

Master's Commission Bible Institute

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Welcome

Greetings To You In The Name of Jesus!

Thank you for your interest in the Master's Commission Bible Institute.

I hope that your search for a quality, affordable education is over now that we have met!

Our Accredited Ministry Degree programs are designed for the busy working adult. Our Classes meet one or two nights per week to accommodate your schedule. Tuition is affordable and payment plans are available.

Master's Commission Bible Institute is "Building Kingdom Builders"
Our goal is to equip and empower you to not only continue in the field in which you already serve but to be prepared for the open doors of ministry opportunity in your future.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

God has already prepared good works for you to walk in.
Are you prepared for the good works?

Our prayer is that you would prepare yourself at the Master's Commission Bible Institute.

Blessings,

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Our Mission

Master's Commission Bible Institute is a Spirit filled, Evangelical education ministry for the preparation of believers for a lifestyle of effective Christian Service.

Our Motto

“Aedificatum Regnum Aedificantes”, the Latin transliteration for “Building Kingdom Builders”

Our Mandate

The Body of Christ has the responsibility to safeguard the true and original doctrines found in Scripture and commit them to others without compromise or corruption. This implies the necessity of Biblical instruction.

The Bible gives the following reasons for Biblical or theological training:

- To entrust the Gospel of Christ to faithful believers in order that they may know, guard, and teach the true Biblical faith and righteous standards. **(II Tim. 3:15; Jer. 2:8; II Tim 1:14; I Tim 4:6; II Tim 2:2; Rom. 6:17)**
- To show students the vital necessity to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” and to give them the means by which to defend it against all false theologies. **(Jude 3; Acts 20:31; Gal. 1:9; I Tim. 4:1; Titus 1:9; I Tim. 6:3-4)**
- To lead students into continual growth in character via “Godly teaching” **(Jos. 1:8; Ps. 1:2-3; Ps. 119:97-100; Mt. 28:20; I Th. 4:1; I Tim. 1:5; II Tim. 3:16)**
- To equip students to strengthen and bring to maturity other believers, so that together they may reflect Christ’s image in the home, the local congregation, and the Body of Christ at large. **(Ephesians 4:11 – 16).**
- To bring students to a deeper understanding and experience of God’s kingdom on earth and it’s conflict with satan’s power. **(Ephesians 6:10-18)**
- To motivate students by the eternal truths of the gospel to be wholeheartedly committed to evangelizing the lost and preaching the gospel to all nations in the power of the Holy Spirit. **(Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20).**
- To deepen student’s experience of Christ’s love, personal fellowship, and gifts of the Spirit by urging them to follow the leading of the indwelling Holy Spirit by bringing them into the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit and by teaching them to pray, fast, and worship, as they long for the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ with the spiritual intensity of the first century church. **(John 17:3, 21, 26; Eph. 3:18-19; Rom. 8:14; Acts 2:4; Mat. 6:9 + 16; II Tim. 4:8; Titus 2:13)**

It is obvious from these purposes of Biblical training that the teaching ministry must be performed by those who are fervently loyal to Scripture as God’s fully inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word and to the Holy Spirit and his ministry of truth, righteousness, and power. **(II Tim. 1:13-14; Ezra 7:10)**

True Biblical training emphasizes true righteousness (knowing, being, and doing) rather than the mere apprehension of Biblical facts and truths. The great doctrines revealed in Scripture are redemptive truths, not academic ones. As issues involving life or death, they demand a personal response and decision from both teacher and student. **(James 2:17; Phil. 1:9)**

Our Doctrinal Statement

I) We believe in the Triune God – the Eternally Self-Existent, "I AM", the Creator of heaven and earth and Redeemer of mankind manifested in three persons; Almighty Father, Divine Son and Holy Ghost. (**Genesis 1:1, John 5:7, John 1:1, 4:24, Matthew 10:20, II Corinthians 3:17-18**).

II) We believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible Word of God, inerrant in the original autographs and the only rule of faith, guide for practice and indisputable and ultimate authority of the Revelation of God, His Will and His Way. (**II Tim 3:16-17, Psalm 19:7-11, II Pet 1:16-21**).

III) We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, the incarnation of the Father, born of a virgin, very God of very God for, and by whom all things were created (**I John 1:1-10**).

IV) We believe in the substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He, by the grace of God tasted death for every man and that all must be born again through faith in Him or are forever lost. Redemption is accomplished by the cross and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, by grace through faith, believing in the heart that God raised Him from the dead. Salvation is by Jesus Christ and none other for God has highly exalted Him and given a name, which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, earth and those under the earth. We further believe that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. (**Hebrews 2:9, John 3:1-18, John 6:44-49, Eph 2:8, Romans 10:9, Philippians 2:9-11**).

V) We believe in the physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that He ascended bodily into the heaven and is now at the right hand of the Father as our Mediator, High Priest and Advocate. (**Acts 3:12-26, John 20, Hebrews 9:24, I Corinthians 15:12-28**).

VI) We believe in Water Baptism and Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper) as the ordinances of the church to be observed as public declaration of salvation through Jesus Christ and the commemoration of His death, burial and resurrection in victory over satan, death, hell, and the grave. (**Matthew 3:11,14, 26:26-29, Luke 22:17-23**).

VII) We believe in the personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ both for His Saints and with His Saints in reign to victory. (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Corinthians 15:50-55, Revelation 19:19-20, 20:1-6**).

VIII) We believe in the authority of the believer over the enemy satan and the victory to be gained by the exercise of that authority in the areas of deliverance, healing and holiness. (**Ephesians 1:20-23, 6:10-7**).

IX) We believe in the personality and reality of satan as the enemy of the Kingdom of God, Saints of God and of the Lord; and in his ultimate defeat by the Lord Jesus Christ and potential defeat in the lives of spirit filled believers clothed in the Armor of God. (**Revelation 12:9-10, Matthew 4:2-11, Isaiah 14:12-17, John 8**).

