

# Batesville

BAPTIST  
INSTITUTE & SEMINARY

STUDENT HANDBOOK AND ACADEMIC CATALOG





## MISSION STATEMENT

Batesville Baptist Institute is a Christian educational ministry of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Batesville, Arkansas. It was established for the sole purpose of studying the Word of God, and was designed to help better prepare both ministerial and non-ministerial students in harmony with the doctrines of the American Baptist Association to advance the Kingdom of God through the local Church.

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses. The same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

— II Timothy 2:2 —



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# HISTORY OF OXFORD BAPTIST INSTITUTE



## OXFORD BAPTIST INSTITUTE, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

*Founded August 1975*

Oxford Baptist Institute (OBI), presently Batesville Baptist Institute Seminary School (BBI), was established in 1975 under the sponsorship of University Baptist Church in Oxford, Mississippi. In March of 1986, the name of the sponsoring church was changed to South Lamar Baptist Church. Following the 2010-2011 school year, due to changing times, circumstances, and location, South Lamar Baptist Church was faced with making a tough decision: close OBI or move it to a new location. To afford her time to pray specifically about this situation, a satellite school was established in North Central Arkansas in August of 2012 with a host of enrollments. These classes were held at Zion Hill MBC at Batesville and Surrounded Hill MBC at Newport. In the 2013-2014 school year, the satellite school continued and doubled in enrollments. In early 2014, with the expectation of more students enrolling the next school year, Zion Hill MBC let it be known that they were praying about sponsoring OBI if South Lamar determined that moving the school was in the Lord's will. Shortly thereafter, South Lamar voted to move OBI rather than close it, and in their business meeting of April, 2014, Zion Hill voted to accept the responsibility of sponsorship of the seminary.

This institution of higher education has graduated hundreds of students with a Biblical education through its Bible courses and training programs. The value of the seminary is echoed in the accomplishments of her past students who have become great leaders in churches, missions, and Christian education for the cause of Christ. An institution of higher education pertaining to the things of God is of the utmost importance to the pastor as well as laypeople, and Dr. LeRoy Dickinson, Reverend Charles Mask, Dr. Jim Jones, and South Lamar Baptist Church had a great vision for that exact purpose. By the leadership of her first founders, past and current leaders, since August, 1975 to present, BBI has and is still continuing to be a fortress for the defense of the Faith and the doctrines of Christ set forth in God's Holy Word.

## FOUNDERS

**DR. LEROY DICKINSON**  
*President 1975-1984*

**Baptist Christian College**  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
BA

**Oxford Baptist Institute**  
Oxford, Mississippi  
MBL, DBL, ThM, ThD, DD

**CHARLES MASK**  
*Vice President 1975-1977*  
*Asst. to President 1978-1988*

**Oxford Baptist Institute**  
Oxford, Mississippi  
BE, ME, DD

**JIM JONES**  
*Dean 1975-1988*  
*Vice President 1988-1991*  
*President 1991-1997*

**Missionary Baptist Seminary**  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
BBL, MBL, DBL

**Oxford Baptist Institute**  
Oxford, Mississippi  
DD

## PAST OFFICERS

**DR. WAYNE BOYLES**  
*President 1984-1991*

**DR. RON PROVENCE**  
*President 1997-2014*

**DR. NEAL CLARK**  
*Vice-President 1991-19?*

**DR. CHARLES FAUST**  
*Dean 1988-1991,*  
*Executive VP/Dean 1991-2010*

**BRO. CHARLES LAMB, MBL**  
*Dean 2010-2014*

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE



"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

Paul's divine instructions to Timothy (CR 2 Timothy 4:1-5) is a very important matter among pastors today just as it was in the first century. As we may be witnessing the beginning of the last days, we see an increase of damnable cults and heresies of all kinds spreading throughout the world. Even some of the LORD's ministers and churches who once stood fast in the Word of God are departing "from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." (1 Timothy 4:1)

God calls pastors to one of the highest callings in life to accomplish a special work in His local churches, but this call does not immunize anyone against false doctrine. Jesus admonished His disciples to beware of the false doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 16:5-12); Paul warned the pastors of Ephesus to take heed to themselves; and other such warnings throughout the New Testament are abundant. The pastor's acceptance and dedication to these instructions are of the utmost importance in his life to be approved in God's sight and well-fortified for these last days.

My prayer is that pastors would not sell themselves short by settling for less than a solid Theological and Ministerial training from one of our Missionary Baptist seminaries within the American Baptist Association. Not only pastors, but laypeople can greatly benefit from seminary classes. So, make your plans to enroll, full time or part time, as soon as possible, in one of the seminaries affiliated with the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools.

Batesville Baptist Institute & Seminary has been training ministerial and non-ministerial students with excellent Biblical knowledge since 1975. This institution was founded for the purpose of training the God-called and laypeople in the way of God more perfectly. BBI exists to do what Paul expressed to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

