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*Educating
Equipping
Encouraging*

2 Timothy 4:2

“Preach the word;

be instant in season, out of
season; reprove, rebuke, exhort
with all longsuffering and
doctrine.”

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The LMBIS Vision...

A Conservative Heritage Since 1952

A Progressive Vision for the 21st Century

The LMBIS Mission...

Equipping for Personal Ministry through doctrinal conviction, relevant preaching, compassionate ministry, and personal discipleship.

The LMBIS Opportunity...

Our modern equipped facilities, readily accessible faculty, and reputation for academic excellence provide an atmosphere for quality seminary training.

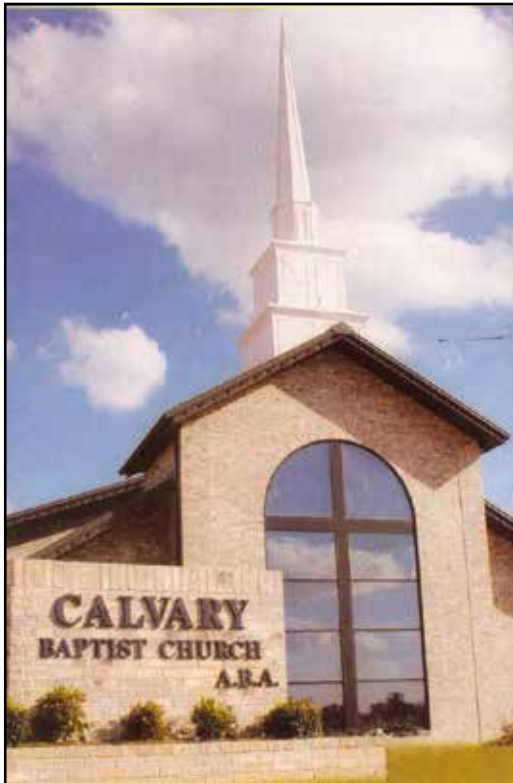
The LMBIS Choice...

Selecting the proper seminary is vitally important. Following the Lord's leadership, prayerfully examine the LMBIS opportunity.

The LMBIS Heritage. . .

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Minden, LA, under the able and dedicated leadership of Dr. L. L. Clover, the first president of LMBIS, founded the seminary in 1952.

CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



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**ADMINISTRATION
AND
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James "Jim" A. Crain

Doctor of Theology

President

Instructor

Born: February 5, 1952 in Longview, Texas.

Family: Married Beverly D. Goodson of East Texas. They have two children and grandchildren.

Education: After graduating high school in McNeil, Arkansas, attended United Electronics Institute in Little Rock, AR; served 4 years in the US Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War, earning the Bronze Star with Valor; Baptized and licensed to preach by Mt. Zion MBC, Cale, AR in 1972; Attended night classes under Dr. L. L. Clover and Dr. Fred G. Stephenson Sr. in Prescott, AR in 1972; received the Bachelor, Master, and Doctor of Theology degrees from LMBIS.

Teaching Experience: Teacher at LMBIS from 1987-89, and again beginning in January 2006.

Pastoral Ministry: Central MBC, Jonesboro, LA; Greenwood Hills Mission, Greenwood, LA; Stamps MBC, Stamps, AR; Park MBC, Prescott, AR; Central MBC, Bastrop, LA; Calvary MBC, Minden, LA.

Associational Work: Served as an officer in various local and state associations; President of the American Baptist Association 2013 and 2014; Chairman of the Missionary Committee of the ABA 2013-2017; writer for various publications: Bogard Press, HPB Publication, and MB News; presently editor of the HPB Publications.

Michael R. Wilkes

Master of Theology

Dean

Instructor

Born: April 4, 1968 to Ray and Evelyn Wilkes in Merced, CA.

Family: Married Kimberly D. Buck, daughter of Charles and Lynda Buck on May 22, 1992. They have two sons-Hayden and Hunter.

Education: Graduated Airline High School, Bossier City, LA, in 1986.

Bachelor and Master of Theology from LMBIS (2008,2009).

Teaching Experience; Substitute teacher at LMBIS 2008-2010. Instructor at LMBIS beginning in 2011.

Pastoral Ministry: Surrendered to preach at Bogg Springs in 1986. Ordained by Bossier City Missionary Baptist in 1992. Pastor of Holleyman Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Maydelle, TX, 1992-2005. Pastor of Whispering Pines Missionary Baptist Church, Minden, LA, 2005-present.

Associational work: Moderator of First Springhill Association, Moderator of Louisiana State Association, ABA Enrollment and Finance Committee, Editing and proofing for Baptist New Testament Commentary, Director of Louisiana Encampment at Bogg Springs.



John Cooper

Master of Theology
Instructor

Born: February 14, 1964 to Loyd & Ada Cooper at Fort Smith, AR.

Family: Married Cynthia Dart, daughter of Maxie & Barbara Dart, on September 17, 1983. They have one child--Hilary Elaine.



Education: Northside High School, Fort Smith, AR; Westark Community College, Fort Smith, AR; Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute & Seminary: Bachelor of Theology, 2001; Master of Theology, 2002.

Teaching Experience: Student teacher at LMBIS in 2000-2002; LMBIS instructor, 2002-present.

