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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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WHILE I WAS IN COLLEGE, one of my professors challenged our homiletics class with these words: "You are a preacher of the Word—so mind your business!" As a college student, the wisdom of those words inspired me. As a pastor, the wisdom of those words amazes me.

The business of preaching the wonderful Word of God is the greatest task that any man could dare to undertake. The call to preach that same Word is the most awesome responsibility a man could ever choose to accept. The preacher dares to stand before men and proclaim God's message. A man who considers that a task to be treated lightly is not fit for the opportunity. It requires the most diligent preparation and demands the highest level of faithfulness.

Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary exists because of the "business" of preaching. Our aim is to glorify God by producing men who are dedicated to the task of diligently studying the Word and proclaiming its authoritative message to men and women in local churches. This goal is the heartbeat and lifeblood of our Seminary.

We are confident that we can fulfill this purpose by God's grace because our curriculum is solidly based on the study of the original languages, theology, and the exegesis and exposition of the Word itself. We, without apology, place our emphasis on biblical and theological studies. Our lives and ministries must be grounded in our knowledge of the God who has called us to salvation.



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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We are also very aware that a seminary education is not an end unto itself. Seminary is for men who want to serve God in ministry. For this reason we place a high premium on practical preparation for ministry. We desire to develop men who recognize God's call on their lives to provide leadership for local churches and direction for God's people.

We have structured our curriculum to equip men for pastoral ministry in the context of both the local church and global missions.

If God is burdening your heart to get involved in the "business" of preaching, then find a seminary that will prepare you for the diligent study of the Word of God and the exciting privilege of making disciples in the local church. I am glad I can recommend Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary as a school that does just that.

I know so because I am a graduate.



David M. Doran  
President



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# 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## FALL SEMESTER 2025

### AUGUST

13	Last Day to Register for Classes without Penalty
25	Convocation Dinner 6:30 p.m.
26	Registration and Orientation of New Students 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
28	Classes Begin 7:30 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

16	Last Day to Register for Classes or Change Courses
24	Fall Day of Prayer

### OCTOBER

16-17	E3 Pastors Conference
21	Last Day to Withdraw or Switch to Audit

### NOVEMBER

1	Th.M. Thesis Prospectus Due
21	Thanksgiving Recess Begins – 12:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER

1	Classes Resume – 6:30 p.m.
12	Last Day of Classes
15-17	Fall Semester Final Exams



# 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## SPRING SEMESTER 2026

### JANUARY

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|----|--|
| 5  | Last Day to Register for Classes without Penalty |
| 5  | First Two Chapters of Th.M. Thesis Due           |
| 19 | Classes Begin 6:30 p.m.                          |

### FEBRUARY

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|----|--|
| 3  | Last Day to Register for Classes or Change Courses |
| 20 | Winter Recess Begins 12:00 p.m.                    |

### MARCH

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|----|---|
| 2  | Classes Resume 6:30 p.m.                |
| 15 | First Draft of Th.M. Thesis Due         |
| 17 | Last Day to Withdraw or Switch to Audit |
| 20 | William R. Rice Lecture Series          |

### APRIL

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|----|---------------------------------|
| 3  | Spring Recess Begins 12:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Classes Resume – 6:30 P.M.      |

### MAY

- |       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1     | Final Draft of Th.M. Thesis Due |
| 8     | Last Day of Classes             |
| 11-13 | Spring Semester Final Exams     |
| 14    | Commencement – 7:00 P.M.        |

# 2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## FALL SEMESTER 2026

### AUGUST

11	Last Day to Register for Classes without Penalty
24	Convocation Dinner 6:30 p.m.
26	Registration and Orientation of New Students 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
27	Classes Begin 7:30 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

15	Last Day to Register for Classes or Change Courses
23	Fall Day of Prayer

### OCTOBER

15-16	E3 Pastors Conference
20	Last Day to Withdraw or Switch to Audit

### NOVEMBER

1	Th.M. Thesis Prospectus Due
20	Thanksgiving Recess Begins – 12:00 p.m.
30	Classes Resume – 6:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

11	Last Day of Classes
14-16	Fall Semester Final Exams



# 2026–2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## SPRING SEMESTER 2027

### JANUARY

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|----|--|
| 4  | Last Day to Register for Classes without Penalty |
| 5  | First Two Chapters of Th.M. Thesis Due           |
| 18 | Classes Begin 6:30 p.m.                          |

### FEBRUARY

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|----|--|
| 2  | Last Day to Register for Classes or Change Courses |
| 19 | Winter Recess Begins 12:00 p.m.                    |

### MARCH

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|----|---|
| 1  | Classes Resume 6:30 p.m.                |
| 15 | First Draft of Th.M. Thesis Due         |
| 16 | Last Day to Withdraw or Switch to Audit |
| 19 | William R. Rice Lecture Series          |

### APRIL

- |    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 2  | Spring Recess Begins 12:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Classes Resume – 6:30 P.M.      |

### MAY

- |       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1     | Final Draft of Th.M. Thesis Due |
| 7     | Last Day of Classes             |
| 10–12 | Spring Semester Final Exams     |
| 13    | Commencement – 7:00 P.M.        |



## INTRODUCING DBTS

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary exists for the glory of God to serve local churches by shaping faithful men for the gospel ministry through the Word of God.

### CORE VALUES

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#### SERVING THE LOCAL CHURCH

DBTS is a ministry of Inter-City Baptist Church. The church does not serve the seminary, but the seminary the church. This is appropriate because the church is at the center of God's activity in this dispensation. The seminary assists the church in fulfilling its mission of training faithful men who are able to teach others. All students are expected to be a part of ministry in local churches, and the anticipated goal of all graduates is to serve local churches.

#### GROUNDING IN THE SCRIPTURE

DBTS values the Scriptures, which permeate everything we do at DBTS. They serve as our source of absolute truth and reveal the eternal plan of God to glorify himself through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. The Word centers on the person of Jesus Christ, the incarnation of the Godhead and the embodiment of truth. We unashamedly accept the historic Christian fundamentals communicated in our Seminary Creed. We believe that the Word of God is a treasure to be prized, studied, and shared.



## INTRODUCING DBTS

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### EXCELLENCE IN EXECUTION

The standard of a believer is God's perfection, and the representation of that perfection is Jesus Christ. The mark of a believer is growth in Christlikeness, which leads to the pursuit of excellence in all activities of life. Accordingly, DBTS strives to model excellence. Its academic standards reflect the significance and solemnity of studying and communicating God's word. Its educational philosophy and delivery focus on preparation of skilled workmen in the Word. Ultimately, the manner in which DBTS conducts its mission reflects the character of our God.

### GRACIOUS IN ENGAGEMENT

The New Testament principle of life is grace, which is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Grace brings salvation and empowers the Christian's growth. At DBTS, the principle of grace saturates our interaction with one another and fellow Christians. Internally, we acknowledge that growth in Christ is progressive. While promoting holiness in all aspects of life, individual soul liberty is protected. Consequently, we reject attempts to elevate extra-biblical standards to the level of scriptural authority. Externally, DBTS seeks to engage with fellow Christians with love and wisdom. However in accord with the New Testament, at DBTS there is no tolerance for those who preach another gospel or those who introduce destructive heresy. Yet, DBTS acknowledges that men who are committed to historical fundamentals of the faith can differ on biblical interpretations. Thus, DBTS seeks to model discernment and gracious interaction with these fellow believers while maintaining our institutional distinctives.



## INTRODUCING **DBTS**

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### **GLOBAL IN IMPACT**

The exaltation of God is a global endeavor. As Creator, God desires, deserves and demands worship. Consequently, DBTS is committed to proclaiming the gospel to all regions of the world. It strategically partners with ministries that are establishing and sustaining local churches around the world. DBTS faculty, students and graduates are to be actively engaged in missions.



**DBTS EXISTS  
FOR THE  
GLORY OF GOD.**



## PURPOSE, PHILOSOPHY & DISTINCTIVES

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Our philosophy of education flows from DBTS's mission: Serving local churches by shaping faithful men for the gospel ministry through the Word of God.

At DBTS, students acquire the tools, knowledge and experience they need to fulfill their calling in the pastorate, on the mission field, or in Christian education. Upon graduation, students will be equipped for effective, God-honoring ministry.

### **PRIMACY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT LOCAL CHURCH**

We believe that the local church is God's ordained instrument of witness and work in this age. As a ministry of Inter-City Baptist Church, DBTS connects each student's education with the life of their local church. The practical outworking of life in a local church context is an imperative for preparing men for ministry.

### **COMMITMENT TO BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS**

For 40 years, DBTS has remained faithful to the historic fundamentals of the Christian faith. Every member of our faculty affirms the DBTS statement of faith. This statement highlights our commitment to historic orthodoxy, Baptist ecclesiology, dispensational hermeneutics, the sovereignty of God, and the mandate for missions.

### **EXPOSITORY PREACHING**

We model expository preaching based on exacting study of the Scriptures in the original languages. Students observe this philosophy in action in class and during chapel. It is our desire for students to be skilled exegetes and expositors, and to gain confidence as they preach and teach in ministry settings.



## PURPOSE, PHILOSOPHY & DISTINCTIVES

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### **ROBUST ACADEMICS AND COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM**

DBTS has earned a reputation for strong academics and challenging scholastic requirements. Learning biblical Greek and Hebrew along with principles of exegesis are mandatory. Studying expository preaching, church history, Baptist history, pastoral theology, and church administration complete the process of developing pastoral skills. All of the coursework connects to a unified network of systematic theology.

### **PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

God's ultimate desire for believers is that they become more like His Son, Jesus Christ, so that they may glorify Him. At DBTS, each student is encouraged to allow the Word of God to shape his life, mold his character, and inflame his heart with love for God and others. Seminary is not merely an academic pursuit. It is a tool for growing in Christlikeness.

In sum, our philosophy of education will help you pursue God's unique calling on your life and ministry.



## SEMINARY CREED

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1. We believe that the one true God exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are equal in essence, yet distinct in personality (Deut 6:4; Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14).
2. We believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, without error as originally written, and the final authority for our faith and practice (2 Tim 3:16-17; John 17:17).
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who added a fully human nature to His divine nature, thus becoming the God-man; was born of a virgin; lived a sinless life; died on the cross as the substitute for sinners, paying the penalty of God's wrath against sin; rose from the dead; and will come again to establish His kingdom (John 1:1, 14; Heb 4:15; 1 John 2:2; 4:10; 1 Thess 1:10; Rev 11:15).
4. We believe that God created man in His own image by a direct act on the sixth day of the creation week (Gen 1:26-31). We believe that man deliberately disobeyed the expressed will of God and therefore fell under God's condemnation and the power of sin (Rom 5:12; 6:20). We believe that the resulting effect of sin on man touches his entire being, leaving him completely unable to earn God's favor or contribute to his own salvation (Eph 2:1-10; Titus 3:5).
5. We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:21-25; 4:5). We believe that justification is by faith, apart from works, and results in a guilty sinner being declared righteous by God because the righteousness of Jesus Christ is credited to his account (Rom 4:4-5; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 2:16).





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6. We believe in a final resurrection of both the saved and lost, one to life eternal and the other to eternal condemnation (John 5:29; Rev 20:6, 13-15).
7. We believe that the local church is currently the center of God's activity in this world, being composed of believers who have been immersed in water as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ, and being organized according to the principles of God's Word in order to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ (1 Tim 3:15; Acts 2:41; Matt 28:18-20).
8. We believe that believers and churches must separate from those who deny essential doctrines of the faith (Jude 3; 2 John 9-11; Rom 16:17); that believers and churches must separate from those who compromise the faith by granting Christian recognition and fellowship to those who have denied essential doctrines of the faith (Rom 16:17; Phil 3:17-19; cf. 2 Thess 3:6-15); and that believers and churches must strive to reflect God's holiness and to live differently than those who have not experienced the saving grace of Jesus Christ (1 Pet 1:15-16; Eph 4:17-19).



## THE HISTORY

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Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary was planted over 40 years ago in the soil of a thriving local church. However, our story begins nearly a quarter-century earlier in 1949 when Dr. William Rice was called to pastor a small Baptist church in Melvindale, Michigan. As Dr. Rice faithfully preached the Word to his flock, God began to strengthen and expand the work.

After merging with another Baptist church in nearby Allen Park, the church broke ground for a new facility in the early 1950s and changed its name to Inter-City Baptist Church (ICBC). Yet another building was dedicated in 1964 to accommodate the growing congregation. Further expansion included new facilities for elementary and high schools, a bookstore and a retirement center.

In the mid-1970s, Dr. Rice moved forward with his vision for a Baptist theological seminary in the Detroit area. He met with a group of local pastors who formed an advisory board. Together, they outlined plans for a seminary committed to expository preaching and a practical local church ministry.

After much prayer, anticipation and hard work, Detroit Baptist Divinity School opened in 1976 with 30 students and five faculty. Classes were held at the church until 1979 when a new seminary building was dedicated across the street. That same year, the seminary received approval from the state of Michigan to offer the M.Div. and Th.M. degrees and thus became Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary (DBTS).

By the early 1980s, the seminary board had assembled a core group of professors who would go on to invest the remainder of their teaching ministries at DBTS. In addition, continued growth and investment from ICBC brought a maturity of library resources, an expanding reputation for academic excellence, and a deeper involvement in local and global ministry.



## THE HISTORY

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Dr. Rice served as DBTS president and head of the Pastoral Theology department for 13 years until his retirement in 1989. Inter-City Baptist Church called Dr. David Doran to become senior pastor of ICBC and leader of the seminary board. Faculty member Dr. Rolland McCune served as president of DBTS from 1989-1999, serving with distinction while giving students a comprehensive view of systematic theology. Dr. Doran became president in 1999 and began leading the seminary through the next phase of growth and service to Christ.

Over time, the seminary's impact has expanded well beyond the classroom with ministries such as the annual Mid-America Conference on Preaching (now E3 Pastors Conference). Since 1996 DBTS has published annual editions of the Detroit Baptist Seminary Journal, featuring scholarly literature from a fundamentalist perspective. In 2001 ICBC founded Grace Baptist Mission to help DBTS graduates spread the gospel around the world.

