student to be able to both defend and articulate those things most surely believed among us.

Old Testament Survey 133

This class is a survey of the books of the Old Testament giving consideration to the human authorship, general theme, purpose, organization, content, and style of each book. This survey is designed to give the student a general introduction to each book and an overall knowledge of the general content of the complete Old Testament. Every book of the Old Testament is read and reviewed during the course of the semester.

New Testament Survey 143

This class is a survey of the books of the New Testament giving consideration to the human authorship, general theme, purpose, organization, content, and style of each book. This course is designed to give the student a general introduction to each book and an overall knowledge of the general content of the complete New Testament. Every book of the New Testament is read and reviewed during the course of the semester.

Ministerial Practicalities 142

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to pastoral life. This course deals with the practical, day-to-day work of the pastor. It will acquaint the student with some of the practical aspects of the ministry such as: preaching in view of call at a church, presiding over an ordination service, pastoral visitation within the community and within the church he pastors, performing weddings and funerals, and how to administer the ordinances. The student is also taught the basic rules of parliamentary procedure and how to moderate business meetings. The student is also acquainted with the importance of proper dress and ethical behavior in the ministry.

Homiletics 112, 122

Homiletics is the science of sermon planning and preparation. This course provides a study of the various methods of sermon development showing the strengths and weaknesses of each. Special emphasis is placed upon the expository preaching model. Course objectives are as follows: 1) Understand and appreciate the fact that the call to preach is the highest calling to which any man may be called, 2) learn the principles of sermon preparation so he can confidently declare the Word of God, and 3) appreciate the fact that the expository method of sermon development is the most effective method of preaching the Word of God.

Deaf Ministry 112

Antioch Baptist Church has a successful ministry among the deaf community. This course, offered by demand, is designed to give the student a knowledge of sign language systems. The course will provide instruction for those who wish to be church interpreters for the deaf. Information will be given to familiarize the student with the deaf community and the culture of the deaf. A strong emphasis is given on how a deaf ministry can be established in the local church.

200 Level Courses

Life of Christ 213, 223

This two-semester class is a thorough study of the Person and work of Jesus Christ as primarily revealed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Prophecies and other biblical references to Christ will also be considered. This course explores the harmonious accounts of each Gospel as well as considering the differences. Attention is given to (1) the Person of Christ Himself; (2) the culture in which He lived; (3) the dramatic impact He had upon the various religious groups within Israel as well as the people in general; and (4) the chronology of events in the life of Christ with special emphasis upon the last week of His life.

Speech 232

This is a course designed to help students develop better speaking skills to become more effective preachers and communicators. The mechanics of speech are considered, and emphasis is placed upon the application of speech mechanics in sermons. Each part of the sermon is considered separately and then as a whole at the end of the semester. The student will be required to preach portions of an entire sermon during the semester.

Church Administration 243

This course will teach a pastor or someone on staff at a church how to acquire self-discipline. Those in ministry need to know how to manage their time well. Time management is critical in church work. The course will cover the operations of a church and how to address problems. Also, this class will explore the different leadership styles and examine the strengths and weaknesses of each. Students will be required to keep a log of their time and how they spend it, and complete all required assignments.

Historical Books 233

This one-semester course will cover the books of I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. The course is designed to cover the theological aspects of these books. Attention is given to the successes and failures of Israel during these periods in Israel's history.

Christian Writing 242

This class is dedicated to writing well. The pastor and other ministers must know how to correctly communicate in the written word. From published sermons to weekly Sunday bulletin articles, the pastor is called upon to write correctly and needs to understand how. The class will cover correct sentence structure and paragraphing, correct use of writing mechanics (e.g. punctuation), good use of vocabulary, creative rhetorical devices, and other writing skills. Much of this course will be spent working through the process of writing: pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

Also the class will cover academic writing for the purpose of Seminary writing. Students are required to purchase the *Form and Style Guide* of the Missionary Baptist Seminary, and the majority of it will be covered. Students will be taught to document and cite following the form and style of the Modern Language Association (MLA). The serious issue of academic integrity and plagiarism will also be covered.

