

*We are glad that you inquired about...*

# **Texas Bible College**

## ***The Friendly Welcome***

Welcome to Texas, the “friendly” state. It is a place where southern hospitality and Pentecostal blessing blend beautifully. Texas Bible College presents to its students a warm and friendly atmosphere in which to study and to develop spiritually. Your thoughts of attending Texas Bible College may become one of the greatest decisions of your life.

## ***The Texas Bible College Vision***

The vision of Texas Bible College remains strong. “Truth – Excellence –Spirit” is more than a motto; it is the essence of thought in the TBC process of preparing men and women to serve their generation. Students with a strong desire to serve the Lord will appreciate the TBC commitment to equip them for ministry through academic excellence within the confines of an apostolic atmosphere.

## ***The Texas Bible College Faculty***

The strength of TBC comes from the quality, dedication and leadership of the faculty. TBC instructors bring to their classrooms a depth of knowledge and ministerial experience that allows students to leave the sessions informed, inspired and ready to serve with confidence. The TBC faculty is a blend of full-time and adjunct members, bringing stability and variety to the student to maximize the learning process.

## ***The Fields of Study and Curriculum***

Texas Bible College offers courses of study in Theology, Christian Music, Christian Education, Missions and Religious Studies. The curriculum for the courses of study has been developed over the forty-six year history of the college. With the input of many instructors over the years, the courses have proven to be adequate and relevant. Freshman, sophomore, junior and senior courses are being offered on campus.

## ***The Texas Bible College Campus***

The sixty-acre TBC campus offers fresh air, security, beautiful and clean facilities. The student dormitories are located in the 33,000 square foot Ima Kilgore Hall. The music department classrooms and offices are located on the north east side of campus. The chapel and the library are located in the administrative/cafeteria complex. New instruments, sound, recording and visual equipment, computers and furnishings have been brought into the chapel, music department, lecture halls, administrative offices and library. Dorm rooms are comfortable. Every effort possible is being made to beautify the campus and to supply students and staff with the necessary means to provide a quality education. The campus is the base of the conquest where students are trained to do the work of the Lord.

## ***The Texas Bible College Concern***

The challenge to reach our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ can only be achieved through evangelism and discipleship. TBC is concerned and diligently seeking to train and send workers into the harvest field. The dream of our founding fathers to establish truth in the hearts of future generations continues to be the primary concern of Texas Bible College.

## ***The Choice is Yours***

The choice of Texas Bible College as your place of development and study should be prayerfully considered. We hope that you will choose Texas Bible College. We will gladly assist you and answer any questions you may have. Texas Bible College is dedicated to your destiny. May the Lord bless you as you pursue His will for your life!

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# History

The desire to have a doctrinally sound, spiritually strong Bible college in the state of Texas brought the ministers of the District into a specially-called conference in Bryan, Texas during 1961. After careful consideration of the need for such a school in which to train ministers and Christian workers, Texas Bible College was established by a unanimous vote. Endorsement of the Board of Christian Education of the United Pentecostal Church International was granted in September 1962. Texas Bible College began its operation with the enrollment of its pioneer class in January 1964.

Fred J. Foster was appointed President and served in that capacity from June 1963, until January 1970. Upon his resignation, James L. Kilgore was appointed and served as Interim President from that date until June 1971. E. L. Holley became President in June 1971 and served until 1977, when he was elected superintendent of the Texas District. President Holley was succeeded by C. E. Lott, Sr., a member of the Board of Directors, who served for two years until June 1979. In September 1979, the Board of Directors appointed T. M. Jackson as President, who served until 1982. At that time, J. R. Ensey was appointed. He remained until May 1996. James L. Kilgore was then appointed as Interim President. At the 2002 District Conference in Lufkin, Texas, James E. Boatman was ratified as the President and served until May of 2005. B. A. Cooley was appointed and ratified as President at the 2005 District Conference and is presently serving.

In May 2002, the TBC campus was moved from Houston, Texas, its home for 39 years, to the Texas District Campground in Lufkin, Texas. Plans for future expansion are being developed. Guided by its original foundational principles, Texas Bible College has become a leader in the field of developing apostolic preachers and dedicated workers for God's great church.

# Mission

Texas Bible College is a coeducational institution operated in association with and under the inspiration of the Texas District United Pentecostal Church International. Texas Bible College is built upon a foundation of biblical authority, which seeks to glorify God by integrating faith, learning and living. All its functions and activities are structured within the framework of the New Testament doctrine and practices. Texas Bible College is committed to fiscal soundness and Christian stewardship, and to maintaining an environment conducive to learning.



Recognizing that all knowledge comes from the Creator, Texas Bible College helps students develop a maturing relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our purpose is the development of intellectual inquiry, social consciousness, wellness, and the Christian character. We believe these endeavors prepare students to accept the obligations and opportunities of the age in which they live and to better serve humanity and the kingdom of God.

Texas Bible College serves students of varied ages and diverse social, geographic, economic, and cultural backgrounds. We see students who demonstrate a potential for success in our challenging and supportive environment. We employ faculty who are dedicated to teaching, scholarship, advising, and the principles of the Christian faith. Texas Bible College helps the student master and develop leadership skills, self-sufficiency, and self-discipline by providing a campus community that enables faculty and staff to serve as role models in spiritual, personal, and professional growth.

The primary mission of Texas Bible College is to train and develop Christian leaders who are both strong in spirit and sound in apostolic doctrine. Our primary points of focus are studies in Theology, Christian Education, Christian Music, Missions and Religious Studies. As a Bible college, we are committed to the integration of academic discipline and personal faith in the pursuit of truth.

# Doctrine

The basic fundamental doctrine of Texas Bible College is the Bible standard of salvation which is repentance, water baptism by immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. We also believe every child of God should live a godly, consecrated, and holy life according to biblical truths.

# Student Organizations and Clubs

## Student Senate

The Student Senate is comprised of the elected officers of each class. Under the leadership of the faculty advisor and the student body president, this body serves as a vital link in student life. Ethics and principles of true leadership are fostered in the members of this body of student leaders.

## Journalism Club

The Journalism Club compiles the yearbook of Texas Bible College. Under the guidance of a faculty advisor, this club is responsible for the planning, promotion, and publication of the TBC *Pioneer* each year.

## Wives' Club

The Wives' Club, open to wives of students, staff, and faculty, affords an enjoyable time of fellowship for the married ladies. It also provides a means through which wives may work together in improvement projects of their own choosing. Many worthwhile contributions now stand as memorials to these faithful and dedicated ladies.

## Missions Club

The Missions Club is for those students interested in missions work. It is a means for obtaining a greater understanding of various cultures and the challenges of reaching different peoples around the world with the gospel message.

## Texas Ministerial Association

The Texas Ministerial Association is open to students who feel their call to a pulpit ministry. Its purpose is to provide guidance and direction for those who are answering God's call. Churches throughout the Texas District give members of the TMA many preaching opportunities throughout the school year.

## Drama Club

The Drama Club is open to students interested in the various aspects of drama and music ministries. Its purpose is to provide experience in organizing, producing, and leading the ministry of a miniature or full-scale spiritual drama. In addition, interpretative signing and use of various dramatic techniques are taught and explored.

