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"They read from the Book of the Law of God making it clear and giving the meaning so the people could understand what was being read." - Nehemiah 8:8



You've got friends at The Bible Seminary



Welcome to The Bible Seminary!

For nearly two thousand years, Jesus Christ and the 66 books known collectively as the Bible have shaped the history of our planet. The records and teachings within this singular document span from the beginnings to the prophetic end of the universe as we know it. This content has been heard, held, read, studied, and adapted into more forms of media expression by more people than any other book in history.

The influence of Christ and the Bible have been major driving forces in the rise and fall of nations, the beginning and end of wars, exploration, enlightenment, renaissance, passionate expansion of civilization, and compassionate action. The sweeping impact is visible in nearly every sector of cultures and major institutions worldwide, and the essence of many public and private debates includes the understanding and significance of scripture and of Jesus Christ.

At the Bible Seminary, we believe these facts warrant reverence, and we firmly believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, crucified Savior, and resurrected Lord, and that the Bible is the fully true Word of God. Rooted in fervent prayer and heart-felt compassion, we aim to glorify God by training Christian believers in a context of biblical community in all 66 books of the Bible so they can serve the local church and fulfill the Great Commission by the power of God's Spirit.

This student catalog has been prepared to provide information about the seminary, including our policies, programs, and people. For more information, contact the seminary's main office at:

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The Bible Seminary admits qualified students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

About Us

The Bible Seminary is a 501(c)(3) non-denominational institution of higher education incorporated in the state of Texas in 2010. Located in the Katy area on the west side of Houston, Texas, The Bible Seminary offers a 32-course, 96-hour Master of Divinity degree; a 20-course, 60-hour Master of Arts degree; and a Dual Degree Completion option for those who have not completed their bachelors. These degrees are tailored for those aspiring to professional, vocational ministry. The Bible Seminary also offers an 8-course Bible Certificate program for laity; and various educational seminars.

Our Mission and Purpose

The Bible Seminary exists to glorify God by training Christian believers in a context of biblical community in all 66 books of the Bible so that they can serve the local church and fulfill the Great Commission by the power of God's Spirit.

Objectives

- Establish and maintain an independent, non-denominational seminary with a foundational commitment to distinctively clear doctrinal and ethos statements, and seven core values – the Lordship of Christ, the Bible as the fully true Word of God, Prayer, Unreached Peoples, the Local Church, Community, and Compassion.
- Offer theological education rooted in a vital emphasis in in-depth training in all 66 books of the Bible.
- Offer a comprehensive curriculum that integrates the biblical books into instruction in the standard historical, theological, and practical disciplines critical to developing professional skills for 21st century ministry.
- Provide a campus environment and degree programs that directly engages students in mentored local church ministry throughout their program of study.
- Offer a unique graduate program with degree elements that include a Holy Land trip for all students, ministry tools and resources, a number of distinctive experiential and best practice ministry experiences integrated throughout the program, and a commitment to help students graduate with no seminary debt.

Philosophy of Education

We believe the Bible is one book, written by many authors over time, inspired by one Spirit for all time – and is the best training manual for ministry.

We believe that doing ministry, debriefing ministry, and studying ministry – in association with called, life-giving, seasoned and Spirit-filled professionals – is an effective educational model.

We believe a balanced, Bible-based, Christ-centered, mission-focused educational approach includes a comprehensive curriculum that integrates studying through all 66 biblical books along with studying standard historical, theological, and practical disciplines critical to developing professional skills for 21st century ministry

We believe that challenging and nurturing students, getting them into the Word of God, and helping them think biblically and listen to the Holy Spirit, involves a unique combination of professional ministry training, cutting-edge tools, and extraordinary experiences.

We believe that face-to-face interaction over time, among groups of individuals with a common set of core values and doctrines and ethical standards, and with diverse backgrounds and experiences, can offer an exciting, family-friendly, practical, rich, and unparalleled learning environment.

We believe that a journey of theological education should glorify the Lord, foster a deeper understanding of His Word and the world, nurture a personal relationship with Him, and lead to a passionate commitment to love and serve God and others with all that we are and all that we have, in perpetuity.

Core Values



Our official seal includes our name, slogan, titles and symbols of our seven core values (below), as well as our date of incorporation and reference to a key Bible verse integral to our mission – Nehemiah 8:8, “They read from the book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.”



Lordship – Because He is Lord (Philippians 2:11), we will continually ask Jesus Christ to sit on the throne of the seminary and on the throne of the lives of its faculty, administrators, and students for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).



Bible – Because the Bible is the fully true Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16), we will offer and require the study of all 66 books of the Bible before graduation with a degree. We will seek to creatively integrate classical theological disciplines and ministry training by studying books of the Bible (i.e. Church History will begin with the Book of Acts and keep going; Pastoral Leadership will come through the study of the Pastoral Epistles; Systematic Theology will flow out of the study of the Pauline Epistles).



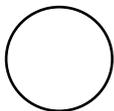
Prayer – Because apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5), we will continually seek to plug into the Vine Jesus Christ through yielding to Him in prayer. We will offer a unique emphasis on prayer including classes on prayer, a school of prayer, prayer faculty, and multiple prayer opportunities in the life of the seminary.



Unreached Peoples – Because the return of Christ awaits the evangelization of all people groups (Matthew 24:14), we will keep our eyes on the unreached peoples of the world and train our students to have a heart for the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by seeking to reach millions of souls for Jesus Christ.



Local Church – Because the local church is God’s plan (Matthew 16:18), we will be based at a local church and have a symbiotic relationship of service and training including internships, volunteerism, and prayer/worship opportunities.



Community – Because we were created for community (Genesis 1:26; Romans 12:5). We will seek to build a campus-based fellowship where the “one anothers” of Scripture are lived out, where authenticity and accountability are practiced, and where integrity is modeled and taught.



Compassion – Because God has a huge heart for the poor and overlooked (Matthew 25:31-46), we will strive to motivate, equip, and train students to minister to “the least of these” as a lifestyle.

Doctrines

The Bible Seminary recognizes that different doctrinal issues have varying levels of importance that relate to Christian fellowship, so we have divided our doctrinal statement into two categories: *Convictions* and *Persuasions*.

We define *Convictions* as core beliefs of the Christian faith that we would die for and break fellowship over, while *Persuasions* are beliefs that we are persuaded about and for which we would argue.

We recognize that many Bible believing Christians have taken different stances on persuasion issues, but we believe that we can co-exist in the same seminary (and Body of Christ) and have different stances on these persuasion issues.

While The Bible Seminary employees and leaders are in 100% agreement with our core convictions, faculty members are welcome to take different positions on persuasion issues. Professors are free to teach their own persuasion as long as they also comprehensively present the seminary's official position on these issues (as outlined below). We seek faculty and students who passionately share the same belief convictions and who are comfortable studying alongside others who may or may not share the same belief persuasions.

Convictions

Core beliefs of the Christian faith that we would die for and break fellowship over.

- We believe in the authority of Scripture – The Bible is the Word of God, fully true, and is our authority for all that we believe and do (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18). We hold to the inerrancy of Scripture as outlined in the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy.
- We believe in God – There is one true God who exists eternally in 3 Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 14:9; Acts 5:3-4,9; 2 Corinthians 3:17; 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3).
- We believe in the deity of Christ – Jesus Christ is Lord being 100% God and yet 100% Man, born of a virgin birth as affirmed in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds (Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1-2,14; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:13-20; Hebrews 1:8).
- We believe in substitutionary atonement – Jesus Christ died on the cross as our substitute – taking upon Himself the penalty of the sins of fallen humans (John 1:29; Romans 3:25-26; 5:8, 12-19; Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18).
- We believe in the resurrection of Christ – Jesus rose from the dead in a bodily resurrection defeating sin and death (Romans 6:4-9; 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6).
- We believe in salvation by grace through faith alone – A person is saved from eternal separation from God as a free gift when that person places their faith in Jesus Christ who is the only way to the Father (John 1:12; 3:16; 5:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-9; Revelation 21:27).
- We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ – Jesus Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead (Matthew 24-25; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19-21).
- We believe in heaven and hell – Believers in Jesus Christ will be resurrected to everlasting blessedness and joy in eternal fellowship with God (1 Corinthians 15:35-57; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5). Unbelievers will be resurrected to conscious separation from God and eternal punishment (Matthew 25:41,46; Mark 9:43-48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 14:9-11; 20:10-15; 21:8).

Persuasions

Beliefs that we are persuaded about and for which we would argue; however, we would not die for these issues or break fellowship over them. The following is the official stance of the seminary, but faculty and students are welcome to believe differently:

- End Times View – Jesus will rapture His church (believers) before the tribulation period described in Revelation 6-19 (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:1-11; Titus 2:11-14; Revelation 3:10). Jesus will return in a glorious appearing to set up a 1000-year Kingdom before throwing satan into the lake of fire and ushering in a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 19-22).
- Predestination – We are persuaded that the Bible clearly states both positions (free will and election) and, thus, we are persuaded they must work together but our finite minds cannot comprehend this mystery (Romans 3:11-12; 5:12; John 6:44; John 1:12-13; Ephesians 1:4-5,11; Romans 9:11-16; 12:3; Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 26:28; John 10:11,26; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25; John 6:37; Acts 13:48; John 1:9; 12:32; 16:8; Matthew 11:28; Revelation 3:20; Romans 4:4-5; 8:29; 1 Peter 1:1-2; 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:9; 2 Peter 2:1; John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; Hebrews 4:2; Matthew 23:37; Luke 7:29-30).
- Eternal Security – God empowers a believer to believe to the end of his or her life (John 10:27-29; Romans 8:28-39; Philippians 1:6; Jude 24).
- Supernatural Spiritual Gifts – Supernatural spiritual gifts still exist today. Speaking in tongues is a valid gift for the church today (1 Corinthians 14:39) and should operate under the boundaries of 1 Corinthians 14. One such boundary: Tongues confuses unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:23) and therefore should be expressed in believers’ settings such as prayer groups and personal prayer. Another such boundary: Supernatural spiritual gifts should operate in love (1 Corinthians 13) and should edify the church rather than just edifying oneself (1 Corinthians 14:4). Tongues may accompany being filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6) but is not THE sign that a person has been filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:31; 8:17; 9:17-18; Ephesians 5:18).
- Baptism – The local church can offer to those who have placed their faith in Christ any of the 3 modes of water baptism that have been practiced in church history: immersion (Romans 6:3-4), pouring (Acts 2:17-18), and sprinkling (Ezekiel 36:25-27). Water baptism does not save anyone but rather is an act of obedience (Luke 3:13-17; Acts 2:38-39; Luke 23:39-43). Faith in Jesus Christ is what saves a person (Ephesians 2:8-9). There is possible biblical support for both infant dedication (1 Samuel 1:27-28) and infant baptism (Genesis 17:10-14; Luke 18:15-17; Acts 16:15,33; 1 Corinthians 1:16).
- Communion – Communion is an outward sign or symbol of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). We believe that God is active in the Communion ritual imparting His grace to us. To participate in Communion is more than just a picture – it is to actually participate (commune) with Christ (1 Corinthians 10:14-22). We do not believe that the bread and juice turn literally into the actual flesh and blood of Christ.
- Spiritual Warfare – Satan and demons exist. They were defeated through the cross but will not be thrown into the lake of fire until the Second Coming (Revelation 20:10). Believers have authority in Jesus’ name over demonic powers. Believers may be oppressed by demons but not possessed (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:15). Prayer is an essential weapon for the church in this on-going battle (Mark 11:17; Acts 12:5,12).
- Women in Ministry – Because the Scriptures (both OT and NT) give numerous examples of women having spiritual authority over men, we are persuaded that God does call and equip women for pastoral ministry in the church today (Judges 4:4-9; 1 Samuel 25; 2 Kings 22:14; Esther 4:16; Micah 6:4; Luke 13:13; 24:10; John 4:28-30; Acts 18:18,26; 21:9; Romans 16:1,3,7; 1 Corinthians 1:11; 11:5; Hebrews 11:2,11,13,23,31,35; 2 John 1). We acknowledge this belief as a persuasion but, as the above is the official stance of the seminary, we ask that all faculty and students be sensitive in their handling and discussion of this issue for the sake of sister faculty members and students.

- Church Government – Several different church government configurations can fulfill the Bible’s description of church government including episcopal, congregational, and elder board.

Where We Stand On Some Controversial Social Issues

We acknowledge that the following social issues have brought much pain and division in some churches, and we do not approach these issues lightly or glibly. But we also acknowledge that, at the heart, these are authority of Scripture issues. To us, the Bible is clear on these issues, and therefore, we take a strong stand:

- *Homosexuality* – God loves homosexuals (John 3:16) and we believe homosexuals should be welcomed and encouraged to attend the local church (Mark 2:17). At the same time, we believe the practice of homosexuality is a sin (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Genesis 19; Jude 7; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Timothy 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Therefore, we believe that repentance is the pathway to church membership. After repenting of sin and turning to Christ, any person (including a homosexual) should be encouraged to become a member of a local church. Any former homosexual considering leadership in a local church should be welcomed and encouraged to do so. In keeping with 1 Timothy 3, we would ask such a person to wait for a period of time in order to demonstrate a track record of freedom over their former life of sin. We would ask this of any new believer. We do not believe in the ordaining of self-avowed, practicing homosexuals. We do not believe in ceremonies that celebrate same-sex unions.
- *Abortion* – We believe that the life inside a mother’s womb is a real human created in the image of God (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-5) and, therefore, that abortion is murder and is wrong/sin (Exodus 20:13). We believe that God offers full forgiveness to an abortive mother/father who has turned to Jesus Christ (Col 2:13-15; Eph. 1:7).

Ethos

It is a high honor and privilege to represent God to people by being in the ministry and training for ministry. When people see someone “in the ministry,” they see that person as representing Christ’s church. It is for this reason that the Bible outlines in 1 Timothy 3 some of the expectations and qualifications of a leader in the church. It is very important for each member of the seminary community (no matter what their position) to seek to live up to these standards (with God’s help and empowerment). Thus, we ask each member of the seminary community to covenant to lead a life that is “above reproach” as defined by the following Ethos Statement. The heart of this document is healthy community full of grace and truth (John 1:17).

As a member of the seminary community, I agree, with God’s help and empowerment, to live by the following ideals to the best of my ability:

- I will seek to walk with God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (Genesis 5:22; John 17:3; Mark 12:29-31; Ephesians 2:8-9).
- I will seek to have no other gods than Jesus Christ (Exodus 20:3-6; 1 Peter 3:15). I will seek to keep myself from idolatry (1 John 5:21) by not making idols out of money, sex, power, people, material things, school, or ministry success.
- I will work as “unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:23-24). I will give God my best in my family, in my job performance and in my training for ministry.
- I will refrain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5). If I am married, I will be faithful to my spouse (Exodus 20:14). If I am single, I will remain celibate in my singleness. I will not engage in homosexual practice (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- I will refrain from drunkenness or the use of illegal drugs (Ephesians 5:18). I will not allow a substance to control me, rather I will seek to be controlled by God. If I choose to “drink socially,” I will do so in a way that does not cause other people to stumble (1 Corinthians 8).
- I will practice Biblical conflict resolution. If someone hurts or offends me, I will go to that person and speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15,25) and forgive them (Ephesians 4:32). If this does not resolve the issue, I will then involve a second person as prescribed in Matthew 18:15-17. I will not slander another person by talking negatively about him/her without him/her present (Ephesians 4:31). I will seek to build others up with my words (Ephesians 4:29). If I cannot bring resolution through these steps, I will seek counsel.
- I will be respectful of those in authority over me and submit to their leadership (Hebrews 13:17) unless they were to call me to do something contrary to Scripture (Acts 5:27-29). I will seek humbleness in my life (1 Peter 5:5-6).

