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Can You Imagine  
Yourself  
in Ministry?  
**WE CAN!**

*“The Holy Scriptures . . . make you wise unto salvation. ”*  
(2 Timothy 3:15)

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**Welcome** to Atlanta Bible College. This catalog is designed to provide information about our college, its people, its programs, and its facilities. We provide a quality Bible-based education in a spiritual atmosphere.

Statements set forth in this catalog are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as the basis of a contract between a student and this institution.

Students at Atlanta Bible College not only study the Bible, theology, and ministry in the classroom, but they also learn by doing. Students have a multitude of opportunities to be involved in practical ministry on a daily basis.

Atlanta Bible College emphasizes loving and knowing God and His Word as the foundation for the student's life and ministry.

Whether you are a high school student or a career person considering a change of occupation, ABC may have what you are seeking. Members of our student body have ranged in age from 17 to 80. Some are single. Others are married individuals with families.

On the following pages you will discover other qualities that make Atlanta Bible College worthy of your most serious consideration as you select your Christian higher education. We invite you to join the ABC family.



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# GENERAL INFORMATION



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## 2010-2011 Calendar

### Fall Semester - 2010

- Aug. 13 – Apartment Building opens for Resident Students  
16-20 – Block Class (no regular classes during this week)  
21 – Saturday 10:00 a.m.-12:00. – Pre-Semester Briefing (All students attend)  
23 – Regular Semester Classes Begin
- Sept. 3 – Last Day to Add Regular classes  
20 – Last Day to Drop Regular Class
- Oct. 18-22 – Fall Break – Go Serve Week
- Nov. 24 – 28 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 17 – Last Day of Classes including Final Exams

### Winter/Spring Semester - 2011

- Jan. 15 – Saturday 10 - 12 noon – Pre-Semester Briefing for new students. Returning students pay fees and pick up books between noon and 2:00 p.m.  
17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – no classes;  
18 – Regular Semester Classes Begin  
31 – Last Day to Add Regular classes
- Feb. 21 – Last Day to Drop classes
- Mar. 14 – 18 – Go Serve Week
- Mar. 24-26 – College Invitational
- April 11-15 – Spring Break (no classes) – CWS – Go Serve Week
- May 19 – Last Day of classes including final exams  
20 – Graduation

### Summer Sessions

**May 23 - June 3**

**June 6 - 17**



## **HISTORY**

Atlanta Bible College originated from the Bible Training School operated by the National Bible Institution from 1923 until 1932 in Oregon, IL. Pastor F. L. Austin, as secretary of the Church of God General Conference, was its organizer and a leading Bible instructor. Pastor G. E. Marsh administered the school during the term of 1931-32. During the economic depression of the 1930s the school was closed. In 1939 the school reopened under the leadership of Pastor Sydney E. Magaw and Pastor L. E. Conner. The reorganized school was named Oregon Bible College in 1942. Otto E. Dick, Sr., assumed the leadership of the college in 1949 and served as president until his death in 1963. Succeeding presidents or leaders have been: William M. Wachtel, 1963-1968; Dr. Alva G. Huffer, 1968-1975; John R. Lewis, 1975 until his death in 1979; David Krogh (Acting President), 1979-1980; Dr. Charles Pryor, 1980-1985; Dale Ramsey, Interim Administrative Coordinator, 1985; David Krogh, 1985-2001; Dr. Joe Martin, Academic Dean, 2001-2002; Dr. Brian Atra, 2002-2003; Tim Jones 2003-2009; Dr. Joe Martin 2009 to present.

During the early years of the college, classes were conducted in the General Conference building at 131 North Third Street in Oregon, IL. Students were housed in a student home on South Third Street. In 1943 a twenty-acre site and building north of Oregon were purchased, where the college operated until 1950. In the fall of 1950 the college was moved back to North Third Street. The General Conference building was tripled in size to provide space for classrooms, offices, and a publishing department. In the fall of 1957 the Golden Rule Home on the corner of Seventh and Franklin Streets was converted into a dormitory for college students, to serve as the women's residence. In the fall of 1963 a men's residence was completed on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. A dormitory facility for women students was erected on campus during the summer of 1975 on Franklin Street. In 1980, the Golden Rule Building was remodeled into offices and classrooms.

In August 1990, delegates to the 70th annual General Conference approved a recommendation to relocate Oregon Bible College to Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates at the 1991 conference voted to change the name to Atlanta Bible College.

Classes opened in the new location in Morrow, Georgia for the 1991 fall semester. A 15,000 square foot classroom/office/library/chapel building was built on a 12 1/2 acre campus in Morrow, Georgia. A ten-unit apartment building for students was constructed in the fall of 1991.

In 2002, the Korean Extension was started to serve the Korean community by delivering courses that are taught in the Korean language. Steve An is the Vice President of the Korean Extension.

By action of the Board of Directors of the College in February 2007, a decision was made to sell the present campus and to establish a campus in northeast Atlanta and another campus in Henry County. The Board of Regents for the Georgia University system approved the purchase of the ABC campus for their future expansion in March 2008. The college leased back the facilities until two new locations were opened. In January 2009, ABC opened its Henry County South Campus at the Avalon Business Center at 2020 Avalon Parkway, Suite 400 in McDonough, GA. The new North Campus in Duluth, Georgia is located at 3500 Corporate Way. It opened in January 2010.

## **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

From its inception as a Bible Training School to the present it has been the purpose of the Bible college to have each student know and experience God and His Word, broaden and deepen his/her general education for

effective living as a Christian citizen, and effectively minister to others. The Bible college is dedicated to the preparation of Christian workers for church leadership, for preaching, for teaching, and for reaching persons for Christ.

It is our objective that each student:

#### KNOW GOD AND HIS WORD

- seek to have a personal, loving relationship with God.
- confidently know the Bible as God's infallible Word.
- understand that God's Word relates to every area of life (general education, experience).

#### APPLY GOD'S WORD

- develop a life-style that includes personal devotions and regular Bible study, using sound methods in that study.
- develop the skills of sound scholarship in both biblical and secular studies, characterized by a spirit of inquiry, research, and creative thinking.
- recognize the lordship of Christ and fulfill God's will personally, vocationally, in attitude, and in deed.
- live a life of high moral and spiritual standards at home, in the community, and in the church.

#### COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

- determine where the Lord is directing the individual to serve — whether as a layman or in an employed ministry.
- carefully evaluate God-given gifts along with accompanying personal talents.
- become proficient in methods of communication, leadership, and ministry.
- become involved in a lifetime of Christian service.

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE ADVOCATES:

- the oneness of God (1 Cor. 8:6)
- that the Holy Spirit is God's power (Acts 1:8)
- Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son (Matt. 16:16), and is our Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
- the Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3: 16)
- the mortality of man (Job 4:17; Psa. 146:4)
- the near return of Christ (Acts 1:11), and life only through Him (Col. 3:3)
- the literal resurrection of the dead (John 5:28, 29)
- the immortalization of those in Christ (1 Cor. 15:53, 54)
- the destruction of the wicked (Rev. 21:8)
- the final restoration of Israel as the Kingdom of God under the kingship of Christ (Luke 1:32)
- the church to be joint heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17), and Israel to be made head over Gentile nations (Isa. 60:13)
- the "restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:21)
- It also firmly advocates repentance and immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and a consecrated life as essential to salvation (Heb. 12:14)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

### **CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE**

The Bible college is an institution of higher education supported by the Church of God General Conference with headquarters in McDonough, GA. Students from all denominations and church backgrounds are served by the college.

