

TRUE LIGHT FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Proverbs 1:5 states, "A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel."

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A Message from the President

Learning is a life long process. It begins at birth and ends when one dies. There are many facets of learning the Word of God. It is indeed life itself. The writer of proverbs says: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge... (Proverbs 1:7). One cannot truly fear the Lord without a knowledge of His Word. In a world of shifting philosophies, it is important that as children of God, we learn and understand the sure Word, which never changes.

Dr. Wesley Pinnoch,

President

INTRODUCTION

STATEMENT OF FAITH

TLF School of Biblical Studies adheres to the established tenet of the Christian faith, which rests upon the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary for our salvation. Accordingly, as the educational arm of the True Light Fellowship Church, whose purpose is “**to worship God; edify Christians; propagate the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and to adopt measures for the promotion of the cause of Christ...**”

The school subscribes to the following doctrines:

- We believe the Holy Bible to be the fully inspired, inerrant Word of God in the original manuscripts and that the scriptures of both Old and New Testament are our infallible guide for practical instruction in faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:21)
- We believe the Godhead eternally exists in three persons — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — and these three are one God. (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:19)
- We believe that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was born of a virgin and is the only sufficient mediator between God and man, whose sinless blood was shed to take away the sins of the world. We further believe that He arose in a glorified body like unto that which will be received by all believers upon His return for His own — those alive and those who have died in Christ — at the Rapture of the Church. In His present ministry He is ever interceding and advocating for the saved. (Matt. 1:20; 1 Tim. 2:5; John 2:1-2; Philip. 3:20-21; Heb. 4:15)
- We believe the Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Godhead, indwells every believer upon conversion by faith in Christ, provides the unction for him to live the Christian life and imparts a spiritual gift(s), enabling him to function as a member of the body of Christ. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift for believers who ask for it, subsequent to salvation. (Rom. 5:5; 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:7; Acts 19:1-6)
- We believe Satan, adversary of God and man, has been limited in power through Jesus' death on the cross, which guaranteed the ultimate triumph of God. (Eph. 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8; Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 20:10)
- We believe salvation is available to all by the blood of Jesus Christ and that through faith in Him alone is one born again, passing from spiritual death into spiritual life and into fellowship with God. We and all true believers are kept saved forever by God's keeping power. (John 3:7-18; Gal. 3:13; Eph. 2:5, 8-9; Rom. 8:35-39)
- We believe Jesus Christ will visibly return to earth at the climax of a future period of great tribulation to establish His millennial kingdom. However, prior to this Second Coming, He will catch away His own in the Rapture. (Zech. 14:4-11; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 3:10)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost; they that are saved unto eternal life and the unsaved unto eternal punishment. (Rev. 20:11-15, 21:1-27)
- We believe that all believers should seek to walk by the Spirit, separating themselves from worldly practices and witnessing by life and by word to the truths of the Holy Scripture. All believers will be judged at the judgment seat of Christ and rewarded based on their faithful obedience to Him in this life. (Rom. 12; Gal. 5:16, 25; 2 Cor. 5:9-17; 1 Cor. 3:10-17)
- We believe baptism in water by immersion is an ordinance instituted by the Lord Himself and is for believers, typifying His death and resurrection and the essential resurrection to newness of life. We also believe the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) was instituted by Jesus Christ and is a privilege afforded to all believers in commemoration of His death until He comes. (Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:26-39; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; Luke 22:19-20).



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

True Light Fellowship School of Biblical Studies was established in September, 1995 under the leadership of Rev. Wesley Pinnock, D.Min., pastor and founder of the True Light Fellowship Church.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Pinnock was an associate pastor of Deliverance Evangelistic Church in Philadelphia, PA and the director of the Deliverance Evangelistic Bible Institute from 1984 to 1992. He envisioned this educational ministry as a means by which God's people could be further equipped to fulfill the Great Commission: ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:19-20).***

To this end, TLFSBS's curriculum is designed to equip students along four (4) major dimensions: personal growth and development, community impact, outreach and evangelism, and missionary enterprise. Such a focus is purposely intended to harmonize with the Lord's instruction found in Acts 1:8, that ***“. . . ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”***

Our ultimate goal in aiding the spiritual growth and development of all believers is ***“that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified” (Isaiah 61:3).***

AFFILIATION

At present TLF School of Biblical Studies is a freestanding Bible Institute with an organized curriculum. We strive, however, with growth and maturity, to attain affiliation status with other accrediting educational institutions that will more fully certify God's people for various areas of ministry. In 2001, we became affiliated with the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS Program) of Geneva College, serving as a satellite branch for students desiring to pursue a college degree.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

TLF School of Biblical Studies is open to any adult applicant (age 18 and older) who subscribes to the Statement of Faith and has a serious commitment and desire to study God's Word, communicate the gospel to the lost, develop an understanding, and make personal application of God's purpose and will for his or her life.

New students may enroll at the start of any given semester, since the foundational courses, which are the prerequisites for any of the track areas, are offered year-round.

