

YEAR ONE – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

1. The Local Church

This course will define what the Local Church is, why it exists, and how it functions. A vibrant and God-honoring view of this essential institution and our place in it. The focus will be on practical application, while establishing a strong biblical foundation. The emphasis of this course will be on the Local Church in the New Testament.

2. Apologetics

Concentration on apologetics will provide the student with the history, analysis, and evaluation of various philosophies and worldviews. A variety of non-biblical ideologies have been adopted by the world, this course will aid the believer to develop sufficient Christian responses to each one.

3. Biblical Finances

God has a lot to say about finances within the Kingdom of God. This study on biblical finances will help the student be established as a minister of God concerning finances. From stewardship to abundances, this course will help you understand kingdom principles when it comes to finances.

4. Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels and early Christian literature.

5. New Testament Survey

An examination of the New Testament and of the historical, social, economic, and religious background out of which Christianity arose.

6. Old Testament Survey/Introduction - 1

Gaining a historical overview of the Old Testament, special attention will be given to the cultural background, to the theological and contextual perspectives, and to the practical application of major Old Testament themes.

7. Old Testament Survey/Introduction - 2

Part 2 of gaining a historical overview of the Old Testament, special attention will be given to the cultural background, to the theological and contextual perspectives, and to the practical application of major Old Testament themes.

8. Doctrine

Christian doctrine explores the major teachings of the Bible, the existence of God's Scriptures as revelation; and the nature, works and decrees of God.

9. Biblical Worldview

Most people easily recognize how the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ changes a person's eternal destination from hell to Heaven. This course provides a broader look at how, historically, the Gospel has done far more than that – it truly transforms culture, customs and society as well.

**** Practicum (Required For All Course Years)**

The purpose of practicum is to provide the student with experience in ministerial responsibilities in a broad range of roles performed in the church.

YEAR ONE REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

The Local Church

Scheidler, Bill. The Local Church Today. Portland: City Bible Publishing, 2002.

Apologetics

Geisler, Norman L. When Skeptics Ask. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013. (ISBN 9780801014987)

Biblical Finances

Beyond Blessed: God's Perfect Plan to Overcome all Financial Stress by Robert Morris

Life of Christ

Harrison, Everett F. A Short Life of Christ. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1968. (ISBN0802818242)

New Testament Survey

Geisler, Norman. A Popular Survey of the New Testament.

Old Testament Survey/ Introduction 1 & 2

The Old Testament, any modern English version.

Hill, Andrew E., and John H Walton. A Survey of the Old Testament. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. (ISBN: 9780310280958)

Doctrine

Conner, Kevin J. The Foundations of Christian Doctrine. Portland: City Bible, 1980. (ISBN 0914936387)

Biblical Worldview

The Book That Transforms Nations: The Power of the Bible to Change Any Country.
By Loren Cunningham

YEAR TWO – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

1. Leadership: Developing the Leader within you 2.0

Our world is desperate for Leaders of integrity and honor. Developing the Leader within you 2.0 will establish the vision, value, influence, and motivation that every leader should possess in order to be successful no matter what the sphere of influence might be.

2. Spiritual Authority

In order to have spiritual authority, a believer must submit to God's complete authority. Understanding the difference between obedience and submission, students will get a clear view of the true authority of God.

3. Romans Part 1

A basic study surveying the great truths found in Paul's letter to the Romans. Key passages are dealt with in great detail. Particular attention is given to the major doctrinal and exhortative sections of the book with an application to Christian faith and practices.

4. Romans Part 2

Continue a basic study surveying the great truths found in Paul's letter to the Romans. Key passages are dealt with in great detail. Particular attention is given to the major doctrinal and exhortative sections of the book with an application to Christian faith and practices.

5. Spiritual Gifts

A study designed to assist the student in understanding the various gifts the Holy Spirit has rendered to believers. As discussed in the Pauline writings, lectures will also address some the misuse of Charisma (gifts) in the church.

6. New Testament Survey/Introduction

An examination of the New Testament and of the historical, social, economic, and religious background out of which Christianity arose.

7. Personal Evangelism

A course dealing with biblical concepts of evangelism and how to engage culture through personal, relevant, and life changing discussion.

8. Prayer

A study designed to assist the student in evaluating and developing a life of prayer. Various approaches to prayer that have been described in Scripture and by Christian leaders are explored.

9. Counseling with Scripture

An introduction to basic concepts and procedures of Biblical counseling. Its purpose is to acquaint the student with a biblically oriented approach to helping people.

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Leadership: Developing the Leader within you 2.0

Maxwell, John. Developing the Leader within you 2.0

Spiritual Authority

Bevere, John. Under Cover: Why Your Response to Leadership Determines Your Future. 2018

Romans Part 1

Holland, Tom. Hope for the Nations, Paul's Letters to the Romans

Romans Part 2

Holland, Tom. Hope for the Nations, Paul's Letters to the Romans

Spiritual Gifts

Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Comprehensive Guide by Sam Storms

New Testament Survey/Introduction

Geisler, Norman. A Popular Survey of the New Testament.