### **OPERATING AUTHORITY**

Atlanta Bible College has been granted exemption on religious grounds from the provisions of the Post-Secondary Educational Authorization Act by the Department of Education of the State of Georgia. This exemption gives Atlanta Bible College operating authority in the state and authority to grant an Associate in Bible and Ministry degree and a Bachelor of Theology degree.

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has approved Atlanta Bible College as an institution where international students can be taught who have secured an F-1 visa.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION**

Atlanta Bible College does not discriminate in educational programs, activities, or employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

### **ACCREDITATION**

Atlanta Bible College is accredited by ACI (Accrediting Commission International). ACI is a non-governmental body. It is not recognized by the Department of Education and therefore credits are not guaranteed to be accepted by secular, state, or other programs. However most A or B students who have recently applied to graduate schools have been accepted fully, or on a provisional basis for one semester and then accepted fully.

## **LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

Atlanta Bible College is located in the Atlanta metropolitan area. This area has a population of over 4,000,000. Atlanta is consistently picked as one of the top metropolitan areas in which to locate a business and live. Atlanta's cost of living ranks among the lowest of the nation's metropolitan areas.

The Henry County South Campus is located about 25 south of the city of Atlanta off of Interstate 75 at Exit 218. To reach the campus from south bound, turn right at top of the exit ramp. Travel to the first light and turn left. The College is in the Avalon Business Center on the right side of the road—Building 2020, Suite 400; from north bound on I-75, turn left at the top of the ramp; turn left at second light.

The North Campus located in Duluth, Georgia is located northeast of Atlanta at 3500 Corporate Way. To reach the campus from north or south bound on I-285 in the northeast part of Atlanta, take GA 141 north exit, exit 31B toward Cumming/Dahlonega and then merge onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd NW. Go 10.7 miles and turn left onto River Green Parkway NW/River Parkway for .2 miles and then turn left onto Corporate Way NW. The college is in the first building on the end.

The Atlanta area is served by Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the world's busiest airport. The airport is approximately fourteen miles from the South Campus. The Atlanta area is also served by MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) and Xpress—a bus service that connects with MARTA and serves Henry County and many metro counties. Xpress has a stop less than ½ mile from the

South Campus. In addition to bus service, MARTA provides 53 miles of rapid rail network to various parts of the city.

Climate contributes greatly to Atlanta's appeal with a January mean temperature of 42.2° F and 78.0° F in July.

## **FACILITIES**



### **South Campus – McDonough**

The South Campus occupies the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of building 2020 of the Avalon Business Center. Student housing is available through Atlanta Bible College in the Trees of Avalon apartments located adjacent to the South Campus. The South Campus Library contains over 10,000 volumes and hundreds of additional volumes are available through software available on college computers. Approximately 30 periodicals across a wide range of topics are also available.



### **North Campus – Duluth**

The North campus is located at 3500 Corporate Way, Duluth, GA. This campus serves the Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension. The North Campus Library contains over 10,000 volumes.

# STUDENT LIFE



CHRISTIAN LIFE ACTIVITIES  
SERVICES  
STUDENT CONDUCT

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

ABC believes that the development of a student's spiritual life is vital. Participation at ABC is based upon not only academic preparation, but also upon spiritual preparation for ministry. It is not possible to succeed in ministry without adequate spiritual preparation. Students are urged to establish a quiet time of unhurried Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship with God. To assist in spiritual growth, two Personal Spiritual Development classes are required to complete college programs. (M170 and M171)

### CHAPEL SERVICES

Chapel services arranged by the staff and the students are regularly scheduled. A variety of worship and devotion is offered through chapel programs. Musicians, speakers, teachers, drama groups, films, and special Bible teachers provide avenues of enriched worship for students, faculty, staff, and guests of the college. Chapel services for the South Campus are held at Cornerstone Bible Church, 180 Nail Dr., McDonough, GA.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Participation in a church provides opportunities for worship, fellowship with other believers, ministry, and instruction in the word. Students are strongly encouraged to be actively involved in a church.

## SERVICES

### MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency medical services are available near the South Campus and Henry General Hospital is located within about five miles.

### COUNSELING

The faculty members of the Bible College have a deep concern for and interest in each student. The college encourages students to seek counsel on personal and spiritual problems. A decided advantage of a small school is the opportunity it provides for faculty and students to become acquainted on a more personal basis than is otherwise possible. In addition to counseling by the faculty and staff, professional counselors are available at a local Christian counseling office.

## STUDENT CONDUCT

A student handbook stressing Christian conduct and behavior will be given to each student upon entrance to school. The true Christian walk and behavior are produced through clear insight into God's Word and His will in the lives of His people. The following ethical philosophy based on the Bible and adopted by the Bible college is the basis of the student handbook:

In the Holy Scriptures we have revealed to us both unchanging moral absolutes and guiding moral principles. Therefore, we are bound by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures as we develop our ethical standards.

The Christian life is a life of development. Just as we grow in our understanding of the grace of God, so we grow in our understanding of Christian ethics.

Christian institutions have a responsibility to train future Christian workers in a proper understanding of Christian behavior.

To this end, campus regulations provide a campus situation which gives sufficient structure for moral and ethical training, while allowing sufficient freedom for personal growth and development.

The Bible College therefore reserves the right to apply discipline for infraction of campus regulations and, if necessary, to dismiss students who consistently violate those regulations, or whose influence tends to undermine standards of school life.

The use of tobacco, non-medicinal drugs, and alcoholic intoxicants is expressly forbidden on campus. Additional guidelines for student conduct are set forth in the student handbook.

Plagiarism—ABC expects students to be honorable in all their academic work.. Dishonesty in assignments, exams, written papers, or any other academic work is contrary to scriptural principles of Christian living and is an affront to fellow students and the faculty. Plagiarism is presenting another's words or ideas as your own. Even if this happens unintentionally, it is still plagiarism. Plagiarism on an assignment will result in a failing grade for that assignment, as well as immediate placement on academic probation, which includes counseling with the Academic Dean. A second occurrence of plagiarism in that or any other course will result in a failing grade for the course. A third occurrence of plagiarism in that or any other course will result in dismissal from ABC. A dismissed student may apply for readmission after one year.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



FEEES  
PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
EXPLANATION OF FEES  
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID  
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The Bible College depends on the Lord to work through His people to supply the financial needs of day-to-day operation and development. Each student pays about 2/3 the real cost of his/her education. The remaining costs are met by:

- the Church of God General Conference, through member contributions
- the Atlanta Bible College Development Foundation
- friends and alumni of the Bible college who make direct contributions

We invite God's people to share in the support of the Bible college as He directs their interest and provides them opportunity to do so. Individuals and families are also encouraged to include the Bible college when preparing wills and/or purchasing life insurance policies.

## **FEES (effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011)**

TUITION PER SEMESTER HOUR (After one-third of actual tuition costs are subsidized by grants/scholarships provided by the faithful giving of individuals and churches)	\$179.00
DEFERRED PAYMENT FEE (per semester)	40.00
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE (per semester for apartment students)	40.00
APPLICATION FEE (International applicants \$125.00)	30.00
BOOKS (approximate — per semester for a full time course load)	200.00
READMISSION FEE (If out of school more than three consecutive semesters)	15.00
AUDIT RATE PER SEMESTER HOUR	179.00
HOUSING PER SEMESTER (2 to a room) (1 to a room)	1,100.00 1,600.00
ROOM AND KEY SECURITY DEPOSIT (refundable)	150.00
INCOMPLETE FEE (see page 20 for policy)	25.00

### HOUSING

Campus housing is available on a first come first serve basis to students who are registered for more than six semester hours. Housing is available in the Trees of Avalon Apartment complex which adjoins the South Campus facility. Housing is also available at an apartment complex adjacent to the North Campus.