Pastoral Ministry: Associate Pastor, Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, 1998-2000; Pastor, Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Heflin, LA, 2000-2002; Missionary Helper, Landmark Missionary Baptist Mission, Stonewall, LA, 2003-2004; Pastor, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, West Monroe, LA, 2004; Associate Pastor, Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA, 2004-2010. Pastor, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Stamps, AR, 2010-present.

Associational Work: BTC Quarterly writer for the American Baptist Association; Writing Committee and past member of Advisory Committee for the Louisiana State Youth Encampment; First Vice Moderator Louisiana State Association 2009.

Micah Carter

Master of Theology
Instructor

Born: August 17, 1984 to Barry and Valerie Carter in Little Rock, AR.

Family: Married Julie Walker on November 19, 2005. Two children: Walker and Tatum

Education: Minden High School graduate 2002, Minden, LA; LMBIS 2004-2009: Bachelor of Theology 2008 and Master of Theology 2009.

Teaching Experience: LMBIS Substitute 2011-2013, 1st Semester; LMBIS Instructor 2013, 2nd Semester-present

Pastoral Ministry: Associate pastor at Eastside MBC, Minden, LA, 2004-2006; Calvary MBC, Hamburg, AR, 2006-2008; Calvary MBC, Magnolia, AR, 2008-present.

Associational Work: Moderator of 1st Columbia Association; 1st Vice Moderator of Arkansas State Association; Arkansas State Mission Committee, 2008-2012.



Joseph C. Stacks

Master of Theology
Instructor

Born: March 3, 1982 to Clay and Norma Stacks in Little Rock, AR.

Family: Married Elizabeth Ann Rogers of Woodlawn, AR on July 17, 2004. Two children—Julieann and Holland.

Education: Morrilton High School, Morrilton, AR; Emergency Medical Technician 2001; Southern Arkansas University: Associate of Science in Nursing-Registered Nurse 2004, Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2016; Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary: Bachelor of Theology 2014; Master of Theology 2015.

Teaching Experience: University of Arkansas-McGhee/Crossett: LPN Clinical Instructor; Substitute teacher at LMBIS 2015-2016. Instructor at LMBIS beginning in 2016-2017.

Pastoral Ministry: Ordained January 18, 2004 by Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Rison, AR; New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Rison, AR, December 2003-January 2010. Forest Grove Missionary Baptist Church January 2010-present.

Associational Work: Arkansas State Mission Committeeman, Moderator of First Columbia Association, Director of Louisiana Encampment at Boggs Springs.



Nathan Luellen

Master of Theology
Instructor

Born: August 7, 1980 in Minden, LA.

Family: He and his wife, the former Krystal Cunningham, have two girls, Samantha and Rebekah, and one boy, Jonathan.

Education: received his Master of Theology Degree in 2003 from LMBIS and has been approved to write for his Doctor of Theology Degree.



Teaching Experience: teaches the Hebrew courses and Missions class

Pastoral Ministry: Pastor of Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA; Bro. Luellen has pastored Old Shongaloo MBC in Shongaloo, LA; Central MBC in Jonesboro, LA; Central MBC in Pineville, LA, and now Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA.

Associational Work: He serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of Missions in Louisiana and as Recording Secretary of the American Baptist Association.

Sandra Corley

Librarian/English Instructor

Born: March 12, 1958 to Ardell and Ethel Sherman in Monroe, LA.

Family: Married Bruce Alwin Corley, son of Albert and Chris Corley of Springhill, LA, on October 16, 1982. One child: Albert "Brooks" Corley.

Education: Ouachita Parish High School, Monroe, LA; Northeast Louisiana University, now (ULM) in Monroe, LA; Bachelor of Arts in English and Speech Education, 1981.



Teaching Experience: English/Speech in Ouachita Parish 1984-1986; Children's and Young Adult's Librarian for Ouachita Valley Branch of the Public Library in West Monroe, LA 1986-1988; English in Vicksburg, Mississippi 1990-1997; English/Speech/Drama at Minden High School 1997-2007; English at Webster Parish Alternative School 2007-2011; Librarian and substitute English instructor at LM-BIS 2011-2015; LMBIS Librarian and English instructor 2015-present; Minden High School Teacher of the Year 2001-2002, Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2002, Webster Parish Achievement Center Teacher of the Year 2007-2008, and Webster Parish Teacher of the Year 2007-2008

Associational Work: Secretary/Grammar Editor for Hyde Park Baptist Publications since 2012-present; Seminary Choir member 2012-present; AWANA Counsel Time Teacher.



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Baptist Bookstore
Seminary Financial Secretary
Gail Gray



MANAGER, Clover Press
SEMINARY SECRETARY
Margie K. Barnett

The LMBIS Trustees . . .

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The LMBIS Facilities...

The modern and spacious facilities of LMBIS create a climate for an enjoyable learning experience.

The LMBIS Library...

The Charles Samuels Memorial Library, containing over 5,000 volumes, provides exceptional study and research materials.



The LMBIS Clover Memorial Chapel..



A focal point for spiritual insight and ministry enhancement through weekly chapels, innovative seminars, and annual lectures.

The LMBIS Facility...

A new, spacious facility providing an outstanding atmosphere for serious Bible study.



The LMBIS Bookstore...

This modern store is a blessing to the students, churches, and community, offering discounts on student purchases.



The LMBIS Clover Memorial Press



Publishing monthly, THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST NEWS and providing an invaluable service to the churches through competitive pricing and quality printing.

The LMBIS Fellowship...