In the spirit of the seminary's founder, DBTS graduates are committed to accurate exegesis and faithful exposition of the Scriptures. They have influenced thousands of people for Christ around the world while fulfilling their individual callings as pastors, missionaries and teachers. With continued dependence upon God, DBTS stands ready to serve the next generation of servants called to exalt His name in the earth.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### LOCATION

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Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary is located in Allen Park, a residential suburb south of Detroit, within convenient driving distance of the outstanding attractions of the metropolitan area. Housing is readily available and the industry of the area provides ample employment opportunities for students. The region hosts several large universities, including Wayne State University in the heart of Detroit, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Detroit offers numerous attractions, from museums and zoos to all the major spectator sports. The Metropolitan Parks System provides year-round facilities for canoeing, swimming, fishing, ice skating, and skiing.

There are many solid churches in the area where students may gain practical experience in Christian work.

### APPROVAL

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Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary is approved by the Michigan Department of Education to grant the Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees, as well as the Three-Year Certificate. Credits earned at DBTS are commonly accepted at other postgraduate institutions, and students transferring from DBTS have been accepted at seminaries throughout the United States.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### AFFILIATION

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Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary is an independent graduate seminary, orthodox in its doctrine, and thoroughly biblical in its philosophy of education. As a ministry of Inter-City Baptist Church, DBTS is directly under its auspices and has no direct affiliation with any other ecclesiastical organization. However, the seminary actively maintains a good relationship with those organizations and churches of like biblical faith and position and welcomes into its student body qualified persons who are in sympathy with its position.

### SUPPORT

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During the formative stages, the primary financial support of Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary was voluntarily assumed by Inter-City Baptist Church. Since that time many other churches have also added the school to their missionary budgets.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### **LIBRARY**

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The library at Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary has been carefully developed to reflect the purpose of the seminary, which is to enable the student to achieve a thorough and systematic knowledge of the Word of God. Thus, commentaries, theological works, and biblical language tools are prominent in the library. These are supplemented liberally with works on church history and practical theology.

The library is on the first floor of the seminary building. Its main reading room contains more than 50,000 catalogued materials that capably cover all areas of the seminary's curriculum. The library subscribes to more than 240 print periodicals and hundreds more via electronic access. Over 10,000 volumes of bound back issues are included in the periodical collection. The online catalog, together with a number of online databases, is available to students anywhere in the world. Interlibrary loan makes the world's library resources available to all patrons. Additional collections at the nearby University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and the Detroit Public Library are also accessible.

### **SEMINARY JOURNAL**

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In 1996, the seminary began publishing the Detroit Baptist Seminary Journal. DBSJ aims at presenting quality scholarly literature from a conservative theological perspective. DBSJ is divided into New Testament Abstracts, Old Testament Abstracts, and Religious and Theological Abstracts. DBSJ is peer-reviewed and indexed in the ATLA Religion Database and the Christian Periodical Index.. The Journal is available online at [www.dbts.edu/journal](http://www.dbts.edu/journal).



# THE FACULTY

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## THE FACULTY

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The background is a detailed, light-colored map of Detroit and its surrounding areas, including Royal Oak, Farmington Hills, Westland, and Springwell. The map shows streets, parks, and geographical features like the Detroit River. At the bottom of the image, there is a black silhouette of the Detroit city skyline, featuring various skyscrapers and buildings.

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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# MASTER OF DIVINITY

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## **PURPOSE**

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This 96-credit hour program provides professional graduate training for the Christian ministry. It is designed to give sound academic preparation without forfeiting genuine spiritual life. There is a careful balance between quality education and practical instruction under qualified supervision. A thorough training in theology and the biblical languages is central to this curriculum so that the minister might be an able expositor of God's Word. Thus the program has been structured for men called of God to the gospel ministry in various capacities.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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A student must possess a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a recognized college or university. In addition, all students must sign a statement each semester indicating they are in full agreement with the Seminary Creed.

## **ADVANCED STANDING & TRANSFER OF CREDIT**

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Students who have completed courses in the biblical languages in their undergraduate program may request to take a placement test. Students who excel on their placement test may receive credit toward the language portion of their M.Div. degree. Students may receive transfer credit for comparable classes completed at recognized graduate institutions. Transfer credits will be applied toward required courses when possible; otherwise, they will be counted toward electives. Transfer of credits earned through distance education will be considered on a class-by-class basis. The applicant or student desiring to transfer credits must submit to the registrar a copy of a course syllabus that includes the course description, objectives, and requirements.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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### COURSE WORK

The candidate must complete 96 semester hours of resident work and must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.00 throughout his course of study. Transfer students are required to complete at least 48 DBTS credit hours in order to receive a degree from this institution.

### SENIOR PREACHING

During the final semester of residence, the candidate is required to deliver an expository sermon in chapel. The candidate must be a graduating senior and have had or be currently enrolled in Homiletics III. This provides the candidate an opportunity to use his exegetical and preaching abilities.

### CHARACTER

Successful completion of the above requirements, however, provides no guarantee that the candidate will graduate. It is also necessary that he evidence the personal, moral, and spiritual qualities befitting a minister of the Gospel, demonstrating to the administration and faculty the solid maturity of character and the personal abilities which are necessary for effective Christian leadership.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY

## MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM (3 YEARS)

FIRST YEAR			
Pentateuch	2	OT Historical Books	2
Gospels	2	OT Poetic Books	2
Greek Grammar I	3	OT Prophets	2
Hermeneutics	2	Life & Ministry of Paul	2
Church History I	2	Greek Grammar II	3
Phil. of Church Ministry	2	Church History II	2
Theol. Research Methods	2	Concentration	2
		Elective	2
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	17
SECOND YEAR			
Hebrew Grammar I	3	Hebrew Grammar II	3
Non-Pauline Ep. & Rev.	2	Greek Exegetical Methods	2
Greek Syntax & Reading	3	Systematic Theology II	4
Systematic Theology I	4	Homiletics I	2
Church History III	2	Elective	2
Concentration	2	Concentration	4
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	17
THIRD YEAR			
Heb. Syntax & Reading	3	Heb. Exegetical Methods	2
Pastoral Leadership	2	Baptist History	2
Apologetics	2	Dispensationalism	2
Systematic Theology III	4	Senior Doctrinal Seminar	2
Homiletics II	2	Homiletics III	2
Exegesis Elective	2	Ministry Management	2
Total Credits	15	Elective	2
		Concentration	2
		Total Credits	16

# MASTER OF DIVINITY

## CONCENTRATION

Within the 96-hour Master of Divinity program, students choose an area of concentration. There are three options: Biblical Counseling, Biblical Studies, and Intercultural Studies. Each concentration is comprised of 10 credit hours. The available classes for each concentration are listed below.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING	CREDITS
Philosophy of Church Ministry .....	2
Introduction to Biblical Counseling* .....	2
Biblical Theology of Spiritual Transformation .....	2
Marriage and Family Counseling* .....	2
Counseling Problems and Procedures* .....	2
Counseling Seminar .....	2
Biblical Counseling Practicum I* .....	2
Biblical Counseling Practicum II* .....	2

BIBLICAL STUDIES	
Greek Exegetical Electives.....	2-10
Hebrew Exegetical Electives .....	2-10
Church History Electives .....	2-10
Theology Electives.....	2-10
Pastoral Theology Electives .....	2-10

\* DBTS has been officially recognized as a training center for the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). If a student successfully completes all of these courses he will have fulfilled the requirements for certification with ACBC



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INTERCULTURAL STUDIES	CREDITS
Missions and Culture .....	2
Contextualization .....	2
Intercultural Church Planting.....	2
History of Missions.....	2
Theology of Missions .....	2
World Religions.....	2
Missions Internship.....	2-4



## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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### **PURPOSE**

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A limited number of students who have not completed their baccalaureate degree are admitted to the Master of Divinity curriculum through the certificate program. At graduation such a student will receive a Three-Year Certificate instead of a master's degree. Should the student go on to complete his baccalaureate degree, the certificate may be exchanged for the Master of Divinity degree.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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A student must have completed one-half, or 60 semester hours, of his undergraduate work from a recognized college or university. He will be required to demonstrate the ability to do seminary-level work.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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A student in the Three-Year Certificate program must satisfy the same graduation requirements as the Master of Divinity program.



# MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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## PURPOSE

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This program is offered for those desiring advanced training beyond the Master of Divinity level. The Th.M. is designed for those who want specialized biblical training for pastoral ministry and for those, such as teachers, whose calling requires advanced academic work, including those planning to do Ph.D. work.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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The student entering this program must demonstrate superior ability and maturity and must have earned a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from a recognized seminary. A 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) must have been achieved in Master of Divinity work.

## TRANSFER CREDITS

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Up to six semester hours of credit may be transferred from an acceptable postgraduate program elsewhere.

## DISTANCE EDUCATION

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The Th.M. may be completed in residence or through distance education, where students can join classes live using video conferencing software.



# MASTER OF **THEOLOGY**

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## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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### **COURSE WORK**

The Th.M. consists of 26 semester hours of postgraduate work. A major may be completed in the field of Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, or Pastoral Theology. The Th.M. curriculum consists of six three-hour content courses, including two postgraduate seminars. Each student must also complete a three-hour reading and research course, and a five-hour capstone project. Students who have not taken their systematic theology at DBTS must take at least two of the three systematic courses.



# MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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### CAPSTONE PROJECT

The Th.M. requires submission of an acceptable capstone project. The project must demonstrate the student's competence in critical thinking, original research, and proper literary style. It must also show that he has an acceptable understanding of his subject and must be in basic agreement with the doctrinal position of the Seminary. The project must be completed within two years from the finishing of all course work. Students can choose from three options...

- A research thesis of approximately 70 to 100 pages in length
- A ministry research project of approximately 70 to 100 pages in length, focused on the student's specific ministry context or interest
- An approved article published in a peer-reviewed academic journal

The Dean will appoint two faculty members as a Th.M. committee for each student: a chairman and an advisor/second reader. The Dean serves as an ex officio member of all such committees. A student must file a prospectus with his chairman by November 1 of the school year in which the he expects to graduate. The first two chapters are due by January 5, a first draft by March 15, and a final draft by May 1. A total of five credit hours is given for the acceptable completion of the capstone project.





# MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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### GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A student must achieve a minimum 3.00 grade point average on all course work and thesis in order to graduate.

### POST GRADUATE SEMINARS

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Each student enrolled in the Master of Theology Program is required to take at least two postgraduate seminars (maximum of four) during the resident training. Within the field of study being considered for a given semester, the student is assigned a specific topic to conduct independent research on and to report the results of his research to the class. Seminars are offered once each semester on a rotating basis at the option of the Dean.

# GRADING AND HONORS

## GRADING SYSTEM

96 - 100	A	=	4.00
94 - 95	A-	=	3.66
92 - 93	B+	=	3.33
88 - 91	B	=	3.00
86 - 87	B-	=	2.66
84 - 85	C+	=	2.33
80 - 83	C	=	2.00
78 - 79	C-	=	1.66
76 - 77	D+	=	1.33
72 - 75	D	=	1.00
70 - 71	D-	=	0.66
69 & below	F	=	0.00

## HONORS

Honors are bestowed on the Master of Divinity level only. To qualify for academic honors, the student must complete the program within six consecutive years with a minimum of 60 semester hours in residence at Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary.

Cum Laude - 3.5 Minimum GPA

Magna Cum Laude - 3.65 Minimum GPA

Summa Cum Laude - 3.8 Minimum GPA



# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### NUMBERING OF COURSES

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All graduate level courses are identified by course numbering, starting with 500 and extending to 900. Each course number begins with a two-letter prefix identifying the academic department. The alphabetical components of each course identification indicate the subject area as follows:

CH - Church History

CC - Intercultural Studies

NT - New Testament Language and Literature

OT - Old Testament Language and Literature

PT - Pastoral Theology

ST - Systematic Theology

The three digit numerical classification indicates recommended sequencing and depth of content. The first of the three numbers in each course indicates the curriculum year in which the course is normally scheduled. The next two digits communicate an increasing depth of content as the numbers rise.

500 - 599 - First year of seminary (Junior year)

600 - 699 - Second year (Middler year)

700 - 799 - Third year (Senior year)

800 - 899 - Th.M. courses

### CLASS SCHEDULES

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A schedule of courses offered for any given semester, including winters and summers, is made available in advance of each registration period. Courses may also be canceled in cases of unforeseen circumstances. When such cancellations would cause unusual hardship for students, the seminary may arrange or allow for alternative requirements or electives.

## OLD TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT

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### **KYLE DUNHAM, TH.D., CHAIRMAN**

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The goal of the Old Testament Department is to provide the student with the necessary tools for interpreting and communicating the Old Testament accurately. To accomplish this goal, four student learning objectives in Old Testament study are established.

First, students will validate knowledge of the contents of the Old Testament. This will include comprehension of historical, cultural, literary, and theological characteristics of each book.

Second, students will demonstrate competency in biblical Hebrew by learning basic grammar, vocabulary, and evidencing the ability to translate Hebrew texts.

Third, students will evidence the skill of interpreting the Old Testament in its cultural, historical, theological, and dispensational context.

Fourth, students will validate their understanding of the Old Testament by communicating those truths via expositional preaching. The Old Testament Department strives to equip the student to accurately exegete the Scriptural text and then to adequately communicate and apply the Word of God to the needs of contemporary man.

# MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

## OT ENGLISH BIBLE ELECTIVES

### OT501 GENESIS: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS

A study of the book of Genesis. Emphasis is given to introductory matters as well as the development of the message of the book and the key issues, especially the creation account in Genesis 1 and the Abrahamic Covenant. Attention is also focused upon the theological content of the book.

### OT503 LEVITICUS: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS

A study of the book of Leviticus, with emphasis given to Israel’s sacrificial, Levitical, priestly, and festival complex. Other material from the Pentateuch is used as it helps in the elucidation of the text. Emphasis is also placed on the theological significance of this book.

### OT506 JOSHUA & JUDGES: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS

A study of the conquest of Palestine, tribal allotments, and subsequent apostasies and deliverances of Israel from the crossing of the Jordan to the monarchy. Historical and chronological factors are included.

### OT508 UNITED MONARCHY .....2 HOURS

A study of I and II Samuel and I Kings 1-11 built around the leading personalities of Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Historical and theological matters are especially noted.