Students under the age of 22 are encouraged to live in the campus housing if their parents do not live in the area. A \$150 room and key security deposit per single student is required by June 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Single student housing is also available during the summer for \$395 per month.

## **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The college, as a nonprofit organization, has limited reserve funds. It is necessary to operate on a cash basis. All fees for the semester are due and payable when the student registers for the semester. A deferred payment plan is available upon request. There is a \$40 per semester fee to participate in the deferred payment plan along with a 1/2% per month finance charge. Those participating in the deferred payment plan will pay one half of all charges August 21 and the other half November 1 for the first semester; January 15 and March 1 for the

second semester. Payments are due on the first of the month. Unpaid balances on the 15th of the month will be assessed a service charge of 1/2% of the unpaid balance. Students who are in arrears on their payments will not be allowed to continue in school without special arrangements with the Business Office. Such arrangements must be made on or before the due date. Those who have not paid or made arrangements with the Business Office will not be admitted to classes the next day. Students who owe money to the college will not be permitted to register for the next semester without special arrangements with the Business Office. And students who owe money to the college will be unable to participate in the graduation ceremony nor receive a diploma unless prior arrangements are made with the Business office. **Discover, Visa and MasterCard** are accepted.

Payment Due Dates for ABC:           1st Semester August 21, 2010  
  2nd Semester January 15 2011

For Deferred Payment Plan – add \$40 per semester.

Due Dates are:                           1st Semester August 21 and November 1, 2010  
  2nd Semester January 15 and March 1, 2011

#### PREPAID COLLEGE TUITION

Tuition may be paid up to four years in advance of actual enrollment. Tuition payment will be made on the basis of hourly tuition rates in effect at the time of payment. No additional hourly tuition charges will be made when the student enrolls. If the student chooses not to enroll, 100% of the tuition paid will be refunded or the total paid may be transferred to another member of the immediate family. Contact the Business Office for additional information.

#### REFUNDS

Students who drop a class during the drop period, will be granted a full refund of the amount paid for the class(es) less an administrative fee of \$20 per semester hour. This fee may be waived at the discretion of the staff. If a student drops after the drop period but prior to the mid point of the semester, tuition will be refunded on a pro-rated basis. No refund will be given for classes dropped after the mid point of the semester. **There will be no refund for books nor for lodging.**

### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The Bible college endeavors to keep its costs within the reach of its students while maintaining a high quality educational program. Students are expected to make arrangements for paying all costs prior to their arrival at the college. Funding and education at the Bible college are cooperative ventures with participation by the students, family, membership of the Church of God, members of other churches, and the Bible college.

#### *Discounts*

Children of active, retired, or deceased ministers of the Church of God General Conference (headquarters in McDonough, GA) and children of employees of Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference who take at least 12 semester hours per semester are eligible to receive a tuition discount of up to 50% from the amount of their tuition. Two members of a family unit who are enrolled full-time will each receive a 20% reduction on tuition costs. This applies to brothers and sisters, a husband and wife, or a parent and child.

## **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

The Bible College provides assistance to students seeking secular employment during their college experience. While the college is not able to guarantee that every student will find employment, effort is made to help students contact prospective employers in the area.



# ACADEMIC INFORMATION



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## ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Bible College is open to men and women on equal terms. All candidates for admission must supply evidence of Christian character and competent scholastic ability. Applicants must have graduated from an accredited high school or hold a state high school equivalency certificate. Non-high school graduates may be admitted on a probationary basis. Membership in the Church of God is not required for admission.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All of the following forms should be mailed to: Registrar, Atlanta Bible College, Box 2950, McDonough, Georgia 30253:

1. APPLICATION FORM – obtain and fill out a current application form or find a copy on line at [atlantabiblecollege.com](http://atlantabiblecollege.com).
2. AUTOBIOGRAPHY – submit a short autobiography (2 paragraphs) including your Christian experience and ministry experience. Autobiography may be e-mailed to the registrar: [dkrogh@abc-cogc.org](mailto:dkrogh@abc-cogc.org)
3. PERSONAL REFERENCE – pastoral reference preferred. Form may be downloaded from website.
4. OFFICIAL High School and College transcripts if applicable.
5. A \$30 non-refundable application fee (\$125 for International applicants)
6. PERSONAL INTERVIEW with appropriate college representative (in person or by phone)

After all of the items have been received and the interview is completed, the student will be advised within 15 days of the action the college has taken on the application. Students may not move into campus housing until the apartment building is opened for new students and they are officially accepted and proper fees have been paid.

**International Students** - In addition to the items mentioned above, international students must pay a \$1,000 refundable deposit before an I-20 form is prepared. Also, the student must provide proof that his/her sponsor has sufficient funds to pay for the student while he/she is attending the college.

Former students who are reentering after an absence of three semesters or more must submit an application for readmission.

Transfer students from another college may receive advanced standing at the Bible college on the basis of the nature of the credits transferred and the quality of the student's work. Only a grade of "C" or above is acceptable for transfer credit. The decision regarding the acceptance of transfer credits will be made by the Academic Dean.



## **READMISSION**

After being away from Atlanta Bible College for a period of one and 1/2 year, or more, a student applying for readmission must complete the Form for Readmission, and submit official transcripts of any college work done in the interim. If the period of absence is less than one and 1/2 years, a letter requesting readmission will suffice.

## **PRE SEMESTER BRIEFING**

A pre semester briefing for the fall semester for all students will be held August 21 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All students must attend the pre semester briefings. Regular semester classes will begin on Monday, August 23. In January, a pre semester briefing is held for new students on Saturday January 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Returning students may come to the Business Office prior to the beginning of the semester to pay fees and pick up textbooks.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

All ABC students are strongly encouraged to have a computer and internet connection. Several computers are available in the student lounge for the use of students while on campus.

## **EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

### **CREDITS**

The Bible college operates on the semester system. A credit or semester hour represents a minimum of one hour of class work or two or more hours of laboratory work a week, together with the necessary preparation, for one semester of sixteen weeks. The value of each course of instruction is stated in terms of semester hours.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

		Quality Points Per Credit			Quality Points Per Credit
A+	97.0-99.9	4.3	C	73.0-76.9	2.0
A	93.0-96.9	4.0	C-	70.0-72.9	1.7
A-	90.0-92.9	3.7	D+	67.0-69.9	1.3
B+	87.0-89.9	3.3	D	63.0-66.9	1.0
B	83.0-86.9	3.0	D-	60.0-62.9	0.7
B-	80.0-82.9	2.7	F	below 60, failing	0.0
C+	77.0-79.9	2.3			

W — Withdrawn — no grade established at time of withdrawal. Applies to any withdrawal after the normal drop date published in the college calendar

I — Work Incomplete

The add and drop dates for class changes is printed in the catalog calendar. Students dropping a course after the drop date may petition the Academic Dean to receive a grade of "I" (incomplete), especially in cases of physical illness, emergency, unforeseen travel or relocation, or family needs or job change(s). If approved, the student must (a) pay the incomplete fee, and (b) complete the required work within the time period specified by the Academic Dean, generally eight weeks after the end of the term. Any incomplete not converted to credit within such time period automatically becomes an "F" (failed).

**Probation.** Any full-time or part-time student who makes an average below 2.0 on all hours pursued during a semester will be placed on probation.

**Removal from Probation.** To be removed from probation a full-time or part-time student must make a C+ average (2.3) on all hours pursued during the next regular semester of enrollment.

**Suspension.** Any student except a first-semester freshman who makes less than a D average (1.0) on all hours pursued during a regular semester may be suspended for one semester. Any student on probation who fails to earn at least a C average (2.0) on all hours pursued may be suspended for one semester.