X) We believe in the autonomy of the local church as an independent entity with regard to matters of government, polity operation and discipline. (**I Corinthians 5:5, II Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15, Acts 11:22, Titus 1:5**).

Our Spirit Filled Distinctive Statement

We believe the Gospel includes:

- A) the proclamation of both the eternal power of Calvary and the potential power of Pentecost;
- B) the baptizing power of Jesus Christ for salvation because of Calvary,
- C) the filling/controlling power of the Holy Ghost for service and Holy victorious living because of Pentecost. **(Ephesians 5:18, Acts 20:27).**

We believe in the perpetual and continuing ecclesiastical value of all spiritual gifts for the edification of the body of Christ until the end of this Church Age, which will be consummated by the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Ephesians 4:11-13, I Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12).**

We believe in the Divine personhood of the Holy Spirit and His present-day ministry to believers, including the sovereign distribution of spiritual gifts, which empowers believers for service in the Contemporary Church. **(1 Corinthians 12:7-11).**

We believe in Jesus Christ as the Sovereign Giver of spiritual gifts to the church. We further believe spiritual gifts are given for the perfecting of the Saints, for work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the Body of Christ and are given without regard to ethnicity, social class, or gender **(Ephesians 4:7-12; Galatians 3:26-28).**

We believe in the full autonomy of the local church as an independent entity under the Lordship of Christ, through pastoral authority, with regards to:

- A) government, polity, and operations **(Titus 1:5, Acts 15:1 – 35)**
- B) discipline **(I Corinthians 5:5, Matthew 18:15-17, 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15)**
- C) the added value of the Episcopacy as a covering. **(Titus 1: 5, Acts 15:1-35)**

We believe in the value of Biblical terminology for leadership in the contemporary church: Deacon, Minister, Elder, Overseer, and Bishop. We believe all of these are designations for servant-leaders **(Jeremiah 3:15; Acts 20:28; 2 Corinthians 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-7).**

We believe in the formal and intentional praise and worship of Almighty God as a proper, spirit-led, corporate acknowledgement and response to His person and work **(Psalm 46-50; John 4:23, 24).**

We believe in Jesus Christ as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, who brings men and women at salvation into relationship with Himself and His Body, the Church. We further believe that it is the baptism of the Holy Ghost that places one into the Body of Christ. All believers have been baptized by Christ with the Holy Ghost **(Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; 1 Corinthians 12:13).**

We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Ghost for all Believers and that the Holy Ghost verifies and validates the Believer as part of the Body of Christ. **(Romans 8:9).**

We believe in the spirit-filled life as desirable, valuable, and an issue of obedience for all Believers who are commanded to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We acknowledge that within the Body of Christ, the term, “filled with the Holy Ghost” is often used interchangeably with the term, “baptism of the Holy Ghost.” When referring to the controlling presence and power of the Holy Ghost, as a result of the submissive will and desire of the Believer, we allow such alternation of terms. We believe it is the will and command of God that every Believer be “filled,” “walk in,” be “led by,” and “live in” the power of the Holy Ghost. **(Ephesians 5:18).**

We believe that it is God’s desire that all believers live under the “Divine Direction” of the Holy Ghost. We believe that the filling of the Holy Ghost is an ongoing ministry of the Spirit in the life of the Believer that enables the Believer to live a life of power, victory, and glory to God **(Acts 1:8, 2:4, 4:8, 4:31).**

We believe the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the fillings of the Holy Ghost are distinct, separate, valid, and valuable ministries of the Holy Ghost, which may occur simultaneously at salvation.

- A) The baptism of the Holy Ghost occurs once and for all at salvation.
- B) Being filled with the Holy Ghost may and should occur subsequent to salvation in obedience to Biblical exhortation.
- C) Being filled with the Holy Ghost should not only be a continuous reality, but an ongoing characteristic of the believer’s consecrated holiness. **(Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:18).**
- D) We believe in speaking in tongues as a prayer language which builds us up in our most holy faith **(Jude 20; Acts 19:2-6; Acts 2:1-4; I Corinthians 14:14-15).**

Legal Status

Master's Commission Bible Institute, Inc. is a State of Florida nonprofit religious educational institution lawfully operating in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under a Certificate of Authority as an out of State nonprofit religious educational institution.

Master's Commission Bible Institute is an "Authorized Religious College" operating without governmental oversight by the Commission For Independent Education of the Florida Department of Education.

Accreditation

If your purpose for seeking education is to prepare for Christian ministry, attending a regionally accredited college may not be necessary. As an independent and professionally affiliated institution, MCBI is authorized to grant degrees by the Florida Department of Education Commission For Independent Education. Our degree programs are designed solely for religious vocations.

MCBI is accredited by the National Accrediting Association of Theological Schools, Washington, DC; an independent, nationwide accrediting body.

We refrain from seeking regional accreditation due to the requirements of the accreditation such as the requirement to include generic liberal arts courses, the requirement that staff and faculty be compensated at expensive levels, the secular worldview, and the extreme cost of the accreditation process. Our degree programs are designed solely for religious vocations.

Aside from regional accreditation bodies, there are many secular independent accrediting organizations. The U.S. Department of Education or the Council On Higher Education (CHEA) does not officially recognize some of these secular independent accrediting organizations. Several Christian Schools, Bible Institutes, and Colleges have chosen to become accredited by these secular independent organizations, however we have not.

Accreditation among theological schools is no guarantee of scholarship, sound doctrine, cost/benefit, or transferability of course work. Almost all public schools are accredited and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, yet they still produce illiterate and undisciplined students ill prepared for the marketplace.

It is the position of MCBI that these secular independent accrediting organizations lack the academic integrity and spirit of excellence with which we desire to operate our Institute. It is the position of MCBI to maintain only credible Christian accreditation than to have a secular accreditation that may be easily obtained, but is meaningless and frowned upon by the academic community at large.

It is the position of MCBI to rather be affiliated and in good standing with quality professional associations and organizations of respectable reputation than to claim an accreditation from a less than reputable organization which is not Christian.

