



# DETROIT BIBLE INSTITUTE

Equipping Christians to Impact the World

## STUDENT CATALOG 2009-2010

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# W E L C O M E

## A Word from the President...



Pastor Christopher W. Brooks

Welcome to the Detroit Bible Institute!

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students, I want you to know that we are thrilled that you have chosen to study with us. We exist to help you develop into a world-impacting Christian leader by providing a biblical, theological and ministerial education that is high-quality, affordable and accessible.

Since establishing the Detroit Bible Institute four years ago, we have already served over 350 students and have graduated 52 students from a variety of churches and backgrounds. Many of our students either currently hold or are preparing for leadership positions in their churches and come to be more fully equipped for ministry. Others study at the Detroit Bible Institute because they desire to better understand and defend their Christian faith in the context of their daily lives. While our students range in age, come from different backgrounds, and study for a variety of purposes, their desire is the same: to receive a quality education in order to more greatly impact the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The 2009-2010 school year is an exciting time to be a student at the Detroit Bible Institute as it marks a significant expansion of our faculty, classes and programs. In addition to the quality faculty already teaching, we have added new faculty who are gifted and knowledgeable in their fields of study. We are offering several new classes and have also inaugurated an entirely new *Advanced Biblical Studies Program* to build upon our revamped and improved *Foundational Biblical Studies Program* (formerly called our *Biblical Studies Program*).

There has never been a better time to study at the Detroit Bible Institute. We look forward to getting to know you and to helping you become the fully-equipped, world-impacting leader that you are called to be.

So again, welcome to the Detroit Bible Institute!

# FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL STUDIES

Program Objective: To develop Christian leaders by equipping them with a foundational biblical, theological and ministerial education.

## CORE CLASSES

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Church History I
- Inductive Bible Study
- Counseling: Self-Confrontation
- Essential Christian Doctrines
- Apologetics: Classical Issues

## ELECTIVE CLASSES

- Youth and Family Leadership
- Worship Ministry Leadership
- Women's Ministry Leadership
- Biblical Leadership I
- Role of the Minister
- Teaching Small Groups
- Life of Christ
- The Epistles of Paul
- Theology of Prayer

The Foundational Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion of seven core classes and one elective class. Each class consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. Classes meet once a week either on Mondays or Wednesdays for two hours for the duration of twelve weeks. If a class date falls on a holiday then that class will meet eleven times and the last four classes will meet from 7:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M to complete the twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. When classes are canceled due to weather or for a special situation students will be notified regarding class make up dates.

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CLASSES: Mondays or Wednesdays from 7:00—9:00PM, unless otherwise stated from 7:00—9:30PM

OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS: September 7, 2009 (Labor Day); November 25, 2009 (Thanksgiving); May 31, 2010 (Memorial Day)

IMPORTANT DATES: Please see the registration dates, start and end dates and student orientation dates below

GRADUATION: July 24, 2010 at 12:00pm at 13660 Stansbury Detroit, MI 48227

## FALL SESSION

**Registration:** August 1 — August 31, 2009 **Student Orientation:** August 28, 2009

### **ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES - Instructor: Pastor Flynn Smith**

The course is a basic overview of the major historic doctrines of the Christian faith. Students will begin to see how the essential doctrines of the faith relate to one another.

**Monday Classes: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

### **ROLE OF THE MINISTER - Instructor: Pastor David Washington**

This course will teach ministers-in-training the practical responsibilities of their office. Students will be taught how to conduct funerals, weddings, hospital visitations, counseling sessions and much more. This course is designed to be very practical in nature and highly interactive in application

**Monday Classes: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

### **BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP I - Instructor: Pastor Leslie Smith**

This course will teach emerging and established leaders the principles that govern successful self-leadership, including the mentoring of aspiring leaders. Students will learn a systematic process for developing high quality leaders.

**Wednesday Classes: September 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, (28; November 4, 11, 18) () = 2 1/2 HOURS**

### **NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY - Instructor: Pastor Aaron Richardson**

This course is an introductory course for New Testament Study. Students will learn about the authors, historical setting, theological themes and literary features of the books of the New Testament as they are systematically surveyed.