COURSE SCHEDULES

Course schedules are available each semester at the start of the registration period, which normally occurs approximately three (3) weeks before the semester.

Traditional 12 week Courses – Two hours a week for twelve weeks.

“E-learning Internet” Courses – Completed Online over a 6 to 12 week period.

“TNT” Accelerated Courses – Three consecutive Saturdays, (8AM to 4PM)



APPLICATION DONATIONS

There is no application or enrollment fee. However, a course fee of \$15.00 per course.

Payment must be remitted to the registrar, or designated representatives prior to admission to a class. {Checks may be made payable to: **True Light Fellowship Church**}. Any charges, however, for overdrafts or insufficient funds are the responsibility of the student and will be assessed along with course payment. The foundational course, Basic Bible, is FREE. If required, textbook(s) are purchased at an additional cost.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Students who have matriculated at other post-secondary schools of Biblical study may have up to four of those credits transferred upon presentation of a valid transcript or other documentation - e.g., report cards, notarized letters from certified officials, etc., and full determination by the TLFC director of Christian education and registrar that is par or has equivalent value to TLF School of Biblical Studies course offerings.

COURSE CREDITS

Each course offered at TLF School of Biblical Studies is taught on a 24 hour per semester basis, yielding two (2) credit hours. Some of TLFSBS course credits are now being accepted at Eastern Seminary, Westminster Seminary and CUTS for students who desire to matriculate there upon graduation from the Bible School.

POLICIES and PROCEDURES

GENERAL INFORMATION

TLF School of Biblical Studies catalog, brochures and applications may be secured from the office of the registrar Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

AUDIT STUDENTS and VISITORS

Students desiring to audit classes must have matriculated in at least one (1) track area beyond the Standard Theology Course level. Guests of students are permitted after the first week of class, with the limitation of one guest per student, per semester. Students are to request permission of the course instructor to bring a guest in advance of their attendance within a given class.

STUDENT WITHDRAWALS

A student may officially withdraw from any course within the first two (2) weeks of scheduled classes with a 60% refund of course fee the first week and 40% refund the second week. However, a withdrawal form from the registrar must be presented to the instructor. A “W” will be entered on the student’s official transcript in such cases in lieu of an “F,” as when unofficial withdrawal occurs.

When a student withdraws unofficially, by lack of attendance, no refund will be remitted. Where validated extenuating circumstances – e.g., an acute illness, death in the family or other unanticipated situations – occur within the first three (3) weeks of classes, necessitating a late withdrawal from a class, course tuition will be refunded at 60%. However, under no circumstances will refunds be granted beyond the third week of class.

EXAMINATION & COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to take scheduled examinations, i.e., – quizzes, mid-terms, and finals – and complete other requirements such as book reports or term papers for a final grade to be issued. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor within one (1) week to make up a missed examination. Failure to complete all course requirements by the end of the semester will result in an “I” (*Incomplete*). In such a case, the student has two (2) weeks from the last class date to finalize the requirements for receipt of a letter grade. Tardiness in fulfilling a commitment as unto the Lord does not glorify Him. NCG - No Credit Given will be available for students that take classes in the Standard Theology Program **ONLY**, participate 75% of the time, but do not take a mid-term, final examination and/or complete a term paper project.

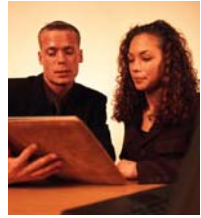
GRADING SYSTEM

Mid-term and final examinations are weighted at 50% for tests, quizzes and homework and 25% for participation. The numerical and letter grade scale is as follows:

<u>Numerical</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Grade Point Average</u>
98-100	Excellent	A+	4.00
94-97		A	
90-93		A -	
87-89		B+	3.00
83-86	Good	B	
80-82		B-	
77-79		C+	2.00
73-76	Fair	C	
70-72	(Non-Transferable Credit)	C-	
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70-72	(Non-Transferable Credit)	C-	

PROGRAM ADVISORS

Program advisors within the aforementioned program areas are available to assist students re: completion requirements, course scheduling or other academic concerns. The office of the registrar should be contacted for this purpose. Advisors will be available to assist with questions or concerns during the scheduled course registration periods. Appointments with them may also be secured by phoning the school to arrange appropriate times.



STANDARDS, ETHICS, & DISCIPLINE

TLF School of Biblical Studies seeks to glorify God by edifying and strengthening His people through the teaching ministry of the Word. We operate, therefore, on an honor system in accordance with II Corinthians 8:21, “**providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of man.**” This standard applies not only to the payment of course donations and the taking of exams, but also to the fulfillment of our obligations as stewards to be timely in the completion of other related course requirements. Our witness before an unbelieving world is hindered when we, as believers, fail to produce fruits of righteous conduct or live in a consistently Godly fashion.