The purpose of this Ethos Statement is order (1 Corinthians 14:40) and to uphold integrity, respect, honor and character (2 Timothy 2:20-22). There is plenty of grace in this community for mistakes (James 5:16), whereas there is not room in this community for blatant and unrepentant rebellion (1 Corinthians 5). I agree to do my best to live by this Ethos Statement with God’s help and power through Jesus Christ and for His glory.

Facts

- Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) institution of higher education in State of Texas, 2010
- Independent and non-denominational
- Executive Officers
 - Founder and President – Dr. James E. Leggett, Sr. Pastor of Grace Fellowship UMC, Katy Texas
 - President – Dr. K. Lynn Lewis
 - Provost – Dr. Steve Adamson
 - Vice-President of Finance and Administration – Mr. Rick McCalip
 - Board of Trustees Chair – Mrs. Heidi Arneson
- 32-course, 96-hour Master of Divinity program
 - Exemption granted by Texas Workforce Commission, March 2011
 - Exemption granted by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, May 2011
 - First classes offered, Fall 2012
 - First graduates, May 2015
- 20-course, 60-hour Master of Arts Program
 - Added in 2015
 - First graduate, May 2015
- Dual Degree Completion Program offering a dual track to obtain both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree
 - Added in 2015
- 8-course, Bible Certificate program
 - First classes offered, 2008
 - Nearly 500 students since 2008
 - First graduates, December 2012
- Faculty
 - One full-time professor, and two full-time administrators
 - 13 adjunct professors
 - More than 30 professionals who serve as mentors and visiting teachers
- Unique Features
 - In-depth training in all 66 books of the Bible
 - Comprehensive, relevant curriculum for the 21st century ministry
 - Local church mentoring and training opportunities throughout the entire degree program
 - Educational experiences include classroom teaching, on-site visits and teaching in more than 30 regional locations, and on-site teaching in more than 60 locations in Israel.
 - Special program elements
 - Holy Land study tour
 - Technological ministry study and resource tools
 - Multiple experiential learning opportunities
 - Fundraising training and assistance with emphasis on graduating with no seminary debt
 - Commitment to distinctively clear doctrinal and ethos statements
 - Commitment to seven core values
 - Lordship of Christ
 - Bible as fully true word of God
 - Prayer
 - Unreached Peoples
 - The Local Church
 - Community
 - Compassion
- Accreditation
 - Affiliate Member of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) since 2012
 - Submitted initial application for accreditation candidacy to the Transnational Association of Christian Schools (TRACS) in April 2015.

History

The passion for a vibrant Bible-based, Christ-centered, mission-focused training center for church laity and professional ministers began in the life and ministry of Dr. Jim Leggett, founder and senior pastor of Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church in Katy, Texas.

Originally, in 1996, Grace Fellowship UMC envisioned creating a school offering seminary-level training to laity. Initially visualized as a “Growth Institute”, the idea evolved into a “Bible Institute” under the leadership of Grace Fellowship UMC Teaching Pastor, Paul Helbig – a former teacher and key leader at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, Texas.

In the spring of 2008, the church officially established a Bible Institute to begin teaching laity a series of courses covering all 66 books of the Bible. The classes were designed to be highly engaging and transformative, a joy and not a burden, taught by seminary-trained, credentialed instructors, and more intensive than typical Bible studies, but not quite as intense as a full-level seminary class.

The Bible Institute courses included Bible Study Methods (the first and only prerequisite class), three Old and three New Testament classes, and one Missions perspective class. Each course is one semester in length, and students generally meet one night per week in approximately 2 sessions. During the six year span between the first class offered in the spring of 2008 and the spring of 2014, more than 1050 students enrolled in Bible Institute courses. The first twelve students to complete all eight courses finished the Bible Institute program track in December 2011.

Also in 2008, several key Grace Fellowship UMC members began working diligently with Dr. Leggett and others to develop The Bible Seminary as a separate, non-denominational organization, including establishing bylaws, a Board of Trustees, core values, doctrines, ethos, financial support, incorporation in the state of Texas, institutional policies, and a program track for a three-year Master of Divinity degree aimed at attracting full-time, residential students. These tasks were completed or advanced significantly under the leadership of seminary Board Chair, Dan Dunham, and seminary Vice-President of Finance and Administration, Rick McCalip.

In the fall of 2010, the newly elected Board officially named Dr. Jim Leggett President of The Bible Seminary, and hosted a fundraiser targeted toward the Grace Fellowship UMC congregation. Ultimately, more than 260 church members and friends committed in excess of \$1,100,000 to help launch the seminary.

In December 2010, the Board launched a nationwide search for an Executive Vice-President/Provost. In July 2011, Dr. K. Lynn Lewis – a dynamic professional with more than 25 years of experience as an entrepreneurial businessman, educator, fundraiser, and ministry leader – accepted this position. A former administrator at one of the largest private Christian schools in Georgia for 9 years – where he helped lead the advancement, communications, programming, and campus redevelopment of a 236-acre, 1700 student school – Dr. Lewis is also an ordained United Methodist minister with 8 years of experience as a senior pastor. A former engineer, founder and President of the media communications company, InspireUSA, Inc., he has worked in both public and private secular and Christian schools, colleges, and universities; published and produced articles, books, a cable TV show, magazines, music, web sites, and videos; served as CEO, Board Chair and a board member of a variety of community, educational, and ministry organizations; and helped raise more than \$35 million for churches, ministries, and schools.

In March 2011, The Bible Seminary was granted an exemption for its Master of Divinity program by the Texas Workforce Commission, and received a similar exemption in May 2011 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. In July 2011, the Bible Institute was officially transferred from Grace Fellowship UMC and integrated into The Bible Seminary.

In the late fall of 2011, the seminary began publicizing and recruiting students for a new, 32-course, 96-hour Master of Divinity graduate school program. This program launched with 12 inaugural students on September 4, 2012.

In April 2012, The Bible Seminary was approved for Affiliate status with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). As an Affiliate institution of ABHE, The Bible Seminary participates in and contributes to collegial

and professional development activities of the Association. Affiliate status does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume ABHE accredited status at present or in the future.

During the 2013-14 school year, the seminary offered an expanded slate of classes and options for both the Bible Certificate and Master of Divinity programs, and added a new Biblical Leadership Series of monthly seminars on various topics.

In January 2014, Founding President, Dr. Jim Leggett, began transitioning to a new role at the seminary, and the Board of Trustees selected Dr. K. Lynn Lewis to serve as the new President of The Bible Seminary.

In the spring of 2014, the seminary launched a nationwide search for a new Provost (Chief Academic Officer). In October 2014, TBS welcomed Dr. Steve Adamson – a seasoned corporate and academic manager with worldwide experience – as the seminary’s new Provost.

In spring of 2015, TBS began offering a Master of Arts program, and developed a dual degree completion option enabling those without a bachelor’s degree to enroll at TBS and graduate with both a bachelor’s and master’s degree.

In May of 2015, TBS graduated its first class of graduate students – seven Master of Divinity degrees and one Master of Arts degree were awarded on the 17th of May, as well as five new Bible Certificate graduates bringing the Bible Certificate alumni total to 21.

Leadership – Administration and Staff



Dr. K. Lynn Lewis, *President*

A seasoned entrepreneur with a diverse professional background in business, education, and ministry, Dr. Lewis has worked as an engineer, senior pastor, administrator, director, and CEO. An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church and an Elder and Full Member of the North Georgia Annual Conference, he has served in leadership on a number of ministry and professional boards, and served as a short-term missionary in Bolivia, Haiti, India, and Korea. Author of *“Meat and Potatoes for the Soul”*, his productions and publications include numerous articles, other books, a cable TV show, dissertation, magazines, musicals, songs, videos, and web sites. He and his wife, Wendy, have three children: Krista, Mark, and Scotty.

- B.S. in Agricultural Engineering (1985), University of Georgia
- Master of Divinity (1989), Asbury Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry (2002), Asbury Theological Seminary



Dr. Steve Adamson, *Provost*

A seasoned corporate and academic manager with worldwide experience, Dr. Adamson has more than a decade of experience working as an Executive Director, Dean, faculty member, and professor in higher education. He served at the Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries (ARTS) Commission on Accreditation, and Sangre de Cristo Seminary, both located near Westcliffe, Colorado. He served at Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies & Reformation Bible College (RBC) in Orlando, Florida. He has also worked with the University of Phoenix as an online professor since 2002. Dr. Adamson, along with his wife, Von, has served seasonal pastoral stints for the Free Church of Scotland as a Pulpit Supply Minister in Canada and Scotland for a number of years. His background includes a 20-year corporate career as a manager and director in a variety of communications technologies industries. His profession with these companies, including Sprint/Nextel, Teleglobe International, Global One, Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., and Aerospace Corporation - involved considerable time spent in Brussels, London, Montreal, Paris, and Rome.

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (1985), University of Nebraska
- Master of Science in Applied Mathematics (1987), University of Nebraska
- Ph. D. (abd) in Operations Research (1995), George Washington University
- Master of Divinity (2008), Sangre de Cristo Seminary
- Ph. D. in Theology and Apologetics (2013), Highland Theological College of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland UK. Dissertation entitled, *“The Apologetics of Thomas Chalmers: The Influences, Methods, and Effects of Chalmers’ Rebuttals to Objections to Christianity”*



Mr. Rick McCalip, *Vice-President of Finance and Administration*

The day after he retired from ConocoPhillips in August 2010 – after 34 years of service in safety and environmental program management – Rick began serving as a volunteer leader for The Bible Seminary. Since assisting with the foundational organization and funding, Rick has been instrumental helping firmly establish the facilities, finances, and institutional framework of The Bible Seminary. He and his wife, Elaine, have one married son and a granddaughter.

- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (1976), University of Oklahoma



Mr. Matt Larsen, *Communications Director*

Raised primarily in Katy, Texas where he was involved in ministries Grace Fellowship. While at Baylor, he served at Antioch Community Church where God placed on his heart a passion for seeing the local church change the world. He served on short-term mission trips to Uganda, Haiti and North Africa while in college and hopes to go overseas long-term in the future. He also loves to tell stories of God's work in and through His people. Matt and his wife, Abbey Larsen, have two children, Matthew and Kaleb.

- B.A. in Journalism, with minors in Religion and World Affairs (2012), Baylor University



Mrs. Coby Jackson, *Administrative Coordinator*

Coby is a native of Katy, Texas who recently returned to the area after a family journey living in diverse places such as Santa Maria, California and Beijing, China. Following undergraduate work at Sam Houston State University, her career has included work as Middle School History Teacher at Faith West Academy in Katy, Texas; History and Comparative Literature Teacher at SLO Classical Academy in SLO (San Luis Obispo), California; and Administrative Assistant at RECON in Santa Maria, California.

Coby and her husband, Matt, have three daughters.



Mrs. Janice Havins-Hamric, *Librarian, Institute Administrative Assistant*

Retired after 35 years with Katy Independent School District as a teacher and librarian, Janice is active on the Prayer Altar Ministry Team, Freedom and Healing Prayer Team, and serves as an assistant to Paul Helbig. She is co-author of *From Misery to Ministry: A Walk of Faith Through the Loss of a Loved One* (Tate Publishing, 2011), with Brian and Leah Foutz. Janice and her husband, Steve, enjoy quality time with family members, especially granddaughter, Justice.

- B.S. in Education (1975), Southwest Texas State University
- Master of Education (1979), Prairie View A & M University
- Master of Library Science (1983), Sam Houston State University

Leadership – Board of Trustees



Mrs. Heidi J. Arneson, *Chair*, currently serves as North American executive for Indofin Group based in Houston, Texas. Indofin is a globally operating investment group headquartered in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The group is actively involved in the provision of private equity and the management of companies in Europe, the U.S., Canada, Australia and Asia, through minority and majority participations. In 1991 Heidi began her career with Indofin as an accountant. Prior to her work at Indofin Group Heidi held the role of Supervisor of Rates and Regulatory Accounting at Oklahoma Natural Gas in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ms. Arneson earned a B.S. in accounting from Oral Roberts University and is a Certified Public Accountant. She has held various committee and chairman roles in her home church, Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church and currently serves as Chair-elect on the Board of Trustees for The Bible Seminary and on the Board of Trustees for Grace International Children’s Foundation. Heidi is married to David Arneson and they have four children.

Mr. C. Doug Johnson, *Vice-Chair*, currently serves as Vice-President and Controller of Phillips 66. Previously, Mr. Johnson served at ConocoPhillips as General Manager, Upstream Finance, Strategy and Planning, as General Manager, Downstream Finance, and as General Manager, Upstream Finance. He and his wife, Diana, have two children.



Mr. David Muir, *Treasurer*, was born and raised in Texas. Being the last of 6 children and growing up in a Christian home, discipline, training, and love were plentiful from parents, siblings, extended family and friends. Strengths in math and science lead to a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas and an engineering career in the oil and gas industry. The author of “Life is Simple...It’s Just Not Easy”, David and his wife, Debbie, have three daughters.

Dr. Joel Anthis is a physician with Texas Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialists. Joel is a native Houstonian, a graduate of Westchester High School in Spring Branch ISD, and a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received his degree in Economics. He returned to Houston for medical school, attending Baylor College of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency back in Virginia at East Virginia Graduate School of Medicine. There, he was named General Surgery Intern of the Year. Dr. Anthis is a Diplomat of the American Academy Of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. His passion is medical mission work. He and his family spent three years working full-time in a Christian missionary hospital, Evangel Hospital, in Jos, Nigeria, West Africa. Dr. Anthis and his family continue to return to the area for short trips. Outside of work, Dr. Anthis is actively involved in his church and enjoys playing tennis. Dr. Anthis and his wife have four children who keep them very busy. His wife, Dr. Cindy Anthis, is a family physician who currently practices in Katy, Texas and volunteers at Christ Clinic in Katy, an indigent care facility.



Mr. Robert (Bob) Button is President of Glori Holdings, a wholly owned subsidiary of Glori Energy. Mr. Button is a senior Exploration and Production (E&P) business leader with 30 years US and international industry experience with Amoco and BP. Mr. Button has held a range of leadership positions including executive roles with P&L accountability, large asset/operations management, corporate strategy development, global organization capability, gas project management, planning and financial analysis, and international business development. In Mr. Button’s most recent executive role with BP, he had global accountability for the Organization Capability of the E&P Segment Operations, Health-Safety-Environment, and Engineering disciplines, where he sought to ensure that the right people, with the right skills, were in the right roles, growing BP’s operating capability, and helping embed a culture of continuous

improvement. Immediately prior to this assignment, Mr. Button spent 7 years in BP’s North America Gas business where he held leadership roles with operations, safety, and overall business delivery accountabilities including Vice President, Wyoming Performance Unit, where he had overall P&L accountability for significant gas development and operation. Prior to moving to North America Gas, Mr. Button held a range of US and international based positions including corporate strategy development for China and field operations management in the San Juan basin. Bob holds a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University and is a graduate of the MIT/Sloan School BP Operations Academy. He also serves on the Board of Directors of The Source for Women. He and his wife, Diane, have two daughters.