**Repeating Courses.** A student may repeat any course regardless of the previous grade; the most recent attempt counts in the Institutional GPA even if the most recent is lower. The grades for all courses will remain on the student's permanent record. Regular tuition charges will be paid for the repeated courses.

**Readmission.** Any suspension for scholastic deficiency will be for one regular semester. Upon reentry after suspension for scholastic reasons, a student is placed on probation and will be suspended if he/she does not make a C average (2.0) on all hours pursued during his/her next semester of enrollment.

**Credit for Extra-Institutional Learning.** Atlanta has a policy of granting credit for learning that is attained outside authorized colleges and universities. Credit can be earned for learning acquired from work and life experiences, independent readings and study, and formal courses offered by associations, businesses, government, industry, etc. Documentation must be provided by the student and an assessment will be made by the Academic Dean. The student will be notified if the work is creditable and the number of credit hours that will be granted. The cost for life/learning credit is 50% of the regular tuition rate in effect at the time that the documentation is submitted. (See complete policy for more details.)

**Enrollment at Clayton State University.** An incoming student without college work is encouraged to register at CSU or some other local college for General Education courses, along with course work at ABC. Students with former degrees or general education will have their transcript evaluated for the General Education requirements. Freshmen students must take an English assessment test.

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Students are encouraged to attend a seminar in the Atlanta area in a field that pertains to current academic work. Students will pay the registration fee for the seminar. Students are invited to attend the annual Ministerial Conference and Theological Conference when held in the Atlanta area. Students are also invited to attend the annual summer General Conference and Christian Workers' Seminar.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Class attendance is regarded as an obligation as well as a privilege, and all students are expected to know attendance regulations and to attend regularly and punctually all classes in which they are enrolled. Failure to do so may jeopardize a student's scholastic standing and may lead to suspension from the college. Students absent for more than 20% of classes may not earn credit for the course. (*See Student Handbook.*)



**Classroom at North Campus**

2. Each instructor keeps a permanent attendance record for each class. These records are subject to inspection by appropriate college officials.
3. Faculty members are required to state in writing and explain to the students their expectations in regard to class attendance prior to the close of the drop/add period.

## STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

Freshmen, 1-30 semester hours; sophomores, 31-60 semester hours; juniors, 61-90 semester hours; seniors, 91 or more semester hours.

## SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Students carrying twelve hours or more, and who maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25 in any semester, are placed on the Dean's List. Students maintaining an average of at least 3.75 are placed on the President's List.

**SILVER DISC AWARD.** The Silver Disc Award is a sterling silver pin presented to outstanding graduates of the Bible college at the commencement service. This award was first made in 1964. The following standards are used to determine those who are qualified to receive the award: 1) The student must have attended the Bible college for at least three years, carrying a full-time load each semester; 2) the scholastic average must be at least 3.85; 3) the student must have a record of outstanding service and leadership in college organizations and activities; and 4) the student must be elected to the award by the college faculty. This award represents the endeavor of the college to pay special honor to graduates who have rendered unusually distinguished service and who have attained rare academic excellence.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To graduate the student must meet the requirements listed under either the Associates in Theology and Ministry (two-year) or the Bachelor of Theology (four-year) (see page 24). Students must do acceptable work and have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (“C”). All accounts with the college must be paid or arrangements made for payment prior to commencement. Students with major outstanding accounts may not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony unless prior arrangements are made with the Business office.

## **INVOLVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**

The essence of the Christian faith lies in relating divine truths to human realities. We encourage all students to be actively involved in the church where they attend so that they are confronted with reality and are brought into vital relationships with people. This practical involvement in a local church is the place where classroom instruction will become functional, integrating academic content and practical experience for the personal development of the student in areas of Christian service. Ministry courses will often include a practical application component with specific assignments for participation in local church ministry.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

Students planning to become pastors in the Church of God General Conference (headquarters in McDonough, GA) serve seven to nine months in internship. The internship is administered by the Bible college and is supervised by a cooperating pastor in a Church of God General Conference congregation. The typical procedure is for one to spend a school year as an intern pastor immediately following graduation. Other plans may be developed based upon the student’s academic standing, summer experiences, and/or special needs. Upon satisfactory completion of an internship, the intern pastor is recommended to the Church of God General Conference Ministerial Recognition Board as a candidate for a minister’s license.

A small fund has been established to assist churches affiliated with the Church of God General Conference (Morrow, GA) in providing support for interns. Churches and district conferences also share in the funding of the internship program. Guidelines and applications for intern support funds are available from the college administration. Intern candidates who wish to seek this financial aid are asked to prayerfully consider their options prior to developing their internship opportunities. If the requests for assistance exceed the available funds, priority will go to students who intend to become pastors.

## **LICENSURE**

Graduation from ABC does not guarantee licensure for ministry in the Church of God General Conference or any denomination. Students seeking licensure must apply to the Church of God Ministerial Recognition Board or one's own church or denomination and meet their requirements.

# Curricular Programs



ACADEMIC RECOGNITION  
BIBLE AND THEOLOGY COURSES  
MINISTRY COURSES  
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

### Foundation Year Certificate

A one-year **Foundation Year Certificate** is awarded to those who complete the requirements of this 30-hour program, which *typically* consists of:

- At least 12 hours in Bible and Theology (required: B111, B112, B113, B114) (also B161 for Church of God students)
- At least 10 hours in Ministry (required: M112, M121, M141, M170)
- At least 4 hours in General Education (required: G101)
- 4 hours of electives from any of the above three categories.

### Associates in Theology and Ministry

A two-year **Associates in Theology and Ministry** is offered upon completion of the requirements of a 60-hour program, consisting of:

- At least 20 hours in Bible and Theology (required: B227, B271, B272)
- At least 14 hours in Ministry (required: M171, M242)
- At least 12 hours in General Education courses (required: G181, G271)
- 14 hours of electives from any of the above three categories.

### Bachelor of Theology, with one of four possible tracks: Pastoral Ministry, Youth, General Ministry, and Missions

A four-year **Bachelor of Theology** degree which includes a Professional Studies Program in Christian Ministry is offered upon completion of the following 126 credits required in Bible, Ministry, and General Education courses:

- At least 36 hours in Bible and Theology (required: B327, B470)
- At least 30 hours in Ministry
- At least 50 hours in General Education
- 10 hours of electives from any of the above three categories

126 TOTAL HOURS

### *Pastoral Ministry Track*

#### BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B Courses)—(a minimum of 36 hours)

##### Required:

- B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B161 Basic Bible Doctrine—2 hours (Required only for Church of God students)
- B227 Kingdom of God as Gospel I—2 hours

- B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours  
 B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours  
 B334 Solutions to Bible Texts—2 hours (Required only for Church of God students)  
 B327 Kingdom of God as Gospel II—2 hours  
*For 22-26 hours*

**Electives:**

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|----------------|---------|--------------|
| O.T. Electives | Minimum | 5 or 6 hours |
| N.T. Electives | Minimum | 5 or 6 hours |

Additional elective to complete required 36 hours in Bible and Theology.

