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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

September, 1982, saw Evangel Theological Seminary offering its first courses and welcoming the initial group of students. Since that rather inauspicious beginning, we have experienced much of the blessing of God upon our institution. The student body has grown, the faculty has been expanded, and several innovative additions to the curriculum, including the Practicum, Directed Study, and Diploma programs have been developed. Extensive syllabi have been produced for many of our courses, providing for the condensing of class meetings and increased efficiency for the student, both in and out of the classroom. Our most recent addition to the curriculum, the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree, gives E.T.S. another level of academic and practical training for qualified students.

In 1991 Evangel Theological Seminary received full accreditation from the American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions, a private Christian Accrediting organization. We continue to evaluate and revise our curriculum and programs to maintain the level of excellence required by the Association.

From the very beginning, we have remained steadfast in our dedication to the primacy and authority of the Scriptures. We maintain a deep commitment to provide quality, Biblical, theological training to equip God's people for ministry and aid in the fulfillment of the Church's redemptive mission in the world. With these resolutions clearly in mind, Evangel Theological Seminary accepts the challenge of a rapidly changing world order that provides far-reaching ministry opportunities to the entire Body of Christ. ETS, positioned for the twenty-first century, stands ready to respond to the inherent complexities it presents.

In these crucial times, if God has called you to ministry, or you desire a deeper understanding of His Word, I personally encourage you to prayerfully consider enrolling in Evangel Theological Seminary. We are indeed, a seminary with a difference.

May the Lord richly bless you.

*Robert H. Reichard, Ph.D.
President*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE . . .

. . . in the plenary inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments; that the Bible is the only sufficient rule of faith and practice.

. . . that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God, the Father; God, the Son; God, the Holy Spirit.

. . . in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to earth in power and glory to judge the living and the dead.

. . . in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for empowerment.

. . . that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

. . . in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.

. . . that the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

. . . in the Church as the fellowship for worship and service for all who are united to the living Lord.

. . . in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

PHILOSOPHY OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Evangel Theological Seminary is committed to providing sound academic training at a graduate level, in the areas of Biblical, Theological, Historical, and Practical Studies. Standing in the admonition of St. Paul, “And the things you have heard me say...entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others,” (II Tim. 2:2 NIV) and realizing the awesome responsibility of such a privilege, “On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts,” (I Thes. 2:4 NIV) the Seminary positions itself firmly in the mainstream of the great move of God and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this present age. (Joel 2:28,29; Acts 2:17,18)

Just as Evangel Theological Seminary is committed to providing excellence in theological training, so it expects a reciprocal commitment on the part of each student to “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” (II Tim. 2:15 NIV)

The Seminary further affirms the importance of the spiritual life, and seeks to promote in every way the spiritual nurture and growth of the students in all facets of their experience. Therefore, the selection of the faculty is made with great care under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Only those who possess a deep personal relationship with and commitment to Christ, who are individuals of integrity and faithfulness to the Word of God, and who have experience and skills as teachers, are chosen.

Evangel Theological Seminary embraces without compromise, the plenary inspiration and inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures. It recognizes the primacy of the Bible in theological education and, as a result, Old and New Testament studies are emphasized. The study of Hebrew and Greek is required for the Master of Divinity program to enable students to understand more fully the meaning and message of the Word of God.

The Old Testament is seen as an integral part of the whole, laying the foundation for, and anticipating the coming of the promised Messiah. The New Testament is presented as the fulfillment of the Old (Matt. 5:17), and the basic manual for the power, function, discipline, and life of the modern Church. The students are made aware of the many fallacies of modern Biblical criticism and the dangers involved in exposure to liberal interpretation and scholarship. Evangel Theological Seminary stands on the premise that the Bible is the standard of truth itself.

In the realm of Theology, the Seminary seeks to expose the student to a systematic discipline of theological truths to form a foundation for all subsequent study and ministry. With this in mind, all basic theology courses are included in the requirements for each academic program. Evangel Theological Seminary is committed to providing theological training rooted in sound Biblical Theology.

The Seminary believes the study of Church History enables the student to recognize and learn from the mistakes and successes of the past and reveals the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church from Pentecost to the present. Church History serves as an inexhaustible source of inspiration to the servant of God in the future as it is discovered that Christ has never forsaken

his Church, and is assured that in every crisis situation, the One who owns and builds the Church will not fail.

The Seminary dedicates itself to the practical training of its students that they may become capable pastors, teachers, and leaders in the Church. It seeks to develop communication skills to enable them to articulate the full meaning of the Gospel effectively. Seminary training is primarily geared to ministry in the local church with emphasis on a Christ-centered approach in all its activities. This includes developing skills in pastoral counseling, using Biblical truths, and recognizing the imperative of Christian commitment as guidelines in every situation.

Evangel Theological Seminary unreservedly commits itself to these basic concepts of theological education, and motivated by the belief in the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ, gives itself totally to participation and cooperation in the redemptive mission of the Church.