## Social Activities

The student finds the campus a beehive of social activity. Moreover, he finds an inner development through the close relationships nurtured in the wholesome atmosphere of Christian fellowship.



School functions such as banquets, outings, picnics, and similar socials offer more than the good time they afford. The student also develops poise and confidence in social situations. Ping-pong, foosball, basketball, softball, football, and volleyball are available on campus.

The Student Center is open daily for the students to relax, study, enjoy fellowship with friends, play games, and purchase drinks and snacks from the vending machines.

# Spiritual Development



While the College has been able to give the students the best in religious instruction, we realize that we cannot excel beyond their own spiritual development. For this reason, each week includes chapel services where the heart can express what the mind has learned. Men of achievement from all over the fellowship come to share their wisdom and inspiration. These men of God represent a cross-section of the five-fold ministry God has placed within His church. No one particular type of ministry is held to be preeminent, allowing for balanced spiritual growth.

Students are encouraged to set aside time for personal devotions. In addition to this, a monthly vesper service is held in the dormitories. Many have discovered divine leadership for their lives in these prayer meetings. In the chapel services and vesper sessions, a very unique congregation assembles—missionaries in training, prophets and evangelists, pastors and teachers of truth—all eager to hear from God. Consecrations are made and lives are committed to service in the kingdom.

## Weekend Crusades

Weekend evangelistic crusades are conducted on many weekends by teams of student preachers and workers. With many churches within driving distance, these teams find open doors for their ministries. Each of the team members becomes a soul winner for Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and singing! Teams enter their target cities ready to make an impact on lives. Some crusades are three-day revivals, some two-day, and others are one day. All are mightily blessed of God! Direct personal involvement and experience enable young men and women to develop rapidly. Once a student tastes the joy of soul winning success, he will never settle for less.

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to participate in weekend crusades.

## Musical Opportunities

The TBC music program offers excellent training for those who desire to develop their abilities in this area. The Christian Music major provides in-depth coverage of vocalization, keyboards, choral arranging, and directing.

The chorale is an auditioned group of singers that travels on special promotional tours representing the college throughout the year. Chorale has proven to be rewarding as well as a learning experience for all who participate. Special singing groups are organized such as chapel praise teams, ensembles, quartets, and trios throughout the year. These groups minister in special services and in chapel. This provides students with incredible ministry experiences that will be treasured all their lives.



Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to participate in music activities.

## Chapel

The chapel is a place of worship and life-changing experiences. Chapel services are held each week during the school year, and other special services are scheduled throughout the year. These services are a time for the students to minister to one another and develop their ministry. The students are blessed through the ministries of visiting ministers, missionaries, teachers, and fellow students. Lives are changed and burdens are born during these special times. Chapel attendance is required.

## Weekend Service

Students are required to attend a Sunday afternoon chapel service at Texas Bible College. Students will be free to attend Sunday morning and evening services at a local United Pentecostal Church of their choice within a 50 mile radius of the college.

Attendance is required and monitored. If a student is away on a weekend leave request, a school-sponsored trip, employment, or an approved ministry opportunity the student is released from his or her obligation to attend the Sunday afternoon service for that weekend. Any variance from this policy must be approved by the President of Texas Bible College.

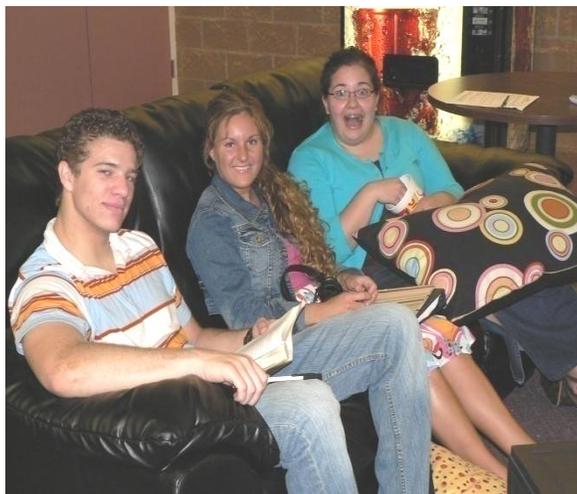
The Sunday afternoon chapel service at TBC will be a service strictly for TBC students and participating faculty and staff members. This service will not be open to local church membership with the exception of family and friends of TBC students from churches outside of the Lufkin area.

## Facilities

### On-Campus Library

As the students immerse themselves daily in the study of the Word, there is ample opportunity to access reading and research material in a convenient location on the College campus. The Texas Bible College Library contains several thousand volumes of excellent research and study books made available for the students to use as the need arises. Many magazines and other periodicals are also available.

Study space in a well-lit, comfortable setting makes the library a great place for the student's studying needs. A copy machine and computers are also made available for the students' convenience. Library personnel are on hand to guide in the selection of books and research material.



### Dormitories

All non-resident single students, less than 26 years of age, not living at home with parents and taking 9 semester hours or more, are required to live in on-campus dorms. Other family living in the area may be considered by the TBC administration. A laundry room with coin-operated washers and dryers is located in each of the dorms for the students' convenience. Drink machines are also handy to quench the midnight thirst. Students are required to be in the dorm area by curfew. Students, 26 years of age and above, must keep the office informed of their residence if they choose to live off campus.

### Cafeteria

The cafeteria is located in the center of the campus. For single, on-campus students, the cost is included in the room and board fee. A salad bar is offered in addition to the hot lunches that are served daily. Married or off-campus students and visitors are welcome to dine in the cafeteria for a small charge. The cafeteria is open on a limited basis during school breaks and holidays.



#### Scheduled meals:

- **Monday-Friday** - breakfast, lunch, light dinner
- **Saturday** – continental breakfast/brunch
- **Sunday** - lunch

# Admissions

After carefully consulting the terms of admissions presented in this catalog, complete the application along with the other required forms. Return the application and the other forms as soon as possible. Have a transcript of high school credits sent to the College. If you have completed work above the high school level, have these transcripts forwarded to Texas Bible College. Following the steps listed below will enable us to give prompt and careful attention to your application.

## Requirements

Each applicant is considered for enrollment based on the following criteria:

1. The applicant's evidence of having had a salvation experience with the Lord Jesus Christ as indicated by his personal testimony.
2. A recommendation by the applicant's pastor.
3. The applicant's evidence of high school graduation or its equivalent. (Non-high school graduates over 30 years of age may be admitted by special permission on a probationary basis.)
4. The applicant's submission of a health certificate.
5. The applicant's statement of willingness to accept and live in accordance with all campus policies.
6. The applicant must be 17 years of age by the time of enrollment.

Transfer students will apply using a regular application form and provide a transcript from their former school(s). Transcripts are to be mailed directly to the Registrar's Office by the issuing school. Transcripts will be fully evaluated and credits given where applicable. Applicants who meet these requirements will be admitted without regard to race, gender, or national origin. Our program is open to all qualified applicants.

## Provisional Enrollment

Any student who has not met all of the requirements for acceptance to the college listed above may be admitted for enrollment on a two-week provisional basis until he or she has met all of the requirements. After the two-week period, if any of the items are still missing from the student's file, the College will review the student's progress, attitude, financial status, class attendance, and behavior to determine if the student will be allowed to continue his studies for that semester.

