

Student Guide

of the

Baptist Bible Institute
of Bucyrus



*“Putting a Bible education within
easy reach of those residing in
north-central Ohio.”*

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THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE OF BUCYRUS MISSION STATEMENT

The Baptist Bible Institute of Bucyrus is a ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bucyrus, Ohio and exists for the sole purpose of training lay workers in the local church and God-called men as pastors and missionaries:

- by providing a thorough and affordable Bible education
- in a local church setting
- by active and/or retired pastors
- in a small classroom environment

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Failure to adhere to the following standards of personal conduct may lead to expulsion from the BBIB at the discretion of the Institute administration.

Enrollment in the BBIB is a privilege and not a right. All students remain enrolled as long as they adhere to the rules of the BBIB. Also imperative is the attitude and spirit of each student. It is possible to follow the “letter of the law” while harboring a bad spirit. This may lead to expulsion at the discretion of the BBIB administration.

1. All students will be a member in good standing of a local church.
2. All students will be faithful in attendance at all of the services in their local church.
3. All students will have an active ministry in their local church.
4. All students will maintain an impeccable Christian testimony in the home, in the workplace and in all public venues. This includes refraining from tobacco use in any form and abstaining from alcoholic beverages.
5. All students will attend all classes of the BBIB in which they are enrolled unless providentially hindered.
6. All students will treat the institute faculty and fellow students with the highest respect at all times and in all situations.
7. All students will refrain from physical contact with members of the opposite sex other than their spouse.

DRESS CODE:

Failure to adhere to the following standards of personal appearance may lead to expulsion from the BBIB at the discretion of the Institute administration.

1. Ladies

- a. Dresses or skirts will be worn to all BBIB classes and functions unless specifically stated.
 - 1] Dresses or skirts will reach at least to the bottom of the knee.
 - 2] Slits will not reach above the bottom of the knee.
 - 3] Collars on all dresses and blouses will be modest.
- b. No body piercing jewelry will be worn to any BBIB classes or functions (except earrings).
- c. Tattoos are highly discouraged. No new tattoos will be gotten while enrolled in the BBIB.

2. Men

- a. Button down shirts and ties will be worn to all BBIB classes and functions unless specifically stated.
- b. Casual or dress trousers will be worn to all BBIB classes and functions. No jeans will be worn to BBIB classes and functions unless specifically stated.
- c. Hair will be kept clean and trimmed off the ears and collar.
 - 1] Mustaches and beards will be allowed as long as they are kept trimmed and neat at all times.
 - 2] If any member of the faculty requests a student to cut their hair or trim their mustaches or beards, it is expected that they will comply with a Christ-honoring attitude by the next BBIB function.
- d. No earrings and body piercing jewelry will be worn to any BBIB classes or functions.
- e. Tattoos are highly discouraged. No new tattoos will be gotten while enrolled in the BBIB.

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DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

While recognizing that there are differing views among Christians on doctrine, only the following core doctrines will be taught in the BBIB. These will always be taught from an historic baptist perspective.

Section I. Of the Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men; and therefore is truth without any admixture of error for its matter. We believe that God has preserved His Word without allowing any error to enter into the Scriptures through the process of transmission from generation to generation, meaning that we now possess the infallible and inerrant Word of God in the Received Greek Text of the New Testament and Masoretic Hebrew Text of the Old Testament, of which the King James Bible is the only current English translation based upon these sources. We believe the Bible is the true center of Christian union and the only infallible rule for all human conduct, creed, and opinions. (II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:19-21).

Section II. Of The True God

We believe the Scriptures teach there is one and only one living and true God, and infinite Spirit, the maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love. (Exodus 20:2, 3; I Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11).

We believe the Scriptures teach the absolute Deity of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ; that He was divine as no other man can be, being very God of very God, existing from all eternity, and being the perfect, sinless One; that He never ceased to be God for one instant; that His humiliation did not consist in laying aside His deity; and that He was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner, born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born. (John 1:1-2; I Peter 2:22; I John 5:20; Luke

1:26-38).

We believe the Scriptures teach that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel; that He is the Agent of the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer; and that He is abiding in every true Child of God. (John 16:7-11; John 3:3-5; Ephesians 4:30; Luke 24:49; John 16:13; John 14:26; Romans 8:16; Romans 8:26-27; John 14:16-17).

We believe the Scriptures teach that in the unity of the Godhead there are three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (I John 5:7; I Peter 3:2).

Section III. Of The Devil, Or Satan

We believe that the Scriptures teach the distinct personality of Satan; that he is the unholy god of this age; that he is the tempter; that he is the author of all powers of darkness; and that he is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire. (John 8:44; II Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:12; Revelation 20:10).

Section IV. Of The Creation

We believe the Scriptures teach that God created the heavens and the earth, including all life, each "after its own kind", by direct act and not by the process of evolution. (Genesis 1-2; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3).