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

The basic purpose of the Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) is to prepare highly qualified pastors, teachers, evangelists, missionaries, and chaplains for ministry in the Church; “to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up,” (Eph 4:12 NIV). Most candidates for this degree seek to qualify for ordination. An additional objective of the M.Div. degree is to stimulate the student during seminary work, so that after graduation the imperative of ongoing personal study and preparation is realized to insure growth in ministry. Please refer to the General Admissions Requirements for the guidelines for this program.

The student must successfully complete **ninety (90) semester hours** including the following:

1. **Sixty-six (66) semester hours** of required courses.

A. Old Testament

- O-101 Old Testament Introduction
- O-301 Old Testament Hebrew I
- O-302 Old Testament Hebrew II
- O-401 Old Testament Hebrew Readings
- Elective

B. New Testament

- N-101 New Testament Introduction
- N-102 Life of Christ
- N-301 New Testament Greek I
- N-302 New Testament Greek II
- N-401 New Testament Greek Readings

C. Theology

- T-101 Basic Christian Doctrines I
- T-102 Basic Christian Doctrines II
- T-103 Basic Christian Doctrines III
- T-463 Ministry of the Holy Spirit

D. Church History

- C-101 Church History I
- C-102 Church History II
- C-301 The Supernatural Ministry of the Church

E. Pastoral Theology and Ministry

- P-101 Christian Expression Skills
- P-201 Homiletics I
- P-301 Pastoral Care & Communication
- P-401 Pastoral Counseling I
- P-581 Biblical Church Principles

3. **Twenty-four (24) semester hours** of electives from any of the five departments.

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Master of Theological Studies degree (M.T.S.) is not specifically structured to prepare the student for the ordained ministry. Rather, it is designed to provide an in-depth development of theological understanding to aid in the student's spiritual life and ministry. This program will also adequately equip the student to better fulfill the mission of the church, as mandated in the Holy Scriptures. Finally, successful completion of this course of study will assure the graduate of a substantial theological background to pursue future graduate study. Please refer to the General Admissions Requirements for the guidelines for this program

The student must successfully complete **sixty-six (66) semester hours** of seminary work including the following:

1. **Forty-eight (48) semester hours** of the following required courses.
 - A. Old Testament
 - O-101 Old Testament Introduction
 - O-421 Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets
 - O-431 The Psalms
 - B. New Testament
 - N-101 New Testament Introduction
 - N-102 Life of Christ
 - N-325 The Life and Theology of Paul
 - C. Theology
 - T-101 Basic Christian Doctrines I
 - T-102 Basic Christian Doctrines II
 - T-103 Basic Christian Doctrines III
 - T-463 Ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - D. Church History
 - C-101 Church History I
 - C-102 Church History II
 - C-301 The Supernatural Ministry of the Church
 - E. Pastoral Theology & Ministry
 - P-101 Christian Expression Skills
 - P-581 Biblical Church Principles
 - P-600 Advanced Thesis Seminar
2. **Eighteen (18) semester hours** of additional electives from any of the five departments.

The culmination of this program is the writing of a thesis, which is to be completed during the student's final year of study. The student's advisor will provide guidance and assistance during the process. Upon completion, the student will participate in an examination interview, which will determine the thesis grade. A minimum grade of "C" is required.

Work on the M.T.S. degree must be completed within *six years*.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program is designed for the professional who understands that continued education and training is essential to develop further competence and effectiveness in ministry. The program provides opportunities for the student to focus on ministry improvement through pastoral and Biblical studies as well as personalized self-study projects. Please refer to the General Admissions Requirements for the guidelines for this program.

There are **four major tracks of study**: Pastoral Ministry, Biblical Studies, Church History, and Theology. Those students desiring to pursue the Biblical Studies track will need to demonstrate translation ability in either Greek or Hebrew to be eligible. Within these tracks it will be possible to develop an individualized program of study to meet the specific needs of each student. All 500 level courses are eligible for this program. However, some 400 level classes may be acceptable with special requirements.

To receive the D.Min. degree, the student must complete **thirty (30) semester hours of study** which includes the following:

1. **Eighteen (18) semester hours** of required electives in the student's chosen track of study.
2. **Six (6) semester hours** of unrestricted electives
3. **Six (6) semester hours** of work in an advanced independent project approved by the faculty advisor.

The final requirement of this program is the advanced independent project. The student's advisor will provide guidance and assistance during the completion process. Upon submission of the project the student will participate in a project defense interview which will determine the final grade. A minimum grade of "B" is required.

Because of the nature of this program only **six (6) semester hours** of transfer credit will be allowed. A student must maintain a Grade Point Average of 3.30 to continue in the program and receive the degree.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

ETS recognizes the value of its educational programs for certain individuals who have not completed an undergraduate degree but who may benefit from graduate level studies. As a result the Divinity Diploma, Theological Studies Diploma, and Biblical Studies Diploma were created. Refer to the General Admissions Requirements for the guidelines for these programs. The academic requirements for each Diploma program are listed below.

Divinity Diploma – See the Master of Divinity requirements.

Theological Studies Diploma – See the Master of Theological Studies requirements.