**MINISTRY (M Courses)—(a minimum of 30 hours)**

**Required:**

- M112 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—2 hours  
 M121 Christian Education: Principles and Practice—2 hours  
 M141 Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism, and Disciple-Making—2 hours  
 M170 Personal Spiritual Development I—2 hours  
 M171 Personal Spiritual Development II—2 hours  
 M242 Introduction to Evangelism and Missions—2 hours  
 M283 Purpose Driven Youth Ministry—2 hours  
 M381 Principles of Counseling—2 hours  
 M443 Church Planting—2 hours  
 M473 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—2 hours  
 M474 Pastoral Procedures—2 hours  
*For 22 hours*

**Electives:**

- Preaching: M361 Homiletics—2 hours.  
 M362 New Testament Preaching—2 hours.  
 M463 Old Testament Preaching—2 hours.  
 M464 Pastoral Preaching—2 hours.  
 (Minimum 3 classes)  
*For 6 hours*

*Elective to complete 30 hours ministry*

**GENERAL EDUCATION (G Courses)—(a minimum of 50 hours)**

- G101 English Communication—2 hours  
 G261 Greek I—2 hours  
 G271 Church History I—3 hours  
 G181 Personal Finance—3 hours  
*For 10 hours*

**Electives:** *to complete 50 hr. requirement*

Additional electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete **total 126 Semester Hours** required for BTh. degree.

## *Youth Ministry Track*

### **BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B Courses)—(a minimum of 36 hours)**

#### **Required:**

- B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
  - B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
  - B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
  - B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
  - B161 Basic Bible Doctrine—2 hours. (Required only for Church of God students)
  - M227 Kingdom of God as Gospel I—2 hours
  - B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours
  - B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours
  - B327 Kingdom of God as Gospel II—2 hours
- For 22-24 hours*

#### **Electives:**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| O.T. Electives | Minimum 6 hours |
| N.T. Electives | Minimum 6 hours |

Additional electives to complete required 36 hours in Bible and Theology.

### **MINISTRY (M Courses)—(a minimum of 30 hours)**

#### **Required:**

- M112 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—2 hours
  - M121 Christian Education: Principles and Practice—2 hours
  - M141 Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism, and Disciple-Making—2 hours
  - M170 Personal Spiritual Development I—2 hours
  - M171 Personal Spiritual Development II—2 hours
  - M183 Beginning Youth Ministry—2 hours
  - M242 Introduction to Evangelism and Missions—2 hours
  - M272 Leadership Development—2 hours
  - M283 Purpose Driven Youth Ministry—2 hours
  - M381 Principles of Counseling—2 hours
  - M473 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—2 hours
- For 22 hours*

#### **Electives:**

##### Youth Ministry:

- M 330 Youth Ministry Perspectives—2 hours
  - M332 Youth Ministry Tools—2 hours
  - M430 Young Adult Ministry—2 hours
  - M432 Adolescence and Family Ministry—2 hours
- (2 courses required) for 4 hours*

##### Preaching:

- M361 Homiletics—2 hours
  - M362 New Testament Preaching—2 hours
  - M463 Old Testament Preaching—2 hours
  - M464 Pastoral Preaching—2 hours
- (2 courses required) for 4 hours*

**GENERAL EDUCATION (G Courses) = (a minimum of 50 hours)**

**Required:**

- G100 Basic English Composition—2 hours **and/or**
- G101 English Communication—2 hours
- G271 Church History I—3 hours
- G181 Personal Finance—3 hours  
*For 8-10 hours*

**Electives:** *to complete 50 hour requirement*

Electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete total **126 Semester Hours** required for BTh. degree.

***General Ministry Track***

**BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B Courses)—(a minimum of 36 hours)**

**Required:**

- B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B161 Basic Bible Doctrine—2 hours. (Required only for Church of God students)
- M227 Kingdom of God as Gospel I—2 hours
- B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours
- B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours
- B327 Kingdom of God as Gospel II—2 hours  
*For 22-24 hours*

**Electives:**

- |                |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| O.T. Electives | Minimum | 6 hours |
| N.T. Electives | Minimum | 6 hours |

Additional electives to complete to complete required 36 hours in Bible and Theology.

**MINISTRY (M Courses)—(a minimum of 30 hours)**

**Required:**

- M112 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—2 hours
- M121 Christian Education: Principles and Practice—2 hours
- M141 Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism, and Disciple-Making—2 hours
- M150 Introduction to Worship and Music—2 hours
- M170 Personal Spiritual Development I—2 hours
- M171 Personal Spiritual Development II—2 hours
- M242 Introduction to Evangelism and Missions—2 hours
- M283 Purpose Driven Youth Ministry—2 hours

- M381 Principles of Counseling—2 hours
  - M443 Church Planting—2 hours
  - M473 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—2 hours
- For 22 hours*

**Electives:**

- Preaching: M361 Homiletics—2 hours
  - M362 New Testament Preaching—2 hours
  - M463 Old Testament Preaching—2 hours
  - M464 Pastoral Preaching—2 hours
- (2 courses required) for 4 hours*

*Electives to complete 30 hour ministry requirement*

**GENERAL EDUCATION (G Courses) = (a minimum of 60 hours)**

**Required:**

- G100 Basic English Composition—2 hours **and/or**
  - G101 English Communication—2 hours
  - G271 Church History I—3 hours
  - G181 Personal Finance—3 hours
- For 8-10 hours*

**Electives:** *to complete 50 hour requirement*

Electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete total **126 Semester Hours** required for BTh. degree.

***Mission Track***

**BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B Courses)—(a minimum of 36 hours)**

**Required:**

- B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
  - B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
  - B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
  - B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
  - B161 Basic Bible Doctrine—2 hours. (Required only for Church of God students)
  - B227 Kingdom of God as Gospel I—2 hours
  - B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours
  - B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours
  - B327 Kingdom of God as Gospel II—2 hours
- For 22-24 hours*

**Electives:**

- O.T. Electives Minimum 6 hours
- N.T. Electives Minimum 6 hours

Additional electives to complete to complete required 36 hours in Bible and Theology.

**MINISTRY (M Courses)—(a minimum of 30 hours)**

**Required:**

- M112 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—2 hours
  - M121 Christian Education: Principles and Practice—2 hours
  - M141 Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism, and Disciple-Making—2 hours
  - M170 Personal Spiritual Development I—2 hours
  - M171 Personal Spiritual Development II—2 hours
  - M242 Introduction to Evangelism and Missions—2 hours
  - M281 Missions Perspectives—2 hours
  - M361 Homiletics—2 hours
  - M362 New Testament Preaching—2 hours
  - M381 Principles of Counseling—2 hours
  - M473 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—2 hours
  - M474 Pastoral Procedures—2 hours
- For 24 hours*

Electives (Mission trips may count for electives) *to complete 30 hour requirement.*

**GENERAL EDUCATION—(a minimum of 50 hours)**

**Required:**

- G100 Basic English Composition—2 hours **and/or**
  - G101 English Communication—2 hours
  - G271 Church History I—3 hours
  - G181 Personal Finance—3 hours
  - G311 Medical Intensive—2 hours
- For 10-12 hours*

**Electives:** *to complete 50 hour requirement*

Suggested electives: Linguistics (4), Speech (2), Philosophy/Logic (2), Missions History (2), Cultural Anthropology (2), Cross Cultural Communications (2), History of Western Civilization (2). These requirements may be negotiated with the Lord's Harvest International sending agency.

Electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete total **126 semester hours** required for BTh. degree.

The educational experience at Atlanta Bible College is provided by a variety of resources and activities. These include faculty advisement, Christian ministry experiences, seminars, guest speakers and visiting pastors, and library resources. The students must do acceptable work and have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C") for the four-year Bachelor's program, the two-year Associates in Bible and Ministry program, and the one-year Foundation program.

## **BIBLE AND THEOLOGY COURSES**

**Note:** Not all courses listed below are regularly delivered. Semester schedules are prepared with a priority given to required courses and also based on the needs of current students and the availability of instructors.

OBJECTIVE: To provide a biblical foundation for teaching, preaching, and ministry.