## Registration Policy

Students should enroll during the scheduled registration period. Late registration will be permitted for two school weeks after the regular registration period. A late registration fee of \$20.00 per class will be charged, and all absences during this ten school day period will be recorded on the student's records.

## Refund Policy

Refunds on room and board will be made on a weekly basis according to the weeks remaining in the semester. Refunds will be mailed to a forwarding address left by the student within two weeks after withdrawal. If a student withdraws from TBC during the first week of classes, 90% of tuition and refundable fees will be refunded. If a student withdraws during the second week of classes, 80% of tuition and refundable fees will be refunded. Refundable fees include activity fees, building use fees, yearbook fees, and banquet fees. After the second week of classes, no refunds for tuition or fees will be granted.

Should a student who received a scholarship withdraw before the enrollment period expires, the scholarship is forfeited. The account balance will be recalculated without the scholarship benefits to determine the refund. The student will be responsible for all charges on the account. No refund shall be made to an enrolled student for courses dropped or for courses from which the student was dropped for excessive absences. The refund policy is in accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 132 Section .061, in that veterans will be refunded an approximate pro rata share of the total charges for tuition, fees, or other charges.



# Financial Information

On-Campus Semester Tuition and Fees Full-Time Student	
Tuition	\$ 1,600.00
Activity Fee**	\$ 75.00
Banquet Fee	\$ 30.00
Building Use Fee*	\$ 100.00
Room & Board	\$ 1,600.00
Room Deposit***	\$ 50.00
Student Technology Fee	\$ 200.00
Yearbook Fee (one semester only)	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,705.00</b>

Off-Campus Semester Tuition and Fees Full-Time Student	
Tuition	\$ 1,600.00
Activity Fee**	\$ 75.00
Banquet Fee	\$ 30.00
Building Use Fee*	\$ 300.00
Student Technology Fee	\$ 200.00
Yearbook Fee (one semester only)	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,255.00</b>

On-Campus Estimated Annual Cost Full-Time Student	
Tuition (two semesters)	\$ 3,200.00
Activity Fee**	\$ 150.00
Banquet Fee	\$ 60.00
Building Use Fee*	\$ 200.00
Room and Board (two semesters)	\$ 3,200.00
Room Deposit***	\$ 50.00
Student Technology Fee	\$ 400.00
Yearbook Fee (one semester only)	\$ 50.00
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,310.00</b>
<b>Music Majors Only:</b>	
Applied Keyboard Fee (two semesters)	\$ 480.00
Applied Voice Fee (two semesters)	\$ 480.00
<b>Music Major Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,270.00</b>

Off-Campus Semester Tuition and Fees Part-Time Student	
Tuition per Semester Hour	\$ 178.00

Off-Campus Estimated Annual Cost Full-Time Student	
Tuition (two semesters)	\$ 3,200.00
Activity Fee**	\$ 150.00
Banquet Fee	\$ 60.00
Building Use Fee*	\$ 600.00
Student Technology Fee	\$ 400.00
Yearbook Fee (one semester only)	\$ 50.00
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,460.00</b>
<b>Music Majors Only:</b>	
Applied Keyboard Fee (two semesters)	\$ 480.00
Applied Voice Fee (two semesters)	\$ 480.00
<b>Music Major Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,420.00</b>

Miscellaneous Fees			
Applied Keyboard Fee per Semester	\$ 240.00	Late Registration Fee per Class	\$ 20.00
Applied Voice Fee per Semester	\$ 240.00	Payment Plan Fee	\$ 50.00
Audit Fee per Semester Hour	\$ 55.00	Refrigerator Fee per Semester	\$ 20.00
Class Withdrawal Fee per Class	\$ 5.00	Student Edline Fee per Semester	\$ 25.00
Choir Robe Fee	\$ 30.00	Textbook Fees	\$ Varies
Graduation Fee	\$ 100.00	Transcripts	\$ 10.00
International Student Services Fee	\$ 75.00		

Students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program will have their Building Use Fee and Activity Fee waived.

\* \$50.00 of each student's building use fee shall be set aside in an endowment fund for the future of the College.

\*\* \$50.00 of each student's activity fee will go into the respective class account once each school year.

\*\*\* Room deposits will be refunded your final semester attended providing the room is left clean and undamaged. Student will be responsible for room damage in excess of deposit.

# Payment Plans

- **Annual Plan:** The total tuition, room and board, fees, and room deposit for one year are paid at registration.
- **Semester Plan:** The total tuition, room and board, fees, and room deposit for one semester is paid in full at the beginning of each semester. Students paying in full for the Fall semester must pay in full in the Spring.
- **Annual Weekly Plan** (1<sup>st</sup> option): The student pays \$3,440.00 at registration (includes room deposit) plus books and miscellaneous fees. The remaining balance is paid in 18 bi-monthly installments of \$215.00 each.
- **Annual Weekly Plan** (2<sup>nd</sup> option): The student pays \$2,630.00 at registration (includes room deposit) plus books and miscellaneous fees. The remaining balance is paid in 18 bi-monthly installments of \$260.00 each.
- **Annual Weekly Plan** (3<sup>rd</sup> option): The student pays \$1,550.00 at registration (includes room deposit) plus books and miscellaneous fees. The remaining balance is paid in 18 bi-monthly installments of \$320.00 each.
- **Annual Off-campus Weekly Plan:** The student pays \$1,580.00 at registration and the balance is paid in 18 bi-monthly installments of \$160.00 each.

**A Credit or Debit Card Is Required for Payment Plans:** If the student chooses a bi-monthly payment plan, a credit or debit card must remain on file to be drafted on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. If these dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the draft will take place the following business day.

**Miscellaneous Fees & Books:** The student pays the necessary applied miscellaneous fees and book costs at the beginning of each semester in addition to the amount due depending on the payment plan.

## General Scholarship Information

### Scholarship Policy

Students may be awarded scholarships during their tenure at TBC. The maximum amount a student may receive during his/her tenure is \$2,000.00 from a qualified TBC scholarship fund. The student must maintain full time status for two consecutive semesters and must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in order to remain qualified to receive a Scholarship through TBC.

- If any student who receives a qualified scholarship through TBC does not maintain full time status as a student at TBC for two consecutive semesters the scholarship will be revoked. Once the scholarship is revoked they must assume responsibility for the unpaid amount on their school financial account.
- Any student having received a qualified scholarship through TBC and does not have a 2.75 GPA at the conclusion of the school year in which the scholarship was received, the student will then have the scholarship revoked and must assume responsibility for the unpaid amount on their school financial account.
- Any student placed on probation during the school year in which the scholarship was received will have their scholarship revoked and must assume responsibility for the unpaid amount on their school financial account.

## Financial Assistance and Scholarships

**Bible College Loan Program:** Loans from UPCI Division of Education of \$2000.00 are available for a maximum of two years. There is an application for this loan. Loans are paid in two installments of \$1,000.00 per semester and bear an annual interest of 3%. For more information visit <http://edu.upci.org/>

**Children of Missionaries Scholarship:** This scholarship is available for the children of active UPCI foreign missionaries. This scholarship pays for the entire cost of tuition. The scholarship will take effect at the time of registration.