In Christ, Anthony B. Moser  
President

### ADMINISTRATION | FACULTY | STAFF

#### **ANTHONY (TONY) B. MOSER**

*President 2014-Present, Dean 2014-2018*

*Pastor Sponsoring Church Zion Hill MBC 2007-Present*

*BBL, MBL—Oxford Baptist Institute, Oxford, MS*

*DBL—Batesville Baptist Institute, Batesville, AR*

#### **JASON BAILEY**

*Dean 2018-Present*

*ThB—Oxford Baptist Institute, Oxford, MS*

*ThM, ThD—Batesville Baptist Institute, Batesville, AR*

*Pastor Surrounded Hill MBC Newport, AR*

#### **BRIAN GARRETT**

*Instructor*

*MBL—Oxford Baptist Institute, Oxford, MS*

#### **ISAAC HAIGWOOD - Promotions/Instructor**

*Promotions/Instructor*

*MBL—Batesville Baptist Institute, Batesville, AR*

*Preacher/Member Surrounded Hill MBC Newport, AR*

#### **VANCE PENN**

*Instructor*

*ThB—Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, AR*

*Pastor Central MBC Newport AR*

#### **CHARLES LAMB**

*Instructor*

*MBL—Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, AR*

*DD—Oxford Baptist Institute, Oxford, MS*

*Pastor Providence MBC, Providence, AR*

#### **SHAUN MCGAHA**

*Instructor*

*BBL—Batesville Baptist Institute, Batesville, AR*

*Pastor Oak Grove MBC, Southside/Batesville, AR*

#### **ADAM LILES**

*Instructor*

*MBL—Batesville Baptist Institute, Batesville, AR*

#### **KATHLEEN MOSER**

*Registrar/Office Manager/Web & Graphic Designer*

*Member Zion Hill MBC Batesville, AR*

## BATESVILLE BAPTIST INSTITUTE SEAL AND LOGO



What our Logo and Seal represent: The interconnected trinity represents the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and Unity of the three. Colors: Blue-represents Service to God. Silver-represents Purity. Bronze-represents strength.

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## FACTS ABOUT BATESVILLE BAPTIST INSTITUTE

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** BBI is in harmony with the twenty-three (23) Articles of Faith of the American Baptist Association of Missionary Baptist Churches. [www.abaptist.org](http://www.abaptist.org)

**EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY:** BBI has absolute confidence in the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. The Bible is its central theme and shapes its educational philosophy.

**ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATION:** Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church (doing business as BBI) is affiliated with and fellowships with the Missionary Baptist Churches of the American Baptist Association.

**AUTHORITY AND OWNERSHIP:** BBI is owned by the active membership of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. The authority to administer the things that are spiritual belongs only to a local visible New Testament Church, and all matters relating to this institution belong to its sponsoring Church.

**RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION:** BBI is an unaccredited institution of higher education in the things pertaining to God. BBI has a Letter of Exemption of Certification from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to offer church-related training courses and degrees. Credit hours may or may not be accepted by other institutions of higher learning. In like manner, BBI may or may not accept credit hours from other institutions of higher learning. Schools associated with ABATS do exchange credit hours based upon courses which correlate. In either case, transfer of hours is determined on a case-by-case basis.

**LOCATION AND FACILITIES:** BBI is located at 910 Vine Street (the corner of 9th and Vine Streets) in Batesville, Arkansas. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2423: Batesville, Arkansas 72503. The facilities at Zion Hill MBC housing BBI were built in 1948, 1970, 2004 and 2019. There are classrooms, fellowship hall with kitchen, library, auditorium, and handicap rest room facilities.

**BBI BULLETIN:** The BBI Bulletin is a quarterly publication on our web site. It includes financial reports and school news. We ask those wanting the bulletin to request it by email, download or read it from our website. For those who are unable to access the internet, we will send a paper copy if requested.

**BBI WEBSITE:** All things concerning BBI that one may need to know may be accessed at [batesvillebaptistinstitute.com](http://batesvillebaptistinstitute.com). Visitors can contact us through e-mail, sign our guestbook, or request more information about Batesville Baptist Institute & Seminary. The school catalog and all forms needed for enrollment may be downloaded from this website.

**ALUMNI:** BBI students, graduates and instructors are the Alumni. Members who pay their annual dues are active members. They make known the kind of training they received by serving as pastors, missionaries, teachers, authors, and many other services in the cause of Christ. The alumni are expected to support, encourage, and advertise the seminary long after they leave the class room. In order to participate in the alumni, an annual \$50.00 fee is due one month after the beginning of each school year. The funds received are used for student scholarships and other expenses needed for the seminary.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**FAITH MINISTRY:** BBI is a faith ministry financially supported by the gifts and offerings of interested churches and individuals. As a 501-(c)3 nonprofit organization, the school welcomes contributions from planned giving. The seminary does not accept government aid of any kind.

**REGULAR OFFERINGS:** Churches and individuals who include BBI in their monthly budget comprise the majority of support for her operation costs. The first priority is to reasonably compensate BBI's faculty (1 Timothy 5:17-18) and help with operating costs.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL RALLY:** This rally is held once a year in the early spring. Should moneys be needed in the operating fund for everyday operating expenses, this need is given first consideration. Otherwise, the funds for the time being will be used for building improvements, maintenance, furniture, office equipment, etc.

**DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:** Contributions may be made to the "Operating Fund", "Building Fund", "Student Relief Fund", "Scholarship Fund" and "Pantry Fund". From time to time special needs necessitate other special offerings. We let our supporters and readers know about these needs when they arise by means of letter or the BBI Bulletin.

**CHARLES W. MASK MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** Books can be placed in the library "in memory of" or "in honor of" a friend or loved one. Please check with the school to see what books BBI has and does not have. Money may be given to the 'Book Rack Fund' as well for the school to purchase a new books for the library.

**ENDOWMENTS:** Such gifts by interested individuals will always be welcomed and appreciated.

**BEQUESTS:** One may remember BBI in his or her will. The Christian has an unusual opportunity to witness that Christ came first in his life and also in his death. In this way, one may extend his or her Christian stewardship so that Gods' work may prosper and be a blessing to the coming generation. Legal counsel as to the working and form of a bequest is advisable. In the absence of such counsel, the form on the following page may be used or downloaded from the website.