Church History 233

This course is a combination of Baptist History and a history of the other Christian denominations. The purpose of this approach is to demonstrate the relationships that have existed between Baptists and other groups. Church History study begins with the foundation of the church by Jesus Christ and covers the movement of Christianity up through the middle ages and into American and to the present day. The first section of this course is a thorough study of the ministry of John the Baptist and the foundation of the church by Jesus Christ. The second section is given to an overview of the book of Acts and epochs in the church's early existence.

Apologetics 243

The course will cover the religious discipline of defending or proving the truths of the Word of God through systematic discovery and discourse. Preparing the Christian worker to defend Biblical beliefs against false teaching is a major component. Strengthening the faith of the Christian is the goal.

Greeks 213, 223

This class introduces students to the Koine Greek of the New Testament. Along with learning to read and write Koine Greek, students will learn the noun system in the first semester followed by the verbal system in the second semester. This class lays the groundwork for increased study of the New Testament using the Greek language; however, it should not be viewed merely as academic. The goals of the class, more than simply learning Greek, are as follows: 1) to develop a greater love for the New Testament, 2) to develop a greater ability to study, interpret, and understand the New Testament by using the Greek language, and 3) to develop a greater ability to effectively communicate God's truth when teaching and preaching.

Foundations in Genesis 232

It is critical for every bible student to have a biblical worldview. Without this cornerstone of faith, one could fall into the trap of seeing God's creation and man from the viewpoint of evolution. The class will enable the student to lay a solid foundation for a biblical worldview. The class will examine Genesis thematically as well as a literal historical view of the beginning of creation, mankind, the chosen nation, and the beginning of God's redemptive plan to resolve the rebellion of man.

300 Level Courses

Hermeneutics 313, 323

The study of Hermeneutics is the study of how to properly interpret the Scriptures. The Bible will be treated as God's inspired and infallible Word. As such, the focus will be on developing effective guidelines for determining what God mean as he guided the original human authors. Pre-understandings and pre-suppositions must be discarded in favor of truth as God reveals it.

In General Hermeneutics, there will be a study of various methods of interpreting the Word. Special attention will be given to historical-cultural, contextual, and lexical-syntactical analyses. The goal will be for each student to be able to rightly divide the Word so that each may be able to accurately present the truth.

Expository Preaching 333

This course is designed to teach the students how to preach the different literary genres of each Testament. The fall semester will cover the Old Testament and the Spring will cover the new. There are a number of books from which the teachers of these classes may choose. The focus of this preaching class is more on the text than on the delivery.

General Epistles 343

This course is an exegetical study of the books of James, First Peter, Second Peter, First John, Second John, Third John, and Jude. The culture and circumstances of the original recipients of these letters are emphasized in an effort to properly understand and apply the letters to our lives today.

Hebrew 313, 323

As the beginning biblical Hebrew class, this two semester course introduces the student to the Hebrew language. The alphabet, vowel pointings, vocabulary, noun and verb systems, other parts of speech, and elementary syntax will be covered. Emphasis will be placed upon the understanding and use of biblical Hebrew for teaching/preaching.

Pastoral Epistles 333

This course is a verse by verse exegesis of the pastoral letters of Paul: 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus. The course will lead the student to understand the call, the spirit, the character, the qualification, the ministry, the labor, and the reward of the pastor. Present day application of the divinely recorded principles of pastor-church relationships and proper church order and organization are an integral part of this course.

Greek 313, 323

This class builds upon the basics of Koine Greek learned in Greek 214, 224. Students will learn more advanced grammatical concepts such as participles, infinitives, the subjunctive mood, conditional statements, etc. During the second semester of the class, the student will translate assigned verses and write a detailed grammatical commentary over those verses. The class goals are: 1) to develop a greater love for the New Testament, 2) to develop a greater ability to study, interpret, and understand the New Testament by using the Greek language, and 3) to develop a great ability to effectively communicate God's truth when teaching and preaching.