**Wednesday Classes: September 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, (28; November 4, 11, 18) () = 2 1/2 HOURS**

## WINTER SESSION

Registration: November 1 — December 31, 2009 Student Orientation: December 18, 2009

### **APOLOGETICS: CLASSICAL ISSUES - Instructor: Professor Nicole Johnson**

This course is designed to equip Christians to understand and uphold the validity of the Christian faith. In particular, students will learn how to defend key doctrines such as the reliability of the Bible, the existence of God, the uniqueness of Christ and the Trinity.

**Monday Classes: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22**

### **INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - Instructor: Professor Natalia Powers**

This course is designed to teach the student how to use the Inductive Bible Study method of observation, interpretation and application using the book of Mark as an example. The course will culminate with each student sharing a creative presentation of their individual inductive study of Mark.

**Monday Classes: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22**

### **CHURCH HISTORY I - Instructor: Pastor Phillip Carr**

This class will examine the first millennia of Christian history. Attention will be given to the major thinkers, heresies, places, movements and creeds of the Church. The contemporary significance of the history of the Church will be discussed.

**Wednesday Classes: January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24**

### **LIFE OF CHRIST – Instructor: Professor Sujuan Johnson**

This class explores the life, teaching and ministry of Jesus Christ. Each of the four gospels will be examined. Students will gain a greater understanding of the person of Christ and the uniqueness of each of the four gospels.

**Wednesday Classes: January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24**

## SPRING SESSION

Registration: March 1 — March 31, 2010 Student Orientation: March 26, 2010

### **OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY - Instructor: Pastor Bill Powers**

This course is an introductory course for Old Testament study. The individual books and the main divisions of Hebrew Scripture are viewed with primary attention to their literary shape, theological teachings and relationship to the New Testament. Other key matters such as historical background, authorship, and sociological context are also addressed.

**Monday Classes: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; June 7, 14, 21, 28**

### **COUNSELING: SELF-CONFRONTATION - Instructor: Dr. Sabrina Black**

This course is foundational in addressing the need for counseling in the world, in the church and in the personal life of each counselor. Some of the topics will include the role of the Holy Spirit; becoming a counselor; ethics, procedure and protocol; understanding yourself; the process of change, utilizing Scripture, theories on counseling, life span development and family dynamics.

**Wednesday Classes: April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23**

### **THEOLOGY OF PRAYER - Instructor: Professor Sujuan Johnson**

This course will explore the biblical foundation for prayer and intercession from Genesis to Revelation. The prayers of kings, priests, prophets, Jesus and apostles will be studied in depth. The course will also feature a prayer lab where students will have the opportunity experience prayer.

**Wednesday Classes: April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23**

# ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

Program Objective: To further develop Christian leaders who have completed the Foundational Biblical Studies Program (or an approved equivalent) by equipping them with a more advanced biblical, theological and ministerial education.

## CORE CLASSES

- Apologetics: World Religions
- Church History II
- Hermeneutics
- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- Systematic Theology
- Historical Theology
- Homiletics

## ELECTIVE CLASSES

- Biblical Leadership II
- Counseling in the Local Church II
- Role & Responsibility of the Pastor
- Introduction to Missions
- The Pentateuch
- The Minor Prophets
- Pastoral Epistles
- Acts
- Apocalyptic Writings
- Wisdom Literature

The Advanced Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion of seven core classes and one elective class. Each class consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. Classes meet once a week either on Mondays or Wednesdays for two hours for the duration of twelve weeks. If a class date falls on a holiday then that class will meet eleven times and the last four classes will meet from 7:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M to complete the twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. When classes are canceled due to weather or for a special situation students will be notified regarding class make up dates.

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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## FALL SESSION

**Registration:** August 1 — August 31, 2009 **Student Orientation:** August 28, 2009

### **INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL LANGUAGES — Instructor: Pastor Bill Powers**

An introduction to the foundational principles and practices associated with understanding the Hebrew and Greek languages. Special attention will be given to understanding and memorizing the Greek and Hebrew alphabet. Students will receive a crash course in how to properly use the major reference tools for understanding Biblical languages

**Monday Classes: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

### **INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS — Instructor: Dr. Sabrina Black**

Students will learn the fundamentals to missions ministry. They will also discover their mission field. The students will be required to strategically plan and take part in a missions trip (local, national or international)

**Monday Classes: September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

### **HOMILETICS — Instructor: Pastor Phillip Carr**

This class is designed to build upon Hermeneutics and teach students the art of sound biblical teaching and preaching. Students will learn how to communicate the original meaning of a text in a relevant and powerful way to a contemporary audience. Students will also be required to show proficiency in the areas of biblical research and sermon preparation.