TLF School of Biblical Studies reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose conduct is disruptive to the academic and spiritual milieu of the institution.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

TLF School of Biblical Studies presently offers diploma programs in the following five areas:

Standard
Theology
(20 courses)

Training &
Development for
Teaching *
(18 courses)

Training &
Development for
Missions/
Evangelism *
(15 courses)

Training &
Development for
Counseling *
(15 courses)

Training &
Development for
Ministerial *
(24 courses)

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Fundamental Studies (2 courses)
- Christians Conquering in Christ (14 courses)
- Music Through Worship (14 courses)
- Precious Metal Awards (10 –50 courses)
- Evangelical Training Association (ETA)
- *Foundation Church Ministries* (4credits)
- *Standard Church Ministries* (8 credits)
- *Advanced Church Ministries* (12 credits)
- *Leadership in Church Ministries* (16 credits)

***STANDARD THEOLOGY DIPLOMA IS A PREREQUISITE.**

As the institute expands and matures, other affiliations affording accreditation and issuance of degrees will be sought and considered.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

STANDARD THEOLOGY DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Basic Bible: New Birth - This introductory course focuses on the basic doctrines, tenets and ordinances of the Christian faith. Students will gain insight into areas of study such as, sin and assurance of salvation, prayer and fasting, Holy Communion, water baptism, and the anointing and end-time prophecy.

Principles of Prayer and Fasting - This course focuses on prayer and fasting which can greatly effect personal development and communion with God. This study will examine various kinds or patterns of prayer, conditions for prevailing prayer and discovering the will of God through prayer and the willful act of abstaining from and/or drink for a period of time for religious and spiritual reasons.

Christian Character: Walking The Talk - In an increasingly virtue-less society, how can believers actively demonstrate their faith before an unbelieving world? This course focuses upon the practicality of living out a godly character, even in the face of adversity and criticism.

Book of John - This study of the 4th gospel writer focuses upon the centrality of Jesus in His relation to the Father as Son of God and His indispensability to man in His spiritual need - i.e., the "I Am's."

Praise and Worship - Praise is a powerful weapon in the believer's spiritual arsenal. This course focuses upon the how and why of giving praise to God, and entering into the Holy of Holies through perfected praise and worship - our ultimate relationship to God.

Synoptic Gospels: The Ministry of Christ - Matthew, Mark and Luke's each present a powerful overview of the person, work and ministry of Jesus Christ. The writings of these Gospel writers impacted the early church and are studied for implications as to how modern-day believers can impact their communities.

Book of James - This letter was written to the church at large (James 1:1). This letter focuses on inner spirituality and righteousness in the life of the believer. It gives general instructions toward morality, which is useful to all people in any circumstance.

Book of Romans - The "Roman Road" to freedom is examined in light of the theology presented by the Apostle Paul concerning sin, justification, the victory at Calvary and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.

Strengthening Your Writing Skills 96, 97, 98, 99 - these courses are provided and designed to service challenged and/or special needs students that test below basics for the required levels for Strengthening Your Writing Skills I and II.

Strengthening Your Writing Skills I - This course provides an overview of grammatical rules and constructions essential for effective report writing.

Strengthening Your Writing Skills II - This course will review grammatical rules and essential constructions taught in the first session. Composition is the focus in the second half. It is preparatory for more advanced term paper requirements with in the track program areas.

Book of Acts - A study of the beginning of the "Church", its expansion, and the work of the Holy Spirit through its disciples throughout the world.

STANDARD THEOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Church History I - This course relates to the early church, which includes canonical documents, creeds, the writings of the Apostolic Fathers and other historical texts relevant to the growth and development of the Church up to the present time.

Church History II - This course will review historical texts and relevant events previously taught about the early church, its development, and growth. In addition, this course will also examine the evolution of the Black Church in the United States, which became a vital force and institution in the life of its people.

New Testament Survey (ETA) - A central theme — i.e., the person of Christ — unifies and chronologically sequences the study of these New Testament books. Divisions include the synoptic gospels, gospel of John, book of Acts, the Pauline Epistles, (chronologically arranged), General Epistles and the book of Revelation.

Old Testament Survey, Part I (Gen. - Esther) (ETA) - A sweeping overview of God's work from creation through the early days of His chosen people. Topics include the patriarchs, Israel's Promised Land trek, David's reign, Solomon's kingdom, the kingdom of Judah and the exile.

Old Testament Survey, Part 2 (Job - Malachi) (ETA) - The message of the books of poetry and prophecy give insight into God's dealing with His people. This course relates the great writing of the prophets' message to us today.

Book of Daniel & Revelation - An examination of the prophetic relationship between the Old Testament writings of Daniel and the apocalyptic vision of John with their eschatological implications.

Biblical Beliefs (ETA) - This course presents foundational Bible doctrines that are essential to an understanding of Christianity. Covered in the course are the creation and fall of man, faith and regeneration, justification and adoption, angels, Satan, resurrection and judgment, and the church.

Hermeneutics - The science of interpretation and explanation; exegesis; esp., that branch of theology which defines the laws whereby the meaning of the Scriptures is to be ascertained.

Elective - (Choice of a course listed under [Diploma Program Electives](#))

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHING DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Christian Ethics - A systematic study of the way of life that should be applied to the daily demands and decisions of human existence. Its main focus will be on Christian principles, derived from the Christian faith, by which to act.