Section V. Of The Fall Of Man

We believe the Scriptures teach that man, in the person of the first Adam, was created in innocence but by voluntary transgression fell into sin in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice; and therefore are under just condemnation without excuse before God. (Genesis 5:1-2; Genesis 3:1-7, 24; Romans 5:10-19).

Section VI. Of The Atonement For Sin

We believe the Scriptures teach that the only escape from the condemnation of sin is through the atonement wrought by Jesus Christ, whose suffering and voluntary death made a full and vicarious atonement for the sins of man; and that having risen from the dead for our justification, He is now enthroned in Heaven uniting in His wonderful Person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. (Hebrews 9:16-22; I Peter 1:18-19; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:24-25; Romans 5:6-9; John 10:18; I Peter 2:24; Hebrews 10:12-14).

Section VII. Of Salvation By Grace

We believe the Scriptures teach that faith in the shed blood and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation from sin; that this salvation is wholly by grace; and that no works, however good, make that salvation more secure. (Romans 5:1; Acts 16:31; John 3:36; John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5).

We believe the Scriptures teach that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour are born from above becoming new creatures in Christ Jesus; that the new birth is instantaneous and not a process; that it is effected solely by the power of God; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature, receives eternal life, and is eternally secure in Christ; and that proper evidence of our sanctification in Christ appears in our walk of newness of life. (I John 5:1; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 2:1; II Peter 1:4; Romans 6:23; John 10:27-30; II Corinthians 5:17).

Section VIII. Of The Church

We believe the Scriptures teach that the Church is a congregation of Scripturally baptized (immersed) believers whose mission is the faithful witnessing of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ;

governed by His laws; exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word; holding the absolute right of self-government directed by the Holy Spirit and answerable only to Christ; and sovereign in all its matters of membership, policy, government, discipline and benevolence. (I Corinthians 12:12, 13; Acts 15:41; John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25; I Corinthians 16:2; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 11:2; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Matthew 18:15-17; Acts 13:2, 3).

Section IX. Of The Ordinances

We believe the Scriptures teach that there are two Church ordinances: namely, Baptism and the Lord's Table.

We believe the Scriptures teach that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour with the effect of that faith in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. (Acts 8:26-39; Romans 6:4, 5; Colossians 2:12).

We believe the Scriptures teach that the Lord's table is a provision of bread and fruit of the vine, as symbols of Christ's body and blood which were broken and shed for us on the cross, partaken by the believer in commemoration of our Lord's death until He comes and of our continual fellowship with Him. It should be preceded by solemn self-examination. (Matthew 26:26-30; I Corinthians 11:23-32).

Section X. Of The Righteous And The Wicked

We believe the Scriptures teach that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in God's esteem; that all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and that this distinction holds among men both in this life and after death, in the everlasting happiness of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. (Matthew 25:34-41; Romans 6:23; John 3:36; John 5:24; John 14:1-6; Revelation 22:3-5, 23-27; Matthew 25:46; II

Thessalonians 1:8, 9; Luke 16:23-31).

Section XI. Of The Resurrection, Return Of Christ And Related Events

We believe the Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of the dead; that believers who sleep in Jesus will be raised at the coming of Christ for His Church and caught up with transformed living saints to meet the Lord in the air; that others known as the tribulation saints will be raised at His coming in Glory; and that the wicked dead shall be raised at the close of the Millennial Kingdom to stand in their bodies at the Great White Throne Judgment to receive their final doom. (I Corinthians 15:51-53; I Thessalonians 4:14-17; Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 20:4, 5; John 5:29; Revelation 20:11-15).

We believe the Scriptures teach the bodily, personal, imminent, pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ; and that He will come before the tribulation period to catch away His Church, coming only into the air. (I Thessalonians 4:14-17; II Thessalonians 2:3-8).

We believe the Scriptures teach that at the end of the tribulation period, Christ will come with His Church to execute judgment upon the living nations and establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth. (Revelation 19:11-21; Isaiah 11:1-12:6).

Section XII. Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, pedophilia, adultery and pornography is a sinful perversion of God's gift of sex. We believe throughout the whole of Scripture, heterosexuality is both assumed and affirmed as God's order of creation. (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5-29; Genesis 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; I Corinthians 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Failure to remain current on all fees may lead to expulsion from the BBIB at the discretion of the Institute administration.

The BBIB is a ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church. All fees are reduced to a bare minimum in order to make a quality Bible education available to all who have a desire to learn. Additionally, each member of the faculty donates their time to help make this ministry possible. Therefore, all fees are non-negotiable, necessary and required to remain enrolled in the BBIB.

1. A one time APPLICATION FEE of \$25 will be required to process all applications for enrollment in the BBIB.
2. A one time ENROLLMENT FEE of \$125 will be due on or before each student's first day of class in the BBIB. Upon receipt of this fee the student will receive the three student course-outline notebooks, the *Willmington's Guide to the Bible*, and the *Pictorial Journey Thru the O.T. & N.T.* This fee covers only the actual cost of these materials.