*(For further information on these or other methods of giving, please write, call, or visit the school at any time.)*



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## BEQUEST FORM

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the Batesville Baptist Institute Seminary School of

Batesville, Arkansas, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) and/or the following described property:

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to be paid out of my real or personal estate owned by me at my death."

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SPIRITUAL REQUIREMENTS AND RULES

**CHURCH, FACULTY, STUDENT RELATIONSHIP:** Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Batesville, AR. directs the policies and ministry of BBI. BBI is responsible to Zion Hill MBC at all times. Great care is taken for the closest fellowship between church, faculty, and students. However, students and faculty members of another or coming from another sister church will not seek to shape the policy of the seminary nor direct and influence the business of said sponsoring church.

**EDUCATION FOCUSED ON SERVICE:** New students must have a letter of recommendation from their home church submitted with their application before enrollment. All students must be active in the church of their membership as a means of worship, service, and spiritual development.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** BBI can set no less standard for conduct than that of Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:31-33, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 5:3-9, 48, and 2 Timothy 2:14-16 are expressions of the standard of conduct which all ought to continually strive towards. Some specifics are:

1. Anyone conducting themselves unworthily or unbecoming as a Christian may be asked to withdraw from the school.
2. Profanity and possession or use of intoxicants or illegal drugs is absolutely prohibited.
3. All instructors will be respected for their positions.

**DRESS CODE:**

1. Minimum: Modest t-shirts, jeans, tennis shoes.
2. Forbidden: shorts, dresses and skirts above the knee, yoga or sweat pants, or any such like!
3. Students must practice good hygiene.

## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

BBI awards scholarships offered from sister churches and individuals. Since these are from churches of the American Baptist Association, they are restricted to ABA students. Scholarships are determined on a student's grade point average, Christian conduct, and attendances.

The "Most Outstanding Student" award with \$300.00 is presented each year during commencement. This is decided by a vote of the faculty and student body. In the event of a tie, it is broken by the president.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**ALL FEES AND COST ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY ACCEPTED**

**APPLICATION:** Each new student must pay a \$30 application fee.

**REGISTRATION:** Each student must pay a \$100 registration fee each semester.

**ONLINE CLASSES:** Each student who attends class(es) online must pay a \$15.00 internet fee per course each semester.

**TUITION:** Active ABA students will not be charged tuition. BBI is supported by offerings from many ABA churches. Students from other associations and denominations will pay \$50.00 per credit hour in addition with application, registration and any online class fees.

**AUDITING:** Audit students must pay the one-time application fee, and the registration fee every semester. Any audit student who is not a member of an ABA church must also pay a fee of \$50.00 per course and any online class fees.

**TEXTBOOKS AND SOFTWARE:** Total cost of required textbooks and software will vary for each year's level of study. Some of the books and software will be used two and three years, and some continually.

**STUDENT RELIEF FUND:** BBI encourages every local church to financially support the pastor or member in their seminary education costs. However, there is a student relief fund for ABA students who have financial difficulties to meet the needs of attendance in BBI classes. Those students may speak confidentially with the dean.

## ENTRANCE INFORMATION

**APPLICATION:** Every new student who initially enrolls at BBI must fill out an application and sign a waiver for possible background check (required). Each student must also submit a letter of recommendation from their home church with the application. Zion Hill MBC believes and teaches that service to Jesus Christ must be in a local visible church. Zion Hill MBC established and operates BBI for ministers and laypeople from other local churches. No non-local visible church member is allowed in seminary enrollment.

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** All students are required to sign a disclosure statement in acknowledgment that Batesville Baptist Institute & Seminary is an unaccredited institution of higher education, and credit hours from BBI may not be transferable to other institutions of higher education.

**REGISTRATION:** All students must register every semester. Students may register for BBI classes at any time prior to the next available semester.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Anyone wishing to enroll at BBI must be able to read, write, be clean in character, be willing to be taught, and conduct themselves within the guidelines and doctrinal beliefs of the school. Students who want to enter the Seminary Division and major in Theology or Bible Languages must have a high school diploma or a GED. Although other students may be accepted with tuition fees from other denominations and associations, the ABA articles of faith will be respected at BBI.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** BBI is an active member of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools (ABATS) and these schools accept credits from each other so long as there is a correlation of subjects. Courses that do not correlate may only be accepted as electives.

Credits may or may not be accepted from other seminaries, schools, colleges, and universities depending on the type of course, type of school, and the correlation between it and the Bible courses offered at BBI. Some credits may be accepted as elective only. Each student must furnish BBI with transcripts from other institutions before credits can be evaluated.

## ENTRANCE INFORMATION

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:** No persons, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, shall be excluded from participation under any program or activity of this school. However, the seminary does have the right to exclude any student of any race, color, or nationality who does not respect the Articles of Faith held in this institution, and/or promotes and practices ungodly lifestyles and/or heresies.

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**EXAMS:** Exams must be given at least every 9 weeks (mid-semester). However, each instructor is at liberty to give tests or research themes to his class when he chooses. Test averages will count one-third of the student's grade. A semester assignment and/or finale exam will be due or taken at the end of each semester. This will also count one-third of the student's grade. The remaining one-third of the student's grade will be based on an average of daily work and attendance.