**B100, 200, 300, 400—Supervised Study—1 hour each.** The purpose of these options is to allow concentrated Bible Study as an elective. A staff member will supervise a minimum of 30 clock hours of study. The student will propose the study and present it in an initial interview. There will be a mid-term review and final assessment. The student is to document time and study through a diary/journal and present a short article for possible publication based on the study.

**B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours.** A reading survey of the Pentateuch and the books of history. Historical setting, introduction, outline of content, exploration of important themes and doctrines. Practice in application of a variety of methods and tools of Bible study.

**B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours.** A reading survey of the books of poetry and the prophets. Historical setting, introduction, outline of content, exploration of important themes and doctrines. Practice in application of a variety of methods and tools of Bible study.

**B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours.** A survey of the Gospels against their backgrounds with attention to the characteristics of each Gospel, the harmonistic account of the life of Christ, and His teachings. Attention is given to the study of the person and work of Christ throughout the Bible, but with focus on the Gospels.

**B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours.** A reading survey of Acts, the letters, and Revelation against their backgrounds with attention to the theme, outline, and major doctrines of each book. Applications are made of beginning Bible study methods.

**B161 Basic Bible Doctrine—2 hours.** A survey of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible with emphasis on the distinctive doctrines of the Church of God. This is a Church of God distinctive course.

**B211 The Bible World Visualized—2 hours.** A study of the lands of the Middle East and southern Europe. (This course may be used to meet General Education course requirements.)

**B221 Pentateuch—2 hours.** A study of the background, introduction, and theological content of the first Old Testament division. Presents an introduction to the literature and methods of Old Testament studies. Detailed exposition of the books Genesis through Deuteronomy.

**B222 History and Major Prophets—2 hours.** A detailed survey of the prophets against the backgrounds provided by the history books. The course includes an outline of background history and Bible history by periods. As much as possible, there will be a chapter by chapter exposition of the various books. This course builds upon the previous course in Old Testament Doctrine and Survey.

**B224 History and Minor Prophets—2 hours.** This is a detailed review of the Minor Prophets in light of the historical and cultural situations they lived in. As much as possible, there will be a chapter by chapter exposition of the various books. This course generally follows Old Testament Doctrine and Survey.

**B226 The True Messiah—2 hours.** In view of the central question asked by Jesus about “Who do you say that I am?” and the Savior’s promise to found his own church on the right answer to that question, this course examines the identity of Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel and the world.

**B227 The Kingdom of God as Gospel I—2 hours.** A study of the basic teachings of the Bible regarding the Kingdom of God.

**B228 From Abraham to the Kingdom, in Christ: God’s Marvelous and Largely Unknown Story.** A review of promises made to Abraham that are fulfilled through Christ and will be fulfilled in the age to come.

**B230 Why I Believe (Apologetics)—2 hours.** This course will help the student to defend his or her beliefs in thirteen areas of Christianity.

**B242 Gospel of John—2 hours.** This unique Gospel is examined in light of its cultural milieu. We also consider the errors which John combated in writing it. Its unusual language requires an intensive consideration of its theology of Jesus as Son of God.

**B244 Romans—2 hours.** Paul’s theological treatise on justification is examined in careful detail. Consideration is given to the roles of both Israel and the church, and an understanding of how Paul’s message was to bring them together in Christ.

**B252 Hermeneutics (Bible Interpretation)—2 hours.** This class reviews methods for biblical exegesis and interpretation. It will review biblical languages, translations, commentaries, etc. It will attempt to equip the student with the tools and background for good Bible study.

**B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours.** Three approaches to the study of theology are included in this term: biblical theology, systematic theology, and historical theology. Various theological topics are approached using these models in coming to understand the topics.

**B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours.** In this second course further approaches to the study of theology are considered, including dogmatic theology and contemporary theology. Various theological topics are considered from each approach in an attempt to learn the strengths and weaknesses of each approach.

**B323 Old Testament Poetry—2 hours.** The poetic books are studied for their devotional and doctrinal value.

**B324 Isaiah—2 hours.** Detailed study of the doctrinal and prophetic truth of this major prophet.

**B327 The Kingdom of God as Gospel II—2 hours.** This course considers the historical as well as academic issues of the Kingdom of God.

**B332 Leviticus and Hebrews—2 hours.** An in-depth study of Leviticus and Hebrews with a special emphasis on Christ as fulfillment of the Old Covenant. A detailed review of Hebrews sees Jesus as the “better,” “greater,” “superior” Messiah. Field trips to synagogue and preparation of, or visit to, a Passover Seder will be included if possible.

**B333 Daniel and Revelation—2 hours.** A study of the prophetic interpretation of these apocalyptic books, with emphasis on their teaching of Christ’s Second Coming, His millennial reign, and God’s eternal kingdom on earth.

**B334 Solutions to Bible Texts—2 hour.** A detailed examination of texts presenting unusual difficulty for the Church of God and students of the Bible in general. The course will give scope for students to discuss and examine difficult passages arising from their ongoing studies and dialogue with different denominations.

**B342 Acts—2 hours.** A study of the geography of the Middle East, theology, important people, miracles, and the church in Acts. The course helps develop understanding of major events that happened at the founding of the church.

**B343 Pauline Epistles—2 hours.** A survey study of the life and letters of Paul. The letters are set against events in the life and ministry of Paul. Exegesis and exposition lead to a discussion of theological and life implications.

**B344 1 and 2 Corinthians—2 hours.** A detailed study of a troubled church exhibiting concerns common to many modern churches. Paul admonished this church, but helped them discover God’s grace, which moved them along in their spiritual approach to their problems.

**B345 Non-Pauline Epistles—2 hours.** An overview of the non-Pauline section of the New Testament and a detailed exposition of the letters by Peter, Jude, and John. Exegesis and exposition lead to a discussion of theological and life implications.

**B350 Christ and Culture—2 hours.** This course will deal with the clash within Western Civilization between the Judeo-Christian vs. Postmodernism and multiculturalism. Student will learn how to stand up against the advocates of what we believe is wrong and how to help lead others to an understanding of God’s truth.

**B351 Christianity in a Post-Modern World—1 hour.** This course is a discussion of issues current in what is termed a “post-modern world.” (This course may be used to meet Bible course requirements.)

**B371 The Crisis Over God—2 hours.** This class will equip the student to help others understand who God and Jesus are.

**B381 From Abraham to the Kingdom, in Christ: God's Marvelous and Largely Unknown Story—2 hours.** This class will present the message of the Kingdom of God as taught throughout the Scriptures.

**B426 The Destiny of the Righteous—2 hours.** This class will explore Bible texts that teach what is in inheritance of those who are righteous.

**B441 Synoptic Gospels—2 hours.** A critical examination of the first three Gospels in light of the Synoptic problem and in terms of their individual literary designs. A comparative study of the sections with attention to life setting and central meaning. Exegesis and exposition lead to a discussion of theological and life implications.

**B461 Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality. 2 hours.** This class reviews the teaching of the early church fathers on the teaching of conditional immortality. It will review typical bible verses supporting conditional immortality.

**B470 Evangelical Theology—2 hours.** This course reviews the roots of “euangelion,” GOOD NEWS as that Good News is based on the promises (epangelia) of God.

**Directed Study—1-6 hours.** Investigative study on selected problems by students with particular needs.

**Selected Topic—1-3 hours.** A study of a topic and/or issue not adequately covered in another course.

## MINISTRY COURSES

OBJECTIVE: To provide a practical foundation for ministry.

**M101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302, 401, 402—Discipleship Group.** Under staff supervision, students will be placed in a Discipleship Group where spiritual growth will be encouraged and Church, Chapel, and Group participation is monitored.