Pastoral Care 343

The class will consider the dynamics of human relationships, the psychological and emotional effects of sin, and biblical principles for marriage and family. A contrast will be made between secular humanistic counseling and biblically based counseling. Students will be introduced to a wide range of resources and services available to him in pastoral counseling as well as a quality list of professional counseling services for referrals.

400 Level Courses

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians 443

This course is a verse by verse exegesis of these inspired prison epistles written by the Apostle Paul while in his first Roman imprisonment. Students are challenged to understand the cultural, geographical, and spiritual background of each of these churches in order to properly interpret and apply the spiritual principles taught by the Apostle. Understanding these biblical principles are applicable to present day New Testament churches. Class discussion includes how to teach and apply these great truths to current times.

Church Planting (Acts) 433

This is a course dedicated to seeking God's design for establishing churches. This exegetical study of the book of Acts will help the student understand the mandate of mission work and the God-given method for church planting. Each student will be challenged to take these biblical principles for church planting and apply them in our world today.

Poetical Books 432

This course is a study of the poetical books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. The Poetical Books are sometimes referred to as Wisdom Literature. Proverbs 9:10 says, *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."* This course teaches the value of wisdom and that fear and reverence for God and the knowledge of God is the principle part of wisdom. Certainly one will not desire to know much about God unless there is a healthy fear and reverence for God. Much of this class will be spent in understanding the practical aspects of living for God as found within these biblical books.

Hebrew 413, 423

This class will cover the syntax of the Hebrew language and beginning translation and interpretation.

Christian Writing 432

This writing class will focus on the variety of writing tasks necessary for the pastoral ministry. Students will complete such writing projects as a publishable sermon manuscript, a newspaper article, Sunday bulletin articles, professional letters, a church brochure, outreach tract, mission report, and other ministry related writing tasks. Also the class will cover the process of academic thesis writing.

Corinthians 433

This is an exegetical study of 1 and 2 Corinthians. The study encompasses the background and culture of the city of Corinth and the Apostle Paul's visits there as recorded in the book of Acts. Applications are made on how to handle church problems since much of these books address church problems. 1 and 2 Corinthians serve the pastor well as a minister's handbook for dealing with church problems.

Thessalonians and Galatians 433

This is an exegetical study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Galatians. Attention is given to the historical context and background of each letter and Paul's visits to Thessalonica and the region of Galatia as recorded in the book of Acts.

Minor Prophets 433

This class will familiarize the student with the twelve Old Testament books known as the Minor Prophets. The student will gain an understanding of the content, context, messages, themes, theology, outline, chronology, and purposes of each book studied in the class. The primary resource will be the Bible. Due to the volume of material to be covered, the student will be expected to spend significant time in research outside of class to gain a better understanding of the text.

Hebrews and Leviticus 443

This is an expository study of Hebrews with comparisons made to the book of Leviticus. The focus, as is the theme of Hebrews, is the superiority of Jesus Christ, especially in comparison to the Old Testament Law and the sacrificial worship system. The New Covenant inaugurated by Jesus Christ shows the preeminence in the work of redemption of mankind. The contrast between the Law and works and their proper relationships will be studied. The purpose of the Law will be clearly seen as it relates to the grace of God in salvation of sinners.

Romans 433

The biblical book of Romans is the text for this class. It is a verse by verse exegesis of this grand masterpiece of the Apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Time will be given to explore the background of the letter including the city of Rome and Paul's relationship with this church. Major focus will be given to the plan of salvation as presented in Romans including how someone is saved and how a saved person is required to live.

Revelation/Daniel 443

The Apocalypse, or Revelation, is the unveiling of the glory of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ who will return as Sovereign Judge of the wicked and King of kings over the earth. Revelation is a graphic and symbolic prophecy of future events, as well as a literal narrative of the wrath of a Righteous God upon sin. It reveals the glory God has prepared for His people in the end of the ages. A practical approach will be followed in the study of the last book of the Bible in comparison to other end-time prophecies found within Daniel.

Pastoral Care 442

This course is designed to give the student practical tools for the work of pastoral care within the context of a church pastor. The extent and limits of pastoral care and counseling will be examined.