Fellowshipping with supporters is a vital part of our activities with many complementary remarks in regard to the close fellowship within the school.



The LMBIS Tradition...

SCHOOL HISTORY

The Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Minden, LA, under the able and dedicated leadership of Dr. L. L. Clover, the first president of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary, and president emeritus until his death, voted in the summer of 1952 to sponsor a school for the training of Christian workers and especially young ministers. With the assistance of Dr. J. E. Hollingsworth, Sr., and his wife, the school began her first year of instruction in September, 1952. In the following year Dr. and Mrs. John L. Causey, Sr., became affiliated with the school. As the school grew, other men were added to the faculty. Property was purchased in 1955 and in 1963 a new building was erected. The property, located on Hwy. 80 in the southwest section of Minden, covered approximately one block of ground. A new chapel, bookstore and other upgrades to the buildings were completed in 1973. In 2004 the school moved into new facilities at the present location.

Because of the dedication of the members of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, the able leadership of her pastors and others who have assisted through the years, the cooperation of sister churches who not only have given financially, but also have prayed and labored with the school and, most of all, blessings and power of God, the school has steadily grown from the very beginning and is free of all indebtedness.

SCHOOL ALUMNI

Maintaining a proud tradition, graduates of LMBIS are engaged in effective ministry throughout the world. The annual alumni banquet is a highlight of each school year.

SCHOOL COLORS

The school colors are red, white, and blue.

Red reminds us of blood. As Christ shed His own "precious blood" for the redemption of the human race, so we are taught to give our lives in service to others. Our forefathers actually shed their blood as martyrs to give us this rich heritage. We ask God for grace that we, too, if need be, will be able to endure the fires of affliction for His sake as we "preach the Word."

White is the symbol of purity as represented by the immaculate life of Christ. As the blood is personally applied one is spiritually cleansed as Isaiah states, *“Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

Accepted generally as a symbol of heaven, blue signifies the future hope of the believer.

Not only do we recognize in these colors the spiritual implication, but we recognize the importance of our national heritage.

This school stresses a deep sense of loyalty to God, church, and country.

SCHOOL SEAL

The seal, designed by Wayne Lee, a deacon of Calvary, Minden, contains three symbols.

The circle represents eternity, as within its limitless bounds all things are found. By this circle we are reminded that we are dealing with eternal things, such as the eternal Spirit, God's Eternal Word, and the eternal souls of men. We believe the work we are doing for God is for eternity.

The triangle signified the trinity--the triune God, that is, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--and the triune man, with his spiritual, intellectual, and physical natures.

The Greek words within the triangle are found in II Timothy 4:2. They admonish one to "Preach the Word." The words translated, "Preach the Word," have become the motto of the school.

The colors signify loyalty.



SCHOOL SUPPORT

LMBIS is supported by the generous free will offerings from Missionary Baptist churches and friends who love the cause of Christ.

The Finance Committee is composed of fifteen members elected annually, representing a cross section of our constituency. The committee actively encourages the financial support of the school.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships may be awarded to students who strive for moral and academic excellence while maintaining the rich ideals of the LMBIS heritage.

GEORGE R. HARPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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GEORGE RUSSELL THOMAS-LLOYD CLARK

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DWIGHT BIRD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WILLIE F. KNIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DON MCCORMICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Other scholarships are presented to deserving students funded by individuals, auxiliaries, and churches as they are available.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Student involvement and fellowship plays a vital role in the LMBIS experience. The Student Council provides a forum for . . .

- Promoting school pride and loyalty
- Encouraging student participation
- Leading in special projects
- Planning and leading in Visitors' Day

SCHOOL LOCATION

Minden, a picturesque and charming southern city in north Louisiana is the home of LMBIS. The campus is conveniently located off I-20 twenty-six miles east of Shreveport.



SCHOOL HOUSING

Limited housing is offered students at a minimum cost. The administration also assists students in locating suitable rental housing off campus. Please contact LMBIS Administration.



The LMBIS Doctrinal Statement...

(Also the ABA Doctrinal Statement)

1. We believe that love one for another as Jesus loves the believer manifests our discipleship, proves our love for God and symbolizes our authority as New Testament churches. Love is therefore the great commandment of the LORD Jesus Christ upon which all others are dependent (Matthew 22:35-40; John 13:34-35; John 15:12; I John 4:7-21; I John 5:1-3; Revelation 2:4-5).
2. We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice (Psalm 119:160; II Timothy 3:16-17).
3. We believe in the personal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection (Matthew 28:19).
4. We believe in the Genesis account of creation (Genesis 1:2).
5. We believe that Satan is a fallen angel, the archenemy of God and man, the unholy god of this world, and that his destiny is the eternal lake of fire (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 25:41; II Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:10-17; Revelations 20:10).
6. We believe in the virgin birth and sinless humanity of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-20; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:22).
7. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (John 10:30; John 1:1, 14; II Corinthians 5:19).
8. We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine Administrator for Jesus Christ in His churches (Luke 24:49; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:4, 5, 8; Acts 2:1-4).
9. We believe that miraculous spiritual manifestation gifts were done away when the Bible was completed. Faith, Hope, and Love are the vital abiding Spiritual Gifts (I Corinthians chapter 12-14).
10. We believe that man was created in the image of God and lived in innocence until he fell by voluntary transgression from his sinless state, the result being that all mankind are sinners (Genesis 1:26; Genesis 3:6-24; Romans 5:12, 19).
11. We believe that the suffering and death of Jesus Christ was substitutionary for all mankind and is efficacious only to those who believe (Isa. 53:6; Heb. 2:9; I Peter 2:24; I Peter 3:18; 2 Peter 3:9; I John 2:2).
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ and the bodily resurrection of His saints (Matt. 28:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; I Cor. 15: 42-58; I Thess. 4:13-18).
13. We believe in the pre-millennial, personal, bodily return of Christ as the crowning event of the Gentile age. This event will include the resurrection of the righteous to eternal heaven, and the Millennium will be followed by the resurrection of the unrighteous unto eternal punishment in the lake of fire and that the righteous shall enter into the heaven age (John 14:1-6; I Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19; Rev. 20:4-6; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 21:8).