The agencies with which we are affiliated and have entered into an accountability relationship refrain from dictating school policy while still offering accountability, recommendations, suggestions, and direction for strengthening and development of quality Christian higher education.

Type of Degrees Offered

The type of degrees earned through the Master's Commission Bible Institute is what are referred to as "Ministry Degrees" and are not of a general academic nature. The courses taught and degrees earned are solely to prepare one for ministerial service.

Our degree programs are Ministry Degrees which are designed solely for religious vocations

A brief explanation of the history behind ecclesiastical education has been written and provides a proper understanding of the exclusive nature of ministerial training;

The Case for Ministry Degrees

By

Bishop Andy C. Lewter, D. Min.

Bishop of Christian Education

Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship

The modern university system has its beginnings in the corridors of the Middle Ages with the University of Paris, University of Bologna, and of Sorbonne being three of the earliest.

However, literally years before the modern university system ever came to be, the major dispenser of education was the Christian Church. As a matter of fact, the earliest schools of higher learning were extensions of "Cathedral Schools" that preceded them.

Between the Christian era and the Renaissance era, which is the time that church sponsored schools existed, the church exercised the authority and privilege of bestowing ministry degrees upon those persons who had demonstrated an academic ability to represent the church's interest and function as defenders of the faith.

Since the Renaissance era, the primary distribution of degrees has been from the modern university system as now found globally. However, there is line of thinking that believes the church has never lost its unique privilege to administer Ministry Degrees to those who complete a unique curriculum of studies that is established and exercised by the church itself.

These Ministry Degrees are not intended to compete with or serve as a substitute for the more well known academic degrees that are administered by the modern educational systems. Ministry Degrees are ministry specific and are intended to suggest that the holder thereof has a focus and emphasis in the area of religion and theology.

Much like the "Pontifical University System" found in the Roman Catholic Church, the argument can be made that as Protestants we are entitled to create a system for the education of persons who are committed to religious research, the study of the church, and Christianity.

As such, many Denominations and Fellowships promote and offer Ministry Degrees to those who complete an internal course of study and intend to serve that organization in particular and the Christian family worldwide.

Ecclesiastical Affiliations

The Master's Commission Bible Institute is transdenominational educational ministry which maintains collegial relationships with many Evangelical, Spirit Filled, and Full Gospel organizations.

Academic Affiliations

MCBI is also professionally affiliated with the following quality organizations;

Evangelical Training Association (ETA)	www.etaworld.org
Christian Adult Higher Education Association (CAHEA)	www.cahea.org
Association of Christian Continuing Education Schools (ACCESS)	www.accessed.org
National Bible College Association (NBCA)	www.n-b-c-a.com

The agencies with which we are affiliated and have entered into an accountability relationship refrain from dictating school policy while still offering accountability, recommendations, suggestions, and direction for strengthening and development of quality Christian higher education.

Educational Philosophy

The MCBI philosophy of ministerial education places an emphasis on practical application to prepare one for effective service in the Kingdom of God.

Each course taught at MCBI consists of 40 total hours of learning time that is distributed as follows:

- 16 hours of classroom instruction
- 12 hours of homework / study
- 12 hours supervised ministry

We believe that the threefold method of learning is the most effective because it touches all 3 facets of the student's life; soul (mind, will, emotions), spirit, and body.

We believe that one should be educated in their head, heart, and hands.

We believe effective education should consist of information, inspiration, and application.

Admission Policy

The Master's Commission Bible Institute is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment. The Institute does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, age, marital status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment policies, or any other Institute administered programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (revised 1992), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Academic Programs

Individual Courses

For students taking individual courses, MCBI awards a completion certificate for that course as well as a certificate from the Evangelical Training Association (if applicable).

Associates Degree

Pre-requisites

The pre-requisites for acceptance into the “Associate of Biblical Arts” program are a High School Diploma or GED.

Completion Requirements

The Associate’s curriculum consists of 20 courses administered according to the schedule. Completion of the 20 courses results in the graduate being awarded with an “Associate of Biblical Arts” Degree from MCBI.

Bachelor’s Degree

Pre-requisites

Same as for the Associate’s Degree, unless one is a transfer student.

The pre-requisites for acceptance into the “Bachelor of Biblical Arts” program for a transfer student are an Associate’s Degree or at least 60 transferable undergraduate credits. Please see the “Transferability” paragraph of the MCBI catalog for clarifying instructions on our current policy.

Completion Requirements

The Bachelor’s curriculum consists of 40 courses administered according to the schedule.

For transfer students: Combined with the student’s previous transferable coursework, completion of the remaining 60 credits (20 courses) results in the graduate being awarded with a “Bachelor of Biblical Arts” Degree.

Master's Degree (M. Min.)

Pre-requisites

The pre-requisites for acceptance into the Master of Ministerial Arts (M. Min.) program are a Bachelors Degree or at least 120 transferable undergraduate credits. Please see the "Transferability" paragraph of the MCBI catalog for clarifying instructions on our current policy.

Completion Requirements

The M. Min. program is a 60 credit hour (20 course) program, not including the required thesis.

Graduate level work includes a greater writing requirement indicative of reading and research. In addition to the written homework assignments, the Masters level student is required to write a 10 page book report as a final paper for each course. A format guide will be provided.

A Thesis is also required. A content and format guide will be provided.

Doctoral Degree (D. Min.)

Pre-requisites

The pre-requisites for acceptance into the Doctor of Ministerial Arts (D. Min.) program are a Master's Degree or at least 60 transferable graduate credits. Please see the "Transferability" paragraph of the MCBI catalog for clarifying instructions on our current policy.

Completion Requirements

The D. Min. program is a 60 credit hour (20 course) program, not including the required dissertation.

Graduate level work includes a greater writing requirement indicative of reading and research. In addition to the written homework assignments, the Doctoral level student is required to write a 10 page book report as a final paper for each course. A format guide will be provided.

A Dissertation is also required. A content and format guide will be provided.

Campus Location

1501 W. Cumberland St.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

1 block west of Broad St. at the intersection of 15th and Cumberland.