Biblical Studies Diploma - The Biblical Studies Diploma is designed, primarily, to provide the student with a sound, Biblically based, theological foundation for ministry and leadership in the local church. The program is also directed toward producing spiritual maturity and a comprehensive understanding of basic spiritual truths for the individual.

The student must successfully complete **thirty-six (36) semester hours** of seminary work, which includes the following:

1. Old Testament
 - ❑ O-101 Old Testament Introduction
 - ❑ O-421 Introduction to Old Testament Prophets
 - ❑ O-431 The Psalms
2. New Testament
 - ❑ N-101 New Testament Introduction
 - ❑ N-102 Life of Christ
 - ❑ N-325 Life & Theology of Paul
3. Theology
 - ❑ T-101 Basic Christian Doctrines I
 - ❑ T-102 Basic Christian Doctrines II
 - ❑ T-103 Basic Christian Doctrines III
4. Church History
 - ❑ C-101 Church History I
 - ❑ C-102 Church History II
5. Pastoral Theology & Ministry
 - ❑ P-101 Christian Expression Skills

Work on the Biblical Studies Diploma must be completed within *four years*.

NON-DEGREE

Individuals interested in taking some courses, but not wanting to earn a degree, may apply for admission to Evangel Theological Seminary under the Non-Degree Program. In this program students earn seminary credit that may be applied to a degree at a later date, if desired.

Those desiring to enroll in the program must submit a completed Application Form along with the non-refundable application fee. The students are expected to fulfill the academic requirements of the course along with the degree students.

In addition, students may audit a class. Under this option, the student participates in the class but is not required to complete the academic work. However, those desiring this option, must meet all of the admission requirements.

DIRECTED STUDY

Because of our commitment to provide a Biblically based, theologically sound, quality education and in recognition of the special circumstances and needs of the non-traditional student, Evangel Theological Seminary has developed the Directed Study Program. This program is an organized home study system, which allows the student to enroll in a course at any time and complete it as quickly as desired.

Students register for a Directed Study Course as they would for a regular class. A maximum of two courses (six semester hours) may be taken at one time and the work for each course must be completed within **six (6) months**. Upon receiving the course registration, a financial statement will be sent to the student. With the payment of the applicable charges, the student will be sent a Course Packet that includes the following:

1. Course Completion Schedule
2. Course requirements.
3. Course syllabus or outline.
4. Course assignments.
5. Other course materials and information.
6. Textbooks.
7. Cassette tapes of lectures, when available.

The responsibility for accomplishing the full scope of the course, and completing all requirements, rests with the student. If the assigned work is not completed by the six month deadline, the student will receive a course grade based on the submitted work. If none of the assigned work has been submitted the student will receive a failing grade.

PRACTICUM PROGRAM

Recognizing the value of practical training, Evangel Theological Seminary has established the Practicum Program, which awards seminary credit for ministry experience. All M.Div. and M.T.S. students are eligible to apply, with a **maximum** credit limit of **eighteen hours** for the **M.Div. program** and **twelve hours** for the **M.T.S. program**.

To participate in this program, the student must:

1. Have completed **twenty-one (21) semester hours** in the M.Div. program or **fifteen (15) semester hours** in the M.T.S. program.
2. Submit a completed **Application Form** along with a **non-refundable \$30.00 application fee**.
3. Submit a minimum of three evaluations. The Seminary will supply the Evaluation Forms and they must be returned directly to the Office of the Academic Dean. All evaluations, reports, references, etc. will become part of the student's permanent file.

With the submission of the Evaluation Forms, a **personal interview** will be scheduled. At least two of the following will participate in this process; the President or Academic Dean, Faculty member/advisor, or a member of the Administrative Council.

After the above mentioned steps have been completed, the applicant's ministry will be evaluated as to length, breadth, quality, effectiveness, and the degree of responsibility required. Following this evaluation, the number of credit hours awarded will be determined.

After payment of the Practicum Program fee (\$75.00 per semester hour awarded), an official declaration by the Academic Dean will be placed in the student's file and will become a part of the official transcript.

The Practicum Program has been approved by the Board of Trustees of Evangel Theological Seminary with the understanding that all information and documents submitted to the Seminary are authentic and truthful. Any falsification of information, evaluations, reports, etc. is grounds for dismissal from the Seminary and/or the withdrawal of any credit awarded toward the completion of a degree.

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GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Evangel Theological Seminary is a graduate school for theological education. Therefore, there are certain general admission requirements.

1. All prospective students must submit a completed Application Form along with a non-refundable application fee to the Office of the Registrar.
2. All applicants must request that official transcripts from all junior colleges, colleges, universities, or graduate schools previously attended, be sent to the Office of the Registrar.
3. To be accepted into the **Master of Divinity** or **Master of Theological Studies** programs, the applicant must have received an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum grade point average of 2.00. The admissions committee will consider students with an undergraduate degree from an unaccredited institution on an individual basis.
4. To be accepted into the **Doctor of Ministry** program, the applicant must have received an undergraduate degree as well as a theology related masters degree from an accredited institution.
5. To be accepted into either the **Divinity Diploma** or the **Theological Studies Diploma** program an individual must be 30 years of age and completed at least 60 semester hours of undergraduate work. Any student who does not meet the enrollment criteria for these diplomas must enroll in the Biblical Studies Diploma program. Upon successful completion of that program and an acceptable academic achievement (2.75 grade point average or higher) a student may petition the Registrar's Office for admission into a higher diploma program.
6. To be accepted into the **Biblical Studies Diploma** program, an undergraduate degree is not required.
7. Prospective students may apply for admission to take courses for credit without applying it to a specific degree under the Non-Degree program.