Married couples will only need one set of these materials. They may, however, choose to acquire a second set, but will be charged a \$125 fee for each additional set.

3. MONTHLY FEES. The monthly fee is necessary for the daily operations of the Baptist Bible Institute. It covers such expenses as the utilities, supplies, reimbursement of the faculty for travel expenses and salary for an office secretary.
 - a. Students who are members of cooperating churches (defined as a church which supports the BBIB in their missions budget and/or has their pastor on the faculty):
 - 1] Each single student will be required to pay a monthly fee of \$30.
 - 2] A married couple will be required to pay a monthly fee of \$40.

b. Students from non-cooperating churches (defined as a church which does not support the BBIB in their missions budget nor has their pastor on the faculty):

1] Each single student will be required to pay a monthly fee of \$40.

2] A married couple will be required to pay a monthly fee of \$50.

4. OTHER FEES.

a. The faculty reserves the right to assign extra reading as class requirements. Purchase of these books will be the responsibility of the student.

b. The staff and faculty reserve the right to impose other fees as necessary for the operation of the Baptist Bible Institute. All fees will always be kept to a minimum due to the nature of the Institute as a ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The Baptist Bible Institute utilizes a curriculum which runs in a three year cycle. Each year is divided into two semesters. The curriculum has three courses: Old Testament, New Testament, and Theology. Each newly enrolling student will join each class in progress and will achieve their requirements for graduation upon successful completion of the cycle three years (six semesters) later.

All students are expected to enroll in all three courses. However, exceptions to this rule may be requested and will be considered on an individual basis. This request must be made in person to the president of the Institute.

All classes meet on Monday evenings from early September until late May.

1. Required textbooks:

- a. The King James Bible will be used exclusively in all BBIB classes and functions. All students will be required to bring their own KJV Bible to each class and function. Married couples are not allowed to share the same Bible.
- b. *Willmington's Guide to the Bible* by Dr. H.L. Willmington.
- c. *A Pictorial Journey Thru the O.T.** by Dr. H.L. Willmington.
- d. *A Pictorial Journey Thru the N.T.** by Dr. H.L. Willmington.
- e. Additional books may be required at the discretion of the faculty.

*These two titles may be in either book or 3-ring binder form.

2. Old Testament –

- a. Meets from 7:00 pm until 7:50 pm.
- b. Instructor: Dr. Herman Bucklew, Jr. pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, Upper Sandusky, Ohio
- c. Description: Virtually a verse by verse explanation of each Book of the Old Testament. Upon completion the student will have the ability to understand the relationship of the Biblical Books to one

another, have a firm grasp of the Old Testament and teach others the Old Testament.

3. New Testament –

- a. Meets from 8:00 pm until 8:50 pm.
- b. Instructor: Pastor Paul Matthewson of Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Ohio.
- c. Description: Virtually a verse by verse explanation of each Book of the New Testament. Upon completion the student will have the ability to understand the relationship of the Biblical Books to one another, have a firm grasp of the New Testament and teach others the New Testament.

4. Theology –

- a. Meets from 9:00 pm until 9:50 pm.
- b. Instructor: Pastor Ken Lance of Calvary Baptist Church, Bucyrus, Ohio.
- c. Description: An in depth study of each of the twelve major doctrines of the Bible. Upon completion the student will have the ability to teach others the main doctrines of the Bible, confidently defend the faith and recognize false teachers and their errors.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

1. Thoroughly read the *Student Guide*.
2. Fill out and mail in the *Enrollment Application*.
 - a. Briefly describe on the back of the application or on another sheet of paper how you were saved and when and where you were baptized.
 - b. Include the \$25 non-refundable application fee.
3. Have your pastor fill out and mail in the *Pastoral Character Reference Form*. Do not have him return the form to you. He must mail it in himself.
4. You will be notified by mail of the administration's decision regarding your enrollment, usually within two weeks.

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CALENDAR

A. 2008-2009

1. First Semester

- a. First day of class – September 8, 2008
- b. Final day of class – January 12, 2009
- c. Christmas break – December 22 and 29, 2008

2. Second Semester

- a. First day of class – January 19, 2009
- b. Final day of class – May 18, 2009
- c. Easter break – April 13, 2009

B. 2009-2010

1. First Semester

- a. First day of class – September 14, 2009
- b. Final day of class – January 18, 2010
- c. Christmas break – December 21 and 28, 2009

2. Second Semester

- a. First day of class – January 25, 2010
- b. Final day of class – May 24, 2010
- c. Easter break – April 4, 2010

C. 2010-2011

1. First Semester

- a. First day of class – September 13, 2010
- b. Final day of class – January 17, 2011
- c. Christmas break – December 22 and 29, 2010

2. Second Semester

- a. First day of class – January 24, 2011
- b. Final day of class – May 23, 2011
- c. Easter break – April 25, 2011