Our Campus is easily accessible via public transportation;

SEPTA Bus Routes: 2, 4, 16, 39, 54

SEPTA Train: Broad Street Line (Orange Line): North Philadelphia Station

SEPTA Regional Rail: North Broad Station

(Lansdale/Doylestown, Manayunk/Norristown, Warminster Lines)

Class Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CONSULT KYW-1060.

The MCBI school number is: 202

An email and / or text message blast will also be sent to all students.

Please keep the school updated with your current email address and textable cell phone number.

We will make a good faith effort to update the school website, Facebook page, and Twitter account should there be a cancelation of class due to weather conditions.

Transferability

Transferring from another institution

MCBI accepts credits, CEU's, or certificates awarded by most other Bible Institutes provided the student can demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter.

Courses completed at another ETA, NBCA, or NAATS affiliated school are automatically accepted upon verification per our accreditation or affiliation agreement with those organizations.

Students must be prepared with transcripts, documents, certificates, or coursework to demonstrate completion and fulfillment of the previous institutions requirements.

All documentation will be reviewed by the staff of MCBI and upon verification and demonstration of proficiency, the student will be granted transfer credit for the closest applicable course in the MCBI curriculum thereby relieving them of the requirement to take that course in order to graduate.

No more than half of the required courses needed to graduate can be transferred in.
At least 20 courses must be completed through MCBI.

Transferring to another institution

Courses taught at MCBI *may* be transferable to other institutions at the receiving institution's discretion. Other institutions *might* accept coursework based on our level of academic excellence, the reputation of our faculty and staff, our relationship with multiple denominations and fellowship associations, and the reputation of our graduates.

Other institutions that are accredited with the NAATS, ETA, or NBCA will automatically accept MCBI courses because of our accreditation and affiliation with those organizations.

If you have specific questions about the transferability of courses to another school, consult the Registrar's Office of the institution to which you desire to transfer.

Credential Requirements

MCBI does not credential, license, or ordain graduates. Degrees earned through MCBI do not entitle one to use any ecclesiastical title. These functions and conferment are the privilege and responsibility of other religious organizations within the Body of Christ.

Independent, Baptist, Pentecostal, and Charismatic churches enjoy a status that is known as "autonomy", in other words, each congregation governs its own affairs which includes the licensing and ordination of deacons and clergy.

Courses taught at MCBI may fulfill your church or denomination's requirements for ministerial licensing or ordination. **Please verify your fellowship's requirements prior to enrollment.**

The decision to accept or recognize any institution's academic program is decided upon by that individual church, fellowship, or denomination.

Upon written request or receipt of a recommendation or reference form, the staff of MCBI will gladly verify your record and complete any documents on your behalf to assist you in your goals.

All MCBI alumni and current students are welcomed to apply for membership and credentialing via the Master's Commission International Ministerial Fellowship. Please visit the website at www.mcimf.net for information. The decision to accept or recognize ministerial credentials granted by MCIMF is at the sole discretion of that other organization.

Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar for MCBI begins in September and ends in June.

Each course is taught during the period of a two month term as follows;

(Sept/Oct), (Nov/Dec), (Jan/Feb), (Mar/Apr), May/June).

Although classes are separated by academic year (September through June), you can begin your enrollment at any time and begin your coursework at the start of the next course regardless of what time of the year it is.

Enrollment is always open.

The Graduation Ceremony will be in August for students who have completed their requirements. Graduations may not be held every year. Graduations are held when multiple students are complete.

Enrollment

The application process completes enrollment in MCBI. There is a one-time \$25 application fee for new and transfer students. The application fee must accompany the application and is nonrefundable. It is a one-time fee. The application fee is not required for each course.

Upon receipt and processing of the application, a student will be enrolled, issued a student account, given a course schedule and graduation plan.

If you plan to transfer credits into MCBI, please be sure to request a copy from all previous educational institutions attended and have those schools mail your transcripts.

Please also send copies of any certificates or diplomas.

**MCBI Registrar
P.O. Box 18706
Philadelphia, PA 19132**

Tuition

The tuition for each course is \$150. (not including texts).

The tuition for each year (part time / 1 night per week) is \$750. (not including texts).

The tuition for each year (full time / 2 nights per week) is \$1500. (not including texts).

The tuition for the entire undergraduate program is \$6000 (not including texts).

The tuition for the Graduate program is \$3000 (not including texts).

Tuition for each course is due by the day the course begins.

A two-part payment plan is available whereby 50% tuition is due the first day of the 1st class and the remaining 50% balance is due on the day of the 4th class.

A six-part payment plan is available whereby \$25 per week is due until the balance is paid.

*Falling behind in any of these payment plans will lead to disenrollment from class.
Reinstatement cannot happen until the overdue balance is paid in full.*

Tuition Refunds / Course Drops

Courses dropped are subject to the following refund schedules, which govern the prorated cancellation of tuition charges in cases of program adjustment or withdrawal.

On or before the 1st class: 80%, On or before the 2nd class: 60%, On or before the 3rd class: 40%,
On or before the 4th class: 25%, After the 4th class: none.

Refund requests will be processed within 5 business days and mailed to your address of record.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is required for all students and roll will be taken in class.

Only 2 absences are allowed for each course.

Absences may be excused by prior consultation and approval of the faculty / administration.

Lateness is not appreciated and 3 "lates" will equal 1 absence.

Textbooks

All courses taught at MCBI use the NKJV Bible as its main text.
All classwork and homework must use the New King James Version in speaking and writing.

Every serious student of the Bible should own a good study Bible.
Recommended study Bibles are “The Spirit Filled Life Bible” (NKJV) published by Thomas Nelson and the Thompson Chain Reference Bible (NKJV) published by B.B. Kirkbride.

Students should also own quality reference books including, but not limited to; a concordance, Bible dictionary, commentaries, Bible handbooks, and for the computer user - Bible software.

All course texts are available through the Institute at a standardized price of \$15 each.

Coursework Policy

Homework will be assigned and is required coursework.