Mr. Eugene Chambers is co-owner of TriStar Electronics Controls and Automation in Houston. The company provides parts, engineered systems and services to the global energy and chemical industries. Prior to acquiring an ownership position in TriStar in 1990, he was employed in the petrochemical industry. Over a 24 year period Gene held several executive management positions including Start-Up Manager for a \$300+ million Conoco - Monsanto Joint Venture at Chocolate Bayou, Plant Manager for Conoco and DuPont, and Cain Chemical Company’s Vice-President of Operations. As Vice-President he was responsible for five industrial plants located on the gulf coast and South Texas Pipeline Co. Gene and his wife, Carole, have an adult daughter, two adult son and seven grandchildren. Carole and Gene have been active in the Methodist Church for the past forty years and both are members of the board of a family charitable foundation.



Mr. Alton Frailey has served as superintendent of Katy Independent School District (Katy ISD) - a district of over 7,700 employees and 60,000 students - since July 2007. He came to Katy from superintendencies in DeSoto ISD and the Cincinnati Public Schools. Mr. Frailey, always focused on student achievement and community engagement in public schools, is a strategic and goal-oriented leader. He firmly believes that the public school system exists to serve the community in the preparation of students so they may create a productive and quality future. His professional associations include serving on national, state and local boards, including American Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of Suburban/Mid-Urban Superintendent’s, Junior Achievement, Katy Chamber of Commerce, Katy Area Economic Development Council. He also served as a school board trustee for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, 2002 Texas School Board of the Year.



Mrs. Wende Gaikema serves in a variety of ministry and volunteer roles. She has served as Women’s Bible Study Coordinator at Kingsland Baptist Church where she also volunteers with the student ministry. She’s the former Southern Texas State Coordinator for Moms In Prayer, an international, nondenominational organization that gathers mothers together for prayer. She is also on the Board of Directors for Pine Cove Camps and is an active volunteer in Katy ISD and Junior Achievement. Wende holds a BE from Vanderbilt University in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics and an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She worked for 12 years in brand management, field marketing and sales with Procter & Gamble. Wende and her husband, Jeff, have three children.



Rev. Omar Garcia grew up in McAllen, Texas and is a graduate of Pan American University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Omar served churches in the ministry of Christian education for 27 years, has written magazine articles and adult Bible study lessons for LifeWay Christian Resources for over a decade, and maintains BibleTeachingNotes.com, a popular website for teachers and Bible students. He has led several Sunday Schools to embrace the Great Commandment and the Great Commission and to minister beyond the boundaries of the church campus. Omar has led others in a variety of local ministry initiatives as well as numerous international ministry initiatives to Mongolia, China, Bangladesh, India, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates, as well as Ukraine and Peru. He currently serves as



Missions Pastor at Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy, Texas. Omar and his wife, Cheryl, are the parents of three children, Elizabeth (Niki), Jonathan, and Gina.

Dr. Jim Leggett has been a Christ-follower for over 30 years. He is the husband of Lisa and the father of Smith, Grace, and John David. The founding president of The Bible Seminary, Jim holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Texas A&M University, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary. Jim has been in the ministry for over 20 years and is the founding pastor of Grace Fellowship UMC in Katy, Texas, whose vision is to be a house of prayer for all nations. Two of his lifetime goals are to preach through all 66 books of the Bible at Grace Fellowship and to trust God to reach 10 unreached people groups. Jim believes that there is a dynamic tie between the local church and a life-giving Bible Seminary.



Dr. Leonard Merrell is a retired educator, having most recently retired in June 2007 after 12 years as Superintendent of Katy Independent School District (Katy ISD). After 39 years, serving as a coach and classroom teacher, principal, business manager and superintendent, Dr. Merrell currently is serving as an independent educational consultant. He served as President of the Texas Association of School Administrators and was Texas Superintendent of the Year in 1998. Currently he serves on the board of Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas, having received the Gold Leadership Award from J.A. Worldwide. He is also a board member of the Katy YMCA and the Greater Houston YMCA. His alma mater, Texas A&M University-Commerce recently recognized him with a Distinguished Alumni Citation. He has been married to Dr. Linda Merrell for 46 years. They have two sons, Dr. Brian Merrell, Principal of Waller High School, and Mark Merrell, attorney with the Vorys Law Firm in Houston. They have 10 grandchildren.



Mr. Jim O'Leary currently serves as the Asia Pacific Regional Resource Authority for BP. He has a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M and an MBA from Houston Baptist University. He and his wife, Janet, have two children and eight grandchildren. Jim is a member of Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church, has taken most of the Bible Institute classes, and was privileged to serve on the original team that crafted the bylaws and framed the vision for The Bible Seminary.



Mr. Downy Vickery is a native Houstonian and a graduate of Memorial High School and The University of Texas at Austin. He has been a member of the Tradition Bank family for the past 32 years where he currently serves as Chairman of the Board and President of the bank's Grand Parkway location in Katy. Downy and his wife, Kavin, have been married for 10 years and have a daughter, Shannon. Like all good bankers, Downy enjoys playing golf and he and Kavin love traveling and spending time at home with their favorite dogs, Peanut & Jake! Downy and Kavin are members of Houston's First Baptist Church.



Faculty – Full-time



Paul Helbig, Bible Institute Dean, Chaplain, Faculty
Professor of Biblical Studies

A native of upstate New York, Professor Helbig began his ministry working with suicidal teenagers while attending Calvary Chapel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He spent seven years serving as a full-time Youth Pastor shepherding a handful of youth into a vibrant ministry of 150 students in a church of 300 members, then served as Co-Director for The Center for Youth Ministry at the College of Biblical Studies. After teaching Bible Study Methods and Old Testament in the Bible exposition department at the College of Biblical Studies, he accepted a position as Teaching Pastor at Grace Fellowship UMC in Katy, Texas (2007-2012), then transitioned to The Bible Seminary full-time in 2013. He is passionate about face to face discipleship through Scripture, prayer, and practical ministry. He and his wife, Krystal, have six elementary through teenage children.

- Bible Certificate (1994), College of Biblical Studies
- Associate of Biblical Studies (2002), College of Biblical Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Christian Leadership and Biblical Studies (2002), College of Biblical Studies
- Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (2006), Dallas Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry in Christian Education, with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Ministry (*in process*), Dallas Theological Seminary

Faculty – Part-time



Dr. Steve Adamson, Provost, Faculty
Professor of Apologetics, Theology, and Church History

A seasoned corporate and academic manager with worldwide experience, Dr. Adamson has more than a decade of experience working as an Executive Director, Dean, faculty member, and professor in higher education. He served at the Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries (ARTS) Commission on Accreditation, and Sangre de Cristo Seminary, both located near Westcliffe, Colorado. He served at Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies & Reformation Bible College (RBC) in Orlando, Florida. He has also worked with the University of Phoenix as an online professor since 2002. Dr. Adamson, along with his wife, Von, has served seasonal pastoral stints for the Free Church of Scotland as a Pulpit Supply Minister in Canada and Scotland for a number of years. His background includes a 20-year corporate career as a manager and director in a variety of communications technologies industries. His profession with these companies, including Sprint/Nextel, Teleglobe International, Global One, Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., and Aerospace Corporation - involved considerable time spent in Brussels, London, Montreal, Paris, and Rome.

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (1985), University of Nebraska
- Master of Science in Applied Mathematics (1987), University of Nebraska
- Ph. D. (abd) in Operations Research (1995), George Washington University
- Master of Divinity (2008), Sangre de Cristo Seminary
- Ph. D. in Theology and Apologetics (2013), Highland Theological College of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland UK. Dissertation entitled, "The Apologetics of Thomas Chalmers: The Influences, Methods, and Effects of Chalmers' Rebuttals to Objections to Christianity"



Dr. Vicki Campbell, Adjunct Faculty
Bible Certificate Instructor

After growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, Dr. Campbell attended the University of Illinois at Urbana and then the University of Texas at Austin to complete her doctoral studies in Chemistry. Her passion for making the Gospel accessible to people, including children, led her to serve as Vacation Bible School Director for her church for seven consecutive years, ministering to over 400 children each summer. In 2011, she answered God’s call to pursue seminary training and graduated with her Master of Arts in Theology from Asbury Theological Seminary. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in Apologetics at the London School of Theology, University of Middlesex. Her passion is to show how modern discoveries in science are compatible and coherent with traditional Christian teaching. She and her husband, John, have three elementary through teenage children.

- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (1991), University of Illinois
- Ph.D. in Chemistry (1995), University of Texas at Austin
- Master of Arts in Theology (2013), Asbury Theological Seminary
- Ph. D. in Apologetics (*in process*), London School of Theology, University of Middlesex



Dr. Rich Cozart, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Pastoral Leadership

Born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in southern California, Dr. Cozart currently serves as a Ph.D. Supervisor for Wales Evangelical School of Theology in the United Kingdom, has been a PLACE instructor and counselor since 2003 (testing, counseling and placing individuals according to personality, gifts, abilities, passion and experience), is a member of the Biblical Framework Counselors Association, has worked as a Professor at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, Texas teaching Bible, Theology and Counseling courses since 2005, served as Homiletics Tutor at Dallas Theological Seminary for the New Testament and Homiletics Departments from 1981-1982, serves as Assistant Pastor at Cypress Bible Church in Cypress, Texas since 2006, and worked in various other counseling and teaching venues since 1975. Dr. Cozart and his wife, Janet, have four children.

- Bachelor of Arts in Religion (1976), Claremont McKenna College
- Master of Theology in Bible Exposition (1982), Dallas Theological Seminary
- Master of Theology in Biblical and Theological Studies (2008), University of Wales
- Ph.D. in Biblical and Theological Studies (2011), University of Wales
- Ph.D. in Professional Counseling Program (*in process*), Liberty University



Dr. S. Mark Haywood, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Biblical Studies

President of The Institute for Theological Studies (ITS), Vice President of Student Services & Associate Professor of Bible Exposition at Grace School of Theology, and pastor and founder of God’s Household of Faith in Dickinson, Texas, Dr. Haywood is the former Vice President of Student Affairs and Services, Dean of Students, and Assistant Professor at the College of Biblical Studies (CBS) in Houston, Texas. Dr. Haywood is also a member of the Board of Trustees for Denver Seminary. Dr. Haywood and his wife, Jackie, have three sons - Erick, Cameron, and Mark II - and a daughter, Jacquel.

- Associate of Arts (1972), Merritt College
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare (1974), San Francisco State University
- Master of Theology in Pastoral Ministry (2002), Dallas Theological Seminary
- Juris Doctorate (1985), John F. Kennedy University School of Law



Brad Hulyk, Adjunct Faculty
Bible Certificate Instructor

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii and raised in Michigan, Brad has lived in the Houston area since 1986. A Geophysicist in the oil industry for over 30 years – primarily doing 3D seismic tomography of the earth – he and his wife, Carol, have been married since 1975 and have three sons in Texas, a daughter in California, and 3 grandchildren. Brad serves as an elder at the Fellowship at Cinco Ranch.

- Bachelor of Science in Physics (1977), University of Michigan
- Master of Science in Physics (1980), University of Michigan



Dr. K. Lynn Lewis, President, Faculty
Professor of Biblical Preaching, Church Leadership, and Spiritual Formation and Ministry

A seasoned entrepreneur with a diverse professional background in business, education, and ministry, Dr. Lewis has worked as an engineer, senior pastor, administrator, director, and CEO. An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church and an Elder and Full Member of the North Georgia Annual Conference, he has served in leadership on a number of ministry and professional boards, and served as a short-term missionary in Bolivia, Haiti, India, and Korea. Author of *“Meat and Potatoes for the Soul”*, his productions and publications include numerous articles, other books, a cable TV show, dissertation, magazines, musicals, songs, videos, and web sites. He and his wife, Wendy, have three children: Krista, Mark, and Scotty.

- B.S. in Agricultural Engineering (1985), University of Georgia
- Master of Divinity (1989), Asbury Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry (2002), Asbury Theological Seminary
- Beeson Pastor Certificate in Biblical Preaching and Church Leadership (2002), Asbury Theological Seminary



Dr. Israel Loken, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Biblical Studies

Born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Dr. Loken graduated from Lancaster Christian School in Pennsylvania in 1986, graduated Lancaster Bible College in 1990, received his Th.M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) in 1996, and a Ph.D. from DTS in 2001. He has taught at Dallas Christian College, served as a Teaching Assistant for the Bible Exposition department at DTS, served as an Adjunct Professor at DTS since 1999, and taught at the College of Biblical Studies since 2000 and where he currently serves as the Department Chair for both Bible and Theology. His Loken Exposition Commentary series includes three published volumes to date. He and wife, Kimberly, live in Tomball, Texas.

- B. S. (1990), Lancaster Bible College
- Th. M. in Bible Exposition (1996), Dallas Theological Seminary
- Ph. D. in Bible Exposition (2001), Dallas Theological Seminary



Dr. Phillip Marshall, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Biblical Languages

Assistant Professor in Christianity (Biblical Languages) at Houston Baptist University, Dr. Marshall's teaching focus (and passion) is Classical Biblical Hebrew and Hellenistic Greek. He began his undergraduate education with two years of study in Russian Language, Linguistics, and Soviet Politics at Georgetown University. He also enjoys teaching Aramaic, linguistics, and the introductory Old Testament course to new and transfer students. His areas of specialization are Hebrew and Greek grammar, the Septuagint, early Greek translations of the Hebrew Bible, textual criticism, and biblical exegesis. Dr. Marshall also serves as an Elder at Bethel Bible Fellowship in Katy, Texas. He is happily married to Cheryl and has three children: John-Phillip, Kathryn, and Andrew.

- B.A. in Biblical Studies (1995), The Master's College
- M.Div. (2000), Westminster Theological Seminary
- Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies (2007), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



Dr. Linda Pattillo, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Biblical Culture, Geography, and Languages

A career educator and missionary, after serving as a Greek Tutor and Adjunct Professor of Hebrew at Oral Roberts University, and an Adjunct Professor of Hebrew at Phillips Seminary, Dr. Pattillo spent nearly 30 years as an Itinerate Missionary for Nathan Ministries teaching biblical studies and pastoral development and spiritual formation in such diverse locales as Argentina, Bangladesh, Czechoslovakia (Slovak Republic), Latvia, Norway, Poland and various domestic locations. She has vast experience in research and study in the Holy Land, including regular research work helping present the life and teachings of Jesus in their original cultural and linguistic settings in association with Jerusalem Perspective's synoptic scholar, David Bivin. Dr. Pattillo is married to Dr. Phillip Pattillo, recently retired from BP America, and they have two children and several grandchildren.