Evangel Theological Seminary admits students of any race, gender, color, national and ethnic origin to the rights, privileges, programs, and activities available, and it does not discriminate in accordance with the above in the administration of its academic policies, admissions policies, scholarship awards, or any other school administered policy or program.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

It is imperative that all students be performing at graduate level. Therefore, academic progress of students will be monitored. Students are expected to earn a “C” or better in each course. A cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.00 is required for graduation.

Students enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program must maintain a G.P.A. of 3.30 to remain eligible to continue.

Honors designations for M.T.S. and M.Div. graduates will be based on the following grade point average scale.

- ❑ 3.86-4.00 – summa cum laude
- ❑ 3.70-3.85 – magna cum laude
- ❑ 3.55-3.69 – cum laude

Students graduating with a diploma will receive the designation of honors graduate with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious academic infraction. Plagiarism is defined as an act of presenting someone else’s argument, definition, interpretation or factual information as though they were one’s own, whether or not one uses the exact wording or source.

If plagiarism is suspected, the following steps will be taken:

1. The course professor will immediately refer the matter to the Administrative Council.
 2. The Administrative Council will schedule a disciplinary hearing with the student.
 3. If found guilty, a student will face a penalty ranging from course failure to dismissal.
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ACADEMIC PROBATION

Any student who receives a failing grade in a course, or whose G.P.A. for the term is under 2.00 is automatically placed on academic probation for the following semester.

A student on academic probation may be removed from that status with satisfactory academic improvement (at least 2.25 G.P.A. for the semester) and the approval of the Academic Dean.

DISMISSAL

A student considered for dismissal must fall in one of the following categories:

1. On academic probation for two consecutive semesters and achieved less than a 2.00 cumulative G.P.A.
2. Completed 45 semester hours in the M.Div. program without achieving a cumulative 2.00 G.P.A.
3. Completed 33 semester hours in the M.T.S. program without achieving a cumulative 2.00 G.P.A.
4. Failed to maintain a 3.30 G.P.A. in the D.Min. program.
5. Completed 18 semester hours in the Biblical Studies program without achieving a cumulative 2.00 G.P.A.
6. Plagiarism.
7. A particular discipline or behavior problem that is incompatible and inconsistent with the Statement of Faith.

The Academic Dean must recommend dismissal of a student to the Administrative Council. The Administrative Council must agree by majority vote for dismissal. The student must be informed of any action regarding dismissal prior to the Academic Dean's recommendation to the Administrative Council and immediately after a determination is reached.

WITHDRAWALS AND INCOMPLETES

Students withdrawing from courses after the mid-point of the course will be assigned a grade of "F." However, students may withdraw by the mid-point without academic penalty. If a student desires to withdraw, a written request must be forwarded to the Office of the Registrar.

Any student who registers for a course but never attends will be dropped from the course roster without a grade and the tuition will be credited. However, the student will be required to purchase the textbooks and pay a \$25.00 administrative fee.

Students may receive the grade "I" for incomplete work. The incomplete work must be made up prior to the end of the following semester. If the work is not completed by this deadline, the grade will automatically convert to an "F" or other appropriately reduced grade as assigned by the professor.

To receive an Incomplete grade the student must submit a completed Extension Request Form to the professor before the end of the course. If it is not submitted by that time, the request will be denied and the student will receive a grade based on work that is already completed.

ATTENDANCE

Because of the concentrated structure of a course, it is imperative that students attend all of the scheduled class meetings. If a student **must** miss a class, the professor **must** be informed prior to the start of class and arrangements made for the assignment of an appropriate additional academic requirement.

It is the sole responsibility of the student to make up any class material that was missed as a result of an absence.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

A student, or prospective student, desiring transfer of credits received at another institution must submit a request in writing to the Academic Dean. Upon receipt of official transcripts from accredited institutions, an evaluation will be made to determine allowable credit. A determination will be based on the depth and quality of the work taken and the ability of the particular courses to contribute to, or be directly integral to the program in which the student is enrolled.

Transfer credits are not to exceed **42** semester hours in the M.Div. program, **30** semester hours for the M.T.S. program, **15** semester hours for the Biblical Studies diploma, and **6** semester hours for the D.Min. program.

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TUITION

The Board of Trustees of Evangel Theological Seminary has established the following tuition rates:

1. **Doctor of Ministry Program:** \$200.00 per semester hour.
2. **All other Programs:** \$150.00 per semester hour.
\$75.00 per audit hour.

Discounts

In addition to the above rates, the Board of Trustees has established the following tuition discounts for students:

- \$25.00 per course** discount for any student who enrolls in two or more courses.
- \$25.00 per student** discount for members of an immediate family enrolled in the same course.