We are endeavoring to transition to an online format for the completion of homework.
If not completed online, homework must be completed in accordance with the style and format guide and may be emailed as a file attachment in MS Word format to “homework@mcbi.edu”

Student Ministry Certification forms are due the week after the last class of the course for which it is being submitted.

Graduation Requirements

The “Graduation Celebration” is held in August for each graduating class and is comprised of a Banquet and Ceremony. Participation and Attendance is required.
Participation in the “Graduation Celebration” is mandatory regardless of status or accomplishments.

Graduation requirements are as follows:

- 1) Tuition must be Paid In Full.
- 2) All coursework must be complete.
- 3) Graduation fee of \$300 must be Paid In Full by June 30th of the graduation year.
- 4) Sell 10 tickets to the Graduation Celebration banquet.

The deadline for the fulfillment of the Graduation Requirements is the last Thursday in June.

Course Schedules

Part Time (One Night Per Week)
Associates Degree Program
Starting with no college credits
Tuesday Nights Only

2016 - 2017

Sep - Oct	Soteriology 101
Nov - Dec	Bibliology 101
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 1
Mar - Apr	Christology
May - Jun	Ecclesiology

2017 - 2018

Sep - Oct	Evangelism 101
Nov - Dec	Biblical Ethics
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 2
Mar - Apr	Theology of Prayer
May - Jun	Bible Study Methods

2018 - 2019

Sep - Oct	Pneumatology 101
Nov - Dec	Christian Worship
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 3
Mar - Apr	Christian Service
May - Jun	Marriage and Home

2019 - 2020

Sep - Oct	Life Formation
Nov - Dec	Gospel of John
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 4
Mar - Apr	Christian Education
May - Jun	Christian Community

Each course does not have any pre-requisites; therefore you may enroll and begin your coursework at any time during the year at the beginning of any course.

Enrollment is always open.

Wherever / whenever you begin in the schedule, you will complete 4 years later (part time) and graduate the following August.

Part Time (One Night Per Week)
 Bachelors Degree Program
 Starting with no College Credits
Tuesday Nights Only

2016 - 2017

Sep - Oct	Soteriology 101
Nov - Dec	Bibliology 101
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 1
Mar - Apr	Christology
May - Jun	Ecclesiology

2017 - 2018

Sep - Oct	Evangelism 101
Nov - Dec	Biblical Ethics
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 2
Mar - Apr	Theology of Prayer
May - Jun	Bible Study Methods

2018 - 2019

Sep - Oct	Pneumatology 101
Nov - Dec	Christian Worship
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2019 - 2020

Sep - Oct	Life Formation
Nov - Dec	Gospel of John
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 4
Mar - Apr	Christian Education
May - Jun	Christian Community

2020 - 2021

Sep - Oct	New Testament Survey
Nov - Dec	Soteriology 201
Jan - Feb	Church History
Mar - Apr	Christian Disciplines III
May - Jun	Homiletics

2021 - 2022

Sep - Oct	Hermeneutics
Nov - Dec	Pneumatology 201
Jan - Feb	Non Profit Management
Mar - Apr	Christian Disciplines IV
May - Jun	Apologetics

2022 - 2023

Sep - Oct	Bibliology 201
Nov - Dec	Theology
Jan - Feb	Church Ministry
Mar - Apr	Christian Disciplines I
May - Jun	Spiritual Gifts

2023 - 2024

Sep - Oct	Old Testament Survey
Nov - Dec	Hebrew History
Jan - Feb	Discipleship Ministries
Mar - Apr	Christian Disciplines II
May - Jun	Evangelism 201

Part Time (One Night Per Week)
 Bachelors Degree Program
 Starting with no college Credits
Thursday Nights Only

2016 - 2017

Sep – Oct New Testament Survey
 Nov – Dec Soteriology 201
 Jan – Feb Church History
 Mar – Apr Christian Disciplines III
 May – Jun Homiletics

2017 - 2018

Sep – Oct Hermeneutics
 Nov – Dec Pneumatology 201
 Jan – Feb Non Profit Management
 Mar – Apr Christian Disciplines IV
 May – Jun Apologetics

2018 - 2019

Sep – Oct Bibliology 201
 Nov – Dec Theology
 Jan – Feb Church Ministry
 Mar – Apr Christian Disciplines I
 May – Jun Spiritual Gifts

2019 - 2020

Sep – Oct Old Testament Survey
 Nov – Dec Hebrew History
 Jan – Feb Discipleship Ministries
 Mar – Apr Christian Disciplines II
 May – Jun Evangelism 201

2020 - 2021

Sep – Oct Soteriology 101
 Nov – Dec Bibliology 101
 Jan – Feb Gen. Ed 1
 Mar – Apr Christology
 May – Jun Ecclesiology

2021 - 2022

Sep – Oct Evangelism 101
 Nov – Dec Biblical Ethics
 Jan – Feb Gen. Ed 2
 Mar – Apr Theology of Prayer
 May – Jun Bible Study Methods

2022 - 2023

Sep – Oct Pneumatology 101
 Nov – Dec Christian Worship
 Jan – Feb Gen. Ed 3
 Mar – Apr Christian Service
 May – Jun Marriage and Home

2023 - 2024

Sep – Oct Life Formation
 Nov – Dec Gospel of John
 Jan – Feb Gen. Ed 4
 Mar – Apr Christian Education
 May – Jun Christian Community

Part Time (One Night Per Week)
Bachelors Degree Program
Starting with 60 Credits or an Associates Degree
Thursday Nights Only

2016 - 2017

Sep – Oct	New Testament Survey
Nov – Dec	Soteriology 201
Jan – Feb	Church History
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines III
May – Jun	Homiletics

2017 - 2018

Sep – Oct	Hermeneutics
Nov – Dec	Pneumatology 201
Jan – Feb	Non Profit Management
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines IV
May – Jun	Apologetics

2018 - 2019

Sep – Oct	Bibliology 201
Nov – Dec	Theology
Jan – Feb	Church Ministry
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines I
May – Jun	Spiritual Gifts

2019 - 2020

Sep – Oct	Old Testament Survey
Nov – Dec	Hebrew History
Jan – Feb	Discipleship Ministries
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines II
May – Jun	Evangelism 201

Each course does not have any pre-requisites; therefore you may enroll and begin your coursework at any time during the year at the beginning of any course.