**POLICY ON ATTENDANCE/ABSENTEEISM:** Students are expected to be present at all class sessions of the courses for which they are registered. Those missing classes will be assigned make-up work by the instructor. Students missing more than three weeks of class sessions will receive credit for the course only after approval by the administration in consultation with the instructor.

Inclement weather is expected in Arkansas. BBI follows the public-school closings of the city of Batesville, AR. However, conditions in areas further away from Batesville will be considered for those students. For classes missed due to inclement weather, make-up work will be required.

**GRADING SYSTEM:** The following standard is used in all courses in determining the grades on all tests, exams, themes, graded daily work, and final grades.

97 – 100 .....	A+ .....	4.0 GPA
93-96 .....	A .....	4.0 GPA
90-92 .....	A- .....	3.7 GPA
87-89 .....	B+ .....	3.3 GPA
83-86 .....	B .....	3.0 GPA
80-82 .....	B- .....	2.7 GPA
77-79 .....	C+ .....	2.3 GPA
73-76 .....	C .....	2.0 GPA
70-72 .....	C- .....	1.7 GPA
67-69 .....	D+ .....	1.3 GPA
65-66 .....	D .....	1.0 GPA
Below 65 .....	E/F .....	0.0 GPA

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY:** Students who find it necessary to withdraw from a class, classes, or all classes, they must complete a withdrawal form. Any student who fails to withdraw properly will receive a failing grade in each course. This grade will be recorded on their permanent transcript.

**STUDENT GRADES:** The instructor will furnish students, upon request, a progress report for the work they are doing in a particular subject. Grade cards are distributed to each student at the close of each semester. All grades are recorded on students' transcripts and become a permanent part of their records.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Transcripts are permanent records of every student who enrolls in BBI. The records belong to Zion Hill MBC and BBI and can only be seen by certain members of the administration. Students may obtain a copy of their transcript by making a written request to the registrar. Transcripts cost \$2.00 per copy.

**ACADEMIC PROBATION:** Students who fall below a 2.0 cumulative grade point average will be placed on academic probation for one semester during which they will have opportunity to raise their grade point average.

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**DISCIPLINARY:** Any conduct unbecoming to Christian character, or disrespect to the Seminary, Church or to the doctrinal beliefs of Zion Hill MBC shall be grounds for dismissal from the school. Before dismissal, the problem will be evaluated by the administration and be presented to Zion Hill MBC. Zion Hill will be the finale authority.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** All students satisfactorily completing any course will receive a Certificate of Merit stating such. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed courses of study as outlined in the curriculum requirements for the various fields of study, the student is entitled to graduation subject to the following conditions.

**SPIRITUAL:** Candidates for graduation must manifest exemplary and consistent Christian character and moral worthiness.

**FINANCIAL:** All candidates for graduation must satisfactorily settle all financial accounts with the school prior to graduation day.

**ACADEMIC:** For the minimum cumulative grade point average for graduation go to, "Academic Offerings and Curriculum Requirements." All graduate students, both ABA and non-ABA, will be approved by the administration on any required thesis, translations, or any other work; and will participate in all the graduation exercises of his class, unless excused by the dean for extreme circumstances. If absence is not excusable, the student will wait until the next graduation to be awarded the diploma or degree.

**ANNUAL SCHEDULE:** The Fall (1st) Semester begins generally begins on the third Monday of August and runs to the middle of December.

There is a three to four-week break through Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Spring (2nd) Semester begins shortly after New Year's and runs to the first week of May.

Summer Break runs from the second week of May to the middle of August.

The seminary will announce each specific date by the beginning and ending of each semester.

## WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

**BBI OPERATES ON A TWO DAY PER WEEK SCHEDULE:** Monday and Tuesday. Classes on these two days run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:50 p.m. Each class-period is two (2) hours and fifty (50) minutes with a ten (10) minute break every fifty (50) minutes. Daily schedules for any given semester may change periodically. Schedules for each semester will be posted on the BBI website.

## EXPLANATION OF COURSE NUMBERS

The seminary uses a three-digit course numbering system as follows:

**1ST NUMBER:** 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Indicates year that course *should* be taken.

0 = Electives, 1 = Freshman classification, 2 = Sophomore classification, 3 = Junior classification, 4 = Senior classification, 5 = Graduate classification

**2ND NUMBER:** 1, 2, 3, 4 Indicates which semester the course *should* be taken.

1 = 1st semester of a two-semester course, 2 = 2nd semester of a two-semester course, 3 = 1st semester course only, 4 = 2nd semester course only

**3RD NUMBER:** Indicates number of semester hours of class time per week.

1=1 semester hours, 2= 2 semester hours, 3= 3 semester hours

## SEMINARY AND INSTITUTE DIVISION STUDY PROGRAMS

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** All students are enrolled in the Institute Division of BBI in their first year. Students who wish to major in Bible Languages or Theology will enroll in the Seminary Division in their second year.

**CERTIFICATE OF ECCLESIOLOGICAL EDUCATION (CEE):** This program is designed for non-ministerial students, such as Sunday School Teachers, Training Courses, and any church member who wants to increase their Bible interpretation skills.

**ASSOCIATE OF BIBLE (AB):** Any student in the institute or seminary divisions of this school will receive an "A.B." with a total of 60 credit hours in any of the curricula listed in the "Degrees and Curriculum Requirements."

**BACHELOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (BCE):** This program is designed for both non-ministerial and ministerial students who wish to earn a degree in the institute division. The B.B. consists of only four years of study. If students wish to earn a Master or Doctorate, they will need to complete the major course subjects such as Greek, Hebrew, and Major Thesis writing offered in the Bible Languages or Theology curriculum.