14. We believe that the depraved sinner is saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and the requisites to regeneration are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3-5; John 3:16-18; Acts 20:21; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:8,9), and that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer (John 3:6, John 16:8,9; Rom 8:9-11; Cor. 6:19-20; Eph 4:30; Titus 3:5)

15. We believe that all who trust Jesus Christ for salvation are eternally secure in Him and shall not perish (John 3:36, 5:24, 10:27-30; Rom 8:35-39; Heb 10:39; I Peter 1:5).

16. We believe that God deals with believers as His children, that He chastises the disobedient, and that He rewards the obedient (Matt 16:27, 25:14-23; John 1:12; Heb. 12:5-11; 2 John 8; Rev. 22:12)

17. We believe that Jesus Christ established His church during His ministry on earth and that it is always a local, visible assembly of scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship to carry out the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, and each church is an independent, self-governing body, and no other ecclesiastical body may exercise authority over it. We believe that Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to the New Testament churches only, and that He promised the perpetuity of His churches (Matt 4:18-22, 16:18, 28:19-20; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Eph 3:21).

18. We believe that there are two pictorial ordinances in the Lord's churches: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is the immersion of penitent believers in water, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance restricted to the members of the church observing the ordinance (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 8, 12, 38; Rom 6:4; I Cor 5:11-13, 11:1-2, 11:17-20, 26).

19. We believe that there are two divinely appointed offices in a church, pastors and deacons, to be filled by men whose qualifications are set forth in Titus and I Timothy.

20. We believe that all associations, fellowships, and committees are, and properly should be, servants of, and under control of the churches. (Matt 20:25-28).

21. We believe in freedom of worship without interference from the government and affirm our belief in civil obedience, unless the laws and regulations of civil government run contrary to the Holy Scriptures (Rom 13:1-7; I Peter 2:13-15).

22. We believe the Bible definition of marriage is the union between a man and a woman (Gen. 2:21-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; I Cor. 7:2-4; Eph. 5:22-31).

The LMBIS Admission Policy...

APPLICATION

All correspondence concerning admission to LMBIS should be addressed to the registrar. The registrar's office will supply the applicant with proper forms. When these forms and all transcripts of previous academic training have been returned, proper consideration will be given. Official notification will be given by the registrar's office.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility of applicants will be considered on the basis of previous training. All applicants entering seminary training must have achieved at least a high school diploma or equivalent. All other applicants will be trained on the institute level until these standards are met. Applicants will be given appropriate exams to determine their academic level.

Applicants must be recommended by a church fellowshipping in the ABA. Any exception must have faculty approval. LMBIS has an open enrollment policy without regard to race.

CREDIT TRANSFER

Credit from other institutions of learning are accepted on their merit and at the discretion of the faculty. Full credit for work done in other schools in the American Baptist Association will be given for courses which parallel those required in the curriculum of LMBIS.

As in most states, The Board of Education of Louisiana is not empowered to accredit theological schools; the credit value of work done in this school is determined by merit. Advance schools do recognize such credits as apply to their courses.

No transcript of credits will be issued without liquidation of all accounts.

FINANCES

The Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary has been supported by free will offerings from churches, alumni, and friends who love the cause of Christ and Christian education. The school is not underwritten by any person or organization but is totally dependent on free will offerings. Because of this generous support, a tuition fee is not charged to students coming from ABA churches. A small enrollment fee is assessed which helps cover record and office expense.

VETERANS

Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary has been approved by the State Approval Agency of Louisiana, Veterans Division, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for training of veterans under provision of Public Law 550, 82nd Congress.

Students seeking enrollment under the veterans' program are expected to file an application for entrance just as any other student.

ABSENTEE POLICY (Veterans' Training Program)

All absences, regardless of reason, are recorded and will be reported to the Veteran's Administration. Class cuts are not tolerated--a person who cuts a class is charged with the length of the class as an absence. Tardiness is recorded and a student who is tardy three times is charged with a full day of absence.

If a veteran or other eligible person is absent more than 10 percent of the scheduled hours of attendance in the course pursued, he will be terminated for excessive absenteeism and will not be re-enrolled in the course. The effective date of interruption will be the end of the month in which excess occurred provided he/she attends to the end of the month; otherwise, interruption will be as of the last date of attendance.

DISMISSALS

This school reserves the right to reject any applicant for any reason it deems justifiable. Also reserved is the right to dismiss from the school any student who refuses to cooperate with the faculty or one whose conduct is unchristian.

REGISTRATION

All students should register previous to opening day of school. Late registration will continue for two weeks following the opening day.

The LMBIS Academic Policy...