**Wednesday Classes: September 9, 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, (28; November 4, 11, 18) ( ) = 2 1/2 HOURS**

## WINTER SESSION

Registration: November 1 — December 31, 2009 Student Orientation: December 18, 2009

### **COUNSELING: SPECIAL ISSUES — Instructor: Dr. Sabrina Black**

This course is designed to teach the student how to apply the Bible to the issues of life. The condition, changes and cries of our society will be examined. This course is designed to provide hope, help, and healing in specific areas such as: anger, depression, addictions, fear, stress, sexual abuse, grief and loss, premarital counseling and more. This course will equip students to minister to those who are broken, backslidden, or in bondage with confrontation, love and grace.

**Monday Classes: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22**

### **HISTORICAL THEOLOGY — Instructor: Pastor Christopher Brooks**

This course takes the student through the historical development of Christian theology throughout the last 2000 years. Students will learn the theological foundations of different movements within the Christian Church and examine various creeds that have been influential.

**Wednesday Classes: January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24**

## SPRING SESSION

Registration: March 1 — March 31, 2010 Student Orientation: March 26, 2010

### **BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP II — Instructor: Pastor Leslie Smith**

Our Biblical Leadership II class will continue teaching emerging and established leaders more in-depth principles that govern successful self-leadership including the mentoring of aspiring leaders. Students will learn a systematic process for developing high quality leaders

**Monday Classes: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; June 7, 14, 21, 28**

### **CHURCH HISTORY II — Instructor: Pastor Phillip Carr**

This course builds upon Church History I by examining the Christian church from the eleventh century through the twentieth century with special attention given to the most notable periods like the Renaissance, Reformation and the first and second "Great Awakenings." Also, the development of the modern day Pentecostal and Charismatic movements will be examined in-depth.

**Monday Classes: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; June 7, 14, 21, 28**

### **APOLOGETICS: WORLD RELIGIONS — Instructor: Pastor Christopher Brooks**

This class exposes students to the major views that makes up the religious and philosophical landscape of today's world and the significant differences between the major religions. Students will learn how to effectively evangelize those from other worldviews who are open and defend their faith against those who are antagonistic.

**Wednesday Classes: April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Detroit Bible Institute exists to develop world-impacting Christian leaders through biblical, theological and ministerial training that is high-quality, affordable and accessible.

## **CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Decisions regarding credit for previous education and training are made by the Executive Director. Students who have successfully completed courses under the instruction of Evangel Ministries will be granted credit for the equivalent DBI class. New students who have completed the equivalent course work of the Foundational Biblical Studies Program through another ministry training school may enroll directly into the Advanced Biblical Studies Program if approved by the Executive Director. New students interested in this advanced standing must first submit all pertinent transcripts to the Executive Director who will review them and make a decision.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

There are no academic requirements for admission. All are encouraged to apply. Application can be picked up from the DBI office. Once enrolled a student will be continuously enrolled and eligible to take classes.

**ENROLLMENT DATES:** August 1-31, 2009, December 1-31, 2009, March 1–31, 2010

## **COURSE FRAMEWORK**

- 1) A DBI approved instructor will teach the course.
- 2) The course will be for a duration of 12 weeks (2 hour sessions) with a 10-minute break half-way through.
- 3) Each student who receives credit must attend 10 of the 12-week sessions or a minimum of 20 hours per course.
- 4) Each student who receives credit must purchase and read the required textbook(s).
- 5) Each student must successfully complete requirements outlined in the syllabus provided by the instructor.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

For official transcripts, DBI employs a "pass-fail" grading system. A student must attain at least 75% of the available points to pass a class. Completion of a class is recorded as "Pass" or "No Credit." Failure is recorded as "No Credit," and no credits are accumulated. "Incomplete" and "Withdrawal" are recorded appropriately. Students who receive "Incomplete" must resolve it within a month of the last date of the class or a permanent grade of "No Credit" is recorded for the class. Reports of passing grades are issued only by student's request. Students will receive written notice whenever a grade other than "Pass" is awarded.

## **ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP WORK**

A student is only allowed to miss two of the twelve classes. Make up work will be at the discretion of the instructor. Excessive absences or tardiness will be determined by the instructor and possible probation or dismissal can occur. Students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be notified in writing by the administrative office. A leave of absence will be approved by instructors depending on the severity of the issue. Any student can reapply for a class if they cannot complete it due to a medical or family issue or any other reason.