Teaching Techniques (ETA) - The focus is on the philosophical methodology, insights from current research, an overview of classroom usage, and selected principles for specific purposes and audiences.

Understanding People (ETA) - To truly understand people we must combine the rigorous formal study of developmental issues with our own observations and through study of Scriptures.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHING COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Sunday School Ministry: The Church at Study (ETA) - This course clarifies the traditional purpose, functions, and organization of the Sunday School. It covers all aspects of ministry that can bring children, youth, and adults to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, enrich their Christian life, and prepare them to serve Christ.

Church Education Ministries: More than Sunday School (ETA) - Provides a panorama of educational ministries in the local church: *Sunday School, home Bible studies, summer ministries, retreats and camps, adult education, youth and club programs, children's church, and missions.* It presents each program's uniqueness, strength, structure, and resources.

Hermeneutics - The science of interpretation and explanation; exegesis; esp., that branch of theology which defines the laws whereby the meaning of the Scriptures is to be ascertained.

Apologetics - In a society where prevalent philosophies are fundamentally and essentially anti-Christian, believers are confronted with doctrines and views that oppose their faith. Apologetics provide the defense whereby Christians are enabled to justify their beliefs and present a clear and rational case for their faith.

Eschatology— A study of final events, the Second Coming, or the “last times” as spoken of in the Bible.

General Epistles - An inductive study of the non-Pauline Epistles (*James - Jude*), which examine the facts and truths of the historical books and how they relate to Christ, the church, and the daily walk of believers.

Pauline Epistles - Paul's “Epistles” were literary letters intended to be published and read by the general public. Students will study this established literary 4th century BC style, apparently written to churches and individuals to handle specific problems at a church location with a religious leader.

You and Your Bible (ETA) - Believers, should be well informed about the Word of God. This course presents the inspiration and authorship of the Bible, how it was preserved, why we believe it, how we deal with its problems and critics, ways to study it, and the role of archaeology.

Theology of Christian Counseling - This course will enable students to become effective “*Biblical Advisors,*” as students learn the “*how to's*” and “*not to's*” in ministering to people.

Introduction to Greek Language * - A study of the alphabet, grammar, syntax and vocabulary of Greek New Testament language for improved Bible study. {*may be continued for at least a second semester.}

Introduction to Hebrew Language - An introductory study of Biblical Hebrew, designed to equip the student with a working knowledge of the language for a better exegesis of Old Testament scriptures.

Elective - (Choice of a course listed under **Diploma Program Electives**)

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TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Practicum for Teaching - A hands-on, practical experience designed for students within the respective track areas to enable them to implement the knowledge and skills acquired from related completed courses. Examples of practicum experiences may include, but are not limited to, development of neighborhood Bible clubs, participation in VBS, street-witnessing opportunities, mentoring projects, ministering in shelters and nursing homes and/or participation in short-term missionary activities. Students work under supervision of assigned veteran teachers.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MISSIONS/EVANGELISM DIPLOMA PROGRAM

History of Missions - A chronological history of Christian missions is presented as a blueprint for mission's development and expansion in our time.

Christian Ethics - This course is designed to make disciples as Jesus Christ mandated in Matt. 28:19-20. Students will experience an eminently practical and provocative approach to walking as Christ walked and sustaining a ministry of multiplication. This course invites each student to "take (his) yoke upon you and learn of (him)."

Theology of Christian Counseling - Salvation is often narrowly defined as "being saved from the consequences of sin," thereby limiting the larger focus of God (through Christ) making "new creatures" out of old, sinful natures. This course will enable students, as "Biblical advisors," to learn the "how to's" and "not to's" in ministering to people.

Teaching Techniques (ETA) - Focuses on the philosophical basis of methodology, insights from current research, an overview of classroom usage, and principles of selection for specific purposes and audiences

Understanding People (ETA) - To truly understand people we must combine the rigorous formal study of developmental issues with our own observations and through study of Scriptures.

Equipping for Missions - This course gives step-by-step instructions that can help Christians better understand how to make a significant contribution to God's global purpose. The ultimate goal is to align your life with the purpose of God and to understand the will of God for every Christian.

Your Ministry of Evangelism (ETA) - Evangelism is the mandate for church growth today. This course covers the foundations for evangelism, conversion and regeneration, leading to a decision, age-specific techniques, team efforts, visitation, discipline new believers, and the importance of prayer to the evangelistic effort.

Religions of the World I - This course familiarizes the student with the fundamental beliefs of the major world religions. Emphasis will be placed on the components of Christianity inherent in these religions.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT FOR MISSION/EVANGELISM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Religions of the World II - Part II will review previously taught concepts, fundamental beliefs and concepts. Emphasis will be placed on the components of Christianity inherent in these religions. Each student will learn how to witness effectively to those of various religions and cults.

Homiletics - A study of the preparation and delivery of sermons.

World Missions Today (ETA) - A survey of missions with emphasis on the present worldwide scene, the Biblical basis of missions and how all believers can get involved. Every believer's life will be enriched with the knowledge of God's work through His people.