**Helpmate Scholarship:** An amount equal to one-half tuition is awarded to husbands or wives of full-time or part-time students. There is no application for this scholarship. The scholarship will take effect at the time of registration.

**Ministerial Scholarship:** A \$100.00 scholarship will be awarded to UPCI ministers who become full-time students. This scholarship is only awarded to new freshmen, and will become void if the student withdraws from full-time status at any time during the academic school year. There is no application for this scholarship; however a UPCI License for the applicant must be presented at the time of registration. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of the second semester.

**Quizzer's Scholarship:** A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding senior Bible quizzer from the Texas District. The student must continue his studies beyond the freshman year and maintain a GPA of 2.50. The scholarship will become void if the student withdraws from full-time status at any time during his or her freshman year. For details, please contact Rev. Clay Strawn, Texas District Bible Quiz Director.

**Sheaves for Christ Scholarship:** Scholarships are available for both freshmen and upperclassmen in amounts up to \$2,500.00 from the General Youth Division, UPCI. For an application, contact the General Youth Division at 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042 (telephone 314-837-7300). Information may be downloaded at [www.pentecostalyouth.org](http://www.pentecostalyouth.org). The General Youth Division will select the recipients and will notify you of their decision. **Applications must be turned in to them by February 1<sup>st</sup>, for the Fall semester.**

**Texas District Sectional Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded to Texas applicants by the section in which the applicant resides. The amount of the scholarship depends on the funds available by the section. Contact your sectional secretary or presbyter for application.

**Brinkley, Leonard, Nevill, Dodd, Seale Scholarship Fund:** Scholarship funds are available to freshmen entering TBC for the first time for their first semester only in the amounts of \$250.00 and \$500.00. Application must be submitted to the TBC Office before the semester *begins*.

**TBC Alumni & Friends Association Scholarship Fund:** This scholarship fund was established in 2008 by the Alumni and Friends Association. This is a matching funds scholarship awarded to upperclassmen. Applications must be submitted.

**TBC ExCell Program Scholarship:** This scholarship fund was established in 2011 by the TBC ExCell program. This is a matching funds scholarship awarded to qualified applicants. Applications must be submitted.

**Chester/Ilet Smith Scholarship:** This scholarship was established by the Smiths in order to help freshman entering TBC. Applications must be submitted.

**Texas Ladies Ministries Scholarship:** This scholarship was established by the Ladies Ministries of the Texas District. All proceeds from the TBC Benefit Concert will go toward this fund. Applications must be submitted.

**Cai Larsen Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in 2008 in honor of Rev. Cai Ole Larsen. Rev. Larsen touched many lives as Dean of Christian Education at Texas Bible College and Jackson College of Ministries. This scholarship was started to carry on Rev. Larsen's desire to help young people in their quest to study God's Word, find their calling, and complete their education.

**D. A. Lewis Scholarship Fund:** This scholarship was established in 2008 in honor of his faithful service and leadership in the kingdom of God. This scholarship is intended to aid any individual in need of financial assistance that will be attending Texas Bible College coming directly from Tupelo Children's Mansion. The individual must devote their first full year of college to study the disciplines Texas Bible College propagates.

**Walter Knepp Scholarship:** The Walter Knepp Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 in honor of all our ancestors who taught us to love and serve God. These scholarships are intended to aid our descendants and any person in need of financial assistance who desires to serve our Lord and Savior.

**Don Jones Memorial Scholarship:** The Don Jones Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 in memory of the late Don Jones. He had a tremendous desire to see young men and women succeed in ministry. These scholarships are intended to aid any person in need of financial assistance who desires to serve our Lord and Savior. The individual must devote their full year of college to study the disciplines Texas Bible College propagates.

**Vernon Neely Memorial Scholarship:** The Vernon Neely Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 in memory of the late Vernon Neely. These scholarships are intended to aid any person in need of financial assistance who desires to serve our Lord and Savior. The individual must devote their full year of college to study the disciplines Texas Bible College propagates.

**UCstreaming scholarship:** This scholarship was created for students who have an interest in media (sound, video, lights, stage, music, web). Access scholarship information by visiting this link: [ucstreaming.net](http://ucstreaming.net)

**New Student Referral:** A returning student that is responsible for recruiting and bringing a new student to TBC shall receive 10% off of their tuition cost after the first full semester the newly recruited student is enrolled. This will be paid out by crediting the students account the following semester. If the student does not return the following semester he/she forfeits this credit. Special consideration may be given to graduating seniors if a successful student is recruited. All approvals shall be at the discretion of the administration.

# Academics

## Student Classification

**Full-time Students:** Those enrolled for at least 9 semester hours in a regular course of study.

**Part-time Students:** Those enrolled for 8 semester hours or less not including Life Application Lab hours.

**Audit Students:** Those attending classes who neither take examinations nor receive credit.

## Residency Policy

All single, non-resident students under the age of 26 and enrolled full time are required to live in on-campus dormitories or with immediate family. Other family members may be considered at the discretion of the TBC administration. It is also important to note that if any student drops below 9 credit hours he or she becomes a part-time student and then will be required to move off campus.

## Attendance Policy

### Attendance

Students must regularly attend class to receive a grade in any course of study. An absence is any portion of the regularly scheduled class for which the student is not in attendance. If a student is less than 15 minutes late from the beginning of class he or she will be counted tardy. Make-up work is not permitted for the purpose of removing an absence or tardy.

### Tardiness

If a student is tardy for three days it will constitute an absence. A tardy is defined as being less than 15 minutes late from the beginning of class. Students that arrive 15 minutes late after class has started will be marked absent for that class.

### Absences

Absences each semester will be considered excessive if the student is absent more than the following:

1-hour class	.....	2 absences
2-hour class	.....	4 absences
3-hour class	.....	6 absences

The number of allowable absences listed above is provided for student illness, emergencies, extreme weather conditions and personal business.

A student registering late for a course of study will be counted absent for the class meetings missed prior to the late registration.

### Life Application Lab Attendance

Life Application Lab is the attendance of chapel services. If the student is absent from a weekly chapel service without being excused they will receive an absence in each of that student's classes for that day.

Unexcused Sunday afternoon chapel services during a semester will result in the following actions:

- 1) 2 unexcused absences = 1 day suspension (absent from all of the student's classes for that day)
- 2) 3 unexcused absences = 2 days suspension (absent from all of the student's classes for two days)
- 3) 4 unexcused absences = Probation (students ministry involvement prohibited)
- 4) 5 unexcused absences = Expulsion

### **Clubs/Class Meetings**

Class meetings will be held during the first Tuesday chapel of the month. If a student is absent from the class meeting without proper approval they will receive an absence in each of that student's classes for that day. Club meetings will take place after hours at the discretion of the club advisor.

### **Music Activities**

Music students in special groups, including chorale, are required to participate in scheduled tours, events, etc. If school sponsored and scheduled events occur during class periods, the student will be excused to attend the event.