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend all meetings of classes in which they are enrolled.

Attendance and notes are required for all lectures or sermons delivered during chapel period, visitor's days, special seminars and lecture week. Students will receive a grade and 1.5 credit hours for the semester. (These credit hours are needed for graduation.)

ABSENCES

The student is allowed to miss no more than a total of three weeks of class sessions (6 days) in any one course if he/she is to receive credit for the course, including those missed through late registration. Any absences above six days (6) will result in no credit being given for that course unless approved by the Dean.

Absences due to attending associational meetings or other matters on behalf of the church you are a member of will be considered for exemptions, subject to being approved by the dean.

GRADING SYSTEM

Each instructor shall evaluate student progress by the following grading system:

- 4 points A--95-100--Superior
- 3 points B--86-94--Above Average
- 2 points--C--76-85--Average
- 1 point--D--70-75--Passing
- I--Incomplete (0 points)
- W--Withdrawal (0 points)

EXAMINATIONS

Examinations are given at stated times and at the digression of the faculty. All work assigned by the instructor is due on the date specified; any extended time is at the digression of the instructor.

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

All students will be classified as first, second, third, fourth, or fifth-year students. Certain circumstances may arise where a student may be in a position to take for credit a subject above his classification. Some students, particularly those students starting in the second semester or those transferring, may have to take a course in a higher or lower year classification.

CLASS CHANGES

Every effort will be made at the time of enrollment to place a student in the proper classes. Students will be permitted to change classes only with the instructor's permission, and no later than thirty days. He may transfer within the thirty-day period upon making satisfactory arrangements with his instructor and after approval of the dean.

INCOMPLETE

An incomplete grade may be requested by a student. An incomplete is given only as a result of special counseling between the student and teacher, and only when unforeseen circumstances (e.g., sickness) make it warranted. An incomplete grade is intended for those students who are doing satisfactory work, but are unable to complete the work because of extraordinary circumstances. Neglect on the part of the student to complete his work within the following semester will result in failure.

WITHDRAWAL

A student may withdraw from class with permission of the instructor and registrar or dean up to the 6th week of school and receive a "W" grade for the class. After the 6th week, withdrawal is permitted only in cases of providential circumstances or when withdrawing from all classes. Proper forms are provided for this procedure. Failure to withdraw properly results in no grade.

GRADUATION

Upon the satisfactory completion of the prescribed courses of study as outlined in the curricula of the various departments, the student will be entitled to graduate, subject to the following conditions:

1. A certificate of merit will be given for the completion of one full semester of work in this school.
2. No student will receive a diploma or a degree who has not had at least thirty-three hours of work in this institution.
3. No degree will be given until a student has submitted a satisfactory thesis which has been approved by his faculty advisor and the dean.
4. The thesis topic and outline must be approved by the dean at least one semester before graduation.
5. Properly bound theses must be submitted to the dean by the first Tuesday in April. The theses will remain as property of the library.
6. No student will receive their certificate, diploma or degree until all their financial obligations are met.

Institute Division Curricula...

Diplomas without degree: Many students have studied in LMBIS without having received a degree. These who earn the certificate deserve recognition even though they do not qualify for a degree due to their lack of a high school diploma or equivalency. Courses have been especially designed for those in this category. When the student meets the requirement in grade and credit hours he will be awarded a diploma.

TWO YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

- Chapel 101.5a
- Grammar 103a
- Christian Doctrine 103a
- Bible Analysis 103a
- Christian Disciplines 103a
- Homiletics 103a
- Total 16.5 hours

Second Semester

- Chapel 101.5b
- Grammar 103b
- Evangelism 103b
- Ministerial Practicalities 103b
- Bible Survey 103b
- Speech 103b
- Total 16.5 hours

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

- Chapel 201.5a
- English 203a
- Greek 203a
- Church Epistles 203a
- Church History 203a
- General Epistles 203a
- Total 16.5 hours

Second Semester

- Chapel 201.5b
- English 203b
- Greek 203b
- Church Epistles 203b
- Church History 203b
- Missions 203b
- Total 16.5 hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED . . . 66

THREE YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

First Semester

Chapel 301.5a
English Composition 303a
Greek 303a
Biblical Counseling 303a
Systematic Theology 303a
Hebrew 303a
Total 16.5 hours

Second Semester

Chapel 301.5b
English Composition 303b
Greek 303b
Biblical Counseling 303b
Systematic Theology 303b
Hebrew 303b
Total 16.5 hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED . . . 99

FOUR YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

First Semester

Chapel 401.5a
Bible Geography 403a
The Life & Times of Christ 403a
Genesis-Ruth 403a
Total 10.5 hours

Second Semester

Chapel 401.5b
World Religions 403b
The Life & Times of Christ 403b
Genesis-Ruth 403b
Total 10.5 hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED . . . 120

FIVE YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

First Semester

Chapel 501.5a
Revelation 503a
Old Testament Prophets 503a
Poetic Books 503a
Total 10.5 hours

Second Semester

Chapel 501.5b
Revelation 503b
Old Testament Prophets 503b
Hebrews 503b
Total 10.5 hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED . . . 141

Seminary Division Curricula...