Elective - (Choice of a course listed under **Diploma Program Electives**)

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Practicum for Missions - A hands-on, practical experience designed for students within the respective track areas to enable them to implement the knowledge and skills acquired from related completed courses. Examples of practicum experiences may include, but are not limited to, development of neighborhood Bible clubs, participation in VBS, street-witnessing opportunities, mentoring projects, ministering in shelters and nursing homes and/or participation in short-term missionary activities. Students work under supervision of assigned veteran teachers.

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Christian Ethics - A systematic study of the way of life that should be applied to the daily demands and decisions of human existence. Its main focus will be on Christian principles, derived from the Christian faith, by which to act.

You and Your Bible (ETA) - Believers, especially those involved in church ministry, should be well informed about the Word of God. This course presents the inspiration and authorship of the Bible, how it was preserved, why we believe it, how we deal with its problems and critics, ways to study it, and the role of archaeology.

Understanding People (ETA) - To truly understand people we must combine the rigorous formal study of developmental issues with our own observations and through study of Scriptures.

Contemporary Issues and The Church (ETA) - A study of Biblical solutions and the role of the

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church for such issues as AIDS, drug addiction, homelessness, abortion “rights,” homosexuality, teenage rebellion, racism and sexual promiscuity continually making headlines.

Psychology and Counseling - This course will present a study of some of the physiological causes factors that affect the development of specific personality “types”. The student will gain insight into how to deal effectually with the variations presented from a Christian perspective.

General Epistles - An inductive study of the non-Pauline Epistles from James to Jude, examining the facts and truths of the historical books as related to Christ, the church and the daily walk of believers.

Marriage and the Family The oldest institution established by God, the family, is being threatened by forces within and without. Believers will examine the functioning of this institution from its earliest roots and implications for restoring it to its God-given purpose.

Child and Adolescent Development - This course explores the elements that provide stimulated learning in all developmental areas (physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual) and meaningful Christian education for children from birth to age 17.

Intro to Greek Language - A study of the alphabet, grammar, syntax and vocabulary of Greek New Testament language for improved Bible study. {*may be continued for at least a second semester.}

Introduction to Hebrew Language - An introductory study of Biblical Hebrew, designed to equip the student with a working knowledge of the language for better exegesis of Old Testament scriptures.

Elective - (Choice of a course listed under [Diploma Program Electives](#))

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TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MINISTERIAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Assurance of Your Calling - All believers need to know if they are where God wants them to be in the body ministry. In accordance with Jer. 29:11, this course will serve to provide insight into God’s specific purposes and plans for ministry by His people.

Christian Ethics - A systematic study of the way of life that should be applied to the daily demands and

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decisions of human existence. Its main focus will be on Christian principles, derived from the Christian faith, by which to act.

Understanding People (ETA) - To truly understand people we must combine the rigorous formal study of developmental issues with our own observations and through study of Scriptures.

Ministerial Theology – Ministerial Theology is designed to prepare pastors, evangelists, church elders and others involved in the leadership of the local church and its outreach. Emphasis is given to mastery of the English Bible, Bible exposition, theology, spiritual life, preaching, evangelism, teaching, administration, Biblical counseling and other areas of church leadership.

Pastoral Epistles - The three pastoral epistles are books of the canonical New Testament: I & II Timothy, and Titus are presented as letters from Paul of Tarsus to Timothy and Titus. They are generally discussed as a group (sometimes with the addition of the Epistle to Philemon) and are given the title 'pastoral' because they uniquely and distinctively address an individual person rather than a whole church or group of churches.

Pauline Epistles - Paul's "Epistles" were literary letters intended to be published and read by the general public. Students will study this established literary 4th century BC style, apparently written to churches and individuals to handle specific problems at a church location with a religious leader.

General Epistles - An inductive study of the non-Pauline Epistles from James to Jude, examining the facts and truths of the historical books as related to Christ, the church and the daily walk of believers.

Church Business Administration— This course focuses on certain standards and practices that the church should follow to ensure quality, consistency and legality as it pertains to personnel and human resources management, financial management, and property management.

Church Education Ministries: More than Sunday School (ETA) - Provides a panorama of educational ministries in the local church: Sunday School, home Bible studies; summer ministries, retreats and camps, adult education, youth and club programs, children's church, and missions. It presents each program's uniqueness, strength, structure, and resources.

You and Your Bible (ETA) - Believers, especially those involved in church ministry, should be well informed about the Word of God. This course presents the inspiration and authorship of the Bible, how it was preserved, why we believe it, how we deal with its problems and critics, ways to study it, and the role of archaeology.

Contemporary Issues and The Church (ETA) - A study of Biblical solutions and the role of the church for such issues as AIDS, drug addiction, homelessness, abortion "rights," homosexuality, teenage rebellion, racism and sexual promiscuity continually making headlines.