Textbooks and Materials

Most textbook prices are discounted to the students. The price of textbooks and materials is included in a student's semester invoice. As a result, textbooks and materials will only be distributed to students who make the appropriate payment at the first class session.

FEES

1. **Application Fee** (non-refundable)
 - All Programs: \$30.00
2. **Practicum Program**
 - Application Fee: \$30.00
 - Program Fee: \$75.00 per semester hour awarded
3. **Other Fees**
 - Graduation Fee: \$100.00
 - Late Payment Fee: \$25.00
 - Returned Check Fee: \$25.00
 - Transcript Fee: \$5.00
 - Administrative Fee: \$25.00

PAYMENTS

There are **two payment plans** available to students.

1. **Deferred Payment Plan**

- ❑ 1/2 half of the student's semester balance is due at the 1st class of the term.
- ❑ The remaining balance is due on the date provided on the student invoice.

2. **Monthly Payment Plan**

- ❑ This plan is **only** available to students who are enrolled in **more than one course**.
- ❑ 1/4 of the student's semester balance is due at the 1st class of the term.
- ❑ The remaining balance of the tuition is payable in 3 monthly installments.

3. **Conditions**

- ❑ The appropriate payments must be made at registration.
- ❑ The Deferred and Monthly payments must be made by the scheduled due dates.
- ❑ If a student's account is more than **30 days** past due, the student's **tuition credit** will be revoked. If the student does not have a tuition credit, a late payment charge will be assessed. (See the section "Fees" on the previous page.)
- ❑ Any student whose account is more than **60 days** past due is subject to suspension. This action would prohibit the student from attending class, receiving grades, and registering for additional courses. The suspension can only be lifted with the submission of the appropriate payments and a written request to the Administrative Council.
- ❑ The balance of a student's account must be paid by the end of the semester. Failure to do so will result in the student's grades not being released. In addition, a student will not be able to register for the next term until payment has been made.
- ❑ Diplomas will be prepared and transcripts sent only for those students who have paid all outstanding bills to the Seminary.
- ❑ There is a fee for all returned checks (see the section "Fees" on the previous page). If a student has a second returned check, all payments must be made with either cash or money order.

TUITION REFUNDS

The policy for tuition refunds for students withdrawing from a course is as follows:

- ❑ Written notice to the Academic Dean is required, as well as the approval of the professor, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- ❑ If the date of notice is by the second class session, the student is entitled to a full refund.
- ❑ If by the third class session - 50% refund.
- ❑ After the third class session there will be no refund.

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OLD TESTAMENT

O-101 Old Testament Introduction

A systematic study of the background against which the Old Testament was written and a brief glimpse of the individual books as to authorship, date, purpose, characteristics, etc. (3 hrs.)

O-102 Old Testament History

A study of the historical setting surrounding Old Testament life and its contribution to the growth and development of Israel within the framework of God's purposes. (3 hrs.)

O-301 Old Testament Hebrew I

This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of Biblical Hebrew for the purpose of enabling the student to adequately study and exegete the Old Testament. (3 hrs.)

O-302 Old Testament Hebrew II

See O-201. Prerequisite O-301. (3 hrs.)

O-401 Old Testament Hebrew Readings

Readings from selected Old Testament passages with emphasis on translation and syntax. The purpose of the course is to develop translation skills and increase the student's familiarity and ease in handling the text. Prerequisites O-301 & O-302. (3 hrs.)

O-411 The Pentateuch

An in-depth study of the first five books of the Old Testament with particular emphasis on their theological message. (3 hrs.)

O-421 Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets

A detailed, introductory study of the Major and Minor Prophets with emphasis on authorship, date, purpose and message, and any particular problems involved. (3 hrs.)

O-431 The Psalms

An introduction to the nature of Hebrew poetry with emphasis on the different types of Psalms and their significance. (3 hrs.)

O-432 The Poetic Books

This course will examine the books of Job, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon with an emphasis on their basic message, literary quality, and significance to the contemporary church. Prerequisite O-431. (3 hrs.)

O-501 Old Testament Hebrew Exegesis

An introduction to basic principles of Biblical exegesis using selected Old Testament passages. Prerequisites O-301, O-302, and O-401. (3 hrs.)

O-511 The Old Testament Historical Books

A survey of the twelve historical books of the Old Testament canon, including a study of evidence of the redemptive history of God's people and His sovereignty in the various stages of their existence. (3 hrs.)

O-515 Song of Solomon

The Song of Solomon provides divine insight as to how an intimate devotional life can be established and maintained. The steps that lead toward spiritual maturity can be clearly identified with this book, from the Lord's call to his Bride to "Rise up and come away", to her declaration that "I am my Beloved's, and His desire is towards me." Through this course, the Song of Solomon will begin to have lasting value and purpose in the outworking of your spiritual life and ministry. (3 hrs.)

O-521 The Major Prophets

An in-depth treatment of each prophet emphasizing his message and its relevance both to the original hearers and the present Christian Church. (3 hrs.)