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

Chapel 101.5a
Grammar 103a
Christian Doctrine 103a
Bible Analysis 103b
Christian Disciplines 103a
Homiletics 103a
Total 16.5 hours

Second Semester

Chapel 101.5b
Grammar 103b
Evangelism 103b
Ministerial Practicalities 103a
Bible Survey 103b
Speech 103b
Total 16.5 hours

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

Chapel 201.5a
English 203a
Greek 203a
Church Epistles 203a
Church History 203a
General Epistles 203a
Total 16.5 hours

Second Semester

Chapel 201.5b
English 203b
Greek 203b
Church Epistles 203b
Church History 203b
Missions 203b
Total 16.5 hours

THIRD YEAR

First Semester

Chapel 301.5a
English Composition 303a
Greek 303a
Biblical Counseling 303a
Hebrew 303a
Systematic Theology 303a
Total 16.5 hours

Second Semester

Chapel 301.5b
English Composition 303b
Greek 303b
Biblical Counseling 303b
Hebrew 303b
Systematic Theology 303b
Total 16.5 hours

FOURTH YEAR

First Semester

Chapel 401.5a
Bible Geography 403a
Greek 403a
Hebrew 403a
Genesis-Ruth 403a
The Life & Times of Christ 403a
Total Hours 16.5

Second Semester

Chapel 401.5b
World Religions 403b
Greek 403b
Hebrew 403b
Genesis-Ruth 403b
The Life & Times of Christ 403b
Total Hours 16.5

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED . . . 132

Upon satisfactory completion of the four year schedule (132 semester hours) and a thesis of 10,000 words, one is qualified to receive the Degree of Bachelor of Theology.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

FIFTH YEAR

First Semester

Chapel 501.5a
Greek 503a
Hebrew 503a
Old Testament Prophets 503a
Poetic Books 503a
Revelation 503a
Total Hours 16.5

Second Semester

Chapel 501.5b
Greek 503b
Hebrew 503b
Old Testament Prophets 503b
The Hebrews Epistle 503b
Revelation 503b
Total Hours 16.5

Upon completion of 165 hours with a 3.0 grade point average plus having received the Degree of Bachelor of Theology and having written an acceptable thesis of 25,000 words, one is then qualified to receive the Degree of Master of Theology.

SYMBOLS

Each number and letter following a course has a meaning. The first number indicates the year. However, the course may, under certain circumstances, be taken at another time. The second number determines whether it is a required or an elective course--"0" designated requirement; "5" designates elective. The third shows the value in semester hours. The letters "a" and "b" indicates a first or second semester course. Example: Evangelism 103a indicates a first-year, first semester, required course with three hours of credit.

SEMESTER HOURS PER YEAR

The courses as outlined will give at least thirty-three semester hours per year. Thus, for the diplomas and/or degrees the student will have an aggregate of at least 66, 99, 120, 132, 141 or 165 semester hours before graduating.

Course Description...

FIRST YEAR

BIBLE ANALYSIS 103a

The student will learn the basic history, contents, structure, and outline of the Bible. Also, the student will learn to apply basic Bible analysis rules of interpretation. The course also may include memorization of Scripture.

GRAMMAR 103a, b

The student will learn the eight parts of speech and the function of each in sentences. The concepts of phrases and clauses and their functions will be taught. There will be an emphasis on spelling and principle parts of verbs. Diagramming will be used to illustrate concepts.

EVANGELISM 103b

Evangelism presents both the Word and soul-winning teachings. Students are taught how to be more effective in personal and mass evangelism. Problems that arrive in dealing with different types of people are discussed.

HOMILETICS/SPEECH 103a, b

Sermonizing and communication skills are taught and developed. The student is trained to prepare and deliver scriptural, relevant, and practical messages and lessons. Several different methods of sermonizing are taught with special emphasis on expository preaching. The student will be required to develop messages/sermon outlines and actually deliver sermons in class. Constructive criticism will be offered to help the student improve his communication skills.

BIBLE SURVEY 103

This course offers the student a brief overview of each book of the Bible. The following aspects of each book are examined: the title, the author, the setting, the theme and purpose, and how Christ is revealed. Beginning with memorizing all of the books of the Bible, students are then tested on their knowledge of each book.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES 103a

Christian Discipline focuses on the moral, mental and spiritual behavior of the student. Addressing such areas as ethics, leadership character, moral integrity and etc.

MINISTERIAL PRACTICALITIES 103b

This class is designed to give the student practical guidance in working in the area of ministry. The study especially helps pastors in areas, such as, conducting funerals, weddings, visitation, manners, ethics and etc.

CHAPEL 101.5a, b

A lecture or sermon is presented daily by a faculty member or guest speaker. Attendance is mandatory and the student must maintain a detailed notebook. Each notebook is reviewed and graded by a faculty member.

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE 103a

This course is a study of the basic doctrines that constitute the core of the Baptist teachings and make the Christian faith Christian and not something else.

SECOND YEAR

CHURCH HISTORY 203a, b

The course begins with a biblical understanding of a New Testament Church. It continues with church history from during the ministry of Christ to modern times, concluding with a study of scriptural church association.

ENGLISH 203a, b

The student will review the eight parts of speech, phrases, and clauses. The correct use of English grammar and the rules which govern spoken and written English will be taught. Diagramming will be used to illustrate concepts.

CHURCH EPISTLES 203a,b

Church Epistles 203 is an examination of the formal writings to New Testament churches, with attention given to the external influences (historical background, religious practices, philosophical ideologies and cultural considerations) which often led to problems in the churches. Special emphasis placed on instructions and practical applications concerning ministry development, church problems, Biblical morality, church authority and defense of the gospel.