## **ACADEMIC AND CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS**

Students are expected to conduct their personal and professional lives responsibly, ethically and in a manner that respects the integrity of others. Criminal activity, disruptive conduct, harassment, cheating, assault, destruction of property or insubordination are considered grounds for dismissal. The DBI administration reserves the right to dismiss a student for the above-stated reasons or for any other reason deemed detrimental by DBI.

## **REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

- 1) For the Foundational Biblical Studies Program - Successful completion of the 7 core classes and 1 elective class.
- 2) For the Advanced Biblical Studies Program - Successful completion of the seven 7 core classes and 1 elective class

A diploma will be given for the successful completion of the Foundational Biblical Studies program or Advanced Biblical Studies program offered by DBI. A public graduation ceremony will be conducted for those who successfully complete the requirements.

## **DIPLOMA UPON COMPLETION**

For the Foundational Biblical Studies Program a Diploma in Foundational Biblical and Ministerial Studies will be issued to those students that successfully complete the program. For those students enrolled in the Advanced Biblical Studies Program that successfully complete the program a diploma in Advanced Biblical and Ministerial Studies will be issued.

## **CATALOG CHANGES**

DBI makes every effort to ensure the timeliness and accuracy of the information provided in the catalog. However, DBI reserves the right to change or adjust policies or information provided in the catalog at any time and without prior notice.

## **STUDENT RECORDS AND TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

DBI maintains student records for five (5) years. All student transcripts will be kept electronically utilizing computer software (Microsoft Access). Hard copies of student's records and transcripts will be filed in a locked filing cabinet. Requests for transcripts must be made in writing. DBI will issue its own transcripts, but will not issue copies of transcripts from other institutions. A fee of \$5 is charged for each official transcript. DBI will issue letters of recommendation placed in a student's file for reference purposes upon the student's request. No other documents pertaining to the student or the student's work will be copied or released.

## **PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL INFORMATION**

Students who registered into the DBI Biblical Studies Program prior to the start of the 2009 / 2010 school year (July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010) *and* have completed at least 5 core classes will have the same course requirements to complete the program as originally outlined. Students who registered prior to the start of the 2009 / 2010 school year and have less than 5 core classes completed will abide by the new program guidelines. Regarding taking classes in the Advanced Program without having completed the Foundational Program, any student may take up to three classes in the Advanced Program without first completing the Foundational Program. For additional clarification please consult the DBI administration team.

## **REGISTRATION FEE AND COST PER CLASS**

The annual cost of registration is a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per year. Previous students planning to attend classes during the next school year must register and pay the fee of \$25. Tuition for each class is \$75.00.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

All tuition and fees must be paid in full two weeks prior to the first day of class. Any NSF returned checks must be paid in full by cash or cashier's check along with bounced check fees charged to DBI. DBI offers financial aid to Evangel members only. The member must be in good standing, have met all of the requirements to become a member of Evangel Ministries and must provide evidence of financial hardship.

## **WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY**

A student wishing to withdraw from DETROIT BIBLE INSTITUTE must:

1. Submit written notice to the Administrative Director, who also acts as Registrar no later than two weeks after start date.
2. You have three days from the date you paid to get a full refund of tuition only.
3. There will be no refunds after the second week of class.
4. Failure to attend or mere verbal notification will not be regarded as official notice of withdrawal.
5. Should the student not submit the prescribed notice of withdrawal, the Administrative Director, in consultation with the appropriate leadership, will determine the official date of withdrawal.
6. Refund will be calculated on a pro-rated basis, rounded down to the nearest dollar. A pro-rata refund is based on the portion of the period of enrollment that remains on the last recorded day of attendance by the student, up to 60 percent point in time for the period the student has been charged.
7. All tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if the applicant is rejected by the school before enrollment.
8. The school may retain an applicant fee of not more than \$25.00 if the applicant is denied.
9. All tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if requested within three business days after signing a contract with the school.
10. All refunds shall be returned within 30 days.

## **PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES**

Classes are not for employment purposes. Placement assistance is not available through DBI. Also, health services are not available through DBI. PLEASE SEE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (located in the main office).

*All courses will be held in the lower level of the Evangel Ministries. Upon completion of registration the classroom will be assigned according to the number of students. All classrooms will be furnished with the necessary equipment to successfully conduct class. Students are required to keep certificates of completions and diplomas.*