### **Special Functions**

Students are required to attend special functions such as Accent or Regathering Weekend services, Missions Conference, Legacy Youth Conference, Drama Conference, Outings and any required announced event. The only exceptions from missing these special services or functions will be work schedule, sickness, or special extenuating circumstances. Each of these must be approved by the Dean of Students. If no approval is granted and the student misses the event then the student will receive a suspension for each day or event missed.

## **Withdrawal and Drop Policy**

A student may drop a course during the first two weeks of the semester from the day of registration with the approval of the Dean of Academics. They will be taken out of the class and it will not be entered into their permanent record.

After the second week, and through the fourth week, a student may drop a course and receive a grade of "WP" (withdrawal passing) or "WF: (withdrawal failing). Once any student receives one additional absence beyond the allowable number for a course of study they will be dropped by the instructor from the course.

After the fourth week any student who drops a course voluntarily or is dropped from a course because of excessive absences will receive a grade of "0" (zero) on all remaining work and a final letter grade will be entered on their permanent record.

## **Academic Progress Policy**

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- **Athletic Eligibility:** Students participating in sports tournaments as members of a TBC team must have a 2.0 GPA or better from the previous semester.
- **Chorale Eligibility:** All students who are selected for the Chorale must have and maintain a 2.0 GPA or better.
- **Crusades, Clubs and Special Functions Eligibility:** Students participating in crusades, clubs, chapels, leave requests, etc. must have at least a 2.0 GPA or better from the previous semester.
- **Class/Club Officer Eligibility:** Class and Club presidents must have at least a 2.75 GPA in his/her accumulated years at TBC and other officers must have at least a 2.00 GPA.
- **Ensemble Eligibility:** All students who are selected for the ensemble must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA or better.
- **Student Body Officer Eligibility:** Students who are elected to these offices must have at least a 2.75 GPA in their accumulated years at Texas Bible College.

\* Any variance from this policy must be approved by the President.

# Graduation Policy

In order to graduate from TBC with a Bachelor's Degree, you must have a minimum of: 139 credit hours for Music, 136 credit hours for Theology, and 136 credit hours for Christian Education and 136 credit hours for Missions. In order to graduate with an Associate's Degree, you must have: 71 credit hours for Music, 67 credit hours for Theology, 67 credit hours for Christian Education, 67 credit hours for Missions, and 39 credit hours for Religious Studies. These credit hours must affect GPA, including all the core courses for the selected major. 17 of the last 21 credit hours must be taken on campus. Of the total credit hours that affect GPA, 25% must be taken on campus. Any variance must meet with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Bachelor degree students who have a 3.50 cumulative grade point average or above will receive Honors at Commencement. All GPA calculations will be determined on a weighted scale. Honors for graduation will be determined by the cumulative grade point average earned at Texas Bible College. Bachelor degree students who have earned 60 or more hours at Texas Bible College must meet the following GPA standards to earn the corresponding academic distinction:

<b>3.50 - 3.66</b>	<b>Cum Laude</b>	<b>(Honors)</b>
<b>3.67 - 3.84</b>	<b>Magna Cum Laude</b>	<b>(High Honors)</b>
<b>3.85 and above</b>	<b>Summa Cum Laude</b>	<b>(Highest Honors)</b>

Honors for Associate degree students who have earned **less than 60 hours** at Texas Bible College must meet the following GPA standards to earn corresponding academic distinction:

<b>3.50 - 3.76</b>	<b>Cum Laude</b>	<b>(Honors)</b>
<b>3.77 - 3.94</b>	<b>Magna Cum Laude</b>	<b>(High Honors)</b>
<b>3.95 and above</b>	<b>Summa Cum Laude</b>	<b>(Highest Honors)</b>

Students who have successfully completed the required credits to obtain an Associate degree and do not plan to return for further study can request their degree from the Dean of Academics. There is a fee of \$50 to cover the cost of printing the student's degree. All requests must be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the Fall semester. If submitted after September 1<sup>st</sup>, the request will not be processed until April 1<sup>st</sup> of the Spring semester and received by that year's graduation.

All transferred credits must be a numeric grade of 73% or above to be transferred into Texas Bible College. A grade of "D" or below, or less than a 73% numeric grade, for any course of study that a student wishes to transfer will not be accepted and applied to a student's transcript.

- A graduation fee will be charged to cover the cost of the student's degree, cap and gown, and other graduation related expenses.
- A student will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises or receive a degree unless his account is paid in full.
- Grades from sources prior to present enrollment at TBC will not be calculated into the student's overall GPA.

# Student Conduct Policy

The Scriptures define the principles that govern Christian conduct and attitude at Texas Bible College. Once we are saved from sin, we are commanded to go and sin no more (John 8:11); we are instructed to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world (Titus 2:2); and we are warned that without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

As servants of God we have a responsibility to live and act in accordance with scriptural principles. As helpers of mankind we sincerely seek the best for others' welfare without attempting to manipulate or meddle. As employees,

we attempt to fulfill responsibilities and perform our duties faithfully and competently; as citizens and members of society, we seek to obey government authority and contribute to the good of the culture.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost, and as such, should reflect God in humble appearance, modest apparel, and personal cleanliness. The possession, use, and distribution of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, nonprescription and illicit drugs, and other questionable practices are not considered suitable for the college staff or students.

## Course Interruption Policy

A student who becomes antagonistic to the policies and rules of Texas Bible College or fails to accomplish that for which he is enrolled, thereby severs all connections with the College and may be dismissed whenever the administration deems it wise. The College further reserves the right to dismiss any student who fails to show sufficient interest and/or who, in the opinion of the administration, does not have sufficient intellectual qualifications to successfully complete a course of study.

In the event a student's enrollment is interrupted for unsatisfactory progress, questionable circumstances or those that have been asked to leave due to not adhering to TBC policies or procedures will be required to sit out one full semester before being allowed to return. After one full semester has passed, readmission will be an Executive Committee decision and if the student is allowed to return, he or she must bring a Pastor's letter of recommendation for readmission. This also applies to students who have been dismissed for the above reasons from another UPCI Bible College.

All changes in registration must have the approval of the Dean of Academics and President.

## New Student Probationary Period

All new students must be at least 17 years of age by the registration date of the semester they are attending. All new students are on a probationary status during their first 90 days at TBC. At the end of the probation period, or before if necessary, each new student will be evaluated by a panel of faculty and staff members. Acceptable levels of accountability necessary to be released from the probationary period include:

1. **Academic:** GPA will be evaluated at the end of each semester.
2. **Behavioral:** No infraction of any TBC policy has been committed.
3. **Relational:** No intense (boyfriend/girlfriend type) relationship has been initiated.
4. **Attitude:** Student exhibits positive values, morals, and interpersonal relationship skills in his or her interaction with faculty, staff, and other students.
5. **Attendance:** Student has not been dropped from any classes.

## Academic Probation Policy

All students at Texas Bible College are expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. Should a student's GPA fall below that level, he or she will be placed on academic probation for the following semester. Any student placed on academic probation for two consecutive semesters must have the approval of an academic review committee for readmission the following semester. The review committee shall be comprised of the President, Academic Dean, Dean of student's major, and the Dean of Students.