Your Ministry of Evangelism (ETA) - Evangelism is the mandate for church growth today. This course covers the foundations for evangelism, conversion and regeneration, leading to a decision, age-specific techniques, team efforts, visitation, discipline new believers, and the importance of prayer to the evangelistic effort.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MINISTERIAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Religions of the World - The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the fundamental beliefs of the major world religions. Emphasis will be placed on the components of Christianity inherent in these religions. Each student will learn how to witness effectively to those of various religions and cults.

Teaching Techniques (ETA) - The focus is on the philosophical methodology, insights from current research, an overview of classroom usage, and selected principles for specific purposes and audiences.

Homiletics (Preaching I) - The study of properly outlining and identifying different kinds of sermon structures. This course is also helpful in gaining a working knowledge of how to exegete various passages of Scripture. This course may be completed over two semesters.

Homiletics (Preaching II) - A continuation of the study of sermon structures. This course is also helpful in gaining a working knowledge of how to exegete various passages of Scripture.

Intro to Greek Language - A study of the alphabet, grammar, syntax and vocabulary of Greek New Testament language for improved Bible study. {*may be continued for at least a second semester.}

Introduction to Hebrew Language - An introductory study of Biblical Hebrew, designed to equip the student with a working knowledge of the language for better exegesis of Old Testament scriptures.

Elective - (Choice of a course listed under [Diploma Program Electives](#))

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Practicum I - A hands-on, practical experience designed for students to implement the knowledge and skills acquired from related completed courses.

Practicum II - A continuation of hands-on, practical experience designed for students to implement the knowledge and skills acquired from previously related courses that have been completed.

EVANGELICAL TRAINING ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE COMPLETION PROGRAM

[These courses may also be taken to meet Elective and course requirements.]

ETA courses are organized into specific areas of study. Subject areas include Bible and doctrine, church ministry skill, leadership skills, and outreach skills. Creative resources provide many presentation options.

- At each step you will be rewarded with visible evidence of your accomplishment. One course equals a minimum of 10 instructional hours to earn one credit.
- The required courses represent a core curriculum, essential to everyone.
- The electives provide flexibility for your special needs. Elective courses are chosen from Additional Classroom Series Courses * Audio * Video Series * Pre-approved Church-designed courses
- As each level of study is satisfactorily completed, an attractive certificate and an AWARD CREDIT CARD (not monetary) will be awarded.

ETA CERTIFICATE COMPLETION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

FOUNDATIONAL CHURCH MINISTRIES CERTIFICATE (4 credits)

Understanding People
Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity
2 Electives from the list of ETA courses

STANDARD CHURCH MINISTRIES CERTIFICATE (4 credits)

√ *Must have Completed the Foundational Certificate*
√ *Must have completed 2 survey courses*
You and Your Bible
3 ETA Electives

ADVANCED CHURCH MINISTRIES CERTIFICATE (4 credits)

√ *Must have completed Standard Certificate*
√ *Must have completed 3 survey courses*
The Triune God
3 ETA Electives

LEADERSHIP IN CHURCH MINISTRIES CERTIFICATE (4 Credits)

√ *Must have completed Advanced Certificate*
Effectively Leading
Perspectives from Church History
2 ETA Electives

ETA ELECTIVE SERIES COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

Beyond Reasonable Doubt - A study of Apologetics that provides evidence to reach a verdict about the claims of Christianity.

Biblical Beliefs - A study of foundational Bible doctrines .

Christian Ethics in a Postmodern World - Presents the uniqueness, strength, structure and resources of the church's educational ministries.

Church Education Ministries: More than Sunday School (ETA) - Provides a panorama of educational ministries in the local church: Sunday School, home Bible studies; summer ministries, retreats and camps, adult education, youth and club programs, children's church, and missions. It presents each program's uniqueness, strength, structure, and resources.

Effectively Leading: A Guide for All Church Leaders - Explores the variety of areas which volunteer and professional church leaders must contend today.

Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity - Topics include foundations for spiritual growth, communica-

ETA ELECTIVE SERIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

tion with God, establishing a godly lifestyle, developing interpersonal skills, worship and devotional life, identifying ministry capabilities and areas for service, and lifelong learning.

New Testament Survey - A central theme — i.e., the person of Christ — unifies and chronologically sequences the study of these New Testament books. Divisions include the synoptic gospels, gospel of John, book of Acts, the Pauline Epistles, (chronologically arranged), General Epistles and the book of Revelation.

Old Testament Survey, Part 1 (Gen. - Esther) (ETA) - A sweeping overview of God's work from creation through the early days of His chosen people. Topics include the patriarchs, Israel's Promised Land trek, David's reign, Solomon's kingdom, the kingdom of Judah and the exile.

Old Testament Survey, Part 2 (Job - Malachi) (ETA) - The message of the books of poetry and prophecy give insight into God's dealing with His people. This course relates the great writing of the prophets' message to us today.

Perspectives from Church History - A basic introduction that covers the four major periods of church history which provides an overview of spiritual heritage.

Sunday School Ministry: The Church at Study (ETA) - This course clarifies the traditional purpose, functions, and organization of the Sunday School. It covers all aspects of ministry that can bring children, youth, and adults to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, enrich their Christian life, and prepare them to serve Christ.