### OT509 DIVIDED MONARCHY .....2 HOURS

A study of Old Testament history from the death of Solomon to the Babylonian Exile, covering the kings of the northern and southern kingdoms in Israel. The material of Kings and Chronicles as well as archaeological matters are studied.

## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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### **OT510 EXILE & RESTORATION.....2 HOURS**

The history of Israel from Josiah through Nehemiah (640–400 B.C.). Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther are studied along with historical material from Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Psalms.

### **OT512 JOB: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS**

A study of the book of Job, with emphasis given to introductory matters as well as the development of the message of the book and the key issues. Attention is also given to the theological content of the book.

### **OT515 UNDERSTANDING THE PSALMS .....2 HOURS**

A course designed to assist in developing a greater appreciation for the Old Testament worship manual, the Psalms. This course looks at the historical development and the organization of the Psalter. It also aims to use the various literary genres found in the Psalms as paradigms for further study and worshipful reading in the book of Psalms.

### **OT516 PROVERBS: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS**

A study is made of biblical wisdom literature, especially as it is found in the book of Proverbs. Emphasis is placed primarily upon the ethical demands of a holy God upon His people.

### **OT517 ECCLESIASTES: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS**

An expository study of the book of Ecclesiastes, with attention given to such introductory issues as the integrity, structure, and canonicity of the book. The primary intent of this course is to develop the message of Ecclesiastes.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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**OT518 ISAIAH: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS**

An analytical study of Isaiah from the English Bible with special attention given to the eschatological and Messianic sections of the book.

**OT522 DANIEL: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

A study of Daniel, including a discussion of apocalyptic and intertestamental literature. Attention is given to the historical background, interpretation, and theology of Daniel. The focus of the course is on identifying the author's theme and structure, tracing the argument, and understanding the message.

**OT526 OBADIAH & MICAH: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

A study of the books of Obadiah and Micah. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

**OT527 JONAH & NAHUM: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS**

A study of the books of Jonah and Nahum. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

**OT528 HABAKKUK & ZEPHANIAH:  
ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

A study of the books of Habakkuk and Zephaniah. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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### **OT529 ZECHARIAH: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS**

A study of the book of Zechariah. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of this book. Attention is also given to its theological content.

### **OT530 HAGGAI & MALACHI: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

A study of the books of Haggai and Malachi. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

### **OT535 BIBLICAL CREATION .....2 HOURS**

A study of biblical creation. Emphasis will be given to God's supernatural creation of the universe in six successive days, the significance of the Fall to creation, and the Noahic Flood and its extensive effects on the world.

### **OT538 BIBLE GEOGRAPHY.....2 HOURS**

The purpose of this course is to give a solid introduction to the geography of the east and west Jordan regions along with biblically historical highlights. The student should conclude with a good knowledge of the geographical zones of these regions along with an understanding of the major cities and events of the areas. Other Bible lands, such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, Anatolia, and Syria are covered in the reading for the course.

### **OT540 HISTORY OF ISRAEL.....2 HOURS**

A survey of the history of God's chosen nation, its contact with heathen peoples, its great leaders, and the place of the prophets in the national picture. The course includes a study of OT chronology, beginning with the call of Abram and ending with the Persian period.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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## OT ENGLISH BIBLE REQUIREMENTS

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### OT550 PENTATEUCH .....2 HOURS

A study of the first five books of the Old Testament. This includes an examination of their authorship, date, unity, and canonical status. Emphasis is also placed upon the unifying motif of the Pentateuch, the creation account, the flood, the origin of the nation of Israel, its religious institution, and the unfolding of its history under Moses.

### OT551 OLD TESTAMENT POETIC BOOKS.....2 HOURS

A study of the key elements of Hebrew poetry, the argument of the book of Job, key Psalms as they relate to their literary genre, the book of Proverbs as it relates to skillful living, the message of Ecclesiastes, an interpretation of the Song of Solomon, and the book of Lamentations.

### OT552 OLD TESTAMENT HISTORICAL BOOKS .....2 HOURS

A study of the Old Testament historical books, beginning with Joshua and the conquest and ending with the postexilic period of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Items such as an author’s overall purpose and the basic flow of the biblical material as well as historical, theological, and textual problems are covered.

### OT553 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS .....2 HOURS

A study of the Old Testament prophetic literature, including consideration of Israelite prophetism within the ancient Near Eastern milieu. Emphasis is given to the theme and argument of each prophetic book as well as key theological issues. The student is made aware of the important literature pertaining to this portion of Scripture.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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## **STUDIES IN BIBLICAL HEBREW**

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**OT601 HEBREW GRAMMAR I .....3 HOURS**

A study of the essential elements of biblical Hebrew grammar and vocabulary. The intent of this course is to focus on the basic principles of Hebrew phonology, morphology, syntax, and vocabulary.

**OT602 HEBREW GRAMMAR II .....3 HOURS**

A continuation of the study of Hebrew grammar. This course reinforces and expands on this with emphasis being placed on reading selected portions of the Hebrew Bible. Prerequisite: A minimum grade of "C" in 601.

**OT701 HEBREW SYNTAX & READING .....3 HOURS**

A course designed to integrate Hebrew reading and syntax. This course provides advanced instruction in Hebrew syntax and applies this through reading selected portions from various genres in the Hebrew Bible. Attention is also given to developing and strengthening the student's Hebrew vocabulary. Prerequisite: A minimum grade of "C" in 602.

**OT702 HEBREW EXEGETICAL METHODS .....2 HOURS**

A study of the various aspects of the Hebrew exegetical process. This course is designed to acquaint the student with this exegetical methodology as applied to selected literary genres. The results of this are developed in an exegetical paper. Prerequisite: Hebrew Syntax and Reading (701).



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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**OT801 RAPID HEBREW READING .....2 HOURS**

A course designed to increase the student’s ability in translating the Hebrew text. Emphasis is given to translating extended sections from various genres found in the Old Testament. Attention is also given to learning all words that occur ten or more times in the Hebrew text. Prerequisite: Hebrew Exegetical Methods (702).

**OT810 OLD TESTAMENT TEXTUAL CRITICISM .....2 HOURS**

A study of the history of the Hebrew text. Emphasis is given to understanding major text types, their histories, and their value in textual criticism and to examining the significance of ancient versions in textual criticism. Emphasis is placed on developing a methodology for doing Old Testament textual criticism. Prerequisite: Hebrew Exegetical Methods (702).

## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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### EXEGESIS CLASSES

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In the following courses the various aspects of the exegetical process are applied to sections of the Hebrew Old Testament. In each of these emphasis is placed on the development of the message of the book. Each exegetical course is two (2) credits. Prerequisite: OT702.

- OT725 Hebrew Exegesis of Jonah & Ruth
- OT729 Hebrew Exegesis of Esther
- OT730 Hebrew Exegesis of Job
- OT731 Hebrew Exegesis of Psalms
- OT735 Hebrew Exegesis of Ecclesiastes
- OT740 Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 40-53
- OT750 Hebrew Exegesis of Hosea
- OT751 Hebrew Exegesis of Joel, Obadiah, & Zephaniah
- OT752 Hebrew Exegesis of Amos
- OT753 Hebrew Exegesis of Micah
- OT754 Hebrew Exegesis of Nahum & Habakkuk
- OT755 Hebrew Exegesis of Haggai & Malachi
- OT756 Hebrew Exegesis of Zechariah



## UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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*Note: Courses taken for Th.M. credit are worth 3 hours each.*

### **OT640 OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

A systematic study of the major Bible doctrines from the standpoint of the Old Testament believer. Since stress in this course is on the progress of revelation, appeals for support to the New Testament are minimized; discontinuities between OT theology and Christian theology, however, are targeted for special emphasis.

### **OT645 MESSIANIC PROPHECY .....2 HOURS**

An examination of messianic prophecies in light of progressive revelation. This course is a diachronic study which traces the development of messianism and involves an exegesis of key Old Testament passages. This course also includes an examination of germane New Testament references.

### **OT830 BIBLICAL ARAMAIC .....2 HOURS**

A study of the grammar of Aramaic is made, and the Aramaic portions of Daniel and Ezra are translated.

### **OT840 UGARITIC .....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the language and literature of ancient Ugarit. The relationship and contribution of such study to the Old Testament will be emphasized.



## UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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### **OT850 RESEARCH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT .....2 HOURS**

Guided research in some area of Old Testament studies involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field and the writing of a scholarly research paper. All work for the class must be completed in the same semester. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.

### **OT899 HOLY LAND TOUR .....2 HOURS**

A study tour of the Holy Land. This tour highlights selected biblical sites and is designed to integrate Scripture with biblical geography, archaeology, and history.

## **OT SEMINARS**

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### **OT740 SEMINAR IN OT THEOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

Old Testament topics of practical and theological significance are selected for thorough investigation.

### **OT744 SEMINAR ON OT PROBLEM TEXTS .....2 HOURS**

Difficult passages in Scripture are examined and the various views of their interpretation are analyzed and evaluated. Emphasis is placed upon the relationship between the student's conclusions concerning the passage and relevant doctrines.

### **OT759 SEMINAR IN BIBLICAL CREATION.....2 HOURS**

A seminar designed to develop a biblical theology of creation by evaluating differing evangelical interpretations of key creation motifs.

## NEW TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT

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### **RYAN MEYER, PH.D., CHAIRMAN**

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The goal of the New Testament Department is to provide the student with the necessary tools for interpreting and communicating the New Testament accurately. To accomplish this goal, four student learning objectives in New Testament study are established.

First, students will validate knowledge of the contents of the New Testament. This will include comprehension of historical, cultural, literary, and theological characteristics of each book.

Second, students will demonstrate competency in biblical Greek by learning basic grammar, vocabulary, and evidencing the ability to translate Greek texts.

Third, students will evidence the skill of interpreting the New Testament in its cultural, historical, theological, and dispensational context.

Fourth, students will validate their understanding of the New Testament by communicating those truths via expositional preaching. The New Testament Department strives to equip the student to accurately exegete the Scriptural text and then to adequately communicate and apply the Word of God to the needs of contemporary man.





# MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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## NT ENGLISH BIBLE ELECTIVES

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### NT502 GOSPEL OF LUKE: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS

An exposition of Luke’s account of the life of Christ, focusing on the dominant themes of the Gospel, the flow of the narrative, and theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text. Special focus will be given to the unique contribution Luke makes within the Gospel tradition.

### NT503 GOSPEL OF JOHN: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS

An exposition of John’s account of the life of Christ, focusing on the dominant themes of the Gospel, the flow of the narrative, and theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text. Special focus will be given to the unique contribution John makes within the Gospel tradition.

### NT504 ACTS: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS

An exposition of the book of Acts, focusing on the major themes of the book, the flow of the narrative, and the theological, exegetical, and historical difficulties presented in the text. Special focus will be given to tracing the influence of the Holy Spirit in the development of the church.

### NT505 ROMANS: ENGLISH BIBLE.....2 HOURS

An exposition of Paul’s letter to the Roman church, focusing on the dominant themes of the epistle, the development of Paul’s argument, and the theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text. Special focus will be given to the book’s theological significance.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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**NT506 1 CORINTHIANS: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

An exposition of Paul's first canonical letter to Corinth, focusing on the dominant themes of the epistle, the historical context of the epistle, and the theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text. Special focus will be given to the theology of sanctification within the letter.

**NT507 2 CORINTHIANS: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

An exposition of Paul's second canonical letter to Corinth, focusing on the dominant themes of the epistle, the historical context of the epistle, and the theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text. Special focus will be given to the theology of sanctification within the letter.

**NT519 HEBREWS: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

An exposition of the book of Hebrews, focusing on the dominant themes of the epistle, the flow of the author's argument, and the theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text. Special attention will be given to both the use of the Old Testament in the New as well as the doctrine of salvation in the letter.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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**NT521 1 PETER: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

An exposition of the book of 1 Peter, focusing on the dominant themes of the epistle, the flow of the author's argument, and the theological and exegetical difficulties presented in the text.

**NT527 REVELATION: ENGLISH BIBLE .....2 HOURS**

An exposition of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, focusing on the major themes of the book, the meaning of patterns within the book, and the theological, exegetical, and historical difficulties in the text. Special attention will be given to the dispensational hermeneutic as it applies to the book.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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## **NT ENGLISH BIBLE REQUIREMENTS**

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### **NT550 GOSPELS.....2 HOURS**

A survey of the life of Christ as presented in the four Gospels, focusing on the Person, Work, and life-history of Jesus. Special attention will be given to the distinctive elements of each Gospel, the harmonization of the Gospels, and the practical ramifications of the Gospels for modern believers.

### **NT551 LIFE & MINISTRY OF PAUL.....2 HOURS**

A survey of the life and ministry of Paul, focusing on the theme and argument of each epistle, the chronological place of each epistle in the life of Paul, and the doctrinal contribution of each of Paul's letters. Special attention will be given to the relationship between the narrative of Acts and Paul's life and letters.

### **NT552 NON-PAULINE EPISTLES & REVELATION.....2 HOURS**

A survey of the non-Pauline epistles and Revelation, focusing on the theme and argument of each epistle, the matters of special introduction within each epistle, and the theological and exegetical difficulties in these texts. Special attention will be given to the doctrinal contribution of this section of Scripture.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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### **STUDIES IN BIBLICAL GREEK**

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**NT601 GREEK GRAMMAR I .....3 HOURS**

A study of the essential elements of biblical Greek grammar with focus on developing vocabulary and understanding the basic principles of phonology, morphology, and grammar.

**NT602 GREEK GRAMMAR II .....3 HOURS**

A continuation of the study of elementary Greek grammar, designed to reinforce and expand the basic principles of Koine Greek and includes translating selected portions of 1 John. Prerequisite: A minimum grade of "C" in NT 601.

**NT701 GREEK SYNTAX & READING .....3 HOURS**

A study of the principles of biblical Greek syntax, focusing on acquiring the skill needed to translate, interpret, and understand the Greek text. Special attention is given to vocabulary building and translating portions of the New Testament. Prerequisite: A minimum grade of "C" in NT 602.

**NT702 GREEK EXEGETICAL METHODS .....2 HOURS**

A study of the principles in the exegesis of the Greek New Testament, focusing on the various steps in the exegetical process for each of the literary genres of the New Testament. Special attention will be given to the exegesis of Colossians. Prerequisite: NT701.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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**NT801 RAPID GREEK READING .....2 HOURS**

A course designed to improve the student’s proficiency in translating the Greek New Testament. Special attention is given to vocabulary building, which will facilitate the large sections of Scripture translated in the course.