**THEOLOGY (ThB, ThM, ThD):** The Theology program is in the Seminary Division. Students will decide to major in Theology by their fourth year. The Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees for Theology majors have more emphasis on Christian writing, theses and lectures. The Seminary Division of Theology offers seven to nine years of study. The Th.B. takes four years, an additional one year for the Th.M., and another two to four years for the ThD.

**BIBLE LANGUAGES (BBL, MBL, DBL):** The Bible Languages program is in the Seminary Division. Students will decide to major in Bible Languages by their fourth year. The Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees for Bible Languages majors have more emphasis on translations, textual criticism, and other related subjects. The Seminary Division of Bible Languages offers seven to nine years of study. The B.B.L. takes four years, an additional one year for the MBL, and another two to four years for the DBL.

## DEGREES AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

**NOTICE:** The following are the current curricula offered at BBI. The seminary has the right to change the curricula at any time and for any reason. The seminary upgrades its curricula from time to time to meet the ever-changing needs of the ministry of the local Church. If there are changes in any curriculum, no student will need to take any new course(s) if it has replaced another course the student has completed. In any case, current students may graduate based upon the required number of credit hours and courses in any recent past catalog during their studies at BBI.

**CERTIFICATE OF ECCLESIOLOGICAL EDUCATION (CEE):** Upon satisfactory completion of 12 credit hours in the following curriculum, and with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, the student will be awarded a "CEE."

### FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Bible Analysis 113	Bible Analysis 123
Old Testament Survey 233	New Testament Survey 243
Total Credits 6	Total Credits 6

**ASSOCIATE OF ENGLISH BIBLE (AEB):** Upon satisfactory completion of sixty credit hours in any department as outlined in any of the curricula following, and with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, the student will be awarded an "AEB."

## DEGREES AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

**BACHELOR OF ENGLISH BIBLE (BEB):** Upon satisfactory completion of 120 credit hours in the following curriculum, and with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, the student will be awarded a "BEB."

### FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
English Grammar 113	English 123
Bible Analysis 113	Bible Analysis 123
Evangelism 103a	Missions 143
Teaching Techniques 133	Book of Acts 143
Homiletics/Speech 133	Ministerial Practicalities 143
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Old Testament Survey 233	New Testament Survey 243
Church History 213	Church History 223
Thesis Techniques 233	General Epistles 243
Bible in 8 Ages 213	Bible in 8 Ages 223
Life of Christ 213	Life of Christ 223
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Pauline Epistles 313	Pauline Epistles 323
Landmark Distinctives 333	World Religions 343
Bible Customs 333	Bible Geology 343
Word Studies 313	Word Studies 323
Elective	Elective
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Pauline Epistles 313	Pauline Epistles 323
Landmark Distinctives 333	World Religions 343
Bible Customs 333	Bible Geology 343
Word Studies 313	Word Studies 323
Elective	Elective
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

Some classes may be substituted by electives by permission of the Dean.



## DEGREES AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

**BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (ThB):** Upon satisfactory completion of 120 credit hours in the following curriculum, and with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, the student will be awarded a "ThB."

### FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
English 113	English 123
Bible Analysis 113	Bible Analysis 123
Evangelism 133	Book of Acts 143
Teaching Techniques 133	Missions 143
Homiletics/Speech 133	Ministerial Practicalities 143
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Old Testament Survey 233	New Testament Survey 243
Thesis Techniques 233	General Epistles 243
Church History 213	Church History 223
Life of Christ 213	Life of Christ 223
Greek Essentials 213	Greek Essentials 223
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Pauline Epistles 313	Pauline Epistles 323
Landmark Distinctives 333	World Religions 343
Bible Customs 333	Bible Geography 343
Greek Beyond Basics 313	Greek Beyond Basics 323
Hebrew Essentials 313	Hebrew Essentials 323
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Daniel 433	Revelation 443
Hermeneutics 413	Hermeneutics 423
Prophets 413	Prophets 423
Wisdom Books 433	Lectures 443
Thesis Research 413 15,000-Word	Thesis 426
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

Some classes may be substituted by electives by permission of the Dean.

## DEGREES AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

**BACHELOR OF BIBLE LANGUAGES (BBL):** Upon satisfactory completion of 120 credit hours in the following curriculum, and with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, the student will be awarded a "BBL."

### FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
English 113	English 123
Bible Analysis 113	Bible Analysis 123
Evangelism 133	Book of Acts 143
Teaching Techniques 133	Missions 143
Homiletics/Speech 133	Ministerial Practicalities 143
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Old Testament Survey 233	New Testament Survey 243
Thesis Techniques 233	General Epistles 243
Church History 213	Church History 223
Life of Christ 213	Life of Christ 223
Greek Essentials 213	Greek Essentials 223
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Pauline Epistles 313	Pauline Epistles 323
Landmark Distinctives 333	World Religions 343
Bible Customs 333 Bible	Geography 343
Greek Beyond Basic 313	Greek Beyond Basics 323
Hebrew Essentials 313	Hebrew Essentials 323
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Daniel 433	Revelation 443
Prophets 413	Prophets 423
Hermeneutics 413	Hermeneutics 423
Greek Advanced 413	Greek Advanced 423
Hebrew Beyond Basics 413	Hebrew Beyond Basics 423
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

Some classes may be substituted by electives by permission of the Dean.