- **Dating Eligibility:** Any student on academic probation is disqualified from any dating activity.
- **Leave Request Eligibility:** Any student that is placed on academic probation will have their weekend leave requests diminished from four to two in that semester.

# Department of Theology

Theology is the study of the one true God, the discipline that seeks from the Holy Scriptures knowledge of God's being and all God's works. Founded on biblical truth, theology brings into harmony with God's word other disciplines like philosophy, history, and science. Its primary goal is the development and advancement of understanding through biblically sound doctrine. Theology produces understanding and spiritual maturity, resulting in a strong foundation for all ministries both domestic and foreign.

## Departmental Objectives

The objectives of a study in theology are to enable students to:

1. Acquire thorough understanding of the major doctrinal and biblical themes of the apostolic faith.
2. Gain insight into proper Christian apologetics.
3. Practice the interpretation of life through biblical reflection.
4. Discover the correlation of apostolic truth and life and the practice of ministerial leadership.
5. Find guidance and motivation for pursuing spiritual growth by encountering the transforming power of divine truth.

## Student Classification

1. **Freshman:** Theology majors who have successfully completed less than 33 semester hours of work.
2. **Sophomore:** Theology majors who have successfully completed at least 33 semester hours of work.
3. **Juniors:** Theology majors who have successfully completed at least 67 semester hours of work.
4. **Seniors:** Theology majors who have successfully completed at least 101 semester hours of work.

## Basic Requirements for a Degree

An Associate's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 67 hours.

1. 33 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 34 hours in Sophomore level courses.

A Bachelor's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 136 hours.

1. 33 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 34 hours in Sophomore level courses.
3. 34 hours in Junior level courses.
4. 35 hours in Senior level courses.

Course requirements for a Theology Degree are listed on the following page.

# Course Sequence for a Theology Degree

## Freshman

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Basic Doctrine	3
Bible Survey	2
Christian Ethics	2
Effective Communication	2
Personal Evangelism	3
Spiritual Development I	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Acts	3
Altar Counseling	1
Discipleship Ministries	2
Keys to Success	3
Media Technology	2
Spiritual Development II	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## Sophomore

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Life and Times of Christ	3
Stewardship	3
Study Resources	2
Systematic Theology I	3
Hermeneutics	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Courtship, Marriage, Home	3
Essentials of Congregational Worship	2
Gifts of the Spirit	2
Homiletics	2
Systematic Theology II	3
Old Testament Theology	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

## Junior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church History	2
Comparative Religions	3
Paul's Journey Epistles	3
Systematic Theology III	3
Hebrews	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Corinthians	3
General Epistles	3
Leadership Development	2
Romans	3
Prophets	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

## Senior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church Office Administration	2
Church Planting	2
Directed Study I	1
Genesis and Science	2
Pastoral Epistles	3
Pastoral Theology I	3
Ministerial Ethics	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

<b>Total Program Hours</b>	<b>136</b>
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Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Directed Study II	2
Pastoral Counseling /Women's Ministry	3
Pastoral Theology II	3
Wisdom Literature	2
Youth Ministry	2
Prophecy	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>Program Specific Courses</b>
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# Department of Christian Music

The primary mission of the Christian Music Department of Texas Bible College is to prepare competent and qualified teachers, musicians, worship leaders, and directors of music for Christian music ministry both domestic and foreign.

## Departmental Objectives

The objectives of the Christian Music Program are to equip the student in the following areas:

1. To comprehend basic Bible doctrines and precepts.
2. To understand the roles of music and worship in the church.
3. To demonstrate comprehensive skills in the areas of keyboarding, music theory, transcription, choral conducting and arranging.
4. To be able to administer, facilitate and form a music department in a church and/or Christian school.

## Student Classification

1. **Freshman:** Music majors who have successfully completed less than 38 semester hours of work.
2. **Sophomore:** Music majors who have successfully completed 38 semester hours of work.
3. **Juniors:** Music majors who have successfully completed at least 73 semester hours of work.
4. **Seniors:** Music majors who have successfully completed at least 106 semester hours of work.

## Basic Requirements for a Degree

An Associate's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 73 hours.

1. 38 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 35 hours in Sophomore level courses.

A Bachelor's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 141 hours.

1. 38 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 35 hours in Sophomore level courses.
3. 33 hours in Junior level courses.
4. 35 hours in Senior level courses.

Course requirements for a Christian Music Degree are listed on the following page.

## Course Sequence for a Christian Music Degree

### Freshman

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Basic Doctrine	3
Effective Communication	2
Personal Evangelism	3
Spiritual Development I	2
Applied Piano Lab	1
Choir	1
Ear Training	1
Group Piano I	1
Music Theory I	2
Note-Reading lab I	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>20</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Acts	3
Keys to Success	3
Media Technology	2
Applied Piano lab	1
Choir	1
Ear Training	1
Group Piano II	1
Music Theory II	2
Note-Reading lab II	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

### Sophomore

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Stewardship	3
Systematic Theology I	3
Applied Piano Lab	1
Choir	1
Ear Training	2
Group Piano III	1
Music Theory III	2
Overview of Music History	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Courtship, Marriage, Home	3
Essentials of Congregational Worship	2
Systematic Theology II	3
Applied Piano Lab	1
Choir	1
Ear Training	2
Group Piano IV	1
Music Theory IV	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

### Junior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Paul's Journey Epistles	3
Systematic Theology III	3
Applied Piano Lab	1
Applied Voice	1
Choir	1
Ear Training	2
Group Piano V	1
Music Composition	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Corinthians	3
General Epistles	3
Applied Piano Lab	1
Applied Voice	1
Choir	1
Choral Conducting I	1
Ear Training	2
Group Piano VI	1
Music For Children	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

## Senior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church Office Administration	2
Applied Organ Lab I	1
Applied Voice	1
Choir	1
Choral Conducting II	1
Church Music Administration I	2
Ear Training	2
Group Piano VII	1
Music Software Applications	2
Piano Pedagogy I	1
Life Application Lab	3
Total Hours	17

Total Program Hours	141
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Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Pastoral Counseling/Women's Ministry	3
Applied Organ Lab II	1
Applied Voice	1
Choir	1
Choral Conducting III	1
Church Music Administration II	2
Ear Training	2
Instrumental Techniques	1
Piano Pedagogy II	1
Vocal Pedagogy	2
Life Application Lab	3
Total Hours	18

Program Specific Courses
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# Department of Christian Education

The primary mission of the Christian Education Department of Texas Bible College is to prepare competent and qualified Christian teachers and leaders for ministry in the United States and abroad.

## Departmental Objectives

The objectives of the Christian Education program are to equip the student in the following areas:

1. To have a positive attitude toward children, teaching, learning, and to develop children with a positive view of self, others, and their world.
2. To understand the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual development that promotes the learning skills for the total child.
3. To use a variety of instructional approaches and materials to meet the needs of individuals and groups in the classroom.
4. To understand the administration, organization, and operation of the total church educational program.
5. To develop and implement a plan of study with a class of students or individual students based upon supervised labs and field experiences in an appropriate setting.
6. To possess and demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that are required to perform effectively as a Christian teacher.