Prerequisite: NT702.

**NT805 ADVANCED GREEK GRAMMAR .....2 HOURS**

An intensive study of the grammar of New Testament Greek, focusing on the advancement in New Testament linguistic studies in the last few decades. Special attention will be given to aspect, tense, and discourse analysis.

**NT810 TEXTUAL CRITICISM .....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the discipline of textual criticism, focusing on the process, methods, and presuppositions involved. Special attention is given to applying the material learned in class to New Testament textual problems.

**NT815 SEPTUAGINT.....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the Greek translation of the Old Testament, focusing on translating from the Septuagint, comparing the Septuagint to the Hebrew, and discerning the text-critical value of the Septuagint. Special focus will be given to the New Testament use of the Septuagint.

### EXEGESIS CLASSES

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In the following courses, the exegetical steps are applied to selected portions of the Greek New Testament. Attention is given to the historical background, genre, theme, and structure of the text. Using a proper hermeneutical method, emphasis is placed on tracing the author's argument and addressing the interpretive and theological issues of the text in the analogy of faith. Each course is two (2) credits. Prerequisites: NT702.

NT705	Greek Exegesis of Romans 1-8
NT706	Greek Exegesis of Romans 9-16
NT726	Greek Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 1-7
NT727	Greek Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 8-16
NT730	Greek Exegesis of Galatians
NT731	Greek Exegesis of Ephesians
NT732	Greek Exegesis of Philippians
NT734	Greek Exegesis of 1 Thessalonians
NT735	Greek Exegesis of 2 Thessalonians
NT736	Greek Exegesis of 1 Timothy
NT737	Greek Exegesis of 2 Timothy & Titus
NT740	Greek Exegesis of James
NT741	Greek Exegesis of 1 Peter
NT742	Greek Exegesis of 2 Peter & Jude



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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*Note: Courses taken for Th.M. credit are worth 3 hours each.*

**NT750 SEMINAR IN NT THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

New Testament topics of practical and theological significance are selected for thorough investigation.

**NT752 SEMINAR ON THE  
INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD.....2 HOURS**

Subjects relating to the religion and history of the period between the testaments, including Jewish tradition, bibliology, the Septuagint, and the Dead Sea Scrolls, are chosen for careful investigation.

**NT753 SEMINAR ON NT PROBLEM TEXTS.....2 HOURS**

Difficult passages in Scripture are examined and the various views of their interpretation are analyzed and evaluated. Emphasis is placed upon the relationship between the student's conclusions concerning the passage and relevant doctrines.

**NT850 RESEARCH IN THE NT .....2 HOURS**

Guided research in some area of New Testament studies involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field and the writing of a scholarly research paper. All work for the class must be completed in the same semester. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.

**NT899 HOLY LAND TOUR .....2 HOURS**

This study tour of the Holy Land highlights selected biblical sites and is designed to integrate Scripture with biblical geography, archaeology, and history.



### **SAMUEL A. DAWSON, PH.D., CHAIRMAN**

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The goal of the Systematic Theology Department is to provide the student a broad, unified, and correlated network of doctrines of Scripture from the premillennial, dispensational point of view. To accomplish this goal, four student-learning objectives in Systematic Theology study are established.

First, students will demonstrate a proficiency in the grammatical-historical-theological method of biblical interpretation.

Second, students will critically evaluate systems of Christian theology.

Third, the students will articulate and defend the major doctrines of the Christian faith as progressively revealed in Scripture.

Fourth, students will skillfully defend and propagate a comprehensive Christian worldview and refute non-Christian worldviews. The Systematic Theology Department strives to equip students to ably defend Christian doctrine, refute false teaching, expose defective worldviews, and correlate biblical truths with Christian living and church ministry.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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**ST500 THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS.....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the procedures and resources for theological research. The course will also introduce the student to the proper format for writing a research paper and guide him through the actual writing of such a paper.

**ST501 HERMENEUTICS .....2 HOURS**

A development of the proper approach to interpreting correctly the different literary genres of the Bible. Various ideas including the univocal nature of language and authorial intent are woven together to form a grammatical-historical-theological method of biblical interpretation.

**ST601 THEOLOGY I: PROLEGOMENA,  
BIBLIOLOGY, DISPENSATIONS, THEOLOGY  
PROPER, & ANGELOLOGY .....4 HOURS**

An introduction to the concept and discipline of systematic theology together with a systematic treatment of three of its heads, the doctrines of Scripture, God, and angels. Prerequisites: ST500 and ST501.

**ST602 THEOLOGY II: ANTHROPOLOGY,  
HAMARTIOLOGY, CHRISTOLOGY,  
& PNEUMATOLOGY.....4 HOURS**

A systematic treatment of four major heads of systematic theology: the doctrines of Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, and Hamartiology.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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**ST603 THEOLOGY III: SOTERIOLOGY,  
ECCLESIOLOGY, & ESCHATOLOGY.....4 HOURS**

A study of salvation, especially in its application; the origin and composition of the Body of Christ, as well as the composition, function and primacy of the local church; and a development of a premillennial, pretribulational understanding of the prophecies of Scripture.

Prerequisites: ST500 and ST501.

**ST615 DISPENSATIONALISM.....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the theological system of dispensationalism, including an overview of its history, an identification of its role in plotting the central storyline of the Bible, and a discussion of key implications of that system for the mission and message of the church.

Prerequisites: ST501 and 601.

**ST701 APOLOGETICS .....2 HOURS**

A description, defense, and demonstration of presuppositional/worldview apologetics as the apologetic model most consistent with the Christian Scriptures.

Prerequisites: ST601.

**ST710 SENIOR DOCTRINAL SEMINAR.....2 HOURS**

An interactive review of the major heads of theology. Emphasis is on dispassionate, analytical discussion of problem areas of theology with a view to the development of informed and accurate student doctrinal statements.

Prerequisites: ST601, 602, and be within two semesters of graduation.



# UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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*Note: Courses taken for Th.M. credit are worth 3 hours each.*

**ST751 NEW EVANGELICALISM .....2 HOURS**

A study of the new evangelical movement from a theological and practical standpoint. Areas covered are history, the Bible, ecumenism, social involvement, and other topics.

**ST752 KINGDOM OF GOD .....2 HOURS**

A study of the Kingdom of God beginning with the mediatorial idea, the establishment of the Kingdom at Sinai, its monarchical form, the Kingdom according to the prophets, its offer by Jesus to Israel, its rejection, postponement, and eschatological establishment.

**ST753 ADVANCED ISSUES IN PNEUMATOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

A biblical, historical, and theological investigation of key issues in contemporary pneumatology, including issues such as dispensational/covenantal concerns, temporary ministries of the Spirit, and models of sanctification.

**ST754 EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

A historical and theological analysis of the evangelical movement from its 18th-century roots to the present day, with emphasis not only on its evolution, variations, and deviations, but also on shared features that continue to unite those who claim the label.



# UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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**ST755 CHURCH POLITY.....2 HOURS**

A survey and biblical analysis of ecclesiastical polity as practiced broadly within the Christian church, with particular attention given to variations of the congregational model. Specific topics discussed include the relationships of the local church, the number and description of the ecclesiastical offices, the interchange between pastoral oversight and congregational rule, as well as church order and discipline.

**ST756 ETHICS .....2 HOURS**

An exploration of the warrant for and competing models of Christian moral decision-making, together with a series of student-led class discussions on key ethical problems facing believers in today's world.

**ST757 POLEMICS .....2 HOURS**

A demonstration of and practicum for worldview (presuppositional) apologetics within the marketplace of competing worldviews.

**ST758 PHILOSOPHY FOR THEOLOGIANS.....2 HOURS**

A historical and systematic investigation of the field of philosophy with special focus on the intersection of philosophy and theology.



# UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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**ST800 TH.M. READING AND RESEARCH .....2 HOURS**

An advisor-directed research course preparatory to the Th.M. capstone project. This course is individualized for each student, but typically involves extensive reading, testing as needed in areas related to the project, technical writing instruction for theses, and the preparation of an acceptable prospectus for the Th.M. thesis/project.

**ST850 RESEARCH IN THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

Guided research in a selected area of theology involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field and the writing of a scholarly research paper. All work for the class must be completed in the same semester. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.



# UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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## SEMINARS

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### **ST739 SEMINAR IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the discipline and practice of biblical theology, with a special focus on the Bible's metanarrative.

### **OT740 SEMINAR IN OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

Old Testament topics of practical and theological significance are selected for thorough investigation.

### **NT750 SEMINAR IN NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

New Testament topics of practical and theological significance are selected for thorough investigation.

### **ST760 SEMINAR ON DISPENSATIONALISM.....2 HOURS**

A study designed to offer solutions and clarifications to exegetical and theological problems that have arisen in the refinement of a dispensational approach to Scripture.

### **ST761 SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

A presentation and analysis of some of the systems, issues, and personalities of the contemporary theological landscape.

### **ST762 SEMINAR ON THEOLOGICAL ISSUES IN BIBLIOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

An investigation into some of the objections made more recently against the biblical and historic doctrine of Bibliology. Also theological adjuncts and corollaries are handled.



# UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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**ST763 SEMINAR IN HERMENEUTICS .....2 HOURS**

An analysis of some of the critical issues in the ongoing development of biblical hermeneutics and a critique of current literature and theological systems.

**ST764 SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY  
ISSUES IN ETHICS .....2 HOURS**

A critical examination of current literature in ethics and an evaluation of ethical systems.

**ST765 SEMINAR IN ESCHATOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

An investigation and analysis of selected problems and issues in eschatology.

**ST766 SEMINAR IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

An investigation and analysis of selected areas in systematic theology.

**ST767 SEMINAR IN SOTERIOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

An investigation into the various facets of the overall doctrine of salvation. Subjects such as the ordo salutis, election, regeneration, faith and repentance, justification, and sanctification, among others, will be assigned for investigation, research, and conclusions.

**ST768 SEMINAR IN PNEUMATOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

An investigation and analysis of selected problems and issues in pneumatology.

**ST769 SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY  
ISSUES IN APOLOGETICS.....2 HOURS**

A critical examination of current literature in apologetics and an evaluation of apologetic systems.



## HISTORICAL THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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### **JOHN A. ALOISI, PH.D., CHAIRMAN**

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The goal of the Historical Theology Department is to equip students to properly interpret God's providential work throughout the church's history. Students will trace the development and defenders of historic Christian orthodoxy so that they can critically apply past lessons to contemporary church life. To accomplish this goal, three student learning objectives in Historical Theology are established.

First, students will summarize the doctrinal issues and ecclesiastical changes that have impacted Christianity and the world.

Second, students will develop an understanding of their Baptist heritage.

Third, students will evaluate contemporary issues and trends in light of past events. The Historical Theology Department strives to inspire students to defend the faith once delivered to the saints.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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**CH501 CHURCH HISTORY I.....2 HOURS**

A study of early church history from the apostolic age to A.D. 590. Emphasis is placed on theological controversies, doctrinal development, and the writings of the church fathers.

**CH502 CHURCH HISTORY II.....2 HOURS**

A study of medieval church history from Gregory I (A.D. 590) to A.D. 1517. The course will focus on the Roman Catholic system, including the papacy, doctrinal development, reactionary movements, and significant events and persons leading up to the Reformation.

**CH503 CHURCH HISTORY III.....2 HOURS**

A study of modern church history from Luther's Ninety-five Theses (A.D. 1517) to the present. Much of the course will be devoted to investigating the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, and the beginning and development of denominationalism.

**CH504 BAPTIST HISTORY.....2 HOURS**

An investigation of the origin and progress of Baptist principles. Beginning with the seventeenth century English Baptists, the development, nature, and expansion of Baptist groups will be studied.



# UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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*Note: Courses taken for Th.M. credit are worth 3 hours each.*

**CH701 HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE .....2 HOURS**

A critical analysis of the development of the major Christian doctrines throughout history showing their effect upon the church and their contribution to present day theology.

**CH703 REFORMATION THEOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

A critical examination of the basic doctrines of the key Reformers, creedal statements, and controversies.

**CH705 LIFE & THEOLOGY OF AUGUSTINE .....2 HOURS**

A study of the life and thought of Augustine (354-430), emphasizing his use of Scripture, his theological contributions and controversies, and his impact on medieval and Reformation thought.

**CH707 LIFE & THEOLOGY OF JOHN CALVIN .....2 HOURS**

A study of the life and thought of John Calvin (1509-1564) emphasizing his role in the Genevan Reformation, his relationship to other Reform movements in sixteenth-century Europe, his theological contributions, and his influence on later Reformed theology.

**CH709 LIFE & THEOLOGY  
OF JONATHAN EDWARDS .....2 HOURS**

A study of the life and thought of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) emphasizing his philosophical and theological background, his relationship to the Great Awakening, and his distinctive contributions to American theology.



## UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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*Note: Courses taken for Th.M. credit are worth 3 hours each.*

### **CH710 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA .....2 HOURS**

A study of the progress and expansion of Christian movements in America, beginning with British colonization (1607) through the early twentieth century. Special attention will be given to New England Puritanism.

### **CH711 HISTORY OF FUNDAMENTALISM .....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the history of the fundamentalist movement, analyzing its historical roots, leading personalities, issues, battles, and present-day status.

### **CH712 HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS .....2 HOURS**

A survey of the advancement of the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Special attention will be placed on missions methodology, specific missionaries, and church planting movements.

### **CH714 THEOLOGICAL SYSTEMS IN AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY .....2 HOURS**

A critical analysis of major theologies in America, beginning with an examination of the early New England systems through Neo-Pentecostalism.

### **CH715 HISTORY OF EXPOSITORY PREACHING .....2 HOURS**

An examination of notable expository preachers throughout history with an emphasis on the student's responsibility to carry on the expository tradition.



## UPPER LEVEL MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF THEOLOGY COURSES

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*Note: Courses taken for Th.M. credit are worth 3 hours each.*

### **CH850 RESEARCH IN HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

Guided research in some area of historical theology involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field and the writing of a scholarly research paper. All work for the class must be completed in the same semester. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.