**M112 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—2 hours.** John Maxwell says, “Everything rises and falls on leadership!” This class will introduce the student to what Maxwell calls the “irrefutable laws of leadership.” The student will be challenged to grow as a leader and challenged to understand that ministry should take place in whatever vocation they may choose to follow.

**M121 Christian Education: Principles and Practice—2 hours.** A theology of education. The learning process, learning patterns, methods and materials, and practice teaching in a brief consideration of the overall educational program of the local church.

**M122 Christian Education II—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M121) This course will challenge the student to grow as a leader or Christian Education Director. Emphasis is on principles for the development & growth of teacher training. This class also shows how to use technology in the classroom.

**M135 Gospel Teams—1 hour per semester/maximum 6 credits in combination with those of G134.** Gospel Teams are formed to give every student who is interested the opportunity to share his/her talent in a variety of worship and social experiences. When the resources are available, instrumental ensembles are formed to provide opportunity for growth.

**M141 Principles of Church Growth, Evangelism, and Disciple-Making—2 hours.** This course provides an examination of the strategy and methods of the local church in providing a coordinated program of outreach and edification. There is emphasis on directing the focus of the local church toward evangelism as a specific planned activity. The techniques and benefits of disciple-making are reviewed.

**M150 Introduction to Worship and Music—2 hours.** What do we mean by “Christian worship”? This introduction to worship will seek to answer this question and seek to enhance the personal worship experience of the believer, whose responsibility it is to worship. The importance of music in worship will be emphasized.

**M151 Worship Service Planning Lab—1 hour.** Students assist in planning and leading the weekly chapel services and also meet with a local church (Cornerstone Bible Church) worship team to assist in planning and leading Sunday worship services.

**M160 Christianity and Church for Twenty-Somethings—2 hours.** After centuries in which people seem to share a common view of the world and their faith, there are occasional periods of very rapid change. We are living in just such a time! This class will discuss changes in our culture and in the way twenty-something young people view the world. It will cover how these changes in people will or should change the way our churches worship and minister.

**M170 Personal Spiritual Development—2 hours.** This is a practical class on the practices and disciplines that encourage spiritual development. Topics such as prayer, fasting, Bible study, worship etc. will be considered as part of the disciple’s life in following Christ. It seeks to answer the question of “In what environment does one spiritually mature?”

**M171 Personal Spiritual Development II—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M170) This course helps the student explore deeper concepts concerning spiritual growth, development, or transformation. This course challenges the student to understand how a Christian should perceive spiritual development versus a secular view.

**M183 Beginning Youth Ministry—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M112) To get a good start in ministry requires some help from experienced leaders. The aim of this course is to give the student a firm foundation for youth ministry.

**M210 Short Term Mission Experience** (number of hours is based upon the time spent in the experience.)

**M212 Ministry Work and Life Experience** (number of hours is based upon the time spent in the ministry or life experience.)

**M214 Christian Ethics—2 hours.** A study of the biblical principles underlying Christian conduct, morality, spirituality, and devotional life.

**M241 Valiant for the Truth: Persuading Others to Believe—2 hours.** This course stresses the need to stand for God’s truth and it will help students know how to share this truth with others with the goal of leading them to Christ.

**M220 Creative Teaching Methods—2 hours.** Creativity always gets students' attention, and this course will explore a variety of ways of presenting Bible lessons to students of all ages. Lawrence Richards and Marlene LeFever have written books that might serve as stimuli to breaking out of the box of discussing verse-by-verse or lecturing. Students will practice what they have learned by presenting lessons in class using some of the creative methods.

**M242 Introduction to Evangelism and Missions—2 hours.** The principles of evangelism and their application to the local church. Also a study of how missions can be popularized and understood. Methods of involving a congregation so that missions will become meaningful and an ongoing activity in the life and ministry of the church.

**M250 Worship for Special Occasions—2 hours.** A study of the practical and philosophical aspects of leading worship with an emphasis on services for special occasions.

**M262 Practical Youth Ministry—2 hours.** This course is designed to give students an understanding of youth ministry, lead students through organizing a youth ministry calendar, and help students gain experience in youth ministry.

**M271 Christian Education and the Family—2 hours.** Defining important keys to effectively accomplish the task of helping our children become more like Christ by understanding our children and making sure they know that they are understood.

**M272 Leadership Development—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M112) Bill Hybels says, "The local church is the hope of the world, and its future rests primarily in the hands of its leaders." This class addresses key issues in church leadership and an understanding of a leader's limits.

**M281 Missions Perspectives—2 hours.** This course is based on the study guide "Worldwide Perspectives." It is a 15 lesson course on Biblical and Historical Realities, Strategic Realities, and Cultural Realities. This course is part of the Mission Track.

**M283 Youth Ministry Purpose—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M112) This class aims to build a solid, Biblical, balanced foundation for reaching and discipling students year after year. You will be challenged to consider God's purposes for Christians, particularly in youth ministry.

**M320 Toddler-Preschool Programs in Christian Education—2 hours.** The goal of every Christian education department is to teach the children, and this course will focus on the programs, techniques, and materials that will maximize the efforts to reach and to teach the very young. Physical, psychological, moral, and social development of toddlers and preschool children will also be an important part of the class. Practice in teaching children will be a part of the class.

**M330 Youth Ministry Perspectives—2 hours.** This class will expose the student to differing views of youth ministry, enabling the student to make informed decisions about ministry style, philosophy, and practice.

**M332 Youth Ministry Tools—2 hours.** This course focuses on finding tools to assist the student in their ministry. Rather than settling on one tool set, it will help the student learn to evaluate potential tools, seminars, and training options.

**M341 Interpersonal Cross Cultural Communication—2 hours.** This course deals with interpersonal relationship building, practical concepts of interpersonal communication, and tools for ministering cross-culturally. This course will help students to think critically about communication and develop a better understanding of the dynamics that influence communication

**M350 Christ and Culture—2 hours.** This course will deal with the clash within Western Civilization between the Judeo-Christian vs. Postmodernism and multiculturalism. Student will learn how to stand up against the advocates of what we believe is wrong and how to help lead others to an understanding of God's truth.

**M351 Women in Ministry—2 hours.** This course will look at several aspects of women in ministry including leadership models for women, spiritual growth in women and ministry to them. It will examine Biblical models and scholarship to develop a theology of leadership. It will explore women's spirituality from an academic and experiential perspective.

**M360 Christian Education for the Adult—2 hours.** It is too often presumed that adults will learn Bible lessons without much effort, hence little intentional effort is expended to teach adults. This course will identify general principles for teaching adults as well as describing the different types of adults (single, young married, divorced, middle age, senior, widowed) and how they best learn. The oft-forgotten group in the Christian education program will be forgotten no more.

**M361 Homiletics—2 hours.** Fundamentals of communication through preaching. The course includes basic theology of communicating the gospel, principles of sermon structure, preaching in the context of Christian worship, and laboratory experience.

**M362 New Testament Preaching—2 hours.** Principles of the expositional approach to preaching with attention to exegesis of text. Sermon texts are selected, by student and instructor, as a sermon series from a single book preached in a laboratory experience.

**M372 Church Leadership—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M112) This course reviews conflict resolution, change management, working with churches and boards. It is usually offered in seminar format.

**M381 Principles of Counseling—2 hours.** Designed to provide a basis for: developing a good understanding of people, particularly a biblical view of man; governing assumptions which affect one's model of counseling; personal evaluation in examining one's own life, style of relating, and how one can bring about lasting change.

**M382 Family Systems and Dysfunctionality—2 hours.** A course designed to acquaint the student with abnormal, dependent and rebellious personalities, and their ensuing results on families. Spiritual implications for ministry will be explored and integrated.