500 Level Courses

Comparative Religion 543

This course studies the major religions of the world contrasting their beliefs and practices with Christian beliefs and practices. Also contrasts are made between the founders of these religions and Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity.

Bible Interpretation 533

This is a course in critical interpretation of the Scriptures designed to enhance the skills of the student by means of practical exercises. A variety of passages both from the Old and New Testaments are interpreted using the many tools the student has acquired through his seminary education.

Pentateuch 533

This is a study of the first five books of the Old Testament on a Masters level. The study is a detailed look at Moses as the author, the theological foundation of the Old Testament as found in these books, the covenants, the basis and purpose of the Law, and the historical significance of these books. Special attention is paid to the nations in this section and their influence on Israel. The laws and love of God are examined.

Preaching Practicum 543

This class is designed to equip the student to deal confidently with difficult passage of scripture. The student should learn to explore the difficult passages and make its truth clear and encouraging to the congregation. The class will prepare the student to deal with difficult circumstances in preaching (such as preaching the funeral of a person who committed suicide or the funeral of a baby/child, etc.)

Philosophy of Religion 533

This course begins by looking at philosophy in general and considers Colossians 2:8 to consider how one might be “cheated” through worldly philosophies. The course also considers the importance of logic in making arguments and explains many logical fallacies. Then the course moves into the field of apologetics, and the student practices the science of apologetics by formulating arguments for the existence of God and arguments for the inspiration of the Bible. The course ends by exploring the many worldviews of the modern world and defines the Christian worldview.

Systematic Theology 513, 523

This course is somewhat like the final exam of the Seminary’s educational experience. Within this two-semester course, the student will draw from the skills and learning gained within every other class and study the Bible as a whole. At least ten of the major doctrines of the Bible are studied throughout the year, five each semester. An effort is made to show the interrelationship and harmony of all of these fundamental doctrines. The doctrines regarding the Bible (Bibliology), God (Theology Proper), Angels (Angelology), Man (Anthropology), and the Spirit (Pneumatology) are studied during the fall semester. The doctrines regarding Salvation (Soteriology), Christ (Christology), the Kingdom (Basiliology), the Church (Ekklesiology), and the End Times (Eschatology) are studied during the spring semester. Formal papers are written on each of these subjects after the class discussion is completed on that particular subject.

Hebrew 533

This is an advanced Hebrew translation course in which the student will translate various genres and styles from the Hebrew Bible. The student is expected to have a basic knowledge of the Hebrew language, and time in class will be spent reviewing translations and considering the subtle nuances and syntax of the Hebrew and how best to convey the meaning in contemporary English. Attention will also be given to the many different English translations on the market today.

Greek 543

This is an advanced Greek translation course in which the student will translate various genres and styles from the Greek New Testament of the Bible. The student is expected to have a basic knowledge of the Greek language, and time in class will be spent reviewing translations and considering the subtle nuances and syntax of the Greek and how best to convey the meaning in contemporary English. Attention will also be given to the many different English translations on the market today.

Major Prophets 543

This one-semester study covers the major themes presented in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Ezekiel. God informed Israel as they approached judgment and as they endured judgment. God’s reassuring promises after their hardships will be addressed, including His promise to return them to a glorified state. While this is not a verse-by-verse study, key portions of each prophet will be examined closely.

Application Procedures

To apply to the Missionary Baptist Seminary, request, receive, and complete application for admission, filling in all blanks that pertain to you. Application and recommendation forms are found on our website at www.mb-seminary.com or are available through our school office.

The following items must be included with the application when submitted:

Three (3) recommendation forms completed by pastor and two others (non-family).

A current photograph.

A short Christian testimony.

Transcript from high school or, if you attended a college or technical school, a transcript from each school you attended.

Application fee: \$30 (non-refundable).

Please read the school catalog available on our website or in the office. This will acquaint you with school history, policies, curriculum, course offerings, and degree plans. After the application is submitted and admission is granted, you may enroll for the semester you plan to attend.

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