O-523 Prophecy of Isaiah

An in-depth study of the prophet and his work, exploring the theological significance of the prophecy with emphasis on Isaiah's Messianic ministry. (3 hrs.)

O-525 The Minor Prophets

The same basic treatment as O-521. (3 hrs.)

O-529 Messianic Prophecy in the Old Testament

An in-depth examination of the stream of Messianic prophecy found in the Old Testament and its subsequent fulfillment in the Advent of Christ in the New Testament. (3 hrs.)

O-530 The Typology of the Old Testament

A detailed study of the theological types found in the Old Testament and their significance to the corresponding antitypes in the New Testament. (3 hrs.)

O-531 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

An in-depth study of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament with emphasis on His anointing and work in and through the leaders of that time. (3 hrs.)

NEW TESTAMENT

N-101 New Testament Introduction

A systematic study of the background against which the New Testament was written and a brief glimpse of the individual books as to authorship, date, purpose, characteristics, etc. (3 hrs.)

N-102 Life of Christ

An in-depth study, from the Gospels, of the life of Christ with emphasis given to the ministry and message of our Lord and their theological significance to the Church. (3 hrs.)

N-301 New Testament Greek I

This course is designed to provide a basic knowledge of New Testament Greek for the purpose of enabling the student to effectively study and exegete the New Testament. (3 hrs.)

N-302 New Testament Greek II

See N-201. Prerequisite N-301. (3 hrs.)

N-325 The Life and Theology of Paul

A detailed study of the life and ministry of the Apostle and an examination of Pauline theology and thought as seen in his Epistles. (3 hrs.)

N-401 New Testament Greek Readings

Readings from selected New Testament passages with emphasis on translation and syntax. The purpose of the course is to develop translation skills and increase the student's familiarity and ease in handling the text. Prerequisites N-301 & N-302. (3 hrs.)

N-411 The Gospel of Matthew

A detailed study of the book with the purpose of examining the author's particular portrayal of the life of Jesus in relation to the other Synoptics. (3 hrs.)

N-413 The Gospel of Mark

A detailed study of the Gospel in the light of its primacy in relation to the other Gospels. (3 hrs.)

N-415 The Gospel of Luke

An in-depth study of the book with a view toward its historical flavoring and the relationship it bears to the other Synoptics. (3 hrs.)

N-417 The Gospel of John

A detailed study of the message and meaning of the Fourth Gospel with emphasis on the author's concept of the Gospel of Christ in the light of the Synoptics. (3 hrs.)

N-424 Acts

An in-depth study of the history of the Church as seen in Acts and an examination of the Biblical concept of the Church and its operation and function. (3 hrs.)

N-441 The Epistle to the Romans

This course is an in-depth study of the message and purpose of the Epistle to the Romans and its impact on the present day Church. The background against which it was written, major themes and significant theological concepts will all be examined. The course will also discuss relevant issues such as what happens to someone who has never heard about Jesus, what does it mean to be a believer, and how does that affect the way we relate to one another and live our lives in the 21st century. (3 hrs.)

N-443 Epistle to the Galatians

An in-depth study of the message and purpose of the Apostle Paul's stern letter to the churches of Galatia. (3 hrs.)

N-451 Epistle to the Hebrews

An in-depth study of the Epistle with emphasis on the theological significance of its message to the Church and the individual believer. The question of Pauline authorship will be investigated. (3 hrs.)

N-453 The Epistle of James

An in-depth study of the Epistle with an emphasis on its basic message. (3 hrs.)

N-455 The Book of Revelation

A detailed study of the book with emphasis on its eschatological meaning, including the historical and theological significance for the present day Church. Some Greek exegesis will be required. (3 hrs.)

N-501 New Testament Greek Exegesis

An introduction to basic principles of Biblical exegesis using selected New Testament passages. Pre-requisites N-301, N-302, N-401. (3 hrs.)

N-511 The Corinthian Letters

A detailed examination of the purpose of the Apostle Paul in writing these letters and their application and meaning to the Church. Some Greek exegesis will be required. (3 hrs.)

N-513 The Prison Epistles

A study of each Epistle with the aim of discovering the Apostle's primary message and purpose. (3 hrs.)

N-515 The Pastoral Epistles

A study of each Epistle with the aim of discovering the Apostle's primary message and purpose. (3 hrs.)

N-517 I & II Thessalonians

A study of each Epistle with the aim of discovering the Apostle's primary message and purpose. Emphasis will be given to the eschatological pronouncement of the author. (3 hrs.)

N-531 I & II Peter

An in-depth study of the Epistles including a glimpse at the Apostle. (3 hrs.)

N-533 The Johannine Epistles

A study of St. John's epistles with emphasis on the author's message and meaning, including an examination of the theological importance of the writings for the Church. Some Greek exegesis will be required. (3 hrs.)

THEOLOGY

T-101 Basic Christian Doctrines I

A systematic study of theology beginning with the Doctrine of Scripture (Definition, Canon, Inspiration, and Authority of Scripture) and continuing on through the Doctrine of God (Attributes of God), the Doctrine of Christ, the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the Doctrine of the Trinity, and ending with the Doctrine of Providence. (3 hrs.)