Enrollment is always open.

Wherever / whenever you begin in the schedule, you will complete 4 years later (part time) and graduate the following August.

Full Time (2 Nights Per Week)
 Bachelor's Degree Program
 Starting with No College Credits
Tuesday and Thursday Nights

2016 – 2017

	Tuesday	Thursday
Sep - Oct	Soteriology 101	New Testament Survey
Nov - Dec	Bibliology 101	Soteriology 201
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 1	Church History
Mar - Apr	Christology	Christian Disciplines III
May - Jun	Ecclesiology	Homiletics

2017 – 2018

Sep - Oct	Evangelism 101	Hermeneutics
Nov - Dec	Biblical Ethics	Pneumatology 201
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 2	Non Profit Management
Mar - Apr	Theology of Prayer	Christian Disciplines IV
May - Jun	Bible Study Methods	Apologetics

2018 – 2019

Sep - Oct	Pneumatology 101	Bibliology 201
Nov - Dec	Christian Worship	Theology
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 3	Church Ministry
Mar - Apr	Christian Service	Christian Disciplines I
May - Jun	Marriage and Home	Spiritual Gifts

2019 – 2020

Sep - Oct	Life Formation	Old Testament Survey
Nov - Dec	Gospel of John	Hebrew History
Jan - Feb	Gen. Ed 4	Discipleship Ministries
Mar - Apr	Christian Education	Christian Disciplines II
May - Jun	Christian Community	Evangelism 201

Each course does not have any pre-requisites; therefore you may enroll and begin your coursework at any time during the year at the beginning of any course.

Enrollment is always open.

Wherever / whenever you begin in the schedule, you will complete 2 years later (full time) and graduate the following August.

Graduate Degrees (Masters or Doctorate)
Part Time (One Night Per Week)
Thursday Nights Only

2016 - 2017

Sep – Oct	New Testament Survey
Nov – Dec	Soteriology 301 / 401
Jan – Feb	Church History
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines III
May – Jun	Homiletics

2017 - 2018

Sep – Oct	Hermeneutics
Nov – Dec	Pneumatology 301 / 401
Jan – Feb	Non Profit Management
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines IV
May – Jun	Apologetics

2018 - 2019

Sep – Oct	Bibliology 301 / 401
Nov – Dec	Theology 301 / 401
Jan – Feb	Church Ministry
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines I
May – Jun	Spiritual Gifts

2019 - 2020

Sep – Oct	Old Testament Survey
Nov – Dec	Hebrew History
Jan – Feb	Discipleship Ministries
Mar – Apr	Christian Disciplines II
May – Jun	Evangelism 301 / 401

Each course, when taken at the Graduate level, requires the following;

- 1) Classroom Attendance.
- 2) Completion of homework (online or document emailed as a file attachment).
- 3) Fulfillment of the Student Ministry Certification form.
- 4) A 1 page paper on each lesson in the course.
- 5) Completion of the Final Exam.
- 6) Any other requirements as explained in the Graduate Student Handbook.

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Enrollment is always open.

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4 years later (part time) and graduate the following August.

Course Descriptions

(listed alphabetically)

Apologetics

A study of the defense of the Christian faith. Aside from personal faith in God, is there any evidence to substantiate the claims of Christianity? What about Jesus Christ - was He more than just a man? And the Bible - is it more than just an interesting piece of literature? It will take you step-by-step through the well-documented evidence. Whether a skeptic or a believer, this book will help you reach a verdict - that could very well change your life!

Text: Beyond Reasonable Doubt, Robert J. Morgan

Biblical Ethics

Far too often we dwell on the things we feel are prohibited to us because we are Christians. But the motivating factor behind righteous living should be that Jesus said, "Be holy because I am holy." This course clarifies the reasons behind the rules which were made to help believers enjoy serving God and being holy as He is holy.

Text: Bible Ethics, John Miles

Bible Study Methods

Once we have chosen to follow God's plan for our lives, we are not only responsible to conform our lives and characters to Christ's image, but to share Christ's love with others so that their lives can also be transformed. We can best fulfill our responsibilities as we respond to the Holy Spirit when He reveals God's mind to us as we study the Bible. This course gives a great deal of necessary insight for those who are interested in organizing their study of the Bible.

Text: How To Study The Bible, Thomas Maphori

Bibliology 101

"Your Word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path," said King David many years ago. No matter how difficult your situation is, or what decision you need to make, you can have the same assurance that King David had. This course will introduce you to the Bible and help you study it in order to gain insight into the way that God views our circumstances and helps us when we ask Him.

Text: Your Bible, Louise Jeter Walker

Bibliology 201

This course presents the inspiration and authorship of the Bible, how it was preserved, why we believe it, how we deal with its problems and critics, the role of archaeology, and ways to study the Bible more effectively. Believers, especially those involved in church ministry, should be well informed about the Word of God.

Text: You and Your Bible, R. Laird Harris

Christian Community

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have already experienced profound changes in your life. Certainly one of these changes was an alteration of your attitude towards others. We are all part of the same community and this course teaches us that this community is much more than the place where we live. It is a spirit, or attitude that we have towards others and God wants us to realize the importance of demonstrating the proper attitude towards others.

Text: The Christian in His Community, Donald Stuckless

Christian Disciplines I

A strategy for growing toward Christ likeness must be based on the actual ways that people grow and develop into maturity in Christ. Through identifying and understanding how we grow spiritually, we become more intentional in our use of time and methods. By understanding the dynamics of spiritual growth, we are made more aware of how God uses the specific circumstances of our lives to draw us closer to Him.