## DEGREES AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

**MASTER OF THEOLOGY (ThM) & MASTER OF BIBLE LANGUAGES (MBL):** Students who satisfactorily complete the 120 prescribed semester hours of study in either of the Bachelor programs of Theology or Bible Languages with a 2.7 cumulative grade point average will then be admitted to do work in the Master program. Upon completion of either of the following curriculum with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, the student will be awarded the Master of Theology (ThM) or Master of Bible Languages (MBL).

### FIFTH YEAR MASTER OF THEOLOGY (ThM)

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Systematic Theology 513	Systematic Theology 523
The Pentateuch 533	Book of Hebrews 543
Historical Books 533	Lectures 543
Thesis Research 516	25,000-Word Thesis 526
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

### FIFTH YEAR MASTER OF BIBLE LANGUAGES (MBL)

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Systematic Theology 513	Systematic Theology 523
The Pentateuch 533	Book of Hebrews 543
Greek Advanced 515	Greek Advanced 525
Hebrew Advanced 514	Hebrew Advanced 524
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15

Some classes may be substituted by electives by permission of the Dean.

## DOCTORATE PROGRAM

### ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

1. The applicant must hold a Master's degree from this institution, or some equivalent from another institution which must be approved by the Dean.
2. The applicant must have excellent Christian character, soundness of doctrine and dedication to biblical scholarship.
3. The applicant may request an invitation to enter the Doctoral program, or the applicant may be invited to enter the Doctoral program.
4. In either case, the invitation must be signed and returned with an application and \$30.00 fee, and with a personal resume including education and church experience and degrees or honors.
5. After entrance into the doctoral program, there will be a \$75.00 registration fee per semester.
6. Applicants who will be using zoom meetings or any other online meeting will pay an additional \$20.00 fee per use.

### TIME

1. After approval, the applicant will receive assignments and begin work.
3. The doctoral program will be no less than two (2) years and no more than four (4) years.

### ATTENDANCE

1. If the applicant does not attend on-campus, the applicant must communicate via email, conference calls, and via zoom with instructor(s) as needed.
2. The applicant will submit doctoral work on-campus or via email as prescribed by the instructor.

### PROGRAMS

1. The doctoral program in Batesville Baptist Institute & Seminary is divided into two emphases: Theology and Bible Languages.

## DOCTORATE PROGRAM

2. The research project must be conducted in the area of emphasis as determined by the applicant's undergraduate and Master's degrees.
3. There are two phases in each program, which are listed in the following.

### DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY (ThD)

1. The first phase in this program will consist of 12 lectures.
  - a. The applicant will select or be assigned Biblical subject matter by the Dean according to the applicant's area of expertise.
  - b. Each lecture will have a well-informed outline, an assigned number of references and an assigned number of Greek and Hebrew word studies submitted to the Dean before each lecture.
  - c. Each lecture may be presented on-campus, or via live or prerecorded video.
  - d. Due dates will vary from applicant to applicant, depending on both the applicant and the Seminary's scheduling.
  - e. With a minimum 3.7 cumulative grade point average in lectures, the applicant may advance to the second phase.
2. The second phase for this program requires a 50,000-word thesis.
  - a. The applicant will select or be assigned Biblical subject matter by the Dean according to the applicant's area of expertise.
  - b. A thesis statement with a well-informed outline will be submitted to the Dean for approval.
  - c. In addition to Scripture quotations or references, no less than thirty (30) different sources will be quoted or referenced in the 50,000-word thesis.
  - d. Form and Style will agree with the Techniques of Advanced Thesis Writing taught at BBI.
  - e. Scheduled monthly progress will be made to the instructor(s) on-campus or via internet.
  - f. Due dates will vary from applicant to applicant, depending on both the applicant and the Seminary's scheduling.
  - g. The applicant must receive a minimum 3.7 cumulative grade point average on the thesis in order to be awarded the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.).

### DOCTOR OF BIBLE LANGUAGES (DBL)

1. The first phase in this program will consist of translating from both the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament into English.
  - a. The applicant will select or be assigned 25 chapters from the Hebrew Old Testament and 25 chapters from the Greek New Testament.
  - b. The translations will be accompanied with footnotes indicating significant textual variants and required number of translator notes and study notes.
  - c. The applicant's work will be submitted on a timely schedule as prescribed by the instructor.
  - d. Due dates will vary from applicant to applicant, depending on both the applicant and the Seminary's scheduling.
  - e. The applicant will advance to the thesis with a minimum 3.7 cumulative grade point average in Greek and Hebrew translations.
2. The second phase for this program requires a 25,000-word thesis.
  - a. The applicant will select or be assigned Biblical subject matter by the Dean according to the applicant's area of expertise.
  - b. A thesis statement with a well-informed outline will be submitted to the Dean for approval.
  - c. In addition to Scripture quotations or references, no less than fifteen (15) different sources will be quoted or referenced in the 25,000-word thesis.
  - d. Form and Style will agree with the Techniques of Advanced Thesis Writing taught at BBI.
  - e. Scheduled monthly progress will be made to the instructor(s) on-campus or via internet.
  - f. Due dates will vary from applicant to applicant, depending on both the applicant and the Seminary's time frame.
  - g. The applicant must receive a minimum 3.7 cumulative grade point average on the thesis in order to be awarded the Doctor of Bible Languages (D.B.L.)