T-102 Basic Christian Doctrines II

A systematic study of theology beginning with the Doctrine of Creation and continuing through the Doctrine of Man, the Doctrine of Sin, and concluding with the Doctrine of Salvation. (3 hrs.)

T-103 Basic Christian Doctrines III

A systematic study of theology beginning with the Doctrine of the Church (Definition, Biblical basis, Authority and Government, Worship, Sacraments) and ending with the Doctrine of Last Things (Second Advent, Judgment, Hell, Heaven). (3 hrs.)

T-301 Theology of Ministry I

This course is designed to enable the student to develop a personal theology for ministry. Careful examination is given to the Sermon on the Mount, the Kingdom teaching of Jesus, and His apostolic commission. Some of the course material will be drawn from the Old Testament. (3 hrs.)

T-302 Theology of Ministry II

This course explores five basic considerations for developing a ministry and how they apply practically. The course is designed to help students formulate a plan for their own ministries and to discern basic flaws in their development. Prerequisite T-301. (3 hrs.)

T-434 The Doctrine of the Trinity in the Old Testament

A study of the trinitarian evidence in the Old Testament with emphasis on the presence and ministry of the Son and the Holy Spirit. (3 hrs.)

T-463 The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

An in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit as seen in the Old and New Testaments with an emphasis on the relation of the Holy Spirit to the contemporary Church. (3 hrs.)

T-501 The Unity of the Bible

Designed to give the student a comprehensive view of the totality of the Scriptures with emphasis on the unique flow of the purpose of God throughout the Old and New Testaments and the deep interrelation of the two. Because of the nature of the course, team teaching may be employed. (3 hrs.)

T-521 The Theology of the Church

An examination of New Testament writings, from the words of Christ to the Revelation of St. John, to discover the Biblical norm for the operation, function, and witness of the Church. Some Greek exegesis may be required. (3 hrs.)

T-531 Christian Ethics and the Minister

This course will explain the foundations of Christian ethics, Biblical models of relationships, and measures of character and morality. During this study the student will develop a personal code of ethics or practical conduct for ministerial relationships. (3 hrs.)

CHURCH HISTORY

C-101 Church History I

A study of the history of the Church from Pentecost to 1500 A.D. (3 hrs.)

C-102 Church History II

A study of the history of the Church from 1500 A.D. to the present. (3 hrs.)

C-301 The Supernatural Ministry of the Church

The course is an intensive study of the total ministry of the Church in the light of Scripture. The basic premise is that everything the Church does is supernatural because the Church itself, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is a supernatural functioning body, of which Jesus is the Head. Such ministries as worship, prayer, fasting, fellowship, forgiveness, evangelism, government, spiritual gifts, praise, etc. will be examined. (3 hrs.)

C-421 Early Church History

An in-depth study of the Church through its first five centuries. Emphasis will be given to significant movements and developments during this time period. (3 hrs.)

C-431 The History of Doctrine I

A survey of the historical development of doctrine from the end of the first century to the Council of Chalcedon with emphasis on the Early and Later Church Fathers and their doctrinal writings. (3 hrs.)

C-432 The History of Doctrine II

A survey of the historical development of doctrine from Chalcedon through the Reformation emphasizing Luther and Calvin. (3 hrs.)

C-441 Early Church Fathers

A survey of the early Christian writers with particular emphasis on the Apostolic Fathers, using selected works to enable the student to gain an understanding of the faith and life of the Early Church. (3 hrs.)

C-443 The Reformation and the Reformers

A comprehensive study of the Reformation movement and the major figures guiding its course. (3 hrs.)

C-451 The History of the Church in America

A survey of the historical development of the Church in America, beginning with the faith of the colonists and ending with the early twentieth century. (3 hrs.)

C-501 The Church and Contemporary Issues

This course will examine some of the contemporary issues facing America and provide the student an opportunity to develop a Biblical response to them. (3 hrs.)

C-515 John Wesley and the Methodist Revival

This course examines the man, John Wesley, and the movement he founded. Contributing factors in Wesley's life are identified, as well as his personal spiritual experiences. The Revival is considered in the light of its impact on England, and both the man and the movement are evaluated for their relevance to the contemporary Church. (3 hrs.)

C-531 Revival & Church Growth

An examination of the history of spiritual revival awakenings and their influence on the church life and growth. This course will study the sociological and spiritual milieu out of which these movements arose and what impact they had on cultural society. This class will seek to discover the theological and biblical principles of those movements and apply them to the contemporary church. (3 hrs.)

C-541 World Religions

A study of the world's religions with the express purpose of establishing firmly in the student's mind the uniqueness and dynamism of Christianity over all other religions. (3 hrs.)

C-551 History of Missions

A study of the historical course of the Church's missionary imperative beginning with the Great Commission given by Christ to His disciples and the missionary travels of the Apostle Paul. The course will include an evaluation of modern missionary principles with respect to the Biblical standards as seen in the Book of Acts. (3 hrs.)