MISSIONS 203b

Missions class teaches from two points of missiology: the missionary being sent, and the sender sending a missionary. This course covers topics from a biblical perspective of mission work with the goal of equipping the students with basic knowledge of how to serve as a missionary or the sender of a missionary within a local church as well as an association of churches.

GREEK 203a, b

Knowledge of the Greek language is an indispensable tool of serious biblical study. Emphasis will be placed on mastering the basics of the Greek language including--the alphabet, understanding the basic structure of the language, building an elementary vocabulary, basic pronunciation, and the use of the Greek lexicon.

GENERAL EPISTLES 203a

A comprehensive review of 1-2-3 John, 1-2 Peter and Jude. This study emphasizes the need for the believer to express the love of God toward others, contend for the faith, and live in the exalted position Christ has placed him in.

CHAPEL 201.5a, b

A lecture or sermon is presented daily by a faculty member or guest speaker. Attendance is mandatory and the student must maintain a detailed notebook. Each notebook is reviewed and graded by a faculty member.

THIRD YEAR

ENGLISH COMPOSITION 303 a, b

The student will learn the process of writing essays and a mini-thesis. Emphasis will be on library skills, English usage and mechanics, researching, and writing. The first semester will be devoted to essay writing. The mini-thesis will be written the second semester. Deadlines will be enforced on all writing assignments.

GREEK 303a, b

The Greek student will continue building upon principles learned in Greek 203, while focusing on grammar proficiency, with emphasis placed on understanding syntax. A portion of the second semester will be devoted to examining the differences in Greek manuscripts used in Bible translation. This course requires the translation of assigned verses and semester examinations.

HEBREW 303a,b

An introduction to the Biblical Hebrew language is offered beginning with the study of the alphabet and basic grammatical knowledge. The course offers students the opportunity to gain a basic understanding of phonology, morphology, and syntax.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION 303b

Church Administration is a study of various aspects of pastoral life, leadership methods, church body organization and function from an administrator's perspective. Each student will learn to effectively plan and lead while considering the pastoral role as given in the books of Timothy and Titus. Each student will complete a project implementing administrative practices, organizational structure, and facility design.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING 303a, b

Biblical counseling is a vital part of pastoral and Christian ministry. This course covers the essentials and practical application of biblical counseling, with emphasis placed upon the differences between secular and biblical counseling. This course does NOT serve to make “professional counselors”, but guides students in exploring the pastoral role of helping others understand biblical application to problems and difficulties in life. The role of a pastor ministering to others is examined through the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 303a, b

Systematic Theology is a study that combines Historical and Biblical Theology. Theism, Bibliology, Theology, Christology, Pneumatology, Angelology, Anthropology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology are some of the subjects discussed in the class. The class also investigates Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical thinking to better equip the student for a defense of the faith.

CHAPEL 301.5a, b

A lecture or sermon is presented daily by a faculty member or guest speaker. Attendance is mandatory and the student must maintain a detailed notebook. Each notebook is reviewed and graded by a faculty member.

FOURTH YEAR

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY 403a

Geography begins with a broad earth science view and narrows to a study of the Middle East. The study considers the geological, topographical, ethnological, sociological and political aspects of the Mid Eastern lands. The study narrows toward research of key cities, especially Jerusalem.

WORLD RELIGION 403b

The class will explore developing philosophies and religions throughout world history, and examine religions in modern times in view of biblical truth. The study also will seek to equip the student to witness to those involved in such world religions.

GENESIS-RUTH 403a,b

An exegetical study of Genesis through Ruth and Job with emphasis on basic Bible principles as established in early Bible history.

GREEK 403a, b

Emphasis in this course is placed upon reading and translating the Greek New Testament. Rules of translation, grammar, and syntactical relationships will be strictly followed. The use of participles, infinities, and the definite article will be closely examined.

THE LIFE & TIMES OF CHRIST 403a,b

The Life & Times of Christ is a year-long course, integrating Christology and Harmony of the Gospels into a chronological examination of the four gospels. Special emphasis will be placed on His Divinity, humanity, teachings, compassion, and the last week leading up to His death, burial and resurrection. Consideration will also be given to culture and religious ideas of that period.

HEBREW 403a,b

This course is a continued study of the Hebrew language, building upon the knowledge of the basics of Biblical Hebrew. Focusing more on the use of the language to express God's thoughts, the students begin to examine the nuances of the Hebrew language of the Bible through translating.

CHAPEL 401.5a, b

A lecture or sermon is presented daily by a faculty member or guest speaker. Attendance is mandatory and the student must maintain a detailed notebook. Each notebook is reviewed and graded by a faculty member.

FIFTH YEAR

REVELATION 503a,b

In Revelation 503 the student will participate in an in-depth study through the Book of Revelation. This class is taught in a verse-by-verse method. The student will learn about the things which were, which are and which are to come.

GREEK 503a, b

Those students seeking a Th.M. will assume a tutoring role as well as teaching various aspects of the Greek language. Advanced translation as well as research will be emphasized.

POETIC BOOKS 503a

The course explores Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. This extended study includes information about the writer, the setting, the customs, the literary style, and the symbolic significance. Special emphasis is given to the value of inspiration.