- B.S. in Finance (1971), Louisiana State University
- Master of Arts in Biblical Literature (1983), Oral Roberts University
- Doctorate of Theology (2005), Centre for the Study of Biblical Research
- Certificates:
 - Historical Geography of Israel and the Trans-Jordan (1997), Jerusalem University College
 - Historical Geography of Palestine (1987), Educational Opportunities
 - Historical Geography of Israel (1985), Institute of Holy Land Studies



Dr. Scott Stripling, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Theology

A native Texan with a unique background in archeology, education, and ministry, Dr. Stipling serves as Department Chair of Humanities at Wharton County Junior College. He also teaches at Belhaven University and the University of Phoenix, has taught at International Bible College, Texas Southmost College/University of Brownsville, worked as Director of Development at The IDEA Academy, helped co-found and served as Principal of Covenant Christian Academy, and served as teacher and/or coach at Sugar Land Middle School, Point Isabel ISD, and James Pace High School. An active archeologist and member of the Near East Archeological Society and Association for Scientific Study of Religion Southwest, Dr. Stripling has served as Field

Supervisor of the Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project in Jordan since 2005, Field Supervisor of the Khirbet el-Maqatir since 2010, and Supervisor of the Jerusalem Temple Mount Salvage Project in Israel, among others. Author of *"The Trowel and the Truth"* and other publications, he has served on numerous community, education and ministry Boards, and political campaigns. He and his wife, Janet, have four children and two grandchildren.

- Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and English (1984), UT Pan American
- Master of Arts in English (1988), UT Pan American
- Master of Arts in Biblical Literature (1995), Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology (2006), Vision International University
- Ph. D. (ABD), Trinity Southwest University



Dr. Steve Sullivan, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Theology

A pastor for twenty years and a registered pharmacist in Texas and licensed in Oklahoma as a Doctor of Pharmacy, Dr. Sullivan currently serves as Chairman of the Ministry Skills Department and Professor at the College of Biblical Studies (CBS), Houston, Texas. He has been published in Christian periodicals, is an author of an article in the Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, wrote articles for the "Theological Dictionary" section of the Ankerberg Theological Research Institute, and is co-author of a chapter, "The Call of the Church to Community Development" in the Faith-Based Affordable Housing Development and Finance Resource Guide produced by Fannie Mae. He was awarded the Who's Who Among American Teachers in 2003, 2004 and 2005. He is a member of the Pre-Trib Study Group, Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature and Tyndale House in Cambridge. Steve and his wife, Vicki, were married in 1975 and have two children, Samuel and Andrew.

- Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (1973), University of Oklahoma
- Master of Theology (1979), Dallas Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry degrees (2000), Dallas Theological Seminary
- Ph.D. in Theological and Biblical Studies (*in process*), University of Wales Trinity St. David



Dr. Terry Teykl, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Spiritual Formation and Ministry

The Prayer Pastor at Faithbridge United Methodist Church (UMC) in Spring, Texas, Dr. Teykl has been an ordained an elder in the Texas Conference of the UMC since 1978. He served as Founding Pastor of Aldersgate UMC from 1979 to 1995. Under his leadership, Aldersgate grew from 8 to 2000 in attendance and led the conference in Professions of Faith for ten years and received several awards for evangelism. He founded Renewal Ministries in 1984 to help bring spiritual renewal to the United Methodist Church. Since 1995, he has engaged in a worldwide ministry of teaching and preaching on prayer-evangelism; conducted hundreds of seminars for local churches, Districts and Conferences of the United Methodist Church; teacher in in other denominations, Bible schools, and seminaries; preacher in several lectureships across the Globe. Author of numerous articles and nearly 20 books, he founded a prayer box ministry that has distributed thousands of prayer boxes in public places to receive prayer requests from the un-churched since 2000. He is also founder of the World Methodist Prayer Team and the Virtual Prayer Room, pioneer of some of the first Internet prayer movements, and considered the father of the prayer room movement in America as a result of starting prayer rooms in churches of numerous denominations. He serves as UMC Representative on the Denominational Prayer Leaders Network, is a

member of the National Prayer Committee, Board Member of Aldersgate Renewal Ministries, active in the city-wide Mission America prayer movement, Chaplain of KSBJ Christian radio in Houston, Texas, and founder of Pray Down at High Noon with a goal of raising up a million people worldwide who pray the Lord's Prayer at Noon every day. He and wife, Kathleen – a practicing psychotherapist in Houston, Texas – have been married since 1964 and have two sons, two daughters, and 8 grandchildren.

- Bachelor of Arts (1972), Sam Houston State University
- Master of Theology (1976), Perkins School of Theology
- Doctor of Ministry (1984), Oral Roberts University



Dr. Darrell Whiteman, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Cultural Anthropology and Missions

Recently retired as Vice-President for Missions Mobilization and Resident Missiologist of The Mission Society in Norcross, Georgia, Dr. Whiteman spent a decade training national church leaders and Mission Society missionaries worldwide. Prior to joining the Mission Society in 2005, Dr. Whiteman was a Free Methodist VISA missionary in Central Africa (1969-71) and a United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries missionary in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands (1974-84) before joining the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary in 1984, where he served as Professor of Cultural Anthropology and Dean of the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. He has authored numerous articles, several books (including “Melanesians and Missionaries”, “An Introduction to Melanesian Cultures: A Handbook for Church Workers”, and “Missionaries, Anthropologists, and Culture Change”), served as editor of *Missiology: An International Review* (1989-2002), is presently publisher for the American Society of Missiology, and serves on the board of trustees for the American Bible Society and the Overseas Ministries Study Center. He is the Founding chair of the Network of Christian Anthropologists, and has served as President of the Association of Professors of Mission, President of the International Association for Mission Studies, and President of the American Society of Missiology. He and his wife, Laurie, have two children, Geoffrey (married to Kriss), and Julie.

- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology (1970), Seattle Pacific College
- Ph.D. in Anthropology (1980), Southern Illinois University
- Harvard University’s School of Education program for Academic Deans



Blake Wilson, Adjunct Faculty
Professor of Theology

Pastor of Crossover Bible Fellowship in Houston, Texas, Wilson worked for seven years in corporate America before turning from climbing the corporate ladder to learning, loving, and serving Jesus Christ. He has served in Youth Ministry since 1994, and was formerly the Co-Director of The Center for Youth Ministry at the College of Biblical Studies where he taught for seven years. Heavily involved in curriculum development for youth and family life ministries, Blake is well known for his class entitled "The Biblical View of Sex" – which he has taught to NBA players of the New York Knicks and San Antonio Spurs. Blake shares his gifts and talents at student camps and retreats with Allan Houston and Charlie Ward, former NBA players. Blake has been married to Dr. Ronique Wilson since 1994, and the couple has two children, a daughter, Reagan Faith Abrielle Wilson and a son, Robert Chance Priest Wilson.

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (1992), Southwest Texas State University
- Master of Arts in Christian Education (2007), Dallas Theological Seminary

Fall Semester

- June 1 **Course Registration OPENS**
- July 31 **Course Registration DEADLINE**
- August 15 **PAYMENT DEADLINE**
- August 28 **Student Orientation (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon)**

September 1 **First Week** of regular classes begins (note that “Perspectives” (PER001 and MIS501) begins EARLIER, on August 18, 2015)

Bible Certificate Program						
Category	Course #	Course Name	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core	BSM001	Bible Study Methods	Wed	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Helbig
Core – Span.	MEB001A	Métodos de estudio de la Biblia	Tue	9:00 – 10:30 am	TBS 250	Heer
Core – Span.	MEB001B	Métodos de estudio de la Biblia	Wed	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 250	Heer
Core	NT003	New Testament III	Mon	6:30 – 8:30 pm	TBS 270	Haywood
Core	OT003	Old Testament III	Thu	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Loken
Elective	PER001	Perspectives on the World Christian Movement	Tue	Aug 18 – Dec 8 6:30 – 9:30 pm	Kingsland Baptist	(various)

Dual Degree Completion, Master of Arts and Master of Divinity Programs						
Program	#	Course	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core all	BSM501	Bible Study Methods Esther, Obadiah, Mark, Philemon	Tue Thu	9:00 – 10:15 am	TBS 270	Helbig
Core all	MIS501	Missions I (Perspectives on the World Chr. Mov.)	Tue	Aug 18 – Dec 8 6:30 – 9:30 pm	Kingsland Baptist	(various)
Core all	SFM501	Spiritual Formation & Ministry I/OT Survey Exodus, Numbers	Tue Thu	10:30 – 11:45 am	TBS 270	Lewis, Loken
Core all	THE501	Theology I Genesis, Gospel of John	Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:15 am	TBS270	Adamson
Elective, Core MDiv	DIS501	Discipleship I Deuteronomy, Judges, Galatians	Wed Fri	9:30 am – 10:45 am	TBS 270	Helbig

- November 23-27 **Reading Week** – Thanksgiving break, no classes
- December 11 **Last Day** of the semester

* May be offered, depending on student enrollment

Spring Semester

November 2, 2015	Course Registration OPENS
January 4, 2016	Course Registration DEADLINE
January 15	PAYMENT DEADLINE
January 19	First Bible Certificate classes begin
January 22	First day of regular semester classes begin

Bible Certificate Program						
Program	#	Course	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core	BSM001	Bible Study Methods	Tue	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Helbig
Core	NT001	New Testament I	Thu	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Marshall
Core	OT001	Old Testament I	Thu	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Helbig
Elective	ELE100	Making Sense of God and Science	Mon	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 250	Hulyk

Dual Degree Completion, Master of Arts and Master of Divinity						
Program	#	Course	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core all	BSM502	Bible Study Methods II Ruth, I and II Samuel	Tue Thu	9:00 – 10:15 am	TBS 270	Helbig
Core all	PRA501	Prayer and Worship I Leviticus , 1 & 2 Chronicles	Fri	11:00 – 12:15 am	TBS 270	Adamson, Sullivan, Teykl
Core all	SFM502	Spiritual Formation & Ministry II/NT Survey Matthew	Tue Thu	10:30 – 11:45 am	TBS 270	Lewis
Core all	THE502	Theology II Romans and Hebrews	Wed Fri	9:30 – 10:45 am	TBS270	Adamson, Sullivan
Elective, Core MDiv	SFM505	Spiritual Formation & Ministry V Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs	Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:15 am	TBS 250	Lewis

March 7-11	Reading Week – Spring break, no classes
March 25	Good Friday – no classes
May 6	Last Day of the semester
May 15	Graduation – 3:00 p.m.

Summer Semester

April 1	Course Registration OPENS
April 29	Course Registration DEADLINE
May 16	PAYMENT DEADLINE
June – August	Summer Semester – Off-campus summer intensives

* May be offered, depending on student enrollment

Accreditation

The Bible Seminary is a newer institution of higher education established in 2010. Accrediting agencies require that an institution undergo a process of preparation, application, and candidacy prior to obtaining accreditation. TBS is currently engaged in the application phase of that process with the recognized accrediting association, Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). This does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume that TRACS accredited status at present or in the future.

Students who plan to pursue denominational ordination should discuss this with their denominational leaders prior to applying to The Bible Seminary.

In April 2012, The Bible Seminary was approved for Affiliate status with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). As an Affiliate institution of ABHE, The Bible Seminary participates in and contributes to collegial and professional development activities of the Association. Affiliate status does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume ABHE accredited status at present or in the future.

Bible Certificate Program

Introduction

Our Bible Certificate program is designed to serve laity and glorify God by training believers in Jesus Christ as a community in all 66 books of the Bible in such a way that they can serve the local church and fulfill the Great Commission by the power of God's Spirit.

Classes are designed to be highly engaging and transformative, a joy and not a burden. They are taught by seminary-trained, credentialed instructors, and are more intensive than typical Bible studies, but not quite as intense as a full-level seminary class.

More than 1,000 enrollees have taken Bible Certificate courses since our first classes were offered in 2008. Ten students who graduated in December 2011 were the first to complete the Bible Certificate program.

If you are or aspire to be a local church leader, Bible Certificate training can help:

- Transform your perspective of the Bible as a whole through an in-depth study of scripture, including its historical and theological context across both Old and New Testaments and the course of human history.
- Provide a strong foundation for teaching adults, youth, and children in your own local church.
- Prepare you to be a more effective Christian leader in your home and family, church, community, and even in your career.
- Engage you in a shared community of advanced learning with highly skilled instructors and passionate co-learners.
- Bolster your confidence for serving in ministry and as a ministry leader.

Courses

The purpose of the Bible Certificate courses is to offer students the opportunity to study all 66 books of the Bible in a dynamic environment under the leadership of professionally trained biblical scholars.

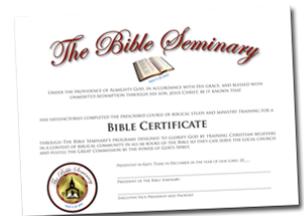
The program currently includes 7 required courses and several elective courses, typically taught during a semester once per week on weeknights from 6:30 – 8:15 pm.

Some courses last as few as ten weeks and one as many as sixteen. One course (*Bible Study Methods*) is a preferred prerequisite and is offered every semester. Another course (*Perspectives On the World Christian Movement*) is taught at least once per year. Others are typically taught once every third or fourth semester.

Bible Certificate courses are not typically eligible for transfer as college credit, but do earn students a certificate of completion for each course.

One credit hour is granted per course. Students who complete the seven *Required* courses outlined below, plus at least one *Elective* – for a total of 8 credit hours – will receive an official Bible Certificate of completion from The Bible Seminary.

Most students only take one course per semester, meaning that students who participate in sequential semesters without a break can finish the series in four years.



Required Courses

Bible Study Methods

This course is designed to teach students how to study the Bible through the process of observation, interpretation and application, and is a prerequisite for all other Bible Institute courses.

Old Testament I

A study of the books from Genesis to Judges. Students follow the history of God's relationship with his people with a focus on the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants. This class demonstrates the importance of knowing the Old Testament in order to comprehend Jesus and the New Testament.

Old Testament II

This course covers the historical books of Ruth through II Kings 17 and the wisdom books of Psalms and Proverbs plus the prophets Hosea, Amos, Jonah, and Nahum. Students learn how the most powerful nation of its time was torn in two, and then discuss how the Northern Kingdom ended up exiled by the Assyrian Empire.

Old Testament III

A historical and prophetic study of the nation of Israel following the exile and destruction of the Southern Kingdom by the nation of Babylon. Special attention is given to prophecy that relates to ancient Israel, Jesus, and end times.

New Testament I

The Gospels: This course explores the person and work of Jesus Christ with attention given to the specific presentation and purpose of each Gospel writer.

New Testament II

Acts and the Pauline Epistles: This course provides a detailed look at the argument and message of each of these books. Special emphasis is placed on connecting the book of Acts to the Pauline Epistles.

New Testament III

A study on books Hebrews through Revelation: This critical study connects Hebrews to the book of Leviticus, and explores some practical realities of pastoral ministry. Finally, students look intently at the book of Revelation and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

Electives

Holy Land: *Tour Preparation*

Designed for anyone interested in a trip to Holy Land and who wants to get the most out of their experience. This course provides an excellent review of places and events in the Bible with correlations to modern day locations. Highly recommended for anyone planning to go on a trip to the Holy Land.

Making Sense of God and Science

A fascinating journey exploring time and Scripture from a geological and scientific perspective that considers facts vs. fiction and does not require students to check their brains, or faith, at the door.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

A 16-week, nondenominational course that utilizes dynamic instructors from around the world, interactive learning experiences, and creative demonstrations to present the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic aspects of fulfilling the Great Commission. Visit katyperspectives.com for more information.