C-561 History of Worship

A survey of the historical development of worship in the Church including hymnody, use and development of liturgy and creeds, and significant changes in the mode of worship, with the purpose to understand the theology of worship. (3 hrs.)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

P-101 Christian Expression Skills

This course is designed expressly to enhance basic communication skills, especially in the areas of writing and speaking, and as an introduction to Homiletics. (3 hrs.)

P-201 Homiletics I

A course designed to introduce the nature of preaching and enable the student to establish sound practical preaching skills with emphasis on Biblical exposition. Prerequisite P-101. (3 hrs.)

P-202 Homiletics II

An advanced course designed to strengthen and reinforce the preparation and delivery skills of the student. Prerequisite P-201. (3 hrs.)

P-301 Pastoral Care and Communication

This course is designed to aid those called to ministry in understanding and developing a Biblical model for pastoral care. In addition, students will be challenged to identify practical ways the model may be implemented into their current ministry setting. (3 hrs.)

P-311 Introduction to Evangelism I

This course applies the personal ministry of evangelism to present needs and opportunities, and shows how the work can be done effectively. Attention is given to basic principles of discipleship and reproduction. Each student will be challenged and equipped to practice personal evangelism as a way of life. (3 hrs.)

P-312 Introduction to Evangelism II

This course will instruct individuals in the fundamental history, theory, and practice of evangelism. Through this course students will be trained to effectively minister evangelism. (3 hrs.)

P-315 Ministry to the Wounded Heart

This course will be taking a more in-depth look in how to minister and reach out to help and heal those men and women whose choice to abort has deeply hurt every part of their lives. (3 hrs.)

P-401 Christian Counseling I

A survey of the many facets of counseling and the skills required to be an effective counselor. Emphasis is placed on the imperative of a personal relationship with Christ and its power for the recipient in every life situation. This course is designed to provide a counseling approach based on Biblical guidelines and principles and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (3 hrs.)

P-402 Christian Counseling II

This course will focus on the application of Biblical principles to the counseling process. Students will become familiar with some foundational elements of transformation, practices of the old nature, and some special problem areas. A willingness to consider the application of these principles to one's own life will be necessary and then, with the Holy Spirit's leading, students will consider their application to the lives of others. (3 hrs.)

P-421 Principles of Christian Education

A study of the theological foundations of the Christian Education ministry of the Church, using Biblical guidelines to assist in establishing a contemporary educational program within the local church. (3 hrs.)

P-510 Biblical Models of Church Leadership

This course is a study of 24 types of leadership found among people in the Bible. Biblical leadership expressions will be compared to contemporary styles, types, and principles of leadership to encourage students to apply the biblical models to their life and vocation. (3 hrs.)

P-514 Spiritual Factors in Church Growth

An examination of spiritual factors of church growth such as prayer, fasting, revival, anointed preaching and worship. The student will analyze and develop programs to produce balanced growth in evangelism and discipleship (3hrs.)

P-521 Biblical Basis of Evangelism

An in-depth examination of the Biblical foundations and guidelines for evangelism with emphasis on the ministry of the Apostle Paul. (3 hrs.)

P-541 Missions in the Local Church

An investigation of the need for a missions emphasis in the local church in the light of the Biblical and theological mandates for missions. Attention is given to such themes as informing and challenging the local congregation, the local Missionary Conference, establishing commitment, year-long missionary awareness and emphasis, etc. Local pastors and missionary leaders will share their experience and knowledge with the students. (3 hrs.)

P-551 Church Planting

An in-depth study of the apostolic approach to church planting and care as seen in the Book of Acts, with the view of the necessity of appropriating the same methods today in the establishment of churches. Emphasis will be given to the cell-church concept. (3 hrs.)

P-581 Biblical Church Principles

This course is a study of principles extracted from the Scriptures regarding the Church. Such things as the identity, function, operation, authority and power, ministry and mission of the Church will be examined as they are described in the Bible. (3 hrs.)

P-600 Advanced Thesis Seminar

A Seminar designed to assist the student in researching and preparing the thesis for the Master of Theological Studies degree. The student's faculty advisor usually provides supervision for the work. (3 hrs.)

P-700 Advanced Independent Project Seminar

A Seminar designed to assist the student in researching and preparing the independent project for the Doctor of Ministry degree. The student's faculty advisor usually provides supervision for the work. (6 hrs.)

FACULTY ROSTER

Full-Time Professors

- ❑ Robert H. Reichard - Ph.D.
Church History, Biblical Theology, New Testament Greek Exegesis
- ❑ Robert H. Reichard, III - M.Div.
Biblical Studies, Old Testament Hebrew, Homiletics

Adjunct Professors

- ❑ Derrel Emmerson - M.Div., D.D.
Theology of Ministry
- ❑ William MacDonald - Th.D.
Old Testament Hebrew Exegesis, Homiletics
- ❑ Timothy McAvoy – M.Div.
Greek Grammar
- ❑ James H. Pyke - Ph.D.
Missions, World Religions
- ❑ Mark Sensabaugh - M.A., L.P.C., L.M.F.T.
Pastoral Counseling
- ❑ David Steenson - Ph.D.
Biblical Studies, Missions
- ❑ Wade Taylor – D.D.
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