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (ALPHABETICAL)

**BIBLE ANALYSIS (2 SEMESTERS):** This course offers essential tools for proper Bible study by implementing word research, apologetics and hermeneutics into study routines. After grasping a working knowledge of the correct steps to Biblical interpretation, these rules will be used to defend the beliefs concerning the ABA articles of faith.

**BIBLE CUSTOMS (1 SEMESTER):** Many of the truths of the Bible are hidden because of a lack of understanding the culture and customs of the ancient east. This course will deal with those customs that were common to the writers of the Scriptures.

**BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (1 SEMESTER):** Geography, by definition, is a study that involves writings about the earth. This would naturally include a study in the areas of geology, history, and archaeology of the ancients. The purpose of this course is to gain a better understanding of the places and events in Scripture so as to enable a more fully appreciative, understanding, and interpretation of the Scriptures.

**BIBLE IN EIGHT AGES:** This is for Bachelor of Bible students. This course will examine L. D. Foreman's approach and teachings in his Book, "The Bible In Eight Ages." The Pre-Adamic, Adamic, Flood, Abrahamic, Law, Church, Millennial, and Heavenly ages will be examined.

**BOOK OF ACTS (1 SEMESTER):** The acts of the apostles and the local church demonstrate the Kingdom of God in action – Evangelism in all its parts. This will be an expository study of the book of Acts with many applicable jewels within its pages.

**BOOK OF DANIEL (1 SEMESTER):** While fulfilled historical events foretold by Daniel will be examined, this course focuses more on the Eschatological view and is connected with its following companion "The Book of Revelation." Other Old Testament prophecies and the Olivet Discourse in the Gospels will be examined. There will also be a historical overview concerning what the early churches believed about these Eschatological prophecies.

**BOOK OF HEBREWS (1 SEMESTER):** This course is an exposition of the Book of Hebrews and its goal is to convey a better understanding of the mediatory work of Jesus Christ, with the types, object lessons, and priestly work as the Hebrew writer explains its meaning and purpose. The Book of Hebrews was primarily written to Jewish church members and this understanding is paramount to the correct interpretation of the book.

**BOOK OF REVELATION (1 SEMESTER):** The Book of Daniel is advised before this course. At first, this course surveys the letters of Jesus to the seven churches in Asia and the heavenly scene with chapters 1-5. Then it advances to a full exposition on the 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 vials, which are correlated in a parenthetical view with chapters 6-18. Then the Millennial Kingdom and the Eternal Age will be expositied from chapters 19-22.

**CHURCH HISTORY (2 SEMESTERS):** This course brings a wealth of information that is hidden among age-old records of antiquity. The goal of this course is to prove that true Baptist churches are not Protestants, but have existed since the days of Jesus Christ on this earth.

**ENGLISH GRAMMAR/COMPOSITION (2 SEMESTERS):** This course is a comprehensive study of the principles of correct usage of all parts of speech. Application of these principles is given in oral and written exercises, including analysis, diagramming, and sentence structure. Learning to organize ideas and sentences into clear, unified, emphatic, and pleasing paragraphs, and finished compositions is the basic goal of this course.

**EVANGELISM (1 SEMESTER):** Learning in the classroom the value of personal work and using it in the field is the focus of this study. A number of evangelistic techniques will be taught including Faith based and Oikos platforms, and memorization of Scripture.

**GENERAL EPISTLES (1 SEMESTER):** This course is an exposition through each General Epistle. It approaches the historical and cultural backgrounds, then becomes an outlined study that covers every verse, thought, and idea set forth by the writers.

**GREEK ADVANCED (2 SEMESTERS):** Greek Advanced continues the skills learned in Beyond the Basics. However, the student will begin to use textual criticism. This allows the student to work independently and use the tools learned to translate Greek into English supplying footnotes with textual analysis notes, study notes and translator notes.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (ALPHABETICAL)

**GREEK BEYOND THE BASICS (2 SEMESTERS):** Greek Essentials is a prerequisite to this course, which goes beyond the basics of Biblical Greek grammar. Many passages from the Greek New Testament will be translated with an emphasis to bring out Greek idioms, Greek participles and Greek infinites in a satisfactory English translation.

**GREEK ESSENTIALS (2 SEMESTERS):** An introduction to the Greek New Testament is obtained in this course, including: alphabet; inflection; vocabulary; verb parsing; grammar. Simple Greek sentences taken from the New Testament will be translated throughout this course.

**HEBREW ADVANCED (2 SEMESTERS):** Hebrew Intermediate is a prerequisite to this course. It continues translations of the Hebrew Old Testament into English that emphasize the practical application of lexical and grammatical studies in Bible exegesis, translation, interpretation, and teaching. The second semester allows the student to work independently and use the tools learned to translate Hebrew and Aramaic into English supplying footnotes with textual analysis notes, study notes and translator notes.

**HEBREW BEYOND THE BASICS (2 SEMESTERS):** Hebrew Essentials is a prerequisite to this course, which goes beyond the basics of Biblical Hebrew grammar. Many passages from the Hebrew Old Testament will be translated with an emphasis to bring out Hebrew idioms, participles and infinites in a satisfactory English translation. The student will also be introduced to Aramaic.

**HEBREW ESSENTIALS (2 SEMESTERS):** An introduction to the Hebrew Old Testament is obtained in this course, including: alphabet; vowel pointing; vocabulary; verb stems; grammar. Simple Hebrew sentences taken from the Old Testament will be translated.