Personal Evangelism

Hybels, Bill. Becoming a Contagious Christian

Prayer

Tozer, AW. Communing with God in Everything

Counseling with Scripture

Hunt, June. Counseling Through the Bible Handbook

YEAR THREE – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

10. Biblical Worldview

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11. 1 Corinthians

An expository study of 1 Corinthians, with attention given to the background, church problems, doctrine, and practical applications of these books.

12. 2 Corinthians

An expository study of 2 Corinthians, with attention given to the background, church problems, doctrine, and practical applications of these books.

13. Hebraic Heritage of the Christian Faith

Jesus and His disciples were Jewish and the movement that He began was founded in Judaism. This study illuminates the Hebraic richness of the early church and promotes a fuller understanding of biblical events and teaching that otherwise, because of culture and era, could be forgotten.

14. Spiritual Disciplines

Fasting, serving, and studying are a few spiritual disciplines found in scripture. The practice of these promote growth among believers. This course examines various disciplines that will foster maturity and growth for the student who desires to grow deeper in godliness.

15. Homiletics

This course is designed to instruct the student in the proper interpretation and presentation of Biblical material through preaching. Attention is given to the Biblical perspective of preaching, principles of sermon construction, and sermon delivery.

16. Paul's Missionary Journeys

A study of the life, missionary journeys and major theological themes of the Apostle Paul evidenced in his letters and Acts. Includes application to the contemporary church.

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1 & 2 Corinthians

ISG 42 A Commentary on 1 and 2 Corinthians (Spck International Study Guide Series (Sep.Title Per Volume)) by J. Ayodeji Adewuya

Hebraic Heritage of the Christian Faith

Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith by Wilson, Marvin R.

Spiritual Disciplines

Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth by Richard J. Foster

Homiletics

How to Prepare Bible Messages by James Braga

Paul's Missionary Journeys

Journeys of the Apostle Paul by David Bomar by Lexham Press

The Local Church

Scheidler, Bill. The Local Church Today. Portland: City Bible Publishing, 2002.

Biblical Finances

Beyond Blessed: God's Perfect Plan to Overcome all Financial Stress by Robert Morris

YEAR FOUR – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

1. Leadership (In Search of Timothy)

A study designed to increase your personal leadership in the local church. This course will study the concepts of biblical principles, examples and traits of supportive ministers, in order to increase your effectiveness as a team player in all aspects of the local church.

2. Book of Hebrews

A study of the New Testament book of Hebrews. Particular attention is given to the major teachings of this book as they fit into their original historical contexts and as they speak to us today.

3. Ministry Ethics

This course will examine the foundations of Christian Ethics and how those values and virtues of moral decision-making are crucial in both Ministry and life settings.

4. Angelology

A study of fallen and unfallen angels, Satan, their origins, and purpose in God's sovereign plan for mankind and the cosmos.

5. Pastoral Epistles

This course focuses on the epistles to Timothy and Titus, with special reference to the doctrinal teaching and the Church's situation as reflected in these writings. Study includes application of the teachings of these epistles.

6. Christ in the Old Testament

When one reads in the New Testament about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, it quickly becomes apparent that the entire story of Christ is framed out of the Old Testament. In this way the Old Testament is the key to understanding Christ's ministry in the New Testament. The goal of this course is to unlock the person and ministry of Jesus Christ as it is revealed in the types, shadows and patterns given in the Old Testament.

7. Course TBD

8. Covenants of the Bible

From creation there have been nine covenants established by God: Edenic, Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Promised Land, Davidic, New, and Everlasting. Students will examine the purpose of each and how they culminate in the new and ultimate covenant established through Christ.

9. Tabernacle

This course deals with the typology of Jesus in comparison with the Old Testament Tabernacle - the sacrificial system, priesthood, the offerings, and furniture are representative of Christ and was a physical foreshadow of the Messiah to come.

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YEAR FOUR REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Leadership

In Search of Timothy by Tony Cooke

Book of Hebrews

Hebrews for Everyone by NT Wright

Ministry Ethics

Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders by Joe E. Trull edition 2

Angelology

The Truth about Angels by Terry Law

Pastoral Epistles

Swindoll's Living Insights: New Testament Commentary; 1&2 Timothy and Titus

Christ in the Old Testament

The Visible Presence by John Burris

Course Book TBD

Covenants of the Bible

Conner and Malmin, The Covenants: The Key to God's Relationship with Mankind. 1997. (ISBN: 978-0-914936-77-8)

Tabernacle

The Tabernacle: Shadows of the Messiah, It's Sacrifices, Services and Priesthood by David M. Levy