Text: Growing toward Spiritual Maturity, Gary C. Newton

Christian Disciplines II

Worship is praise to God. Worship is also service to God. You will be introduced to a new life of prayer and worship. A closer look at the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples when they asked Him "how to pray" shows us that Jesus was saying, "You cannot separate prayer and worship from living." You cannot say of prayer, "Now I have finished...now I will return to my work." Prayer is never finished and it is a part of everything that we do. In this course, prayer is presented as the preparation for worship and worship is defined as constantly living in a way that pleases God and fulfills His purposes.

Text: Prayer and Worship, Morris Williams

Christian Disciplines III

An in depth study of Christian stewardship. How to become a faithful steward in every aspect of life. In a parable, Jesus commended the two good stewards who had managed wisely and condemned the one who did nothing with what he had been given. These lessons demonstrate how to manage and invest all the goods that God has entrusted to us, so that one day He will say, "Well done, you good and faithful servant...Come on in and share My happiness!" (Matthew 25:23)

Text: The Responsible Christian, Jose R. Silva-Delgado

Christian Disciplines IV

Christian maturity is the aim of every believer and the goal is to reach "the very height of Christ's full stature" (Ephesians 4:13). This text teaches that although we cannot become completely like Christ, we are to reach for this highest of goals that the Bible sets for us, since this will enable us to achieve more than accomplishing a goal that is too low.

Text: Christian Maturity, Rick Howard

Christian Education

Teaching is like throwing a small rock in a pool of water. As we teach and our students in turn teach others, the results are like ripples of water, reaching out to the world around us. This course will help illustrate how to have a teaching ministry that is both productive and rewarding. Jesus commissioned his followers to "...teach all nations... teaching them to obey and to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded..." This is the mandate that must be carried out by the church.

Text: The Teaching Ministry, Marjorie Steward

Christian Nonprofit Management

The administration of a ministry is set of tasks that most leaders have not considered. It is important in this day and age that the business side of ministry be conducted with integrity. This course is designed to give the Christian leader a sufficient overview of the principles and procedures of nonprofit management. Areas of concern which are covered are; creation and development, strategic planning, nonprofit laws and IRS regulations, financial management and fundraising, and marketing.

Text: Master's Commission Guide to Christian Nonprofit Management Workbook

Christian Service

You can know how to fit into God's design as a member of the body of Christ and learn how God will equip you to serve Him in the church. This course relates how God organized the church and put each member in the body of Christ according to His plan. It also gives practical suggestions to follow in order to find and develop the gifts that will allow each individual to edify the church. It will help in understanding how to work with the leaders of the local church and how gifted believers can minister to those who need their help.

Text: Christian Workers, Marian Brandt

Christian Worship

As you grow in your Christian life, the desire to worship the Lord grows—and that desire must be fulfilled. God also longs to have fellowship and communion with His children. This course by will help those who seek to maintain consistent private devotions by illustrating both the need for and the benefit of worship. It also gives some essential guidelines that will be beneficial for group worship.

Text: Christian Worship, Judy Bartel

Christology

The best place to learn about the identity of Jesus is the Bible. This course gives a vivid look at the life of Jesus beginning with His birth and continuing to the prophecies about His second coming. At the end of this course there is an invitation for the reader to have a personal encounter with Jesus.

Text: Who Jesus Is, Elton G. Hill

Church History

As a basic introduction to the subject, this course covers the major periods of church history: The Ancient Church, The Medieval Church, The Reformation Church, and The Modern Church. It is designed to give Christians an overview of their spiritual heritage. It is both comforting and challenging to discover that many current issues are not new ones at all. Secondly, a study of church history gives an accurate understanding of the complexities and richness of Christianity. Finally, church history reinforces the Christian conviction that the church will triumph!

Text: Perspectives From Church History, James P. Eckman

Church Ministry

Perhaps you thought that God's redemptive plan ended with Christ's death on the cross. However, Jesus passed on the ministry of reaching the world with the message of salvation to His church. You will learn that the Great Commission given by Christ is the Church's authority to act for God. The ministry of the church is to reach out to the lost and to make disciples. The Church has not been left to carry on the work alone, however, for Christ sent His Holy Spirit to be our Helper, and He works in and through us to fulfill the redemptive plan of God.

Text: The Christian Church in Ministry, Jesse Miranda

Discipleship Ministries

Christian nurturing is very important to the Church's ministry and it is necessary for the growth and maturation of new believers to encourage them and teach them the essential principals of the faith. A study of this 305-page course by Dwayne Turner will encourage and instruct those who would like to help develop spiritual maturity in others. It will also make them aware of their own need for more instruction. The emphasis is on the interdependence that exists in the Christian community. Recent converts need to be instructed and encouraged and mature Christians need to teach and nurture others in order to grow themselves.

Text: Helping Christians Grow, Dwayne Turner

Ecclesiology

This course not only describes the church (where it came from, how it began, what will happen to it in the future), it also shows how each member of the body of Christ can be more useful as they put into practice what they learn. This course gives the believer a better understanding of their place in the church and also shows them how to go about fulfilling their potential as one of the indispensable parts of the body of Christ.

Text: The Church, Donald Smeeton

Evangelism 101

Jesus was our example in taking the good news to people everywhere and He wants us to share the gospel wherever we go. This course will help the reader to understand the true nature of evangelism. Knowing the principles contained in this course will enable believers to share Christ with the people around them in a more convincing, powerful and positive way.

Text: Personal Evangelism, Jean-Baptiste Sawadogo

Evangelism 201

Because your salvation is "too good to keep," you have probably already shared your testimony with others, and you have realized the need to be able to give people the message of salvation clearly and simply. You need to have at your fingertips the Scriptures that will enable you to answer those who ask questions, or who have allowed difficulties to keep them from accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord. This course will help you utilize what you know about salvation and the joy of serving God so that you can tell others about the pleasure of being a Christian.