**M383 Marriage and Family—2 hours.** Understanding and resolving sources of conflict in the family. Developing a positive biblical outlook on family relationships and setting goals for a spiritual heritage. A study of the biblical principles regarding husband and wife roles, and parent and child relationships, within the home. Understanding the family's role in society.

**M384 Small Group Ministry—2 hours.** A study of the practical applications of small group dynamics in the life of the church, and their implications for ministry and evangelism. A consideration of spiritual giftedness and networking.

**M443 Church Planting—2 hours.** (Prerequisite M141). The training of students in church-planting techniques with emphasis on principles for the development of the church and evaluation of the location of the church as to its growth potential. The principles also apply to an established church.

**M463 Old Testament Preaching—2 hours.** Building upon M362, the course utilizes selected Old Testament passages that are illuminated and emphasized in the New Testament. The passages expose the covenants and promises of the Old Testament. A laboratory experience.

**M464 Pastoral Preaching—2 hours.** This final preaching course makes use of the topical approach and gives experience for special occasions such as funerals, weddings, and revivals. A laboratory experience.

**M473 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—2 hours.** A study of the leadership style and methods of the pastor in the local church. Consideration is given to the customary administrative duties of the pastor, as well as general leadership skills.

**M474 Pastoral Procedures—2 hours.** Considers the customary practical skills for the minister: i.e. performing weddings, funerals, and baptisms; when conducting meetings and when in social situations; also other miscellaneous topics.

**M481 Crisis Counseling—2 hours.** A review of crisis theory and methods of intervention during critical times in a person's life. Family, grief, divorce, suicide, and health crises will be considered. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

*Additional opportunities:*

**Directed Study—1-6 hours.** Investigative study on selected problems by students with particular needs.

**Selected Topic—1-3 hours.** A study of a topic and/or issue not adequately covered in another course.

## **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

**G101 English Communication. 2 hours.** This class reviews the communication model, basic rules of grammar and punctuation, techniques for writing and speaking, and developing a "personal best" communication style.

**G110 Bible College Survival. 1 hour.** This class in seminar format attempts to prepare the student for successful college work. It deals with scheduling, time management, reading a syllabus, studying, preparing for tests, etc.

**G112 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—2 hours.** John Maxwell says, "Everything rises and falls on leadership!" This class will introduce the student to what Maxwell calls the "irrefutable laws of leadership." The student will be challenged to grow as a leader and challenged to understand that ministry should take place in whatever vocation they may choose to follow.

**G134 Piano Music Lessons—1 hour per semester** (*maximum 6 credits in combination with those of G135*). Applied music is offered to anyone who wants to improve his/her skills in piano or vocal studies.

**G135 Vocal Music—1 hour per semester** (*maximum 6 credits in combination with those of G134*). Selected singers will explore different forms of choral music. The group will perform several times during the semester.

**G181 Personal Finance—3 hours.** This course will center on the basic concepts of personal financial planning. Specifics of budgeting, financing a home, investments, spending priorities, and coordination of financial planning will be presented.

**G211 The Bible World Visualized—2 hours.** A study of the lands of the Middle East and southern Europe. (This course may be used to Meet Bible course requirements.)

**G214 Christian Ethics—2 hours.** A study of the biblical principles underlying Christian conduct, morality, spirituality, and devotional life. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

**G260 Introduction to Hebrew—2 hours.** This is a beginning class on the original language of the Old Testament. It begins with the alphabet, builds with vocabulary learning, and does simple translation and review.

**G261 Greek I—2 hours.** A study of the essentials of Greek and Hebrew forms, syntax, and vocabulary to enable the student to read the Bible in the original languages.

**G262 Greek II—2 hours.** (Prerequisite G261.) Retention and development of basic grammatical concepts is provided by weekly exercises in translation, vocabulary drill, grammatical analysis, and use of reference works. Materials are examined in terms of their place in exegetical practice. Greek selections are mainly from the Gospel of John.

**G263 Hebrew II—2 hours.** (Prerequisite G260) This course builds on G260 to help the student develop more skills in translation.

**G271 Church History I—3 hours.** A survey of the history of the Christian church in the west—its important individuals, movements, events, and trends—from the apostolic age to the present.

**G272 Church History II—2 hours.** A brief survey of the development of dissenters from the Radical Reformation, focusing on the emergence of the Church of God out of the Adventist/Millerite movement, following down to the recent developments in the twentieth-century.

**G273 Leadership Development—2 hours.** This is a mid-level course seeking to further study leadership, especially biblical principles. It will also look at current thinking on leadership. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

**G311 Medical Intensive—2 hours.** This course is to review basic first aid and CPR for the potential missionary. It will incorporate local training and adjunct instructors to review essentials of health care while in another country. It is part of the Missions Track.

**G370 World Religions—2 hours.** A study of the major religions of the world.

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**G427 The Kingdom of God as Gospel—2 hours.** This course considers the historical as well as academic issues of the Kingdom of God. (This course may be used to meet Bible course requirements.)

**G461 Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality—2 hours.** This class reviews the teaching of the early church fathers on the teaching of conditional immortality. It will review typical bible verses supporting conditional immortality.

**G481 Crisis Counseling—2 hours.** A review of crisis theory and methods of intervention during critical times in a person's life. Family, grief, divorce, suicide, and health crises will be considered. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

## **Personnel**

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### **ATLANTA/OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Alumni Association was organized for the following purposes:

- To support Atlanta Bible College by means of prayer, financial support, and student recruitment;
- To maintain contacts between classmates;
- To do everything possible to aid fellow association members and pastors in their local fields.

Alumni are persons who have graduated from Atlanta Bible College/Oregon Bible College, have been granted an honorary degree, have satisfied the requirements of the Bible Training School (predecessor of Oregon/Atlanta Bible College), or have received fifteen or more hours of credit from the Bible college. In the last instance, persons are considered alumni only when their class has graduated. Anyone who is in one of these categories and who is not more than three years in arrears in payment of dues to the association is considered a member of the association. The Alumni Association meets twice each year, during the General Conference and during the annual Ministerial Conference. Alumni (especially pastors) provide assistance in student recruitment. Current officers are: Joe Myers, President; Merry Peterson, Vice President; David Krogh, Secretary/Treasurer.

### **TRUSTEES OF ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

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President Keith Williams – 2011  
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The Bible College Development Foundation was established in 1982 as an endowment fund for the college: “To promote the education and cultural welfare of the Bible college of Morrow, Georgia, and to improve the school facilities so as to provide broader educational advantages and opportunities; to encourage research, and to increase the school’s usefulness to the members of the Church of God General Conference . . .”

Further purposes include: “To solicit and accept . . . gifts, grants, and bequests in trust or otherwise, funds of all kinds, including property both real and personal, whether principal or income and tangible or intangible, vested or contingent, for the purpose of providing funding for the college . . . and for the purpose of providing scholarships, activities, and research . . . and other such designated benefits for the school and its faculty and its students, as may be prescribed by testators or donors to the corporation, and to receive, hold, and administer such donations . . .”

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

The Bible College is operated by the Church of God General Conference. The Board of Directors consists of seven members elected by the General Conference through pastor delegates, delegates representing member churches and state and district conferences.

The Church of God General Conference, of which the Bible College is a part, was incorporated in the state of Illinois as a corporation not-for-profit, June 3, 1922, under the name “National Bible Institution.” The corporation name was changed on May 17, 1961 to “Church of God General Conference.”

On December 10, 1991, Atlanta Bible College was incorporated in the state of Georgia under the name “Atlanta Bible College/Church of God General Conference.”

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