Soul Care: *Equipping Spiritual Caregivers*

For persons who want to help others recognize how the Bible applies to the daily challenges of life. Emphasizing practical ways to advise others and how to offer hope to those who long for encouragement, topics include: 1) Qualifications of a Christian caregiver; 2) The Bible's role in advising; 3) Goals of Christian caregiving; 4) Using Scripture to address common problems; 5) Understanding disorders from a biblical perspective; and 6) Biblical tools for Christian caregivers.

World Missions: *Extending God's Kingdom*

A sweeping review of the understanding of Christian missions. From Genesis to Revelation, students engage Scripture and contemporary authors to better understand God's plan to extend His Kingdom.

Registration

Participation in Bible Certificate classes does *not* require an application, but does require registration. There are no entrance requirements or admissions pre-requisites.

To review and register for upcoming Bible Certificate classes, please visit www.TheBibleSeminary.org and click on "Academics – Bible Certificate – Registration".

Master of Arts Program

Master of Arts Introduction

The Master of Arts (M.A.) curriculum integrates an in-depth study of the Bible with basic historical, theological and practical disciplines critical to developing professional skills for ministry in the 21st century.



The program includes a sequence of 16 CORE and 4 ELECTIVE 3-credit hour courses – totaling 60 degree program hours – designed to cover all 66 books of the Bible over a 2-year course of study offered during two standard semesters per year.

Students may select elective options that provide additional study and training in subjects of their choice. Elective options can be combined with the core requirements to structure a Master of Arts major in a single or combined subjects. For example, students may graduate with a:

- Master of Arts in Biblical Languages
- Master of Arts in Biblical Studies
- Master of Arts in Christian Ministry
- Master of Arts in Missions and Evangelism
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership
- Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation

The M.A. program is available for both FULL-TIME students (registered for 9 or more credit hours per semester) and PART-TIME students. Auditing may be available for some courses on a limited basis.

Program Objectives and Learning Outcomes

There are three objectives and student learning outcomes for this program that also permeates every course. They are:

1. The seminary will teach, and the student will understand and be able to exposit and explain all the book(s) of the Bible covered in program in addition to the specific book(s) of the Bible for a specific course.
2. The seminary will teach, and the student will become equipped to utilize the Master of Arts discipline(s) associated with the program and each course in work and life.
3. The seminary will teach and the student will come to understand how the 7 core values of The Bible Seminary impact their program, courses, life, and future work.

Standard Program Schedule of Courses

First Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
BSM501: Bible Study Methods I – Esther, Obadiah, Mark, Philemon	3	BSM502: Bible Study Methods II – Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel	3
THE501: Theology I - Genesis, Gospel of John	3	THE502: Theology II - Romans, Hebrews	3
MIS501: Missions I - (Perspectives on the World Christian Movement)	3	PRA501: Prayer and Worship I - Leviticus, 1 & 2 Chronicles	3
SFM501: Spiritual Formation & Ministry I/OT Survey – Exodus, Numbers	3	SFM502: Spiritual Formation & Ministry II/NT Survey - Matthew	3
<i>(Elective)</i>	3	<i>(Elective)</i>	3
Total Hours = 15		Total Hours = 15	

Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PAS501: Pastor-Shepherd I - Job, Jeremiah, Lamentations	3	APO501: Apologetics - Proverbs, James, 1 John	3
PAS511: Pastor-Leader I - Titus, 1 & 2 Kings	3	PRE501: Expository Preaching I - Isaiah	3
THE503: Theology III - 1 & 2 Corinthians; 1 & 2 Timothy	3	THE504: Theology IV - Joel, Daniel, Revelation	3
THE511: Church History I - Acts	3	THE512: Church History II - (Holy Land Trip)	3
<i>(Elective)</i>	3	<i>(Elective)</i>	3
Total Hours = 15		Total Hours = 15	

Cumulative Total = 60 Hours (20 courses)

Course sequence – Although the above schedule indicates a standard design sequence for Master of Arts students, most courses are independently self-contained and can be taken in any order.

Course sequence – Although the above schedule indicates the preferred design sequence for Master of Divinity students, other than language courses, most courses are independently self-contained and can be taken in any order.

Master of Arts Degree Program (by field of study)

Hermeneutics	
BSM501: Bible Study Methods I – Esther, Obadiah, Mark, Philemon	3
BSM502: Bible Study Methods II – Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel	3
History and Theology	
THE501: Theology I – Genesis, Gospel of John	3
THE502: Theology II – Romans, Hebrews	3
THE503: Theology III – 1 & 2 Corinthians; 1 & 2 Timothy	3
THE504: Theology IV – Joel, Daniel, Revelation	3
THE510: Church History – Acts	3
THE511: Church History II – (incorporates Holy Land Study Tour)	3
Missions and Evangelism	
APO501: Apologetics – Proverbs, James, 1 John	3
MIS501: Missions I – Perspectives on the World Christian Movement	3
Pastoral Leadership	
PAS501: Pastor-Shepherd I – Job, Jeremiah, Lamentations	3
PAS511: Pastor-Leader I – Titus, 1 & 2 Kings	3
Preaching and Teaching	
PRE501: Expository Preaching I – Isaiah	3
Spiritual Formation and Ministry	
PRA501: Prayer & Worship I – Leviticus, 1 & 2 Chronicles	3
SFM501: Spiritual Formation & Ministry I/OT Survey – Exodus, Numbers	3
SFM502: Spiritual Formation & Ministry II/NT Survey – Matthew	3
Total CORE courses =	48
ELECTIVE Courses (Minimum required = 12 hours)	
Languages	
GRK501: Greek Language I – Jude, 2 & 3 John	3
GRK502: Greek Language II – 1 Peter	3
HEB501: Hebrew Language I – Jonah, Nahum	3
HEB502: Hebrew Language II – Micah, Malachi	3
Missions and Evangelism	
DIS501: Discipleship – Deuteronomy, Judges, Galatians	3
MIS502: Missions II – Hosea, Amos, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah	3
MIS503: Evangelism/Church Planting – 2 Peter	3
Pastoral Leadership	
PAS502: Pastor-Shepherd II – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians	3
PAS512: Pastor-Leader II – Joshua, Ezra, Nehemiah	3
Preaching and Teaching	
PRE502: Expository Preaching II – 1 & 2 Thessalonians	3
Spiritual Formation and Ministry	
PRA502: Prayer & Worship II - Luke, Psalms II	3
SFM503: Spiritual Formation & Ministry III – Psalms I	3
SFM505: Spiritual Formation & Ministry V – Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes (Career Placement)	3
SFM506: Spiritual Formation & Ministry VI – Ezekiel	3
Total ELECTIVE course options =	42

Master of Divinity Program

Master of Divinity Introduction

The Master of Divinity (M. Div.) curriculum integrates an in-depth study of the Bible with the standard historical, theological and practical disciplines critical to developing professional skills for ministry in the 21st century.

The program includes a sequence of 32 different 3-credit hour courses – totaling 96 degree program hours – that are designed to teach all 66 books of the Bible over a typical 3-year course of study offered during two standard semesters per year, plus summer intensives. An additional intensive may be necessary to satisfy denominational requirements.

The current academic schedule includes weekday options Tuesday through Friday mornings, and we are beginning to add some weekday evening course options.

Generally, some courses meet twice per week (usually Tuesday and Thursday) for one hour and fifteen minutes per session, while others meet only once per week in a three-hour time block. The earliest start time for morning classes is 8:00 am and the latest finish is 12:15 pm. Evening classes usually meet from 6:00-9:00 pm.

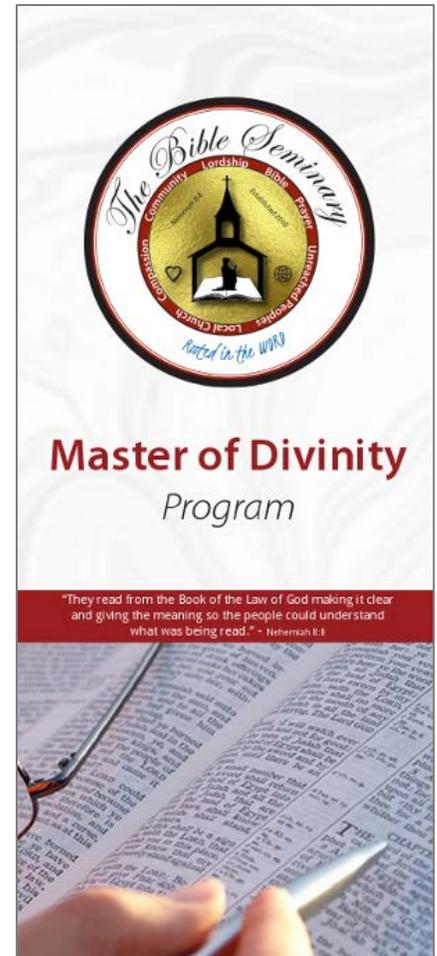
Most courses are currently offered at least once every two years, and we expect to offer every M. Div. course every year by 2015-16.

Although FULL-TIME students (registered for 9 or more credit hours per semester) receive scheduling priority for all classes, we welcome PART-TIME students. Auditing is available for some courses on a limited basis.

Program Objectives and Learning Outcomes

There are three objectives and student learning outcomes for this program that also permeates every course. They are:

1. The seminary will teach, and the student will understand and be able to exposit and explain all the book(s) of the Bible covered in program in addition to the specific book(s) of the Bible for a specific course.
2. The seminary will teach, and the student will become equipped to utilize the Master of Divinity discipline(s) associated with the program and each course in work and life.
3. The seminary will teach and the student will come to understand how the 7 core values of The Bible Seminary impact their program, courses, life, and future work.



Standard Program Schedule of Courses

M. Div. Degree Schedule – First Year			
Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I	
BSM501: Bible Study Methods I – Esther, Obadiah, Mark, Philemon	3	BSM502: Bible Study Methods II – Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel	3
THE501: Theology I – Genesis, Gospel of John	3	THE502: Theology II – Romans, Hebrews	3
HEB501: Hebrew I – Jonah, Nahum	3	HEB502: Hebrew II – Micah, Malachi	3
MIS501: Missions I – (Perspectives on the World Chr. Movement)	3	PRA501: Prayer and Worship I – Leviticus, 1 & 2 Chronicles	3
SFM501: Spiritual Formation & Ministry I/OT Survey – Exodus, Numbers	3	SFM502: Spiritual Formation & Ministry II/NT Survey – Matthew	3
Total Hours =	15	Total Hours =	15
INT501: Summer I Intensive – Cross-cultural missions experience (3 hours)			
First Year Total = 33 Hours (Cumulative Total = 33 Hours)			
M. Div. Degree Schedule – Second Year			
Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
PAS501: Pastor-Shepherd I – Job, Jeremiah, Lamentations	3	Pastor-Shepherd II – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians	3
THE503: Theology III – 1 & 2 Corinthians; 1 & 2 Timothy	3	THE504: Theology IV – Joel, Daniel, Revelation	3
THE511: Church History – Acts	3	THE512: Church History II – (Holy Land Trip)	3
GRK501: Greek Language I – Jude, 2 & 3 John	3	GRK502: Greek Language II – 1 Peter	3
SFM503: Spiritual Formation & Ministry III – Psalms	3	PRE501: Expository Preaching I – Isaiah	3
Total Hours =	15	Total Hours =	15
INT502: Summer II Intensive – Vocational Ministry Experience (3 hours)			
Second Year Total = 33 Hours (Cumulative Total = 66 Hours)			
M. Div. Degree Schedule – Third Year			
Fall Semester III		Spring Semester III	
PRE502: Expository Preaching II – 1 & 2 Thessalonians	3	MIS503: Evangelism/Church Planting – 2 Peter	3
DIS501: Discipleship I – Deuteronomy, Judges, Galatians	3	APO501: Apologetics – Proverbs, James, 1 John	3
PAS511: Pastor-Leader I – Titus, 1 & 2 Kings	3	PAS512: Pastor-Leader II – Joshua, Ezra, Nehemiah	3
PRA502: Prayer and Worship II – Luke, Psalms II	3	MIS502: Missions II – Hosea, Amos, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah	3
SFM505: Spiritual Formation & Ministry V – Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Career Placement)	3	SFM506: Spiritual Formation & Ministry VI – Ezekiel	3
Total Hours =	15	Total Hours =	15
Third Year Total = 33 Hours (Cumulative Total = 96 Hours)			

Course sequence – Although the above schedule indicates the preferred design sequence for Master of Divinity students, other than language courses, most courses are independently self-contained and can be taken in any order.

All Graduate Program Courses (M.A. and M.Div.)

LANGUAGES			
GRK501: Greek I	3 hours	Jude, 2 & 3 John	Basic principles of biblical Greek and its grammar, utilizing Jude, Philemon, and 2 & 3 John as exhibits.
GRK502: Greek II	3 hours	1 Peter	The courses expands on the teaching of Greek I, including advanced principles in grammar and syntax of the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: Greek I.
HEB501: Hebrew I	3 hours	Jonah, Nahum	Basic principles of biblical Hebrew and its grammar, utilizing Jonah and Nahum as exhibits.
HEB502: Hebrew II	3 hours	Micah, Malachi	The courses expands on the teaching of Hebrew I, including advanced principles in grammar and syntax of the Hebrew Old Testament. Prerequisite: Hebrew I.
HERMENEUTICS			
BSM501: Bible Study Methods I	3 hours	Esther, Obadiah, Mark, Philemon	Introduction to hermeneutics (i.e. biblical interpretation), with Mark, Ruth, Esther, and Obadiah serving as biblical books to interpret.
BMS502: Bible Study Methods II	3 hours	Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel	The course expands on Bible Study Methods I by examining advanced methods of hermeneutics, with additional experience gained by studying 1 and 2 Samuel.
THEOLOGY			
THE501: Theology I	3 hours	Genesis, Gospel of John	An introduction to the doctrines of Scripture and God using an expositional study of Genesis and John as formative texts.
THE502: Theology II	3 hours	Romans, Hebrews	Introduces students to the doctrines of man, sin, the sovereignty of God, and salvation, with an expositional study of Romans and Hebrews.
THE503: Theology III	3 hours	1 & 2 Corinthians, 1 & 2 Timothy	Discusses the person and works of Christ and the Holy Spirit, as well as the doctrines of sanctification, sacraments and the church, with the books of Corinthians and Timothy as primary texts of investigation.
THE504: Theology IV	3 hours	Joel, Daniel, Revelation	Provides a capstone review of theology and God's covenants culminating in a survey of the doctrine of the end times. Joel, Daniel, and Revelation will provide the basis for this study.
THE511: Church History I	3 hours	Acts	A study of the history of the church from the beginning of the Christian era through Medieval times and the needs for reform. An expositional study of Acts will be conducted.
THE512: Church History II	3 hours	(incorporates into discussions Holy Land Study Tour)	Church history from the Reformation to present day. Also, includes a two-week journey to the Holy Land with your study peers and professors (and spouse, if applicable).
MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM			
MIS501: Missions I	3 hours	(Perspectives on the World Christian Movement)	Biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic perspectives on the world Christian movement.