### **CH899 CHURCH HISTORY STUDY TOUR.....2 HOURS**

A tour of New England, continental Europe, or Great Britain, studying respectively significant sites of colonial American church history, the Reformation, and the English Separatist Movement.

## **SEMINAR**

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### **CH750 SEMINAR IN HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.....2 HOURS**

An examination of the history of Christian doctrine utilizing various approaches. The course will evaluate the historical development of certain key doctrines in Christian theology, critique particular schools or types of theological interpretations, and study the doctrinal contributions of a major theologian.

### **DAVID M. DORAN, D.MIN., CHAIRMAN**

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The goal of the Pastoral Theology Department is to equip students to have a competent and effective ministry, with particular emphasis on pastoral ministry. To accomplish this goal, three student learning objectives in Pastoral Theology are established.

First, students will articulate a biblical philosophy of local church ministry.

Second, students will demonstrate an understanding of biblical leadership and administration of the local church.

Third, students will effectively communicate via expository preaching the truth of God's Word to the needs of contemporary man. The Pastoral Theology department strives to equip men to be faithful shepherds of God's people and skilled leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and humility in the household of God.



# MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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## **ELECTIVE COURSES**

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### **PT510 INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH MINISTRIES....2 HOURS**

An overview of the various ministries that make up the core of most local church programs. Attention will be given to understanding, developing, and directing ministries to the various age groups within the church body (children, youth, and adult). In addition, the course will discuss specialized ministries of the church (music program, Christian education, etc.) to equip the student to provide competent pastoral leadership in these areas.

### **PT521 FOUNDATIONS FOR BIBLICAL COUNSELING .....2 HOURS**

This course is designed for students without formal theological education who are interested in becoming a biblical counselor or in doing continuing education as a biblical counselor. It offers an introduction to biblical and theological foundations for biblical counseling, including areas in hermeneutics and the doctrines of Scripture, God, man, sin, and salvation. Non-credit.

### **PT522 BASICS OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING .....2 HOURS**

This course covers the instructional material in Phase 1 of the ACBC certification process, including an orientation to biblical counseling, various theories of counseling, family relations, frequent issues, and medical issues. This course does not apply toward the biblical counseling concentration. Prerequisite: PT 521 or ST 601



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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### **PT531 MANAGEMENT OF CHURCH FINANCES.....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the management of finances in the context of the local church and in relation to the pastor. The course will include a brief discussion of the biblical principles of stewardship, instruction in the basic procedures for accounting and reporting financial matters in the church, and a presentation of methods for the practice of controlling and directing funds.

### **PT536 PASTORAL COUNSELING.....2 HOURS**

Building on the foundation of the introductory course, this course further strengthens the student's understanding of the theological foundation for pastoral counseling, gives special attention to specific counseling issues, and seeks to develop the student's counseling skills.

### **PT537 INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH PLANTING.....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the biblical and practical principles of planting an independent Baptist church. The course will also include interaction with men who have planted or are now planting churches.

### **PT538 THE THEOLOGY & PRACTICE OF WORSHIP.....2 HOURS**

An examination of the biblical material on worship to help the student develop a theological perspective on worship in this dispensation. The truths will be applied to the practical aspects of cultivating a worshipping church and designing God-centered worship services. The class will aim to help the student evaluate current worship debates from a biblical perspective.





## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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### **PT539 RESEARCH IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY .....2 HOURS**

Guided research in some area of practical theology involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field and the writing of a scholarly research paper or ministry project report. All work for the class must be completed in the same semester. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.

### **PT610 BIBLICAL COUNSELING OBSERVATION AND EXAMS .....2 HOURS**

This course includes observation and discussion of counseling sessions. Additionally, the student will complete the Theology and Counseling Exams for Phase 2 of the ACBC certification process. This course does not apply toward the biblical counseling concentration. Prerequisite: PT 522



# MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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## **REQUIRED COURSES**

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### **PT500 PHILOSOPHY OF CHURCH MINISTRY .....2 HOURS**

An introduction to a biblical philosophy of local church ministry with emphasis on the importance of operating from a solid philosophical base, the role of the pastor in the development and direction of the philosophy, and the exposition of the biblical bases of a ministry philosophy. All of these will be related to the general work and specific ministries of the local church.

### **PT502 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP.....2 HOURS**

This course presents the biblical foundations for the role of the pastor and the practical development of this role within the context of a Baptist church. The class will examine principles and practices governing the pastor’s personal life, family and organizational relationships, and his ministerial responsibilities.

### **PT503 MINISTRY MANAGEMENT .....2 HOURS**

A study of management principles related to the local church with special emphasis on the consistent implementation of a biblical philosophy of ministry. Following the management cycle of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling, particular attention will be given to: (1) strategic planning; (2) designing specific strategies for ministry; (3) planning and implementing change in established ministries; (4) recruiting and training workers, and (5) developing supervisory skills.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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**PT601 HOMILETICS I.....2 HOURS**

An introductory course designed to instruct the student in principles and methods of analysis and basic construction of expositional sermons.

**PT602 HOMILETICS II .....2 HOURS**

A practical course designed to assist the student in the utilization of homiletical principles in sermon preparation and delivery. An emphasis will be given to expositional preaching from the various types of biblical literature.

Prerequisite: Homiletics I (PT601).

**PT603 HOMILETICS III .....2 HOURS**

A practical course devoted to sermon delivery. The student will construct and preach a variety of expositional messages upon a combination of sound exegetical, hermeneutical, and homiletical principles. Prerequisite: Homiletics II (PT602).



# MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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## **COUNSELING COURSES**

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**PT520 INTRODUCTION TO  
BIBLICAL COUNSELING .....2 HOURS**

An introduction to the basics of biblical counseling, covering topics such as the theological basis of discipleship/counseling, the definition of biblical counseling, the posture for the counselor, a comparison of counseling philosophies, and an operational methodology. Also included are the key elements of the counseling process.

**PT523 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF  
SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION .....2 HOURS**

An examination of the dynamics of biblical change and how to take those dynamics and apply them through counseling to others who need to change and grow. The course will emphasize the doctrine of sanctification and the “Put-off, Put-on” dynamic.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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**PT527 MARRIAGE & FAMILY COUNSELING .....2 HOURS**

A framework for counseling individuals, couples, and families through an array of issues. Topics covered include the purpose of marriage, divorce and remarriage, roles of husband and wife, physical intimacy within marriage, communication and conflict resolution, pre-marital counseling, parenting, and family counseling.

**PT535 COUNSELING PROBLEMS  
AND PROCEDURES .....2 HOURS**

This course uses biblical principles to establish a methodology for biblical counseling. Then it applies those biblical principles to a number of issues that frequently emerge in counseling, including guilt, worry, trials, anger, depression, sexual sin, abuse, eating problems, addictions, and medical issues."

**PT540 SEMINAR IN COUNSELING .....2 HOURS**

An investigation and analysis of a specific topic in counseling and discipleship.

**PT 611 BIBLICAL COUNSELING PRACTICUM I .....2 HOURS**

This course consists of a supervised counseling internship, where the student will conduct counseling sessions and receive guidance and evaluation. The student must complete a total of 25 hours of counseling. Prerequisites: PT 610, or PT 520, PT 527, and PT 535

**PT612 BIBLICAL COUNSELING PRACTICUM II .....2 HOURS**

This course continues the supervised counseling internship, where the student will conduct an additional 25 hours of counseling. Prerequisite: PT 611



# MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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## **INTERCULTURAL STUDIES COURSES**

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### **CC501 INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS .....2 HOURS**

An introductory survey of the theology, history, and methods of the missionary enterprise, with special emphasis on recent developments, crucial issues, and future trends.

### **CC502 THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS.....2 HOURS**

An examination of the biblical and systematic theologies of missions in both the Old and New Testaments, including an emphasis on the mission of the early church in Acts and the Letters. This course also addresses contemporary issues such as holistic mission and incarnational ministry.

### **CC525 MISSIONS & CULTURE .....2 HOURS**

A survey of anthropology, ethnography, and cultural analysis. The student will gain an understanding of varying cultures and develop the ability to properly contextualize life and ministry.

### **CC526 CONTEXTUALIZATION .....2 HOURS**

An examination of the process involved with communicating a Christian worldview in a biblically faithful and culturally relevant manner. Contextualizing the messenger and the message will be considered. Special attention will be given to self-theologizing in intercultural contexts.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

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**CC530 WORLD RELIGIONS.....2 HOURS**

A study of major religions in the world, with an emphasis on key figures, beliefs, and practices in each religion. Further focus will be given on ministering the gospel to those from different religious backgrounds.

**CC535 INTERCULTURAL CHURCH PLANTING–  
EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP &  
MINISTRY TRAINING .....2 HOURS**

An analysis of biblical principles and effective strategies for church planting and development in a intercultural setting. Emphasis is placed on methods for starting churches committed to church planting. It also includes a study of practical and effective steps and models.

**CC777 INTERNSHIP IN INTERCULTURAL  
STUDIES ..... 2+ HOURS**

A specialized field involvement program designed to encourage interest and experience in intercultural ministries. Each student will be accountable to both on-campus and off-campus supervision and will be given exposure to as many aspects of missions as possible in view of the particular field assignment and the maturity of the student. Mission internship programs may be sponsored by Inter-City Baptist Church or other approved mission agencies. In all cases preparatory study is required with both reading and writing assignments. An agreed upon subject will be researched while on the field, and a report or research paper must be submitted after the internship. No more than four hours of credit may be granted unless the internship program requires actual course work on the field. Internships may range from four weeks to six months.



## MASTER OF DIVINITY **COURSES**

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### **CC850 RESEARCH IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES .....2 HOURS**

Guided research in some area of intercultural studies involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field and the writing of a scholarly research paper. All work for the class must be completed in the same semester. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.



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# DBTS ADMISSION

### **ADMISSION POLICY**

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

### **PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

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Admission to Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary is limited to individuals who give testimony of their personal faith in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior and Lord. It is further restricted to those who are in full agreement with the Seminary Creed. Each applicant must demonstrate submission to the Word of God by manifesting a life of obedience. This testimony of obedience should be distinctly noticeable both within the church and the world. As an institution whose mission is to train Gospel ministers, the applicant should also possess the personal and spiritual gifts necessary for successful ministry. This aptitude should be affirmed by his local church.

### **APPLICATION FORM**

The prospective student must submit a completed application form. The application can be found online at [www.dbts.edu](http://www.dbts.edu). The application should be submitted as soon as DBTS is considered as a potential institution for graduate studies. Each prospective student must sign a statement on the application form indicating he is in full agreement with the Seminary Creed.



## DBTS **ADMISSION**

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### **CHURCH LETTER**

The prospective student must submit a letter of recommendation from his church stating that he is a member in good standing and is endorsed by them. The letter of recommendation can be found at [www.dbts.edu](http://www.dbts.edu). The church must be one whose own doctrinal position is in agreement with the Seminary Creed.

### **TRANSCRIPT OF COLLEGE WORK**

A transcript of all college and graduate work is required. If a student is still in college, a transcript of his work up to that time is sufficient; a complete transcript, indicating his degree, can be sent when he completes his college work, before entering this institution. Transcript request forms can be found at [www.dbts.edu](http://www.dbts.edu).

### **REFERENCES**

Each applicant is to provide three references as defined within the initial application. Reference forms are available at [www.dbts.edu](http://www.dbts.edu). The student should give these forms to the individuals listed as references on the admission application.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS**

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There are four classifications of students:

#### **REGULAR STUDENTS**

Regular students have met all admission requirements and are pursuing a standard degree. Thus, these are all the students who are enrolled in the Master of Divinity and the Master of Theology programs.

#### **CERTIFICATE STUDENTS**

Certificate students are those who have had at least two full years of college training (60 semester hours) but do not have a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent. They pursue the same program as regular Master of Divinity students. Upon graduation they receive a Three-Year Certificate rather than a degree. If a certificate student later earns his college degree (without using seminary credits to obtain it), he may exchange his certificate for the graduate degree. The number of certificate students is necessarily limited to 10% of the overall enrollment.

### **AUDIT STUDENTS**

An audit student is one who is not academically qualified to be accepted into the other programs or one who wishes simply to take courses without fulfilling all of the academic rigors normally required. No credit is granted for such work. The following guidelines apply to audit work:

1. Audit tuition is \$110 per credit hour.
2. Wives of full-time students (those taking 8 or more credit hours of classes) may take classes for credit free of charge (though they are not able to earn a degree). Wives of part-time students may take classes for credit at the audit rate. Wives of full or part-time students may audit classes free of charge.
3. The normal fees for credit work apply equally to audit work.
4. Auditors must have an acceptable attendance record as defined elsewhere in the catalog. No written work (term papers, tests, etc.) is required.
5. An "audit" notation will be placed on the student's transcript upon successful completion of the work.
6. No class can be switched from credit to audit after the eighth week of classes except by special action of the faculty.

### **COUNSELING CERTIFICATION STUDENTS**

- A counseling certification student is one who is pursuing certification with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors through DBTS but is not pursuing a degree. No academic credit is granted to these students. Counseling certification tuition is \$110 per credit hour. Counseling certification students must successfully complete the requirements for their courses, including maintaining an acceptable attendance record and completing all required assignments.

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# FINANCES & **PROCEDURES**

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### MASTER OF DIVINITY/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

\$245.00 per credit hour

### AUDIT STUDENTS

\$110 per audit hour

### COUNSELING CERTIFICATION STUDENTS

\$110 per hour

### MASTER OF THEOLOGY PROGRAM

\$275.00 per credit hour

### CONTINUATION FEE\*

\$75.00 per semester

## FEES (PER SEMESTER)

STUDENT BODY DUES ..... \$10.00

### STUDENT SERVICES

1-6 HOURS ..... \$25.00

7+ HOURS ..... \$50.00

### LIBRARY

1-6 HOURS ..... \$20.00

7+ HOURS ..... \$40.00

### SPECIAL FEES:

LATE REGISTRATION ..... \$30.00

LATE EXAM ..... \$5.00

GRADUATION FEE ..... \$85.00

\*During the period of thesis writing after classroom requirements have been met. In the semester of graduation the student is charged the regular tuition for the thesis (4 hours) plus graduation fees, but no continuation fee is assessed.