Teaching Adults with Confidence - provides in-depth training for those who are teaching the Bible to adults.

Teaching Children with Confidence - This course uses the Frankena model to form building blocks for ministry to children (grades 1-6)

Teaching Preschoolers with Confidence - This course discusses ministry for the physical, mental, emotional, social development children ages 2-5

Teaching Youth with Confidence - This course defines the climate for learning, developmental characteristics, culture, and critical issues in youth ministry.

Triune God - The individuality of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is studied and the Biblical teaching of the Trinity is clearly presented through topics such as: characteristics and works of God; the preexistence, incarnation, deity, death, resurrection and return of Christ; and the personality and power of the Holy Spirit.

Understanding Music & Worship in the Local Church - A study of a historical overview of Biblical foundations of music and worship.

Understanding People - This course gives insight into people's personalities, experiences, interests and needs. Examined in this course are the basic elements of personality development (physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual) for each major age division in an individual's teaching.

ETA ELECTIVE SERIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Understanding Teaching - The focus is on the philosophical methodology, insights from current research, an overview of classroom usage, and selected principles for specific purposes and audiences.

VBS and Other Summer Ministries - Summer months provide opportunity for creative expression of faith, concentrated Bible study, evangelism, and family reinforcement. Traditional VBS has a new appearance. Other ministries, to all age groups, are giving birth to fresh ideas for spiritual development and attendance boosters.

World Missions Today (ETA) - A survey of missions with emphasis on the present worldwide scene, the Biblical basis of missions and how all believers can get involved. Every believer's life will be enriched with the knowledge of God's work through His people.

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DIPLOMA PROGRAM ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTION

I Peter 3: I Alive* - This course provides godly instruction for married Christian women with unsaved husbands. May be substituted for God's Gracious Woman, as applicable.

Black Church History - This course traces the evolution of the Black church in the United States with emphasis upon its development as a vital force and institution in the life of its people.

Colossians and Ephesians - These two books together present an essential theme of Christ as reconciler of all things — especially between man and God, and between man and his fellowman. Students will further examine, in light of this reconciliation effected by Christ, proper conduct (walk) before and their relation to unbelievers to qualify as effective witnesses.

Dynamics of Faith - Faith is the believer's title deed to eternal life and the "sixth sense" by which s/he enters into the promises of God. This course will enable the student not only to "hear" the Word of God, which produces faith, but to become a doer of it through examples and practice in how to "fight the good fight of faith."

God's Gracious Woman*/Man After God's Heart** - This course will focus upon the requirements for "measuring up" as a woman of God or man of God in the midst of an ungodly world. [*for women only; ** for men only]

Kingdom Warfare - An incisive examination of the power of prayer, the ministry of angels and key

DIPLOMA PROGRAM ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

principles for overthrowing the works of darkness.

Letters of I, II, & III John and Jude - Through a study of these letters, students will be challenged to examine and build effective relationships not only between family members, but church members also, as they “contend for the faith.” The course will stress love in action.

Psalms - A study of the purposes, messages, types and literary style of Israel’s hymnal, which has been a source of comfort and strength to believers and the unsaved alike.

Singles Plus - Singleness, when viewed from a godly perspective, is a blessing from God designed to fit into His eternal purposes for the believer. The exciting lifestyle of the single Christian, as well as challenges and opportunities for ministry, are presented and examined for consideration.

Spanish - A quick, practical immersion and beginning understanding of some fundamental vocabulary, verb forms and sentence structures for cross-cultural use in witnessing to persons of Hispanic origin about Jesus Christ.

Study in Isaiah - An in-depth study of Messianic prophecies and Christological considerations found in this prophetic book central to an understanding of Old Testament judgments and warnings and New Testament unveiling of grace.

The Art of Soul-Winning - This course emphasizes how to become “fishers of men” by capitalizing upon the unique opportunities and challenges presented within the local community or environment in which the believer has been planted.

Understanding the Laws of Life - This course is designed to enhance your awareness of eternal laws and proverbial truths concerning success. The author, a born-again millionaire who’s dedicated his life to helping God’s people, shares moral and spiritual principles that have helped to shape his life’s work.

CHRISTIANS CONQUERING IN CHRIST (CCC) COURSE DESCRIPTION

This self-directive Bible study is a certificate program especially designed for Bible learners that want Spiritual growth and desire to enhance their walk with the Lord, without written exams or term papers .

- Courses for this certificate program will be offered during the Fall and Spring semesters only
- Courses for this certificate program are non-transferrable
- Students will receive a grade or Complete or Incomplete
- Mid-Term or Final exams or Term Paper are not required for this certificate program
- 75% attendance and class participation are require for a final grade of “Complete”
- The textbook is optional. Should the student decide to purchase the recommended textbook, a 10% discount will be given at the TLF Christian Bookstore.