MIS502: Missions II	3 hours	Hosea, Amos, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah	Training in ministries of compassion and justice for the poor, overlooked, and the forgotten, as well as advanced studies in anthropology and missiology. Six minor prophets will be explicated and investigated during the course.
MIS503: Evangelism and Church Planting	3 hours	2 Peter	Training for evangelism and church planting, as well as an expositional investigation into the Gospel of Matthew.
DIS501: Discipleship I	3 hours	Deuteronomy, Judges, Galatians	Basic principles of personal discipleship in a ministry context are discussed as well as a study of Deuteronomy and Judges.
APO501: Apologetics	3 hours	Proverbs, James, 1 John	Receive training in apologetics and its methods using an expositional study of Proverbs, James, and 1 John as foundations.
PREACHING			
PRE501: Expository Preaching I	3 hours	Isaiah	Basic principles of expository preaching and teaching are introduced, and studied under the guidance of an investigation of Isaiah.
PRE502: Expository Preaching II	3 hours	1 & 2 Thessalonians	Advanced principles of expository preaching and teaching and illustrating sermons are covered, with additional investigation of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Prerequisite: Expository Preaching I.
PASTORAL LEADERSHIP			
PAS501: Pastor-Shepherd I	3 hours	Job, Jeremiah, Lamentations	Receive training in the basic principles of pastoral care and counseling, while conducting a detailed study of Job, Jeremiah, and Lamentations.
PAS502: Pastor-Shepherd II	3 hours	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians	Receive advanced pastoral care and counseling instruction, including training for weddings, funerals, hospital visitation, and crisis situations. Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians are studied extensively in this course.
PAS511: Pastor-Leader I	3 hours	Titus, 1 & 2 Kings	Instruction in the basic principles of leadership in ministry, including an expositional investigation of Titus and 1 & 2 Kings.
PAS512: Pastor-Leader II	3 hours	Joshua, Ezra, Nehemiah	Advanced leadership training in ministry including budgeting, staffing, hiring, firing, finances, fundraising, church government, and conflict resolution. This course expounds Joshua, Ezra, and Nehemiah.
SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MINISTRY			
PRA501: Prayer and Worship I	3 hours	Leviticus, 1 & 2 Chronicles	Training in personal prayer, intercessory prayer, spiritual warfare, and prayer ministry.
PRA502: Prayer and Worship II	3 hours	Gospel of Luke, Psalms II	Advanced training in prayer and worship ministry.
SFM501: Spiritual Formation and Ministry I	3 hours	Exodus	Serves as an introduction and overview of the Old Testament with Exodus as the primary text. This course requires students to conduct a minimum of 5 hours of ministry per week and debrief that ministry together with peers and a professor.

SFM502: Spiritual Formation and Ministry II	3 hours	Numbers	Serves as an introduction and overview of the New Testament with additional study of Numbers. This course requires the student to conduct a minimum of 5 hours of ministry per week and debrief that ministry together with peers and a professor.
SFM503: Spiritual Formation and Ministry III	3 hours	Psalms I	Personal spiritual formation in a small group environment. The student will conduct a minimum of 5 hours of ministry per week and debrief that ministry together with peers and a professor.
SFM505: Spiritual Formation and Ministry V	3 hours	Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	Begin the process of vocational ministry career placement, and continuing to focus on personal spiritual formation in a small group environment. The student will conduct a minimum of 5 hours of ministry per week and debrief that ministry together with peers and a professor.
SFM506: Spiritual Formation and Ministry VI	3 hours	Ezekiel	Personal spiritual formation in a small group environment. The student will conduct a minimum of 5 hours of ministry per week and debrief that ministry together with peers and a professor.
SUMMER INTENSIVES			
INT501: Summer Intensive I	3 hours	Cross-Cultural Ministry Experience	Cross-cultural ministry experience (whether overseas or in an urban setting) in order to gain a heart for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.
INT502: Summer Intensive II	3 hours	Vocational Ministry Experience	Vocational ministry experience through a summer ministry job in a church or para-church setting in order to gain additional practical ministry training.
INT503: Summer Intensive III	3 hours	Denominational Track	Upon special permission, a denominational studies (theology, history, polity) for a M.Div. student seeking ordination in a particular denominational setting can be constructed.

Dual Degree Completion Program

The “Dual Degree Completion Program” allows students with an associate’s degree or significant coursework toward an uncompleted undergraduate degree, and life experiences that may count toward college credit to enroll in The Bible Seminary on a degree track resulting in both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree.

Students who successfully complete this program will have earned a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies (B.A.), and either a companion Master of Arts (M.A.) or a Master of Divinity (M. Div.) degree.

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies is customized for each student to incorporate previous college coursework (such as a 60-credit Associate degree), prior learning assessments, additional college studies, and TBS core graduate courses that can serve as dual bachelor/master credits.

Details

- TBS only offers a combined B.A./M.A. or B.A./M.Div. – or a separate M.A. or M. Div. – but not a B.A. only. All required undergraduate courses are taken at other institutions, as TBS only teaches graduate level courses.
- The combined degree can be completed in as few as two (2) or three (3) years for some full-time students. Additional time may be required for students who have not satisfied all of the non-TBS degree requirements.
- To graduate with a B.A., students must earn approximately 120 credit hours as follows:
 - 30 credits: General Education (non-TBS)
 - 15 credits: Bible and Christian studies (non-TBS)
 - 45 credits: Electives (non-TBS)
Can be fulfilled by any combination of prior learning assessments, CLEP, and competency assessments obtained from the TRACS approved Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, such as Learning Counts (Learningcounts.org), and/or other college work.
 - 30 credits: TBS core courses
- Accepted students may enroll in our current graduate program, without any modifications, and transfer in or work on the side to complete any non-TBS credit hour bachelor’s degree requirements at other colleges or universities.
- Students who complete the program will have completed a combined total of approximately 150 credit hours for a B.A./M.A. degree, or 186 credit hours for the B.A./M.Div. degree.
- Students receive both degrees together *after* all requirements are completed for BOTH the undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- The customized degree may require that students take courses from other colleges or universities. Tuition for any of these additional college courses and prior learning assessments outside of TBS and required to complete the bachelor’s degree are the direct responsibility of the student.
- Students enrolling in the program are responsible for applying, registering, enrolling, and transferring in credits from other schools and prior learning organizations, such as LearningCounts.org with respect to non-TBS undergraduate degree requirements.

- This type of combined degree structure conforms to the guidelines found in various accrediting agencies, including ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education), ATS (Association of Theological Schools), SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), and TRACS (Transnational Association of Christian Schools).
- Tuition and fees for undergraduate credits and graduate credits are the same.
- Financial aid through the TBS Student Scholarship Fund may be available to help fund the dual-credit and Master's level program components offered by TBS. See "Financial Aid" resources for more information.

Dual Degree Completion *Program Outline*

General Education	Minimum Credits	Comments
English Composition	6	
College Algebra	3	
Natural Science	3	Chemistry, Biology, Physics, etc.
Finance	3	Economics, Accounting, etc.
History and Civilization	6	American, Western, World, etc.
Sociology	3	Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, etc.
Literature	3	English, Western, etc.
Communications	3	Speech, Print, etc.
<i>General Education Total =</i>	30	
Bible and Christian Studies	Minimum Credits	Comments
OT Survey	3	
NT Survey	3	
Basic Christian Doctrine	3	
World Religions	3	
Cultural Studies	3	Philosophy, Culture, Worldview, etc.
<i>Bible and Christian Studies Total =</i>	15	
Electives	Minimum Credits	Comments
<i>Electives Total =</i>	45	Can be any combination of other college courses and/or, CLEP, competency assessments, or prior learning assessments obtained from CAEL LearningCounts.org
Combined B.A./Master's Courses	Minimum Credits	Comments
Bible Study Methods	6	TBS: BSM501 and BSM502
Theology	12	TBS: THE501, THE502, THE503, and THE504
Church History	6	TBS: THE510, THE511
Spiritual Formation & Ministry	6	TBS: SFM501, SFM502
<i>Combined B.A./Master's Courses Total =</i>	30	
Total Undergraduate (B.A.) Credits =	120	
<i>Additional Master of Arts Credits =</i>	+ 30	(See Master of Arts program overview)
Total Combined B.A./M.A. credits =	150	
Or		
<i>Additional Master of Divinity Credits =</i>	+ 66	(See Master of Divinity program overview)
Total Combined B.A./M. Div. credits =	186	

M.A. and M. Div. Distinctives

BEST PRACTICES TOURS

On-site visits to successful churches and ministries, and in-depth interactions with key leaders.

EDUCATIONAL IMMERSIONS

- Experience perspectives of the universe and the wonder of creation.
- Experience life as a shepherd, a fisherman, a farmer, and more.
- Experience components of the culture of the Old Testament sacrificial system.
- Experience psychological assessment(s) and explore elements of emotional, mental, and physical life through interactions with various professionals.
- Experience the dynamics of interpersonal relationships related to love and sacrifice, temptation and sin, forgiveness and emotional healing, and more.
- Experience leadership and administration through interactions with executive leaders in business, education, government, and ministry.
- Experience elemental ministry practices related to baptism, communion, funerals, weddings and more.

HOLY LAND TRIP

Built into the program, typically in January of a full-time M. Div. student's second year, this experience is a multi-week, on-site educational tour of Israel and other sites mentioned in the Bible.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Entertainment, retreats, trips, tours, and world-class guest speakers.

VOCATIONAL MINISTRY SERVICE

Regular and special ministry activities and leadership involvement in Katy and Houston-area congregations and ministry organizations.

CAREER SHEPHERDING

Graduate with a strong team of mentors and experienced leaders available to journey with you and provide a personal, critical support network throughout your ministry career.

M.A. and M. Div. General Information

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The Bible Seminary's standard academic calendar includes one Fall Semester (typically September through December), one Spring Semester (typically January through May), and one Summer Intensive (typically June through August).

CLASS SCHEDULES

Semester classes for the M.A. and M.Div. programs are generally held weekdays Tuesday through Friday. Most 3-credit hour classes meet twice per week throughout a semester, although some courses may occasionally be held in one week or longer condensed intensives. The Summer Intensives typically include one 3-credit hour course stretched across the entire summer, although shorter full-time intensives are allowed on a case by case basis.

COURSE LOAD

The Bible Seminary accepts full-time, part-time students, and audit students for most M.A. and M. Div. classes, with some limitations, according to the definitions below. The standard course load for full-time students is 15 hours per Fall and Spring semester, and 3 hours per Summer term.

- **Full-time** (9 or more credit hours per semester) – Students accepted, registered, paying according to a full-tuition schedule, and attending 9 or more credit hours per Fall or Spring semester and 3 credit hours for Summer terms.
- **Part-time** (8 or less credit hours per semester) – Students accepted, registered, paying according to a part-time tuition schedule, and attending less than 9 credit hours per Fall or Spring semester and less than 3 credit hours for Summer terms.
- **Audit** – Students registered, paying according to audit tuition schedule, and attending 3 or more credit hours per term. The number of students allowed to audit a course may vary per course in accordance with the class structure and provision(s) offered by the professor(s).

COURSE WORK

Each standard 3-credit hour course at the Master's level typically requires an additional five (5) to seven (7) hours of work per week outside of class. Full-time students should expect to spend approximately 40 hours per week engaged in classes and course study and preparation.

CREDIT HOUR

One credit hour at The Bible Seminary is equivalent to a minimum of 750 minutes of formalized instruction. Instruction may include classroom instruction, exams, experiential learning (such as internships), field trips, hybrid instruction, online instruction (timed and reported), scheduled formal reading and study sessions, supervised individual instruction and/or team projects, and workshop instruction.

Typically, out-of-class assignments average twice the amount of formalized instruction (1,500 minutes per credit hour).

Most courses at The Bible Seminary are designed based on a total 60-minute session that includes 50-minutes of instruction and a 10-minute break. Our standard course designs for a 3-credit hour course are based on a 15-week semester that includes a reading week and final exam week and 13-weeks of:

- Two weekly sessions of one hour and fifteen minutes each = 3 hours minus three 10-minute breaks
- One weekly session of two and half hours = 3 hours minus three 10-minute breaks

CREDIT TRANSFERS

The Bible Seminary (TBS) is open to considering the eligibility of credits earned at other educational institutions toward course and program requirements at TBS.

- Credits earned at regionally accredited institutions of higher education are preferred for consideration. Credits from unaccredited institutions may be considered on a case by case basis.
- No more than 33 hours of credit may be transferred into the TBS M. Div. program, and 15 for the M.A. program.
- Credits applied must have a comparable match with the student's course work and/or degree program at TBS.
- Assessment of credit eligibility may be determined in accordance with standards used by the National Course Atlas (www.courseatlas.com) or other acceptable comparison resources.
- Credit(s) earned at an undergraduate level are not eligible for transfer toward a graduate program.
- Credit applied previously to another degree, or credits deemed outdated (typically more than 10 years old), are not eligible for transfer.
- The grade received in the course must be equivalent to a C (2.0) or higher at TBS. Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit courses will not be transferred.
- Credit transfers do not include the course grade, but only the credit hours. Thus, transferred credits do not count toward a student's overall GPA at TBS.
- For institutions that utilize another form of academic credit (quarter hours/units/trimesters) besides 15-week semesters, transferred credit(s) will be converted into semester hours.
- Students desiring to transfer credits must request that their school(s) submit an official transcript to TBS for evaluation. In some cases, a school catalog and/or course syllabus will also need to be submitted to assist in determining credit transfer eligibility.
- Notification of assessment to students will include the course(s) eligibility (Yes or No), any equivalency to TBS credit(s) and a determination of credits assigned toward a student's program of study at TBS, as well as any relevant notes.
- Verification of eligible credits and associated documentation must be kept on record in the student's official file at TBS.
- Assessment of credit transfer eligibility and final determinations are made by the office of the Provost. Reconsideration of denied credit may be requested on appeal to the Provost, but only after submitting full documentation and a formal case for appeal for each credit requested. Appeals will be decided and the student notified, typically, within 30 days of submission.
- Current TBS students considering taking a course from another institution to apply toward required program credit at TBS should submit a request for consideration of potential eligibility to the Provost *prior* to taking a course. Completion of a course anticipated to be eligible, but not confirmed in writing prior to taking, may or may not be approved. Upon completion of a pre-approved course, the student must request that the school(s) submit an official transcript to TBS for final verification, and final approval must be documented, filed, and the student notified as outlined above.

Course Exemption

In some cases, students may request exemption from required courses based on previous course work completed at another school, or based on relevant, verifiable life experience. However, exemption does not necessarily equal a transfer of credit. As such, alternate courses may need to be taken to make up the total number of credit hours required for a degree. Students desiring exemption should submit all pertinent documentation and a formal request in writing to the Provost.

Transferability Disclosure

Educational institutions are autonomous in determining policies for transfer of credit. Since transfer of credit is controlled by receiving institutions, TBS does not guarantee transfer of credits either to or from another educational institution. Students should thoroughly examine the policies of other schools to which they may wish to apply in the future regarding the potential acceptance, or non-acceptance, of credit(s) or a degree from TBS.