**HERMENEUTICS/APOLOGETICS (2 SEMESTERS):** This course is a more advanced version of Bible Analysis. This course involves a comprehensive study into different ideologies; exposing persuading heresies; and a confirmation of the Faith by rightly dividing the Word of Truth, rather than just assuming a viewpoint is correct. This will involve word studies with contextual application, written papers, and formal presentations and debates before the class.

**HOMILETICS/SPEECH (1 SEMESTER):** This course is the basis for the art of preaching. The mechanics of outlining sermons, expositions, exegeses of Scripture, public speaking, and the importance of maintaining good speaking health is the goal of this course.

**LANDMARK DISTINCTIVES (1 SEMESTER):** This course examines those men who shaped what has become the Landmark Movement and "What Is It." Biblical Ecclesiology will be the focus in this class as it also examines Church perpetuity, authority, ordinances, and offices.

**LECTURES:** Master and Doctorate of Theology students will present lectures on various Biblical subjects to the faculty.

**LIFE OF CHRIST (2 SEMESTERS):** This course examines the theology, analysis, correlation and chronology of the four Gospels. The idea of this class is to create a mental atmosphere around the life of Christ – mentally viewing His birth, His ministry, His death, and His resurrection.

**MINISTERIAL PRACTICALITIES (1 SEMESTER):** This course is divided into two parts; Ministerial Practicalities and Administrative Practicalities. Ministerial Practicalities focuses on how to properly handle various types of ministries; soul winning, discipleship, conflict, etc. Administrative Practicalities focuses on what to expect and how to properly handle various types of business. This will include things like officiating Baptism, the Lord's Supper, weddings, business meetings, etc.

**MISSIONS (1 SEMESTER):** The course covers the Biblical way to do missions through the authority of a Local Church, from local church community ministries to foreign missions. This course deals with the New Testament plan of Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 13:1-3, while looking into the administration of the local churches of the ABA and how missions, church work, and the association are operated.

**OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY & NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY (1 SEMESTER EACH):** These courses offer an outlined view of Biblical events and their order for a better understanding of the entire Bible. The cultural background, author, dating, and purpose behind each book will be examined.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (ALPHABETICAL)

**PAULINE EPISTLES (2 SEMESTERS):** The Pauline epistles are studied from the same approach as General Epistles.

**PENTATEUCH (1 SEMESTER):** This course is an exposition of the first five books of the Old Testament. The studies will deal with creation, the covenant relations that God has with man, with His people, and with His special messengers.

**PROPHETS (2 SEMESTERS):** These courses will broaden an understanding of God's dealings with His people and the people of the world. The prophets were God's messengers of that day and their messages are recorded for our study both Messianic and prophetic.

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (2 SEMESTERS):** This course is designed for a more thorough, systematic study of some of the key doctrines of the Bible. In Theology the biblical teachings concerning Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Angiology, Bibliology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology will be explored.

**TEACHING TECHNIQUES (1 SEMESTER):** This course is designed to help the teacher connect with their audience; to communicate Bible truth in ways it will be received; and challenge teachers to use resources available. The goal of this course is to build confidence in teachers proclaiming God's Holy Word.

**TECHNIQUES OF THESIS WRITING (1 SEMESTER):** English Grammar/Composition or some equivalent from another school is advised before this course, which is designed for thesis research and formal writing. A 3,000-word thesis is required in this course following the techniques of thesis writing taught at BBI. In their fourth year, Bachelor of Theology students will write a 15,000-word thesis on a Biblical subject. In their fifth year, Master of Theology students will write a 25,000-word thesis on a Biblical subject. For their doctorate, Bible Languages students will write a 25,000-word thesis on a Biblical subject. For their doctorate, Theology students will write a 50,000-word thesis on a Biblical subject.

**WISDOM BOOKS (1 SEMESTER EACH):** This course focuses on an analytical study of the Psalms with worksheets and written papers. Generally, an abbreviated survey is made in the other poetical books.

**WORD STUDIES (2 SEMESTERS):** This course is for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Bible program. The main objective in this course is to teach students how to use Greek to English and Hebrew to English lexicons. The Greek Alphabet and Hebrew Alphabet with vowel points will be reviewed for pronunciation of root words. The student will use these tools to prepare word studies from the Old and New Testaments.

**WORLD RELIGIONS (1 SEMESTER):** This class focuses on popular religions around the world for the purpose of gaining a better understanding on how to defend the faith once delivered to the saints.

**ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:** Any course in the curricula above may be taken an elective. Any student may take any of the following electives for extra credit. In certain circumstances, students may substitute a class for an elective by permission of the Dean. The following are some electives. Future Biblical courses and workshops may be added.

**BIBLE HISTORY:** This course examines the subject, "How we received the Bible."

**CHAPEL:** Chapel services are generally held on every Tuesday at 5:30 PM, but may vary from semester to semester. Chapel services include many lectures and presentations from instructors, guest speakers, and students. Sometimes, Workshops may also be offered during Chapel.

**CHRISTIAN WRITING:** The student will take the knowledge learned in the Tech Thesis course and write essays on Biblical subjects. Form and Style will agree with the Techniques of Thesis Writing taught at BBI.

**CHORAL CONDUCTING:** In this class the student will learn the basics of sight-reading music, identifying key signatures, and how to properly lead a choir and congregation for an effective Christ-honoring music program.

**WORKSHOPS:** Workshops may not be offered every semester. Workshops may cover different areas of ministry, such as, Missions, Ministry, Sunday School Teaching, Church Administration, Biblical History, etc. Other workshops may include computer technology, such as, using software and Bible software for studying and building sermons and lessons with Word processors and PowerPoint presentations.