## FINANCES & PROCEDURES

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Tuition and fees are subject to change without prior notice.

When a student completes registration, he obligates himself to pay the full tuition amount during the semester. Tuition and fees for the semester are due in full the first day of classes. However, if a student is unable to meet this requirement, he may elect to pay the semester's tuition and fees in four equal monthly installments. These payments are due on the first of the month, September - December, and February - May. If payment is not made by the due date each month, a 1% per month charge will be assessed on the overdue amount. During block courses (e.g., summer), payment is due in full by the last day of class. If full payment is not made by this date, a 1% per month charge will be assessed on the overdue amount. Any exceptions to these arrangements must be requested of the President or his designated substitute.

Wives of full-time students (M.Div. students taking 8 or more credit hours of classes or Th.M. students taking 6 or more) may take classes for credit free of charge. Wives of part-time students may take classes for credit at the audit rate. Wives of full- or part-time students may audit classes free of charge.

### UNPAID TUITION BALANCES

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A student may not register for courses if he has an unpaid balance that exceeds \$1,500.00. The purpose of this policy is to limit personal debt that, if accumulated, would limit ministry opportunities. If a student is confronted with unforeseen financial hardship, he may consult with the Dean of the Seminary.

REFUND POLICY

Students who anticipate withdrawing from Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary must schedule an appointment with their academic advisor or the Registrar prior to initiating withdrawal procedures. Withdrawal shall not be considered complete until a final settlement with the Records Office and Business Office has been made. Students withdrawing from the school or reducing their academic load prior to mid-term will receive a refund according to the following schedule. (Short terms and/or summer school will be subject to proportionate adjustment.)

TIME	% OF REFUND
0-2 Weeks	100%
3-4 Weeks	75%
5-6 Weeks	50%
7-8 Weeks	25%
More than 8 Weeks	0%

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# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



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### NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Rolland D. McCune Alumni Scholarship is awarded by the DBTS Alumni Association. It is presented to qualified men upon the recommendation of an active DBTS alumnus. Among all qualified candidates the primary factor in determining award recipients is financial need. The number of recipients each semester is based upon the level of funding available. A student may be recommended and receive the scholarship again in successive semesters. A student need not be a member of Inter-City Baptist Church. For additional information, contact the seminary office.

### CHURCH-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

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The William R. Rice Scholarship is awarded by Inter-City Baptist Church. It is presented to a young man who embodies the scholarly commitment and pastoral heart of Dr. William R. Rice, the seminary's founder. Dr. Rice also served as the senior pastor of Inter-City Baptist Church for forty years (1949-1989). The Rice Scholarship is a one-year award covering the full cost of tuition. It is awarded to a student who is a member of Inter-City Baptist Church.

The Adoniram Judson Missions Scholarship is awarded by Inter-City Baptist Church. It is presented to a young man who embodies the scholarly commitment and a heart for missions like the pioneer Baptist missionary for whom the scholarship is named. The Judson Scholarship is a one-year award providing \$500 per semester toward the cost of tuition. It is awarded to a student who is a member of Inter-City Baptist Church.

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## STUDENT **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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### **VETERANS' BENEFITS**

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Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary is recognized by the Michigan State Approving Agency for the training of Veterans. For all students receiving VA benefits the following refund policy applies: If a student fails to enter or withdraws, or is discontinued therefrom at any time prior to completion, the refund of advanced payments will be a pro-rata portion of the charges for tuition and other charges that the length of the completed portion of the course bears to its total length.

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# ACADEMIC POLICIES

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### REGISTRATION AND WITHDRAWAL

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Each student is required to register for courses at the beginning of every semester. Class attendance is not permissible until official registration with the Registrar's Office is complete. Changes in registration (dropping or adding a course) may be made in accordance with the announced deadlines for this purpose. Withdrawal from a course without penalty is permissible up through the eighth week of the semester, but only after consultation with the professor of the course and with the permission of the Dean and Registrar. A "W" will be entered on the student's transcript for such a withdrawal. A withdrawal after the eighth week will result in an "F" entered on the student's transcript. A student cannot switch from credit to audit after the eighth week of classes.

### CLASS SIZE

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Classes where there are fewer than three students enrolled may be cancelled at the discretion of the Seminary.

### CLASS PERIODS

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Class periods are 50 minutes long. Normally a student needs to spend two hours of study outside of class for each hour in class. Under the block system of scheduling used by DBTS, two-hour courses meet once a week for two hours back-to-back for 15 weeks. Both three- and four-hour courses meet twice a week in two-hour blocks.



## ACADEMIC POLICIES

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### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

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Seminaries focus on adult education of professional ministers of the gospel. As such, there is an expectation that students will be present in class on a consistent basis. Absenteeism from a class results in the loss of instruction and mentorship that is vital to the overall mission of the seminary.

Students who must miss class due to circumstances beyond their control are to contact the professor in advance to communicate when the absence will be, why it will take place, and what action the student will take to complete work in advance. When students communicate absences in advance, professors will work with them to complete assigned work. If a student fails to communicate an absence in advance, the professor reserves the right to penalize the student's grade.

Any student who is absent 25% of scheduled class time in a given semester will be automatically dropped from the course and receive a WF. Students may write a letter of appeal to the Dean of the seminary if significant extenuating circumstances are involved. The seminary faculty council will render the final decision on all appeals.

### **CHAPEL ATTENDANCE**

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Every student is required to attend chapel whenever he has a class immediately before or immediately after chapel, or whenever he is in the seminary building during chapel.





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### **COMMENCEMENT ATTENDANCE**

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A graduating student must attend Commencement to receive his diploma. No residential student is graduated in absentia.

### **LATE WORK**

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All major examinations (not quizzes), projects, and term papers that have been scheduled in advance must be completed at the time scheduled by the instructor. When a student does not complete the work at the appointed time, the professor may penalize the grade as deemed appropriate. If a student develops a pattern of late work, penalties will increase as a means to build discipline within the student's life.

Incomplete work for which an extension has been given beyond the end of the semester will result in a grade of "I" being given for the course until the work is completed. All incomplete work must be completed within one month after the last day of final examinations or a grade of "F" will be entered for the course.

### **COURSEWORK TAKEN ELSEWHERE**

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Any student who plans to take coursework from another institution with the intention of counting the work toward degree requirements in Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary must have the permission of the registrar before enrolling in such courses. When this work is completed, the student should request a transcript to be mailed immediately to DBTS. Students who fail to observe the regulations of DBTS concerning coursework completed elsewhere may forfeit credit for this work.

### **DISTANCE EDUCATION POLICY**

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DBTS has made arrangements with specific churches outside of the Metro-Detroit Area for their students to take courses via Zoom. All other students will be expected to take their courses on campus, with the following exceptions.

- The Th.M. program is offered entirely through distance education, where students can join classes live using video conferencing software.
- Monday night courses may be taken via Zoom if the student lives 40 miles or more from campus.

### DISTANCE EDUCATION POLICY

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- Students who would like to take a course via Zoom may submit a written request for an exception. These requests will be considered by a committee that will include the Dean, Registrar, professor(s) of record for the course, and the student's faculty advisor. The following criteria will be utilized when considering requests for students to take courses via Zoom. Note that meeting one or more of the criteria will not necessarily guarantee an approved exception. Each request is considered on an individual basis.
  - The course requested is necessary for the student to graduate, the student is anticipating graduation within 18 months, and the student would otherwise be unable to complete the course within that 18 month period.
  - The student commutes to campus 40 miles or more one way, or the average commute time to campus is one hour or more one way.
  - The student is suffering a physical injury, disease, or disability limiting their ability to attend on-campus courses.
  - The student has demonstrated diligence and aptitude in his previous course work that includes maintaining a 3.0 GPA or above.
  - The student is taking two or more courses on-campus during the same semester.



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### ACADEMIC PROBATION

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If a student's cumulative grade point average in the Master of Divinity program falls below 2.0 (3.0 in the Master of Theology program) at the end of a semester, he will be placed on academic probation for the next semester. The student will be given counseling to aid him in lightening his academic load; in developing better self-discipline; in practicing more effective study habits; in exercising stronger motivation; and in solving any personal difficulties that may be contributing to his underachievement. No student on academic probation will be allowed to hold an office in his class or in the Student Body Association until his probationary status is removed.

If, after two consecutive semesters of academic probation, the student's cumulative grade point average in the Master of Divinity program is still below 2.0 (3.0 in the Master of Theology program), he will be placed on academic suspension and will not be allowed to take classes for one semester. The Veterans Administration will be informed if a student receiving VA benefits is placed on academic suspension. Such a student cannot be certified for VA benefits.

If, at the end of the suspension period, the student desires to reenter, he must make a formal request to the Admissions Committee through the Registrar's Office, particularly stating why he wishes to reenter and specifically how he plans to avoid his former difficulties that resulted in his academic suspension. The Academic Dean, Registrar, or other appointed faculty member may counsel with the student prior to his acceptance. The Admissions Committee will vote upon his petition, and if it is approved, he may reenter on probation. The student in the Master of Divinity program must raise his cumulative grade point average to 2.0 or above (3.0 or above in the Master of Theology program) within two semesters of his readmission or he will be permanently suspended.



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### **STUDENT RECORDS AND REPORT CARDS**

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In the Registrar's Office, each student has a permanent transcript that records the courses he took each semester and the grade achieved in each course. Photocopies are available to the student upon request. These are unofficial when issued to the student himself and will be so stamped. All copies of transcripts are \$5 each except the first one which is given free of charge.

### **STUDENT PRIVACY**

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As a community, we recognize the importance of carefully handling sensitive and personal information. It is our commitment to treat information shared about our ministries and peers with utmost confidentiality, both within and outside of our courses. Given that those in ministry must be skilled in handling sensitive information, we expect our students to be cultivating this skill while they are in the seminary.

We hold our students to the highest standards of integrity concerning sensitive or confidential information across all program platforms. Our tools have been intentionally designed with security measures in place, and it is incumbent upon students to actively participate in safeguarding this information. Any sharing of another student's information beyond a small group or course should only occur with explicit permission from the individual.

Access to the seminary's learning management system (LMS) is obtained by means of a secure login and password unique to the individual student. The privacy of individual students' assignments and grades is maintained within the learning management system.



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Additionally, written or visual materials from our courses should not be disseminated to an external audience without prior consent from seminary faculty and administration. Recognizing the potential privacy risks involved, particularly regarding counseling or ministry details, we emphasize the importance of exercising wisdom and caution in handling personal information, especially considering the diverse and sometimes hostile environments some students may find themselves in.

The seminary may release a student's "directory information" unless the student withholds permission. Directory information is defined as:

- Student name
- e-mail address
- Date of birth
- Dates of attendance at the seminary
- Degrees and honors received
- Program enrollment status
- Status in the program
- Program concentration
- Participation in officially recognized activities
- Photographs
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

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The seminary recognizes the right of the student to limit or prohibit disclosure of this information. In view, however, of this statement of disclosure, the seminary assumes that failure on the part of any student to request the withholding of this information indicates permission for such disclosure. Requests to limit or withhold this information should be submitted to the Administration office.



## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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### REPEATING CLASSES

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A student who receives a grade of D in a class may elect to repeat that class in order to raise his grade. Both the original D and the new grade will be figured into the student's grade point average. Students may not repeat to raise their grade in classes where they have received a grade of C or higher.

### STUDENT ADVISORS

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Each student is assigned a specific academic advisor to assist in the schedule and registration process.

### PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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DBTS is convinced that if someone wants to be a good minister of the Word of God, he needs not only academic and spiritual preparation but also practical experience in using the skills and knowledge learned in class. In keeping with this conviction, students training at the seminary are expected to be actively involved each week in the ministry of their local church—one that is in agreement with the Seminary Creed. Membership is required, and service is expected.



### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

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Because of the biblical demands of discipleship and the fact that Christian leaders are to be an example, DBTS expects students to maintain the highest of standards in personal conduct. We believe that those who aspire to the ministry of the Word must seek to live above reproach (1 Tim 3:1) and should “cleanse [themselves] from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Cor 7:1). DBTS expects that students will carefully follow Paul’s admonition to Timothy, “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe” (1 Tim 4:12). DBTS students should maintain a personal testimony that evidences maturing spiritual discernment (Heb 5:14) and concern for the consciences and spiritual well-being of other believers (Rom 14:19-21). In keeping with these biblical values, the seminary requires students to maintain the following standards of conduct:

1. Students must be faithful, committed members of a local church.
2. Students must carefully honor seminary standards for dress and appearance.
3. Students must abstain from sexual immorality, consumption of alcoholic beverages, and the use of illegal drugs and tobacco. We believe that marriage was instituted by God as the union between one biologically born man and one biologically born woman in a covenant commitment designed for the fulfillment of God’s mandate, the propagation of the human race, and their companionship and is the only proper channel for sexual expression.



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4. Students should maintain very high standards and exercise godly discipline with regard to their reading, viewing, and listening habits.
5. Students must avoid all forms of dishonesty, including lying, plagiarism, and cheating on exams and assignments. Instruction in what is deemed academically acceptable writing is provided in the classroom and examples are given within the DBTS Style Manual: *Appendix 1*.
6. Students should meet all financial obligations in a timely manner. Student debt should be minimal and maintained with integrity.
7. Students must take care to fulfill their family responsibilities and to uphold biblical teaching regarding their marriage and family.

Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary reserves the right to discipline or dismiss any student who does not abide by these standards of conduct.

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# EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



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### CHAPEL

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Chapel attendance is required for all students on days they are present for class. Prayer and thoughtful planning go into making these services a blessing to each member of the student body as well as to the faculty. Chapel, one of the few experiences which the seminary family shares regularly, encourages mutual fellowship. Students are edified both spiritually and practically as they are exposed to sound biblical preaching from men experienced in the ministry of the Word.

### DAY OF PRAYER

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During the fall semester, classes are dismissed for a day as the seminary family gathers together for a special time of prayer. The Day of Prayer is a much-needed time of refreshment during the busy fall semester. Students and faculty share personal burdens and other requests as they bring them before the mighty God who “is able to do immeasurably more than all that we ask or think.” Day of Prayer chapel will include a scriptural challenge on prayer and worship.