M.Div. STUDENT CLASSIFICATIONS

- *Juniors* – First-year students with 0-32 credit hours
- *Middlers* – Second-year students with 33-65 credit hours
- *Seniors* – Third-year students with 66+ credit hours

ENROLLMENT STATUS

- *Enrolled* – All students accepted into the Master of Divinity program and actively enrolled in specific course(s) will be considered enrolled, with one of the following qualifications:
 - *In good standing*: All admissions materials have been received and student meets all preliminary requirements for the intended degree.
 - *With Provision*: Noted when a student's file lacks an official document, or when a student does not meet a preferred preliminary requirement for the intended degree. Provision is removed when a student's file is complete, or student meets criteria noted by the Admissions Team relative to the provision.
 - *On Probation*: Noted when a student has a below preferred minimum GPA, but may also relate to other circumstances as designated by the TBS Admissions Team or Administration.
- *Non-enrollment*- Students not enrolled in any class(es) for a period of one-year from the date of last enrollment will be inactivated, except under special, pre-approved circumstances as noted below. Inactive students will be required to reapply for admission.
 - *Medical Leave* – Provisions can be made for students with documented medical or psychological circumstances to maintain their acceptance status during leave without requiring reapplication for admission. This must be documented by appropriate professionals, and conditions of leave must be mutually agreed upon between the student and registrar and must be pre-approved by the seminary registrar, except in sudden emergency cases.
 - *Military Leave* – Similar provisions noted above can be made for students in military service.
 - *Limitation on Term of Leave* – Leave lasting longer than two years may require reapplication.
- *Delinquent payments* – Students with delinquent payments may jeopardize their official status as enrolled students, including being dropped from a course or courses, and withdrawn for non-payment from the program altogether. Students withdrawn for non-payment and who desire to continue to study at The Bible Seminary must reapply for admission and reconsideration.

DEGREE COMPLETION PARAMETERS

Full-time students can expect to complete the 96-hour Master of Divinity program in three (3) years. Students will be allowed up to ten (10) years from the date of first enrolment to complete the program.

Full-time students can expect to complete the 60-hour Master of Arts program in two (3) years. Students will be allowed up to seven (7) years from the date of first enrolment to complete the program.

GRADING

The seminary uses the following grading system based on a 4.0 scale:

Letter	Minimum Points	Grade Points	Comments
A+	97.00	4.00	Excellent
A	94.00	3.75	
A-	90.00	3.50	
B+	87.00	3.25	
B	84.00	3.00	Satisfactory
B-	80.00	2.75	
C+	77.00	2.50	
C	74.00	2.25	Acceptable, but below standards
C-	70.00	2.00	
D+	68.00	1.50	
D	65.00	1.00	Sub-par performance
D-	62.00	0.80	
F	0.00	0.00	Fail, no credit
CR			Credit
NC			No credit
AUD			Audit
WD			Withdrawn
IP			In progress
I			Incomplete

ACADEMIC STANDING

TBS defines “Good Academic Standing” as having a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 for all course work, satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements, and a reasonable expectation of successfully completing the degree program.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The seminary process of learning and discipleship comes from reading and studying in conjunction with meeting regularly with classmates, faculty, and other professionals. The Bible Seminary expects students to attend all regularly scheduled classes. Excused absences caused by illness or other justifiable reasons may be permitted by instructors to a limited extent. Students may not accrue more unexcused absences than the number of course credit hours (e.g., three unexcused absences for a 3-credit course) without a resultant reduction of course grade or possible removal from the course. Unexcused absences may also result in the student being placed on academic probation.

COURSE REPETITION

Students who receive a passing grade in a course are not allowed to repeat the course for credit. Students who fail a course by receiving an “F” (Fail) may repeat the course for credit, and the failing grade from the first attempt only can be converted to a “NC” (No Credit) and not included in the calculation of the student’s cumulative grade point average. Grades from all subsequent attempts following the first one will be included in calculating grade point averages.

INCOMPLETE WORK

A student may receive an "I" (Incomplete) in a course if all work for that course is not submitted to the professor or other designated person by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of Final Exam week each semester. Except for unavoidable emergencies, this circumstance requires pre-approval from the professor and the Registrar. Students will generally have up to the end of ten (10) weeks into the following semester to complete the work, or the "I" (Incomplete) will be converted to an "F" (Fail). Students with an active "I" (Incomplete) in two or more classes will not be allowed to enroll in a new semester.

PROBATION

- *New Students* – Students admitted on academic probation may be removed from probation following successful completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours and earning a minimum of a cumulative 2.00 grade point average.
- *Existing Students* – Current students may be placed on academic probation if the cumulative grade point average slips below 2.00 – the standard threshold for consideration for graduation with a Master of Divinity degree. Probationary status may require a student to take a reduced workload. Students on Probationary status for more than two consecutive terms will be dropped from seminary enrollment.

The Bible Seminary Graduate Student Technology

Full-time students enrolled in The Bible Seminary's Master's degree graduate programs are eligible to apply for scholarship funds for student technology resources. Provided to help students with coursework, the resources can also help students graduate equipped, trained, and ready for action.

Resources include a subscription to Logos Bible Software, which is typically delivered to eligible students by their first week of class. Training is provided throughout the student's seminary experience through classes and special training sessions.

Any technology resources provided by the seminary for student use is considered "on loan" while students are enrolled at The Bible Seminary.

Students who leave the program without graduating and are no longer enrolled at The Bible Seminary must return any resources to the seminary. In this case, retaining copies of licensed software on any other computer(s) or electronic storage medium is strictly prohibited.

Upon successful completion of a degree program and graduation from The Bible Seminary, students are gifted their ministry/study tools and take full ownership of any resources provided as part of the scholarship, as well as full responsibility for any maintenance, repair, and/or replacement costs of any kind.

New, eligible graduate students, if they do not already have it, should receive a Logos Bible Software package, video training resources, additional Logos training, and computer orientation training during new student orientation.

Student Complaints

Students and prospective students of The Bible Seminary with a complaint should follow the rule of Matthew 18:15-16 as their primary model. Issues unable to be resolved should proceed as follows to register an official complaint:

Complaint Notification

1. Official complaints should be submitted in writing to Office of the Provost either by e-mail or letter.
2. Complaints should clearly denote date(s), facts, person(s) involved, and specific details.
3. Except in extenuating circumstances, complaints must be signed and dated by the complaining party. Anonymous complaints, or complaints on behalf of persons not directly involved but submitted on behalf of someone else, will not be accepted or reviewed.

Complaint Review

1. The Office of the Provost will review the complaint and notify the appropriate person(s) for further action.
2. The appropriate person(s) will investigate the complaint and, as necessary, meet with the complainant and/or other parties to determine an appropriate course of action and response.
3. A report of the investigation and results will be submitted to the Office of the Provost, and a written response to the complainant will be provided, typically within four business weeks of receiving the complaint.
4. The Office of the Provost is responsible for maintaining all files and records of student and/or prospective student complaints.

Appeal

1. Complainants desiring to appeal a decision may submit a signed statement of appeal within two business weeks of the decision to the Office of the President, The Bible Seminary, 2655 S Mason Rd, Katy, TX 77450.
2. The Office of the President or designee will review the appeal and may choose to meet with the student and/or other parties.
3. The Office of the President will respond in writing concerning the disposition of the appeal within two business weeks of receiving the appeal.

After exhausting each procedural step of the above student complaint procedure, students not satisfied with the outcome may file a complaint with the appropriate agency:

- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board – Complainants must submit the required forms available on the Student Complaints site of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, delivered by email to StudentComplaints@theccb.state.tx or by mail to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of General Counsel, P.O. Box 12788, Austin, TX 78711-2788.
- For complaints related to Title IX—Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 2600, Dallas, TX 75201.

Student Conduct

All students at The Bible Seminary acknowledge in their initial application their agreement with, and promise to abide by, the TBS Ethos statement, as well as other core documents. In some cases, certain student behavior(s) may appear questionable and/or seem to warrant disciplinary action.

In such cases, the student and the behaviour(s) in question may be investigated by a Student Council under the authority of the Office of the Provost. If not already provided for by a Student Council, a designated team of representative administrators, faculty, and students (at least one of each) should be appointed by the Provost either annually or as needed to serve in the capacity of a Student Review Board.

Notification

1. Official charges should be submitted in writing, sealed, addressed to the "Student Council", and delivered to the seminary's main office.
2. Charges should clearly denote date(s), facts, person(s) involved, and specific details.
3. Except in extenuating circumstances, charges must be signed and dated by the submitter. Anonymous charges, or charges on behalf of persons not directly involved but submitted on behalf of someone else, will not be accepted or reviewed.
4. Charges will be subjected to a preliminary review by the Student Council, or appointed sub-committee, within 30 days. If the preliminary review finds basis for continuance, a hearing will be scheduled and the student(s) in question notified – in writing – regarding the:
 - Specific charge(s)
 - Time and place of the Student Review Board hearing
 - Name(s) of the person(s) directly responsible for having reported the alleged violation(s)
 - Copy of the TBS code, ethic, guideline, law, or other principle supposedly violated

With the exception of felonies or other instances that legally require disclosure, descriptions of alleged violations, the decision(s) rendered, and the person(s) involved in hearings will remain confidential.

Hearing

A Student Review Board hearing will be held in which both sides can be heard. The hearing should be recorded on audio or audio/video. At the hearing, the defendant is entitled to:

- Appear in person to present a defense and call witnesses. The defendant's failure to appear at the hearing should not be interpreted as an indication of guilt;
- Ask questions of the Student Review Board and any witnesses;
- Receive an expeditious hearing of the case;
- Ask that one of the Student Review Board members serve as an advisor to help them understand the procedures of the hearing.

After the Hearing

- An immediate explanation of the recommendations of the verdict shall be forwarded to Office of the Provost, or designated appointee, by the Student Review Board.
- Written notification of the decision should be provided to the student as soon as possible following the hearing.
- A record of the allegations, supporting materials, meeting notes, and recommended action(s) will be maintained in the student's file during the time the student is enrolled at The Bible Seminary.

Automatic Suspension or Expulsion

The following violations may result in an automatic referral to the Student Review Board for removal from the campus and other disciplinary action:

- Verbal or physical abuse;
- Tampering with fire safety equipment;
- Tampering with locks, keys, or security;
- Possession and/or use of illegal explosives;
- Illegal or unlicensed possession and/or threatening use of lethal weapons on campus;
- Possession and/or use of illegal drugs;
- Illicit sexual activity

Appeal of Disciplinary Action

- Both complainants and defendants have the right to appeal a decision of the Student Review Board.
- Appeals must be submitted in writing to the seminary office and addressed to the "Student Council".
- Appeals must be submitted within one week following notification of a decision.
- In the event of an appeal, the initial decision shall be stayed until an appellate board ruling is rendered.
- Appeals must include the specific ground on which the appeal is based, such as:
 - An error in due process which impaired either party; or
 - Evidence of a substantial nature that was either withheld or grossly misconstrued.
- Appeals should be reviewed by the Office of the Provost within one week of filing.
- The Provost, or designated appointee, should consider the original complaint, the decision of the initial hearing, the written appeal, and (if needed) the recording of the original hearing. Then, a decision should be rendered on the appeal, and the student(s) involved notified of the decision.
- A copy of all appellate meetings and communications should be kept in the student's file.
- If an appeal is granted, the operational procedures guideline outlined above will be utilized in scheduling the appeal hearing.

Decision on Appeals

Based on evidence presented in an appeal, one of the following actions will occur:

- The original decision and disciplinary sanction is Upheld
- The original decision is Upheld, but disciplinary action is modified
- The original decision and disciplinary action is Reversed

Grievance Procedure

Should a student feel that TBS policy or the application of TBS policy is unjust, the student should first seek to resolve the issue with the person(s) involved. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, the situation should be presented to the Provost. Ultimately, a final court of appeal in the form of a Judicial Panel may be appointed by the President, and consist of the President, a faculty member, a student, and a member of the Board of Trustees. Their decision is final and binding.

Admissions

Requirements and Procedures

The Bible Seminary admits qualified students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Bible Certificate students

There are no specific admissions requirements for Bible Certificate students other than registration and payment for class. To register, contact our offices or visit TheBibleSeminary.org and click on "Academics – Bible Certificate Program – Registration".

We do prefer that everyone take *Bible Study Methods* prior to taking any of the other seven Core courses. Electives are considered independent courses and may be taken by anyone anytime other than any guidelines or restrictions related to each individual elective course.

Dual Degree Completion, Master of Arts (M.A.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) students

Our Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degree programs are designed for graduate level students seeking to prepare for vocational, professional ministry. The following describes the process for students seeking a degree. For Credit Only or Audit options, please submit a Non-degree Student Application, available on request. To initiate the application process, select any of the following options:

- Submit an inquiry online by visiting TheBibleSeminary.org and click "Admissions – Apply Now".
- Send an e-mail message indicating interest in applying to info@thebibleseminary.org.
- Call 281-646-1109. Normal office hours are typically 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please leave a message, if we do not answer, and someone will return your call.
- Visit our seminary administrative offices at 2655 S. Mason Road, Suite 263, Katy, TX, 77450. Please call in advance to confirm an appointment.

The application process will proceed through several steps of information gathering. Please contact us for assistance with any of these items. The following information is required:

- A completed Graduate Application. Forms are available online under "MY TBS – Applications – M.A. and M.Div.", or can be provided by email or mail.
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee. Several payment options are available.
- Official transcript(s) submitted directly from the college or university to The Bible Seminary. Our mailing address is:

The Bible Seminary
2655 S Mason Road
Katy, TX 77450

- Four references (including at least one pastoral reference). These may be provided by email to info@thebibleseminary.org or by mail to the above address.
- Authorization for a criminal background check. Other than as specifically requested by questions in the Graduate Application, an external criminal background check is not completed or utilized as a part of the admissions process. However, depending on the ministry options selected by an admitted student, a background check may be required prior to beginning to serve in certain ministries.
- A personal interview, to be scheduled during the admissions review process. This may be completed in person or by phone.

Admission to the either of the graduate degree programs will be at the discretion of the TBS Admissions Team, based on their review of the information provided. General criteria considered as minimum requirements include:

- Evidence of a clear calling of the applicant to a life of personal and professional ministry, as a pastor, missionary, church planter, or other servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Applicant agreement and acceptance of The Bible Seminary's Core Values and Ethos and Doctrinal Statements.
- Accredited baccalaureate degree with a minimum of 2.75 unweighted grade point average on a 4.0 point scale.
- If English is not your primary language, a TOEFL iBT score of at least 79, TOEFL CBT of 213, or TOEFL PBT of 550, or 7.0 IELTS.

The TBS Admissions Team is afforded discretion to grant exceptions to degree, grade point, and English language criteria, within the bounds of applicable accreditation standards.

Please Note: TBS is NOT currently a Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP) approved school and cannot accept applicants in the U.S. under an F-1 Student Visa.

Admissions Procedure

1. Initial contact with The Bible Seminary inquiring into a degree program earns prospective students a status of "Inquiry".
2. Following the submission of a completed application and payment of the application fee, the TBS Admissions Team will open an application file for the student and move them from "Inquiry" to "Applicant" status.
3. Generally, "Applicant" files are reviewed and students notified on a monthly cycle, so reviews are conducted and students notified within a maximum of 30 days.
4. Regular notifications, usually by e-mail or phone, inform students about their application status, as well as any notes, requests, or items pending receipt or review.
5. Upon receipt and review of all application materials requested, the TBS Admissions Team makes a determination of "Accepted Applicant" or "Denied Applicant" and follows up with both a letter sent by postal mail and e-mail. Acceptances additionally include information about enrollment procedures, financial aid awards, and upcoming dates, deadlines, and events.

Accepted applicants who subsequently enroll in at least one seminary course within one year of the date of acceptance will be moved to "Student (Graduate)" status.

Accepted applicants who subsequently *fail* to enroll in at least one class within one year of the date of acceptance will be marked "Applicant Withdrawn". Reconsiderations may be granted on a case by case basis.