Text: Sharing the Good News, Robert Bolton

Gospel of John

This course follows the pattern of John's Gospel and centers on the person of Jesus. It deals with many of the intimate details of Jesus' life, His teaching, and His claims that are not found in the other Gospels. In its pages, the author takes the reader on a chapter-by-chapter study of the Gospel of John, and presents the vivid description of Christ that was given by the beloved disciple who was His closest human associate during His years of ministry.

Text: John's Gospel, Rex Jackson

Hebrew History

The Bible is a Jewish book. Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. The New Testament is 27 books written mostly by Jewish authors to Jewish readers in a Jewish context. Why then do we as Christians fail to understand the Jewish roots of our faith? The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of salvation history in its Jewish context so that one will fully understand and appreciate the New Testament Christian faith. From Messianic Prophecy to Early Church worship and practice, this course will enlighten and inspire you to more fully appreciate our Hebrew History.

Text: TBD

Hermeneutics

The careful, methodical interpretive study of the Bible is the subject of this text.

The first part of the course introduces the principles, terminology, and means of interpretation that are essential to all effective methods of Bible study. The next series of lessons emphasizes an intense scrutiny of individual books through the synthetic or whole-book method of study. The biographical, topical, and devotional methods of study are critiqued in the last section and their value is discussed. While much in the course is necessarily an academic discussion of how to study the Bible, the major emphasis is placed on the student's spiritual improvement and how a systematic study of the Scriptures is the best means for achieving this goal.

Text: Understanding the Bible, Dorothy Johns

Homiletics

This course will demonstrate how to communicate God's Word effectively through preaching and teaching. These two methods of sharing God's Word are alike in many ways. Yet during the history of the Christian church, each method has developed some distinctive characteristics that have made it different from the other. This course will point out the advantages of both and help prepare the reader to use them in the best manner for evangelizing the unsaved and providing for the spiritual development and maturity of those that are ministered to.

Text: Preaching and Teaching, Ernest Pettry

Life Formation

God has a design for your life, but He has left it up to you to choose whether or not you will follow His plan. This course will help you find out more about God's design for you and the many ways in which God will help you if you choose to follow Him. Knowledge about God's design and our choice will help everyone when they are confronted with the bewildering array of decisions that each person must make every day.

Text: God's Design – Your Choice, Lowell Harrup

Marriage and Home

Many young couples take this course in preparation for marriage and find a number of time-tested rules for developing a happy home. As you study this course, family members learn to appreciate each other more by learning the basic principles of proper relationships in the home. Marriage was established by God and the family is the building block of society. Without strong family units the church cannot be what God intended for it to be. This course deals with all of the aspects of marriage and home that make the family the strong unit that the church rests upon.

Text: Marriage and Home, Rex Jackson

New Testament Survey

An overview of the New Testament that brings unity and chronological sequence to study by weaving the contents of the books around a central theme—the person of Christ. Well-known Bible passages take on new dimensions when seen in the perspective of a sweeping panoramic overview. Divisions are the synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John, the Book of Acts, the Pauline Epistles in chronological order, the General Epistles, and the Book of Revelation.

Text: The Kingdom, The Power, and the Glory, Jean-Baptiste Sawadogo

Old Testament Survey

A sweeping overview of God's working from creation through the early days of His chosen people. Topics include the patriarchs, Israel's trek to the Promised Land, David's reign, Solomon's kingdom, the kingdom of Judah, the exile, and the great writings of the prophets.

A fascinating experience for all who desire to more clearly understand how God works with His people. Well-known Bible passages take on new dimensions when seen in the perspective of a sweeping panoramic overview.

Text: Tents, Temples, and Palaces, Rick C. Howard

Pneumatology 101

Everyone needs friends and everyone values those special friends who are always there when you need them the most. Each of us has a special friend in the Holy Spirit, and this course tells about this very special friend. Many students have experienced a deeper walk with the Holy Spirit after studying this course.

Text: Your Helpful Friend, Louise Jeter Walker

Pneumatology 201

Near the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, He told His disciples that the time was coming when He would no longer be with them. Then He said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth" (John 14:16). Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit. In this course you will become acquainted with the ways in which your Friend, the Holy Spirit, wants to help you, in the same way that Jesus helped people when He was here on earth. An overview of the Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit is included.

Text: Counselor, Teacher, and Guide, William Farrand

Soteriology 101

When you asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, something wonderful happened. You began a new life. Your sins were forgiven, and you were born into the family of God. Although your new life is a gift from God in heaven, you begin to live it now on earth. Learn how to live it according to God's principles. Let Your New Life teach you how to grow and find joy in your new life in Christ.

Text: Your New Life, Louise Jeter Walker

Soteriology 201

Salvation is the crucial subject of this course and the definition is broadened to include everything that was purchased at Calvary. Salvation is shown to include not only the forgiveness of the sins of the past and deliverance from the power of sin in the present, but also protection against the depredations that could be brought on by sin in the future. The entire spiritual needs of man are met by the redemption provided by Christ on the cross. An understanding of who Christ is by what Christ has done through the economy of salvation.

Text: Alive in Christ, David Duncan

Spiritual Gifts

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant," Paul said (I Corinthians 12:1). Spiritual gifts are very important to the body of Christ, and it is exciting to learn about these gifts that God has made available to His children. These spiritual gifts are available to the believer to help him become a greater blessing to the church and more effective in spreading the gospel.

Text: Spiritual Gifts, Robert Brandt

Theology

This course covers the individuality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the Biblical teaching of the Trinity. Topics include the character/work of God; the preexistence, incarnation, deity, death, resurrection and return of Christ; and the personality and power of the Holy Spirit. The individuality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is studied and the Biblical teaching of the Trinity is clearly presented. The material presented provides both factual information and devotional challenge for every Christian who desires a deeper knowledge of God.

Text: The Triune God, Clarence H. Benson

Theology of Prayer

When God made us, He put something in us that reaches out for Him. We realize that we need a power greater than our own to solve our problems, protect us, and meet our needs. Through prayer we learn to reach out to God for help and this course shows us how to get our prayers answered and have our needs met as we pray and worship God.

Text: When You Pray, J. Robert Ashcroft



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