### RICE LECTURE SERIES

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During the spring semester each year, DBTS holds the William R. Rice Lecture Series. This event is named in honor of the seminary's founder, Dr. William R. Rice. Dr. Rice also served as the pastor of Inter-City Baptist Church from 1949 to 1989. DBTS schedules guest speakers who are theologically conservative with expert academic credentials. The lectures are intended to challenge the student body on various topics that effectively prepare students for gospel ministry.



## EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

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### **E3 PASTORS CONFERENCE**

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In 1991 DBTS hosted the first Mid-America Conference on Preaching. The focal point of the conference was to encourage strong expositional preaching. In 2016 the name was changed to the E3 Pastors Conference to reflect the current goal of the conference - Encourage, Engage, and Equip. Each year hundreds of ministers and students from around the country come together for two days of challenging instruction and uplifting fellowship. E3 provides seminary students with challenging instruction on vital topics, exposure to excellent role models for preaching and teaching ministry, and helpful networking opportunities with ministry leaders. DBTS students are required to attend E3 in accordance with their regular class schedule. However, they are encouraged to make the necessary adjustments to work or ministry responsibilities so they can attend the entire conference. Recent conference themes include: *"The Pastor's Personal Ministry"* (2021), *"Made In His Image-A Biblical View of Humanity"* (2022), *"Focused and Faithful"* (2023), *"The Pastor As Theologian"* (2024)."

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

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Officers elected by the student body work under the supervision of the Dean to aid the administration in the planning of certain extracurricular student affairs. Such activities help unify the student body and encourage Christian fellowship among students, faculty, and alumni. They also provide the opportunity for students to develop leadership ability. Students pay dues each semester at registration for use by the student government.

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### SEMINARY WIVES' INSTITUTE

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The wives of students preparing for ministry also need training and preparation. DBTS has developed a training program for the students' wives that complements their husbands' preparation in seminary.

The Seminary Wives' Institute (SWI) is a two-year program committed to helping the wives of seminary students grow in their biblical roles as wives. SWI meets on Monday evenings each semester, and is designed for older, mature, Christian women to encourage, challenge, and instruct the younger women "to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the Word of God will not be dishonored" (Titus 2:2-3).

Each SWI session includes an opening testimony by a DBTS faculty wife and a formal instruction time on topics such as studying the Bible, contentment, home and time management, church event planning, and counseling. Following the teaching, the women have a time of discussion and prayer.

SWI's goal is to equip each wife with habits, insights, and resources to aid in her personal walk with God and her future roles in ministry and to give her an opportunity to establish lifelong friendships, invaluable during the seminary years and into the future.

In addition to the weekly meetings, the group gets together for a Christmas Ornament Exchange in December and a Spring Salad Buffet in April.



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### **INTER-CITY BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE**

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The faculty members of DBTS teach in the Inter-City Baptist Bible Institute, which meets on Monday evenings in the seminary building. Classes are available at an extremely modest cost. Seminary men who have not had a Bible background sometimes sit in on these classes in order to better acclimate themselves to biblical matters. Seminary wives regularly take courses for credit or audit as time and interest permit.





# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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## ARTICLE 1: THE SCRIPTURES

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We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible<sup>1</sup>, the 66 books of the Old and New Testament canon, which, being inerrant in the original manuscripts<sup>2</sup>, is the final authority on all matters of faith and practice and any other subject on which it touches<sup>3</sup>. We believe in a dispensational understanding of the Bible, an approach to Scripture based on the progressive unfolding of the divine mysteries or new revelation from God which results in various dispensations or distinguishable administrations/stewardships of God's revealed truth<sup>4</sup>, such as Promise<sup>5</sup>, Law<sup>6</sup>, Grace<sup>7</sup>, Kingdom<sup>8</sup>, among others. This approach recognizes a fundamental distinction between Israel and the Church<sup>9</sup> in origin, purposes, and destiny.

*See* <sup>1</sup>1 Cor 2:13; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21; Rev 22:18-19. <sup>2</sup>Matt 5:18; 24:35; John 10:35; 17:17.

<sup>3</sup>Isa 8:20; Matt 5:18; 24:35; John 10:35; 2 Tim 3:16-17. <sup>4</sup>Rom 16:25; 1 Cor 4:1; Eph 3:2-4, 9; Col 1:25-27; Heb 1:1. <sup>5</sup>Gen 12:1-3; Gal 3:17; Heb 6:15; 11:9. <sup>6</sup>Deut 5:2; John 1:17. <sup>7</sup>John 1:17; Rom 6:14; 10:14; Heb 7:11-12; 8:6-13. <sup>8</sup>Eph 1:10. <sup>9</sup>1 Cor 10:32.



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## ARTICLE 2: THE GODHEAD

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We believe there is only one true God<sup>1</sup>, eternally existing<sup>2</sup> in three uncreated Persons<sup>3</sup>, God the Father<sup>4</sup>, God the Son<sup>5</sup>, and God the Holy Spirit<sup>6</sup>. These three are of one and the same essence though distinct in personality<sup>7</sup>, equal in every divine perfection and attribute<sup>8</sup>, and function in perfect harmony to accomplish the manifold works of God<sup>9</sup>.

*See* <sup>1</sup> Deut 6:4; Isa 45:21-22; John 5:44. <sup>2</sup> Exod 3:14; Jer 10:10. <sup>3</sup> Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; Jude 20-21.

<sup>4</sup> John 4:21, 23; Rom 15:6. <sup>5</sup> Matt 3:17; Rom 1:3-4. <sup>6</sup> Gen 1:2; Matt 1:18; 12:32. <sup>7</sup> 2 Sam 23:2-3; John 6:27; Heb 1:8. <sup>8</sup> John 5:23; 16:15; Acts 5:3-4. <sup>9</sup> Eph 2:18; Heb 9:14.

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## ARTICLE 3: GOD THE FATHER

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We believe in God the Father, the First Person of the eternal Trinity<sup>1</sup>, being the Father because of His personal relationship to the Son<sup>2</sup>, whom He sent into the world<sup>3</sup>, and who, together with the Son, sent the Holy Spirit<sup>4</sup>. While these three persons are identical in essence and equal in every divine perfection, there is an economical order or priority of function among them<sup>5</sup>. In this sense there are the First, Second, and Third Persons of the Triune God. The Father is the ultimate source of all things<sup>6</sup>, the sustainer of all things<sup>7</sup>, and the controller of all things<sup>8</sup>. He enters into a Fatherhood relationship with men spiritually through the new birth<sup>9</sup>, indwells believers<sup>10</sup>, forgives their sins<sup>11</sup>, and answers their prayers<sup>12</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup>John 17:5; Rom 16:26. <sup>2</sup>Ps 2:7; 2 John 3. <sup>3</sup>John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:10. <sup>4</sup>John 14:26; 15:26.*

*<sup>5</sup>John 14:28; 15:26; 1 Cor 11:3. <sup>6</sup>1 Cor 8:6; Eph 3:9. <sup>7</sup>Neh 9:6; Ps 104:19-22; John 5:17. <sup>8</sup>Ps 103:19; 148:8; Prov 19:21; 1 Cor 10:13. <sup>9</sup>John 1:12; Gal 3:26; 4:5-6. <sup>10</sup>John 14:23. <sup>11</sup>1 John 1:9. <sup>12</sup>John 16:23.*



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## ARTICLE 4: JESUS CHRIST

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We believe that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the eternal Son of God<sup>1</sup>, that He is both God<sup>2</sup> and man<sup>3</sup>, the two natures being inseparably united in one glorious Person through the incarnation<sup>4</sup>. We believe in His virgin conception and birth<sup>5</sup>, His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind<sup>6</sup>, His bodily resurrection from the tomb<sup>7</sup>, and His ascension into heaven<sup>8</sup> as the believer's High Priest and Advocate before the throne of God<sup>9</sup>.

See <sup>1</sup> Isa 9:6; Matt 16:16; John 10:36; 17:5. <sup>2</sup> John 1:1; Rom 9:5; Titus 2:13; Heb 1:8; 1 John 5:20.

<sup>3</sup> Matt 20:28; John 8:40; 1 Tim 2:5. <sup>4</sup> John 1:14; Rom 1:3-4; Heb 10:5. <sup>5</sup> Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18-25.

<sup>6</sup> Isa 53:1-12; John 1:29; 1 John 2:2. <sup>7</sup> Matt 28:5-7; Luke 24:1-7; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Rev 1:18. <sup>8</sup> Luke 24:51; Acts 1:2, 9-11. <sup>9</sup> 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 1:3; 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1; Rev 3:21.

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## ARTICLE 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We believe in the eternal deity and personality of the Holy Spirit<sup>1</sup> whose ministry it is to convict of sin<sup>2</sup>, bear witness to Jesus Christ<sup>3</sup>, and baptize the repentant, believing sinner into the Body of Christ<sup>4</sup>. At the new birth the Spirit imparts spiritual life (regeneration)<sup>5</sup>, permanently indwells the believer<sup>6</sup>, and becomes the seal of divine ownership and earnest that guarantees the final salvation of the believer<sup>7</sup>. We believe in the filling of the Holy Spirit—the controlling of the believer by the Spirit in proportion to his yieldedness and obedience to God and the Word<sup>8</sup>—that is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit in the life<sup>9</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup> 2 Sam 23:2-3; John 16:7-8; 1 Cor 3:16; Heb 9:14. <sup>2</sup> John 16:8-11. <sup>3</sup> John 15:26; 16:14-15.*

*<sup>4</sup> 1 Cor 12:13. <sup>5</sup> John 3:3, 5; Titus 3:5. <sup>6</sup> John 7:37-39; 14:16; Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 3:16. <sup>7</sup> 2 Cor 1:22; 5:5;*

*Eph 1:13-14; 4:30. <sup>8</sup> Acts 2:4; Rom 6:13; 12:1-2; Gal 5:16; Eph 4:30. <sup>9</sup> John 15:16; Gal 5:22-23; Col 1:10.*



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### ARTICLE 6: CREATION

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We believe in the original direct creation of the universe, a voluntary act of God whereby for his own glory and according to His eternal counsel, in six successive days of twenty-four hours each, He gave existence to all things in distinction from Himself. We oppose all forms of the evolutionary hypothesis of origins, whether theistic or atheistic.

*See Gen 1-2; Exod 20:11; Ps 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 90:2; Isa 40:28; 1 Cor 8:6; Heb 11:3; Rev 4:9-11.*



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## ARTICLE 7: THE FALL OF MAN

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We believe that man was created directly by God on Day Six of the creation week<sup>1</sup>, in His image<sup>2</sup> (a finite, creaturely replication of the infinite Creator), and in a state of sinlessness or innocence, righteousness, and holiness<sup>3</sup>. We believe that originally man freely chose to transgress the expressed will of God<sup>4</sup> and thereby mankind incurred sin<sup>5</sup>, condemnation<sup>6</sup>, and physical and spiritual death<sup>7</sup>, so that man is a sinner by nature and by choice<sup>8</sup>, and is totally depraved, destitute of any moral good, and utterly unable to merit God's favor or contribute to his salvation<sup>9</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup> Gen 1:26-31; 2:7-25. <sup>2</sup> Gen 1:26-27; 1 Cor 11:7; Jas 3:9. <sup>3</sup> Eccl 7:29; Eph 4:24; Col 3:9-10.*

*<sup>4</sup> Gen 3:1-7; 1 Tim 2:14. <sup>5</sup> Ps 51:5; Rom 5:12, 19. <sup>6</sup> Rom 5:16, 18. <sup>7</sup> Gen 2:17; Rom 5:12, 14, 15, 17, 21; 6:23; 1 Cor 15:21-22; Eph 2:1. <sup>8</sup> Gen 8:21; 1 Kgs 8:46; Isa 53:6; Jer 17:9; Rom 3:10, 12, 23; 1 John 1:8, 10*

*<sup>9</sup> Isa 64:6; Matt 19:25-26; Rom 4:5-6; Eph 2:9; Titus 3:5.*

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## ARTICLE 8: SALVATION

We believe in the salvation of sinners through Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who is the only Savior of men<sup>1</sup> by virtue of His shed blood<sup>2</sup>, i.e., His substitutionary death for sinners<sup>3</sup>. We believe that salvation is completely dependent on the grace of God<sup>4</sup>, is a free gift of God<sup>5</sup> that man cannot earn or merit in any way<sup>6</sup>, is applied by the work of the Holy Spirit using the instrumentality of the Word of God<sup>7</sup>, and is appropriated by repentance<sup>8</sup> and faith in the resurrected Son of God<sup>9</sup>. We hold that in salvation the believer is called<sup>10</sup>, regenerated<sup>11</sup>, Spirit baptized into union with Christ<sup>12</sup>, justified<sup>13</sup> (including the forgiveness of sin<sup>14</sup> and restoration to favor with God through the merit or righteousness of Christ<sup>15</sup>), adopted<sup>16</sup>, sanctified<sup>17</sup>, and glorified<sup>18</sup>. We believe that God secures and guarantees the final salvation of every true believer<sup>19</sup>, and that the genuine believer must and will persevere finally in his faith and Christian life until he meets the Lord<sup>20</sup>.

See <sup>1</sup> John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5. <sup>2</sup> Rom 3:25; 5:8-10; Eph 1:7; Heb 9:14-15, 22; 1 Pet 1:18-19.

<sup>3</sup> Isa 53:4-6, 8-9, 11-12; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 2:24. <sup>4</sup> John 6:65; Rom 4:16; Eph 2:8.

<sup>5</sup> Rom 5:15-17; 6:23; Eph 2:9. <sup>6</sup> Eph 2:9; Titus 3:5. <sup>7</sup> John 16:8-11; Eph 5:26; Jas 1:18; 1 Pet 1:23.

<sup>8</sup> Matt 3:2, 8; Acts 3:19; 20:21; 26:20; Heb 6:1. <sup>9</sup> Acts 16:31; Rom 4:5, 16; Eph 2:8-9; Heb 6:1.

<sup>10</sup> John 5:25; Rom 8:28, 30; 1 Cor 1:9, 24; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 1:9. <sup>11</sup> John 1:13; 5:25; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet 1:3, 23.