Tuition and Fees

Bible Certificate Program

- Adult = \$234 per course
- Student = \$85 per course

Master of Arts (M.A.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Programs

Description	Fall (15 hrs)	Spring (15 hrs)	Summer (3 hrs, M.Div. only)	Annual Full-time M.A.*	Annual Full-time M.Div.*
Tuition (\$250 per credit hour)	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$750	\$7,500	\$8,250
One-time Fees (per semester)	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$250	\$375
Pro-rated Fees (per semester)	\$300	\$300	\$60	\$600	\$660
Student Cost for 2015-16 =	\$4,175	\$4,175	\$935	\$8,350	\$9285

* Calculations do not include books. Since many digital resources are included in Logos Bible Software, most semesters average \$50-100 for books.

Part-time Tuition Calculations

# of classes	Tuition	Pro-rated fees (per class)	One-time Fees (per semester)	Total
1	\$750	\$60	\$125	\$935
2	\$1,500	\$120	\$125	\$1,745
3	\$2,250	\$180	\$125	\$2,555
4	\$3,000	\$240	\$125	\$3,365
5	\$3,750	\$300	\$125	\$4,175

Fees

- One-time *Application Fee* (when applying for M.A. or M.Div. program) = \$50
- One-time *Graduation Fee* = \$150
- One-time Fees (per semester)

\$35 Registration Fee

\$35 Library Fee

\$55 Technology Fee

\$125 per semester

- Pro-rated Fees (per class)
 - \$24 Student Activity Fee
 - \$18 Student Services Fee
 - \$18 Transportation Fee
 - \$60 per class

Audit options are limited to TBS administration and faculty and their spouses; M.A. and M. Div. student spouses; local pastors; and visitors who already have an M. Div. or equivalent or higher. Requires completed [“Non-degree Student Application”](#) and pre-approval for registration.

The Bible Seminary

M.A. and M. Div. Semester Payment Plans

Fall or Spring Semesters, 2015-16

# of classes	Student Cost ¹	Full Payment Plan ²	2-Payment Plan ³	3-Payment Plan ⁴
1	\$ 935	\$ 935	\$ 467.50 x 2	\$ 311.67 x 3
2	\$1,745	\$1,745	\$ 872.50 x 2	\$ 581.67 x 3
3	\$2,555	\$2,555	\$1,277.50 x 2	\$ 851.67 x 3
4	\$3,365	\$3,365	\$ 1,682.50 x 2	\$ 1,121.67 x 3
5	\$4,175	\$4,175	\$ 2,087.50 x 2	\$ 1,391.67 x 3

Notes:

1. Includes estimated total of tuition, fees, and books per semester.
2. Full Payment Plan payments due by the first day of class.
3. 2-Payment Plan payments are due in two equal installments:
 - Payment #1 – By the first day of class
 - Payment #2 – Six weeks after the first day of class
4. 3-Payment Plan payments are due in three equal installments:
 - Payment #1 – The first day of class
 - Payment #2 – Five weeks after the first day of class
 - Payment #3 – Ten weeks after the first day of class

Payment plans should be discussed and agreed upon with the seminary Business Office representative prior to the first day of class.

Additional scholarship income allocated to a student's account by the TBS Scholarship Committee may directly reduce the Student Cost above. Notification will be provided to the student and the student's account balance adjusted based on the amount(s) of any scholarship(s).

Scholarship income is not guaranteed, and students will be held responsible for the full cost(s) noted above for each semester.

Unpaid balances from a previous semester may render a student ineligible to enroll for the next semester.

TBS is not enrolled in or associated with any Federal, State, or private loan programs. Hence, TBS students are not eligible to receive educational funding directly associated with most of these types of programs.

Financial Aid

Educational funding to support and sustain the mission of The Bible Seminary is derived primarily from student tuition and fees, and donations. Students interested in receiving financial assistance to attend The Bible Seminary have several options, as noted below.

Regarding Student Loans

We realize that conventional educational philosophy – and the rising cost of education – has evolved to include the expectation that students will take out loans as part of their educational journey. However, The Bible Seminary does not encourage this practice. Our preference is to do all we can to help our students and their families commit to, journey through, and attain their degrees without incurring financial debt or undue financial obligations that would hinder their future ministry. If students desire to pursue loans for educational purposes, they may, but The Bible Seminary is not registered with the Federal Student loan program or any other governmental or business agency or entity offering these type of services.

The Bible Seminary is a 501(c)(3) institution of higher education incorporated in the state of Texas in 2010, and all donations are charitable and tax deductible as allowed by law.

- Donations to our Student Scholarship Fund may be utilized to help with student tuition, fees, and other educationally-related institutional expenses, as well as Logos Bible Software and Holy Land Study Tour expenses for Master's level students.
- TBS leaders, students, families and friends work to raise scholarship funds on behalf of students.
- In addition to specific scholarship opportunities that may be made available to students from TBS as an institution, we encourage students to tap into their own network(s) to invite family, friends, church(es) and others to donate funds to The Bible Seminary and directed toward the "Student Scholarship Fund" in their name. Accepted students who request Financial Aid and assistance in raising scholarship support will receive excellent resources and effective tools to assist in this process.

TBS scholarships available

- **Helbig Scholarship** - The Paul A. Helbig Scholarship honors The Bible Seminary co-founder, Bible Institute Dean, Faculty, and Chaplain Rev. Paul Helbig for his investment in a career and lifestyle of face-to-face discipleship through Scripture, prayer, and practical ministry training. The Helbig Scholarship helps fund Tuition and Fees, General Operations, Student Technology, and/or Holy Land Study Tour expenses that benefit enrolled students.
- **Pattillo Scholarship** - The Pattillo Scholarship honors Dr. Phil and Dr. Linda Woodfield Pattillo for their exemplary kingdom endeavors, particularly through Linda's innovative career as a university and seminary professor, an Itinerate Missionary for Natan Ministries worldwide for more than 30 years, and biblical languages and Holy Land research, studies, and teaching. Linda serves as Adjunct Professor of Biblical Languages for The Bible Seminary. The Pattillo Scholarship helps fund Holy Land Study Tour expenses that benefit enrolled students, and technology expenses (particularly Logos Bible Software subscriptions, upgrades, resources, and training).

Other Scholarships available

- **Hurley Foundation Scholarship** - The Ed E. and Gladys Hurley Foundation offers select TBS students who wish to study to become ministers, missionaries or religious workers of the Protestant faith, and who apply and qualify, scholarships in the amount of up to \$1,000 per scholastic year. Applications are usually available each March, and must be completed and submitted to the TBS Financial Aid office by the end of April. Notification of awards is usually by June 30 each year.

Other Financial assistance available

- **Work/Study Program** – The Bible Seminary educational degree track includes vocational ministry experience components as an integral part of the program design. In some cases, students may be able to receive vocational compensation from local ministries that can be directed toward their educational expenses as part of a Work/Study arrangement.
- **Residential Assistance** – Students and their families who need local housing may request residential assistance from The Bible Seminary. We are working toward creating a residential seminary community and work with our students to help provide arrangements for those who need assistance in this area.

Refund Policy

This policy describes the conditions upon which refunds of tuition and fees paid to the seminary by a student or on behalf of a student may be issued for students who withdraw from The Bible Seminary classes. Refunds will generally be returned to the original Payee(s) on record.

For withdrawal:

- Prior to the first day of the semester – Full tuition and fees refund, less a 5% administrative fee.
- On or up to 10 calendar days after the first day of the semester – Refund of 90% of the tuition paid; no refund of fees.
- After 10 calendar days after the first day of the semester, but not later than 30 calendar days after the first day of the semester – Refund of 50% of the tuition paid; no refund of fees.
- After 30 calendar days after the first day of class – No refund.

Special provision for withdrawal of PART-TIME students taking a special or intensive class not concordant with the standard semester schedule. For withdrawal:

- *Prior to the first day of the class* – Full tuition and fees refund, less a 5% administrative fee.
- On or up to *1 calendar day after* the first day of the class – Refund of 75% of the tuition paid; no refund of fees.
- On or up to *2 calendar days after* the first day of class – Refund of 50% of the tuition paid; no refund of fees.
- On or up to *3 calendar days after* the first day of class – Refund of 25% of the tuition paid; no refund of fees.
- On or after *4 calendar days after* the first day of class – No refund.

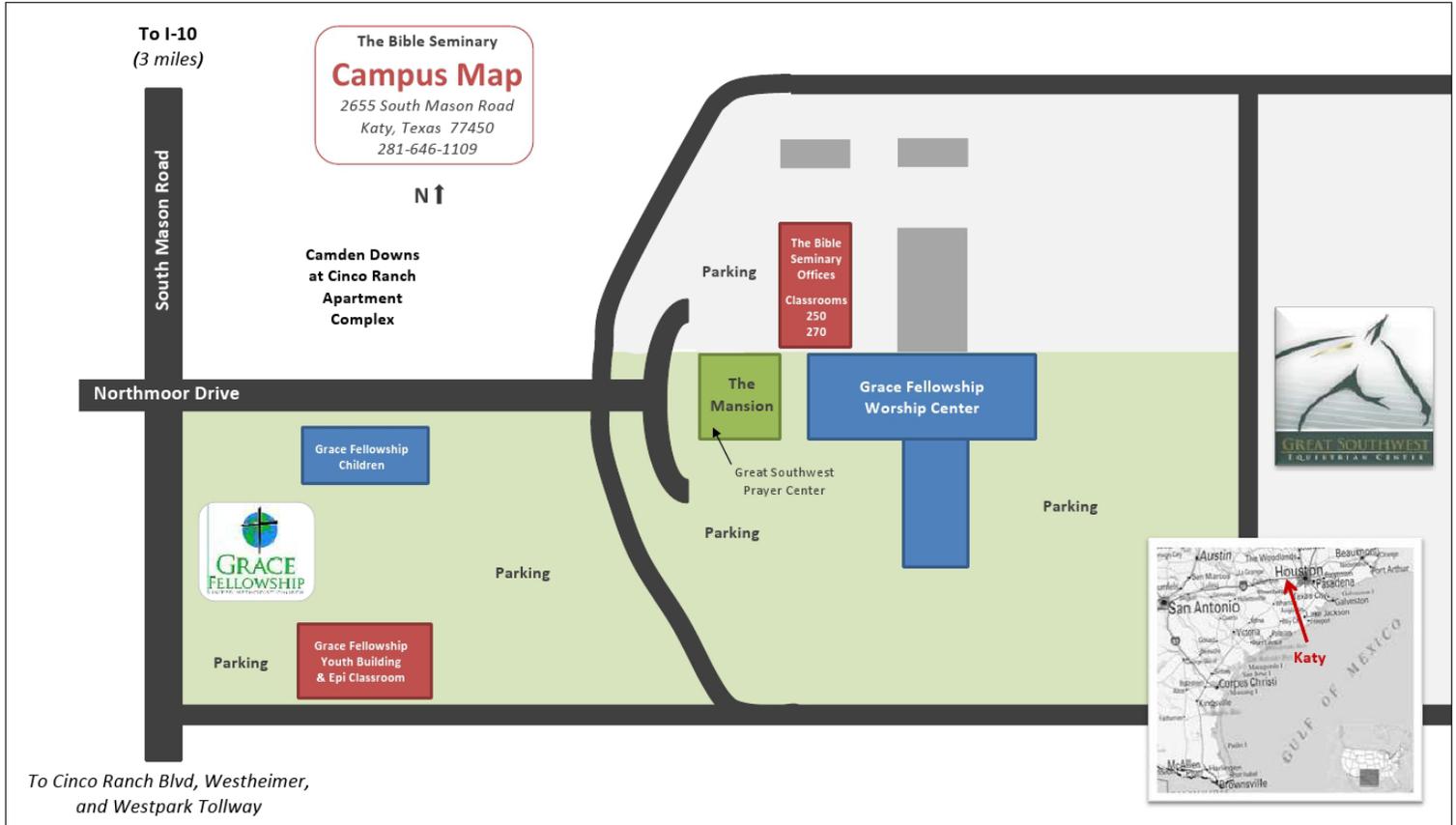
Hardship and other circumstances may necessitate special consideration of refunds, at the discretion of the Provost.

In no case will scholarship funds credited to a student's account be repaid to a student upon withdrawal. These unused scholarship funds will be redirected back into the seminary scholarship fund for use by other students.

Campus Resources

Campus Map

The Bible Seminary is located at 2655 South Mason Road in Katy, Texas in proximity to the 80-acre grounds of the Great Southwest Equestrian Center and the 30-acre campus of Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church.



Classrooms

Classrooms 250 and 270 are located near The Bible Seminary offices, and the Epi Classroom is located upstairs in the Grace Fellowship Youth Building (see map above). Community classrooms are typically located in area churches and other ministries, and these locations are noted along with registration information for each class.

Great Southwest Prayer Center

The Great Southwest Prayer Center (thegreatsouthwestprayercenter.org) is a community prayer room established for the city of Katy and the greater Houston region in which believers from different denominations and backgrounds come together in unity for the purpose of seeking the face and heart of God and stand together in worship and intercession for the city, the nation, and the world through night and day prayer. Led by and staffed with worship leaders and prayer leaders from churches in the Katy area with a goal of 24/7 Night and Day prayer, the Center currently offers over 20 hours weekly of live prayer and worship sets called "Audience of ONE" (a1). First Fridays and Saturdays each month, the Center offers a full 24 hours of uninterrupted prayer and worship in and event called "twenty-four ONE". Seminary students are encouraged to use GSPC resources and participate in, and even take leadership in, Great Southwest Prayer Center activities.

Library

On campus facilities include a library of several thousand theological study resources. In addition, all M. Div. students are provided with a subscription to Logos Bible Software, which includes thousands of digital resources available on hardware multi-platforms (PC, Mac, iPhone, iPad, and web aps). Other resources, available online under "Academics – Library", include links to Journals, Online Databases, and Study Tools.

The Bible Seminary is extremely fortunate to offer our students local access to one of the emerging, premier biblical research libraries in the United States, the Lanier Theological Library. Housing a comprehensive collection of books, periodicals, magazines, artifacts, and historical documents designed to aid the serious study of Scripture, this impressive facility currently holds more than 60,000 volumes and will eventually hold over 100,000 books. The library contains several private collections of noted scholars that have been kept intact, and also regularly hosts events with noted authors, guest lecturers, and researchers. The library covers the following research areas:

- Ancient Languages
- Ancient Near Eastern Studies
- Biblical Studies
- Church History
- Classics
- Dead Sea Scrolls
- Egyptology
- Monasticism
- Patristics
- Theology



Parking

Student parking on campus is available as noted on the campus map.

Seminary Offices

The seminary offices in the Great Southwest Equestrian Center office complex just north of The Mansion on the Grace Fellowship campus, as noted on the campus map.

Technology

Access to electrical power and wireless Internet is available in seminary classrooms, offices, the library, and some outside areas on campus. Additional technology assistance may be available from seminary staff, and, if necessary, can be arranged for a fee from an outside contractor associated with the seminary.

Laptops and other portable devices are welcome in classrooms as long as they are used for educational purposes and their use is not disruptive to other students or instructors. Cell phones should be set on silent during class, and phone calls should never be conducted in the classroom during class time. In case of an emergency call, please exit the classroom to answer.

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