## Student Classification

1. **Freshman:** Education majors who have successfully completed less than 33 semester hours of work.
2. **Sophomore:** Education majors who have successfully completed at least 33 semester hours of work.
3. **Juniors:** Education majors who have successfully completed at least 67 semester hours of work.
4. **Seniors:** Education majors who have successfully completed at least 101 semester hours of work.

## Basic Requirements for a Degree

An Associate's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 67 hours.

1. 33 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 34 hours in Sophomore level courses.

A Bachelor's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 136 hours.

1. 33 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 34 hours in Sophomore level courses.
3. 34 hours in Junior level courses.
4. 35 hours in Senior level courses.

Course requirements for a Christian Education Degree are listed on the following page.

# Course Sequence for a Christian Education Degree

## Freshman

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Basic Doctrine	3
Bible Survey	2
Christian Ethics	2
Effective Communication	2
Personal Evangelism	3
Spiritual Development I	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Acts	3
Altar Counseling	1
Discipleship Ministries	2
Keys to Success	3
Media Technology	2
Spiritual Development II	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## Sophomore

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Life and Times of Christ	3
Stewardship	3
Systematic Theology I	3
Child Development	3
Intro to CE	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Courtship, Marriage, Home	3
Essentials of Congregational Worship	2
Gifts of the Spirit	2
Systematic Theology II	3
Principles of Instruction	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## Junior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church History	2
Paul's Journey Epistles	3
Systematic Theology III	3
Comparative Religions	3
Teaching Children	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Corinthians	3
General Epistles	3
Leadership Development	2
Romans	3
Family in Focus	2
Music For Children	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

## Senior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church Office Administration	2
Directed Study I	1
Genesis and Science	2
Pace Development	1
Pastoral Epistles	3
Classroom Management	3
Comparative CE	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>Total Program Hours</b>	<b>136</b>
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Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Directed Study II	2
Pastoral Counseling /Women's Ministry	3
Wisdom Literature	2
Youth Ministry	2
Education Administration	3
Teaching Practicum	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

<b>Program Specific Courses</b>
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# Department of Missions

The driving force of the Christian missions department is to focus each future missionary on how rapidly changing our world is as well as aid them in developing a concrete relationship with the changeless Christ. The untouched masses of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as the nominal Christians in Europe and North America, demand new and vigorous action- far beyond past efforts- to reach and disciple lost individuals to Christ. It's our mission to effectively train and equip individuals should God call them to meet this challenge.

## Departmental Objectives

The objectives of the Missions Program are to equip the student in the following areas:

1. To comprehend basic Bible doctrines and precepts.
2. To prepare them with the biblical and theological studies necessary for a Scriptural ministry.
3. To communicate Christ cross-culturally to the world community.
4. To develop practical skills within an intense missions-related program.
5. The missions department is also ideal for the student who expects to remain in the homeland, but who wants to develop a stronger missions burden or to develop a cross-cultural ministry at home.

## Student Classification

1. **Freshman:** Missions majors who have successfully completed less than 33 semester hours of work.
2. **Sophomore:** Missions majors who have successfully completed at least 33 semester hours of work.
3. **Juniors:** Missions majors who have successfully completed at least 67 semester hours of work.
4. **Seniors:** Missions majors who have successfully completed at least 102 semester hours of work.

## Basic Requirements for a Degree

An Associate's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 67 hours.

1. 33 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 34 hours in Sophomore level courses.

A Bachelor's Degree is issued upon successful completion of 136 hours.

1. 33 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 34 hours in Sophomore level courses.
3. 35 hours in Junior level courses.
4. 34 hours in Senior level courses.

Course requirements for a Missions Degree are listed on the following page.

# Course Sequence for a Missions Degree

## Freshman

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Basic Doctrine	3
Bible Survey	2
Christian Ethics	2
Effective Communication	2
Personal Evangelism	3
Spiritual Development I	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Acts	3
Altar Counseling	1
Discipleship Ministries	2
Keys to Success	3
Media Technology	2
Spiritual Development II	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## Sophomore

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Life and Times of Christ	3
Stewardship	3
Study Resources	2
Systematic Theology I	3
Intro to Missions	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Courtship, Marriage, Home	3
Essentials of Cong. Worship	2
Gifts of the Spirit	2
Homiletics	2
Systematic Theology II	3
Missionary Perspectives	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

## Junior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church History	2
Paul's Journey Epistles	3
Systematic Theology III	3
Comparative Religions	3
Conflicts of Cultures	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Corinthians	3
General Epistles	3
Leadership Development	2
Romans	3
Cults	3
Foreign Service Procedure	1
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

## Senior

Fall	
Course Name	Hours
Church Office Administration	2
Church Planting	2
Directed Study I	1
Genesis and Science	2
Pastoral Epistles	3
Pastoral Theology I	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Total Program Hours</b>	<b>136</b>
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Spring	
Course Name	Hours
Directed Study II	2
Pastoral Counseling / Women's Ministry	3
Pastoral Theology II	3
Wisdom Literature	2
Youth Ministry	2
National Church	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>Program Specific Courses</b>
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# Associate of Religious Studies/Angelina College

The Associate of Religious Studies Degree provides the opportunity for a student interested in pursuing basic Religious Studies in a safe environment. The student at the same time is pursuing a secular accredited Associate Degree from Angelina College in any particular field of study.

The student must maintain full time status in the dual degree program in order to reside in the TBC dormitory. The student pursuing this field of study must keep the Academic Dean up to date on courses being taken at Angelina College. The student enrolled at Texas Bible College in pursuit of the Dual Degree must abide by the policies and procedures of TBC. Any variance from this policy must be approved by the President of Texas Bible College.

## Dual Degree Objectives

The objectives of the Dual Degree are to train the student:

1. To comprehend basic Bible doctrines and precepts.
2. To prepare them with the biblical and theological studies necessary for a Scriptural ministry.
3. To provide a safe and godly atmosphere in pursuing Christian and secular education.
4. To develop practical skills within a Christian and a secular environment.
5. To allow the student to pursue an accredited associate degree while strengthening their relationship with God in a strong, safe, and solid Christian atmosphere as they also pursue a religious degree at Texas Bible College.

## Student Classification

1. **Freshman:** Religious Studies majors who have successfully completed less than 19 semester hours of work.
2. **Sophomore:** Religious Studies majors who have successfully completed at least 20 semester hours of work.

## Basic Requirements for a Degree

An Associate of Religious Studies Degree is issued upon successful completion of 39 hours.

1. 19 hours in Freshman level courses.
2. 20 hours in Sophomore level courses.

Course requirements for an Associate of Religious Studies Degree are listed on the following page.

## Courses for an Associate of Religious Studies Degree

### Freshman

Course Name	Hours
Basic Doctrine	3
Bible Survey	2
Spiritual Development I	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>10</b>

Course Name	Hours
Acts	3
Altar Counseling	1
Spiritual Development II	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>9</b>

### Sophomore

Course Name	Hours
Christian Ethics	2
Effective Communication	2
Personal Evangelism	3
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>10</b>

Course Name	Hours
Discipleship Ministries	2
Keys to Success	3
Media Technology	2
Life Application Lab	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Total Program Hours</b>	<b>39</b>
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# Course Descriptions

## Division of Bible

### **B 1302 Acts**

A concentrated investigation of the birth of the church and the doctrinal foundation upon which it would seek to establish itself in Bible times. This course continues with an analytical study of the acts of the apostles with emphasis placed on the experience, the transition, the nature, the activities, the character and characters, as well as the growth and expansion of the New Testament church.