<sup>12</sup> Rom 6:3-10; 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27-28. <sup>13</sup> Rom 4:1-5, 25; 5:1, 18-19. <sup>14</sup> Acts 10:43; Eph 1:7; 4:32;

Col 1:14; 2:13; 1 John 2:12. <sup>15</sup> 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 5:21. <sup>16</sup> Rom 8:15; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:5. <sup>17</sup> 1 Cor 1:2, 30; 6:11; Heb 10:10, 14. <sup>18</sup> Rom 8:30. <sup>19</sup> John 6:39; 10:27-30; Rom 8:35-39; 1 Cor 1:8-9; Phil 1:6; Jude 24.

<sup>20</sup> John 8:31-32; 1 Cor 15:2; Col 1:23; 2 Tim 2:12; Heb 3:14; 4:14; 6:11-12; 12:14; 1 John 2:19; 5:4; Jude 21-24.



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## ARTICLE 9: SANCTIFICATION

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We believe that the sanctification of the believer means to be separated from sin and set apart unto God, and has three aspects. First, there is positional sanctification by which the believer is given a perfect standing before God, i.e., the status of a saint<sup>1</sup>. Second, there is experiential or present sanctification by which the believer is cleansed of the daily defilement of sin and is progressively brought into conformity to the image of Christ<sup>2</sup>. After the new birth the believer still has a sinful nature (unsubdued tendencies to evil and a complex of sinful attributes) which is in constant and life-long conflict with the spiritual nature (a set of righteous attributes and propensities to and desires for holiness which came with the new spiritual life and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit)<sup>3</sup>. While the believer's addiction to sin is gone, the presence of sin and its tendencies are not. Present sanctification is the progressive elimination of sin in the believer's life and a gradual conformity to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit through the means of the Word of God and prayer<sup>4</sup>, faith<sup>5</sup>, obedience<sup>6</sup>, self denial<sup>7</sup>, and an active resistance against sin and Satan<sup>8</sup>. Third, there is final sanctification when the believer will be fully conformed to the image of Christ and sin will be eliminated forever from his experience<sup>9</sup>.

*See* <sup>1</sup> Acts 26:18; 1 Cor 1:2; 6:11; Heb 10:10, 14. <sup>2</sup> John 13:10; 2 Cor 3:18; 1 Thess 5:23. <sup>3</sup> Rom 7:22-23; Gal 5:17. <sup>4</sup> Mark 14:38; John 17:17; 1 Pet 2:2; Jude 20-21. <sup>5</sup> Rom 6:11. <sup>6</sup> Rom 6:12-14; 12:1-2; Jas 4:7-8. <sup>7</sup> Rom 8:13; Col 3:5; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet 1:14-15. <sup>8</sup> 2 Cor 7:1; Heb 12:1; 1 John 3:3. <sup>9</sup> Phil 3:21; 1 Thess 3:12-13; Heb 9:28; 1 John 3:2; Jude 24.

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## ARTICLE 10: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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We believe that a spiritual gift is an ability or capacity to serve the Lord through an aspect of the life of the local church. While God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His spiritual gifts<sup>1</sup>, every believer has a function to serve in the church and has been gifted by God accordingly<sup>2</sup>. Gifts were given for the common good of the church<sup>3</sup>, the edification of the church<sup>4</sup>, the service work or ministry of the church<sup>5</sup>, and the attestation or accreditation of God's messengers and their new revelation for the church age<sup>6</sup>. We believe that certain gifts prevalent in the church in the first century were miraculous in nature, such as speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, and the working of miracles. They were foundational and transitional, having served the church in its infancy and immature stage. These gifts have ceased, being no longer needed because the nation of Israel has dissolved, the Scriptures have been given, the church has been launched and divinely certified, the transition from Law to Grace has been made, and the apostles have gone to their eternal reward<sup>7</sup>.

See <sup>1</sup> Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:11, 18, 28-31; Eph 4:7-8; Heb 2:4. <sup>2</sup> 1 Cor 12:27; 1 Pet 4:10. <sup>3</sup> 1 Cor 12:7.

<sup>4</sup> 1 Cor 14:12. <sup>5</sup> Eph 4:11-12. <sup>6</sup> 2 Cor 12:12; Heb 2:4. <sup>7</sup> 1 Cor 13:8-12; Eph 2:20; Heb 2:1-4.

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## ARTICLE 11: SATAN

We believe in the reality of Satan as a distinct personality<sup>1</sup>, who, though having been created in a state of perfection and enjoying a heavenly abode with God<sup>2</sup>, was prompted by pride to rebel against God and fell from his original exalted state<sup>3</sup>, leading a multitude of other angels in his revolt, over whom he is king<sup>4</sup>. Satan is the acknowledged god of his world<sup>5</sup> and the archenemy of God and believers, whose purpose and work are to thwart the divine counsels<sup>6</sup>, accuse and oppose believers<sup>7</sup>, incite persecution against believers<sup>8</sup>, sow counterfeits among the believers<sup>9</sup>, tempt believers to sin<sup>10</sup>, among others. Satan will be cast down to earth during the Tribulation Period<sup>11</sup>, bound in the abyss during the Millennium<sup>12</sup>, loosed after the Millennium for a little season to provoke the final rebellion of mankind against God<sup>13</sup>, and finally consigned forever to the lake of fire as the execution of his sentence of judgment at Calvary<sup>14</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup> 1 Chr 21:1; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt 4:1-11; 2 Cor 12:7. <sup>2</sup> Ezek 28:12-15; Rev 12:3-4. <sup>3</sup> Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:17; 1 Tim 3:6. <sup>4</sup> Matt 12:24; 25:41; Rev 9:11; 12:3-4, 7. <sup>5</sup> John 12:31; 2 Cor 4:3-4. <sup>6</sup> Gen 3:4-5; Job 1:9-11; 2:4-5; Matt 4:1-11; 2 Cor 11:13-15. <sup>7</sup> 1 Pet 5:8; Rev 12:10. <sup>8</sup> Rev 2:10. <sup>9</sup> Matt 13:39.*

*<sup>10</sup> 1 Cor 7:5. <sup>11</sup> Rev 12:7-9. <sup>12</sup> Rev 20:1-3. <sup>13</sup> Rev 20:7-9. <sup>14</sup> John 16:11; Rev 20:10.*

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## ARTICLE 12: THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church as set forth in the New Testament has both a universal and a local aspect. The church as the Body of Christ, of which Christ is the Head<sup>1</sup>, is an organism composed of genuine believers in Jesus Christ, the total number of Spirit baptized believers of this age regardless of location or circumstances<sup>2</sup>. We believe that a local church is the visible expression of the body of Christ in a particular time and place<sup>3</sup>, being an organized body of immersed believers<sup>4</sup>, sharing a common faith or body of truth<sup>5</sup>, observing the ordinances of baptism<sup>6</sup> and communion<sup>7</sup>, meeting at regular and stated times<sup>8</sup> for worship, preaching and teaching, fellowship, and prayer<sup>9</sup>, carrying out the Great Commission<sup>10</sup>, and whose biblical offices are pastor<sup>11</sup> and deacon<sup>12</sup>. We believe that the local church is an autonomous body solely responsible to preserve its internal unity<sup>13</sup>, maintain pure doctrine and practice<sup>14</sup>, elect its own officers, leaders, and messengers<sup>15</sup>, settle its own internal affairs<sup>16</sup>, and determine the extent of its cooperation with other churches<sup>17</sup>. We believe that the institution of the local church is God's ordained instrument for His work and witness in this age<sup>18</sup>.

See <sup>1</sup> Eph 1:22-23; 5:23; Col 1:18, 24. <sup>2</sup> 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 2:11-22. <sup>3</sup> Acts 13:1; Rom 16:1, 5; 1 Cor 1:2; 1 Thess 1:1; Phlm 2. <sup>4</sup> Matt 28:19; Acts 2:41, 47. <sup>5</sup> Acts 2:42; 2 Thess 3:6; Jude 3. <sup>6</sup> Matt 28:19; Acts 2:41; 10:47-48; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5; 1 Cor 1:16. <sup>7</sup> Matt 26:26-30; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor 10:16-22; 11:23-32. <sup>8</sup> Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2; Heb 10:25. <sup>9</sup> Acts 2:42, 47. <sup>10</sup> Matt 28:19-20; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8. <sup>11</sup> Acts 20:17, 28; Eph 4:11; Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5; 1 Pet 5:1. <sup>12</sup> Acts 6:1-6; Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8-13. <sup>13</sup> Rom 12:16; 1 Cor 1:10; 2 Cor 13:11; Phil 4:2. <sup>14</sup> 1 Tim 3:15; Jude 3; Rev 2-3. <sup>15</sup> Acts 6:1-6; 11:22; 13:2; 15:3, 4, 22; 1 Cor 16:3; 2 Cor 8:19. <sup>16</sup> Matt 18:15-17; 1 Cor 5:4-5, 12; 6:1-5; 2 Cor 2:6; 2 Thess 3:6. <sup>17</sup> Acts 15:2-32; 2 Cor 8:19; Col 4:16. <sup>18</sup> 1 Tim 3:15.

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## ARTICLE 13: THE SECOND COMING

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We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ that will take place in two stages. The first stage is the Rapture, or His personal<sup>1</sup>, imminent<sup>2</sup>, and pretribulational<sup>3</sup> coming for all saints of the church age<sup>4</sup>. The second stage is the Revelation or the Second Coming in Glory, which is His personal and public coming at the close of the Tribulation Period to establish the messianic, Millennial Kingdom on the earth<sup>5</sup> when Israel will be restored to covenant favor with God<sup>6</sup> and to her land in faith<sup>7</sup> and the Church will reign with Christ for the thousand years<sup>8</sup>. After the Millennium, there will be a new heaven and earth wherein God will dwell eternally with His people<sup>9</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup> 1 Thess 4:16; 2 Thess 2:1; 1 John 3:2. <sup>2</sup> Rom 13:12; 1 Cor 1:7; 1 Thess 5:6; Titus 2:13; Jas 5:8-9; 1 Pet 4:5; 2 Pet 3:12; Jude 21; Rev 22:10. <sup>3</sup> 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rev 3:10. <sup>4</sup> John 14:1-3; 1 Cor 15:51-52; Phil 3:20-21; Col 1:4; 1 Thess 4:16-17. <sup>5</sup> Dan 7:9-14; Zech 14:1-4; Mal 3:1-2; Matt 24:29-30; Acts 1:11; 2 Thess 2:8; Rev 1:7. <sup>6</sup> Jer 31:31-34; 31:28; Ezek 36:11; Joel 3:1; Amos 9:14; Mic 4:7-8; Zech 10:6; Rom 11:25-27. <sup>7</sup> Gen 13:14-17; 15:18; Deut 30:1-11; Isa 11:12; 14:2; Jer 32:37-41; Ezek 34:10-16; 37:14; Amos 9:15; Zech 10:9-10; Matt 24:30-31. <sup>8</sup> 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 3:21; 20:1-6. <sup>9</sup> 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1-3.*

### ARTICLE 14: THE RESURRECTION

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We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, though occurring at separate intervals<sup>1</sup>. The souls of those who trust in Christ go immediately into His presence at death<sup>2</sup> where they remain in a state of conscious bliss until the resurrection of the just, at which time they will receive their glorified bodies<sup>3</sup>, and thereafter spend eternity serving the Lord in unending fellowship and love<sup>4</sup>. The souls of unbelievers go immediately into a state of conscious torment and punishment at death<sup>5</sup>, where they remain until the resurrection of the unjust, when they will be cast into the lake of fire to endure eternal suffering as a just retribution for their sin<sup>6</sup>. The resurrection of the just begins at the Rapture of the Church and is completed at the conclusion of the Tribulation Period<sup>7</sup>. The resurrection of the unjust is after the Millennium<sup>8</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup> Dan 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15:21-24. <sup>2</sup> Acts 7:59-60; 2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:21-23.*

*<sup>3</sup> Rom 8:11, 23; 1 Cor 15:22-24, 35-38; Phil 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2. <sup>4</sup> 1 Cor 13:13; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1-7, 9-27; 22:1-5, 14. <sup>5</sup> Deut 32:22; Luke 16:23-25. <sup>6</sup> Matt 8:12; 18:8; 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev 14:10, 11; 20:14-15; 21:8. <sup>7</sup> Dan 12:2; 1 Cor 15:23; 1 Thess 4:16; Rev 11:11-12; 20:4-5. <sup>8</sup> Rev 20:5, 11-15.*

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## ARTICLE 15: SEPARATION

We believe in both personal and ecclesiastical separation. The doctrine of separation is grounded in the character of God Himself. Holiness carries the basic idea of separation or apartness. God is holy in that He is separate or apart from all that is created and finite<sup>1</sup> and from all that is sinful or morally unclean<sup>2</sup>, and He demands that His people be holy or separated<sup>3</sup>. God constituted the nation of Israel a holy or separated people who were to be separated from the customs and practices of the surrounding heathen<sup>4</sup>. God commands His people today to be personally separated from the world<sup>5</sup>, the transient system of evil led by Satan,<sup>6</sup> organized against God and His will<sup>7</sup>, that has its own philosophies, goals, life styles, amusements, habits, and practices. Ecclesiastical separation is the refusal to collaborate with a church, ecclesiastical organization, or religious leader which does not hold to the fundamental, cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith<sup>8</sup>, and a like refusal concerning those who maintain connections or are content to walk with those who do not hold to the fundamental, cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith<sup>9</sup>.

*See <sup>1</sup> Ps 99:1-3; Isa 57:15, <sup>2</sup> Isa 6:3, 5; Matt 6:9-10; 1 Tim 6:16; 1 Pet 1:15; 1 John 1:5, <sup>3</sup> Matt 5:48; Rom 12:1; Eph 1:4; 1 Pet 1:15-16; 1 John 2:1, <sup>4</sup> Exod 19:5-6; Lev 20:24-26; Deut 7:1-6; Ps 135:4, <sup>5</sup> Rom 12:2; Eph 5:11; Jas 4:4; 1 John 2:15, <sup>6</sup> John 12:31; 2 Cor 4:4; 1 John 2:17; 5:19, <sup>7</sup> John 7:7; 15:18; Jas 4:4, <sup>8</sup> Matt 7:15; Rom 16:17-18; 2 Cor 6:14-18; Gal 1:18-19; 1 Tim 6:3-5; 2 Tim 2:16-21; Titus 3:10-11; 2 John 10-11; Rev 2:14, <sup>9</sup> 2 Thess 3:6, 14.*