HEBREW 503

With a working knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, the student will begin an exegetical study of Old Testament writings. Moving from basic translating, the course equips the students with the ability to offer an exegesis of biblical passages.

THE HEBREW EPISTLE 503b

An extended study of the Epistle to the Hebrew establishing the preeminence of Jesus Christ. Special emphasis is given to His superiority as Prophet, Priest, and King.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS 503a,b

An exegetical study chronologically harmonizing the Prophets and Kings of Israel beginning with King Saul and Samuel. The study also looks into the development and history of the political kingdoms of the Old Testament period and Israel's relationship with these kingdoms.

CHAPEL 501.5a, b

A lecture or sermon is presented daily by a faculty member or guest speaker. Attendance is mandatory and the student must maintain a detailed notebook. Each notebook is reviewed and graded by a faculty member.

Elective Classes...

The dean and faculty will design and offer 453 and 553 courses to meet specific ministry and relevant needs.

LMBIS ONLINE

LMBIS is starting to offer some courses online. More information and a list of available classes can be found on the seminary website lmbis.org. All LMBIS ONLINE credits earned are applicable toward the degree programs at LMBIS.

Diplomas and Degrees Offered...

Students may work toward the following objectives, diplomas, and/or degrees.

I. TWO-YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

Those who have no high school diploma or equivalency may finish the two year course as outlined and receive the Two-Year English Bible Diploma (66 hrs.).

II. THREE-YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

Students who complete the three-year prescribed course may receive this diploma (99 hrs.).

III. FOUR-YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

Those who have taken the four-year prescribed course but have not taken the 403 Bible languages may receive this diploma (120 hrs.).

IV. FIVE-YEAR ENGLISH BIBLE DIPLOMA

Those who have completed the prescribed five-year curriculum without taking the 403, 503 Bible languages may receive this diploma (141 hrs.).

V. THREE-YEAR LANGUAGE DIPLOMA

Upon completion of the prescribed three-years of seminary division courses, which includes the Bible languages, one may receive this diploma (99 hrs.).

VI. FOUR-YEAR LANGUAGE DIPLOMA

Upon completion of the prescribed four years of seminary division courses, which includes the Bible languages, one may receive this diploma (132 hrs.).

VII. FIVE-YEAR LANGUAGE DIPLOMA

Upon completion of the prescribed five years of seminary division courses, which includes the Bible languages, one may receive this diploma (165).

VIII. ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES

A currently enrolled student upon completion of any sixty (60) hours of classes at LMBIS. Must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average. To receive this degree, the student must adhere to the doctrinal statements as found in this catalog.

IX. ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN MINISTERIAL STUDIES

A currently enrolled student upon completion of the two-year prescribed course in the seminary division. Must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average (66 hours). To receive this degree, the student must adhere to the doctrinal statements as found in this catalog.

X. BACHELOR OF ENGLISH BIBLE

Four years of prescribed seminary study (without the 403 Bible language courses) plus a thesis of 5,000 words on an approved subject are required. To receive this degree, the student must adhere to the doctrinal statements as found in this catalog and completed at least 33 hrs. in the LMBIS classroom. Any exception must be approved by the faculty. (120)

XI. MASTER OF ENGLISH BIBLE

Five years of seminary division study while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average (without the 403 and 503 Bible language courses) plus a thesis of 25,000 words on an approved subject are required. To receive this degree the student must adhere to the doctrinal statements as found in this catalog and completed at least 33 hrs in the LMBIS classroom. Any exception must be approved by the faculty (141 hrs.).

XII. DOCTOR OF ENGLISH BIBLE DEGREE

This degree is available to those who have honorably served the Lord for two or more years through one of His churches, after receiving their Master of English Bible Degree from LMBIS. Candidates will be considered based on their scholarship, attitude, character, doctrinal soundness, and leadership qualities.

Qualified men may submit an application for the doctoral program. Only those who are approved by the faculty, trustees, and Calvary Baptist Church may enter the program. Each approved candidate must pay a \$150 processing fee before writing his dissertation.

Those approved to write, must submit a 50,000 word dissertation on an approved subject. He will have 2 years of supervised research on his subject, and then given three additional years to submit his dissertation. If the dissertation is not submitted within this five-year period, the candidate must be reevaluated.

XIII. BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

Four years. Students who have finished high school, or the equivalent, who study the required Bible languages and finish the prescribed seminary courses, and who write a thesis of 5,000 words on an approved subject will receive the Bachelor of Theology (TH.B). To receive this degree the student must adhere to the doctrinal statements as found in this catalog and completed at least 33 hrs. in the LMBIS classroom. Any exceptions must be approved by the faculty (132 hrs.).

XIV. MASTER OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

Five years. Students who receive the Bachelor of Theology Degree and have maintained a 3.0 grade point average and who finish the prescribed seminary division courses as outlined for five years, including the Bible languages, and who write a thesis of 25,000 words on an approved subject will earn the Master of Theology Degree (Th.M.). To receive this degree the student must adhere to the doctrinal statements as found in this catalog and complete at least 33 hrs. in the LMBIS classroom. Any exceptions must be approved by the faculty (165 hrs.).

XV. DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY BIBLE DEGREE

This degree is available to those who have honorably served the Lord for two or more years through one of His churches, after receiving their Master of Theology Bible Degree from LMBIS. Candidates will be considered based on their scholarship, attitude, character, doctrinal soundness, and leadership qualities.

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