CHRISTIAN CONQUERING IN CHRIST COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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- Student will be allowed to invite one guest per course, per semester
 - Children are not allowed to attend class sessions with students at anytime.
 - Upon completion of the following 14 courses, the student will be recognized and participate in the TLFSBS graduation ceremonies
1. **God's Plan of Salvation** - a study of the basic foundational truths, doctrines and church ordinances
 2. **How to Pray** - a study of the effectual, fervent prayer and the values of fasting
 3. **Ministry of the Godhead**- a study of God in Three Persons
 4. **Just Like Him** -a study of how Christian can conformed to the image of Christ
 5. **How to Worship** - a study of effective praise and worship
 6. **Behold the Lamb** - a study of the "Perfect Sacrifice" through the Book of John
 7. **GED Preparation I** - Writing Skills I or English 101
 8. **GED Preparation II** - Writing Skill II or English 102
 9. **The Great Commission** - a study of discipleship through the Book of Matthew
 10. **How the Church Began** - a look at church beginnings through a study in the book of Acts
 11. **What the Bible Is All About** - a study of the styles and contents of the Bible and its doctrines
 12. **Old Testament Covenant** - a survey of the Old Testament agreement between God and man
 13. **New Testament Covenant** - a survey of the New Testament agreement between God and man
 14. **The Return of Jesus** - a study of things that happen (End Times) before Christ returns

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. **Basic Bible** - a study of the basic doctrines, tenets and ordinances of the Christian faith
2. **Prayer & Fasting** - focus on different kinds and patterns of prayer and how fasting supports prayer
3. **Triune God (ETA elective)** - a study of the ministry of the Godhead (one God in three persons)
4. **Christian Character** -a study of how the Holy Spirit can conform the believer into the image of Christ
5. **Praise & Worship** - learning how to enter the "Holy of Holies" through perfect praise and worship
6. **Writing Skills I** - an overview of grammatical rules and constructions for effective writing
7. **Writing Skills II**- a review of Writing Skills I and a focus on composition
8. **Books of Psalms** - a study of the purposes, messages, types and literary style of Israel's hymnal
9. **Music Genres** - a study of hymns, songs and Spiritual songs, their purpose and ultimate effect
10. **Understand Music & Worship in the Local Church** - an examination of various music genres, their styles and uses in worship services and different denominations
11. **Worship through Praise Dancing** - understanding the ministry of dance as worship unto the Lord
12. **Weapons of Warfare through Music** - Biblical examples of power over the enemy through the use of music
13. **Music Theory I** - learning basic skills and techniques needed to read and write music
14. **Music Theory II** - learning how to compose and develop personal worship through music

PRECIOUS METALS AWARDS COURSE DESCRIPTION

This self-directive Bible study is a certificate program especially designed for Bible learners that want Spiritual growth and desire to enhance their walk with the Lord through online instruction.

- Courses for this certificate program will be offered upon teacher availability
- Courses for this certificate program are transferrable to other TLFSBS diploma and certificate programs
- Mid-Term, Final Exams, Posts Responses, Quizzes and Term Paper are not required for this certificate program
- Upon completion, the student will be recognized and eligible to participate in the TLFSBS graduation and award ceremonies. Awards are as follows

IRON METALS AWARD	= 10 or more Online Courses
BRASS METALS AWARD	= 15 or more Online Courses
COPPER METAL AWARD	= 20 or more Online Courses
SILVER METAL AWARD	= 30 or more Online Courses
GOLD METAL AWARD	= 40 or more Online Courses
PLATINUM METAL AWARD	= 50 or more Online Courses

ONLINE COURSE CURRICULUM

Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Prayer and Supplication

Christian Principles

Perfected Praise and Worship

John, The Beloved

Gospel of Jesus Christ

James, The Brother of Jesus

The Roman Road

The Book of Matthew

Exploring the Book of Acts

Early Church History I

Early Church History II

Black Church History

Overview of Genesis thru Esther

Overview of Job-Malachi

Overview of The New Testament Poetry & Prophecy

Apocalyptic Vision of Daniel

Apocalyptic Vision of John

Foundational Bible Doctrines

Law of Interpretation & Principles of the Bible

Second Coming of Christ

Defense Without Doubt

General Epistles

Pastoral Epistles

Ambassadors For Christ

Overview of the Psalms

Book of Isaiah

Soteriology

Women of the Bible

Blood Covenants of Promise

Angelology

Abraham, The Servant of God

Moses, The Servant of God

David, The King

Joshua, The Conqueror

Exploring the Book of Genesis, Part I

Exploring the Book of Genesis, Part II

An Overview of the Exodus

An Overview of the Book of Deuteronomy

Job, The Suffering Servant

The Book of Judges

The Book of Ruth

The Book of I Samuel

The Book of II Samuel

The Book of I Kings

The Book of II Kings

Chronicles, Part I

Chronicles, Part II

An Overview of the Minor Prophets

An Overview of the Major Prophets

The Book of I Corinthians

The Book of II Corinthians

How To Be Free (Bk of Galatians)

The Calling of Saints (Bk of Ephesians)

Having Confidence & Strength (Bk of Philippians)

Power & Joy in the Holy Ghost (Bk of Colossians)

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The Book of Hebrews

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