### **B 1201 Bible Survey**

An overview course of the entire Bible, this course is designed to acquaint the student with a basic understanding of all 66 books. Specific topics will include authorship, date of writing, major themes and applications.

### **B 1203 Biblical Study Resources**

This course will investigate Bible study methods and available printed and electronic resources. Particular attention will be given to Greek and Hebrew language tools.

### **B 3302 Corinthians**

A comprehensive study of the Corinthian epistles and the conditions under which they were written. In a framework of New Testament doctrine and practices, this course places special emphasis upon the application of its teaching to the church today. This interpretive study of the Corinthian epistles includes topical exposition and analytical research.

### **B 3304 General Epistles**

An analytical study of the background, authorship, theme, and content of James, I and II Peter, I, II, and III John, and Jude. Comprehensive study characterizes this course.

### **B 3301 Hebrews**

A verse-by-verse study of the epistle, the central theme of which is Jesus Christ, the final and full revelation of God. Hebrews has been aptly called the Holy Spirit's Commentary on the Old Testament.

### **B 2301 Life and Times of Christ**

This is a chronological study of the life and times of Christ. Particulars will include His Birth, Early Years, His Ministry, and the Passion Week.

### **B 4301 Pastoral Epistles**

A detailed analysis of I and II Timothy and Titus that gives special attention to the instructions and exhortations regarding pastoral work.

### **B 3303 Paul's Journey Epistles**

A study of Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and I and II Thessalonians analyzed in their historical setting. This course gives special emphasis to an exegetical exposition of the key subjects in these books written by the Apostle Paul.

### **B 3305 Prophecy**

A study designed to bring the student's attention to scriptural prophecies pointing to our present-day and future events. This course studies Old Testament prophecies along with the book of Revelation.

### **B 3307 Prophets**

A survey of the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel) and Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi) of the Old Testament.

**B 3306 Romans**

An exegetical study of Paul's epistle to the Romans which examines the important doctrines of grace, justification, sanctification, propitiation, and atonement.

**B 4202 Wisdom Literature**

An investigation and study of Hebrew wisdom literature as expressed in the Books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

## **Division of General Education**

**GE 1102 Altar Counseling**

This course will cover the methods and techniques in counseling people that are seeking the New Birth experience.

**GE 3202 Church History**

A review of history from A.D. 33 (the day of Pentecost) to the present from an apostolic perspective with evidence that the apostolic doctrine has existed through progressive world changes. This course discusses the influence of philosophy and government upon the influence of Christianity and its doctrines.

**GE 4202 Church Office Administration**

A practical course in which the student will gain basic knowledge of accounting, tax and administrative requirements of today's church.

**GE 2302 Courtship, Marriage, and the Home**

A course to help guide young adults in courtship and through the challenges of marriage and child rearing.

**GE 1202 Discipleship Ministries**

A study of the ways to disciple people on a one-to-one basis. Training in how to disciple new converts in Christianity will be covered.

**GE 1203 Effective Communication**

A course emphasizing the essentials of correct and effective expression of thought, both written and oral, through the actual writing of feature stories, articles, and essays for publication.

**GE 1302 Keys to Success**

This course will provide a basic understanding of the various character qualities found in the Bible and express means by which these qualities may lead to a successful Christian life.

**GE 3204 Leadership Development**

A course that covers a study of leadership responsibilities and qualities. This course will cover the leaders motives, attitudes, character, qualities and skills necessary to be successful in the ministry.

**GE 1204 Media Technology**

This course acquaints the student with several media technologies. Emphasis is placed on different types of media used in church promotion and worship. Students gain hands-on experience through complete projects suitable for implementation, production, or publication.

**GE 1301 Personal Evangelism**

A course designed to study the ways to evangelize and disciple people on a one-to-one basis. Training in how to reach the lost person and bring salvation to him.

**GE 1205, 1206 Spiritual Development I & II**

A course designed to establish the responsibilities of the student to himself, others and God. The students will be challenged to become the best that they are capable of becoming: mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Topics such as prayer, fasting, spiritual warfare, personal relationships, conflict management, and spiritual leadership will be covered.

**GE 2303 Stewardship**

An orientation to college life addressing the topics of adjusting to adulthood, finances and budgeting, study habits, managing your time, and the personal devotion life will be covered.

**GE 4302 Women's Ministries**

A course which explores such topics as fund raising techniques, showers, social functions, and other ways today's Christian women can be integrated into the total church life. This course also teaches homemaking and hospitality skills, helping women to be productive in the church and community.

## Division of Christian Education

**CE 2301 Child Development**

An examination of physical, cognitive, spiritual and social/emotional development of a young child.

**CE 4301 Classroom Management**

An examination of the principles of behavioral management as applied to children and youth in the classroom setting. Practical application in the areas of motivational techniques, lesson planning, classroom control, and organizational skills.

**CE 4305 Comparative Christian Education**

A survey of the various Christian education curricula available to the Christian school. A study of selected national systems of education, with particular reference to administration, curriculum development and educational opportunities.

**CE 4101 Directed Study 1 (Thesis)**

Research project completed on an educational topic chosen by the student and approved by the dean of Christian Education. Directed Study 1 is a completion of an outline which will be utilized in Directed Study 2.

**CE 4202 Directed Study 2 (Thesis)**

Research project completed on an educational topic chosen by the student and approved by the dean of Christian Education. Directed Study 2 is a completion of a 30 page research paper on an approved project equivalent to 30 pages.

**CE 4302 Educational Administration**

An examination of the administration roles in the design, implementation and improvement of the total educational program in private schools. Specific areas of study include curriculum and instruction, staff personnel and student activities.

**CE 3201 Family in Focus**

A study of the 21<sup>st</sup> century family and its role in the church. Life cycles and the issues which are dealt with in each cycle will be studied in depth, along with ministry opportunities in each cycle.

**CE 2303 Introduction to Christian Education**

This study will be an overview of the educational task of the church. This course includes a survey of the biblical and historical foundation, materials, methods, and administration.

**CE 4102 Pace Development**

An introductory class into the principles behind the PACE curriculum. The student will gain an understanding of PACE philosophy through hands on experience.

**CE 2302 Principles of Instruction**

A systematic approach to instruction including purpose, process and practice. The student will be acquainted with the role of public, private, and home schooling and the nature of the teaching profession. The student will also be introduced to core philosophies guiding the 21<sup>st</sup> century teacher.

### **CE 3301 Teaching Children**

A course designed around the elementary child. The focus of this course is twofold. First of all, the unique learning styles and challenges of children will be covered. The focus here will be on the classroom setting, be it a Sunday school or a "real" school setting. Second of all, the exceptional world of children's ministry will be studied in depth. The students will become familiar with the why's, whom and how's of children ministry.

### **CE 4204 Teaching Practicum**

A practical course in which the student applies the principles of Christian education through classroom instruction. The student practices teaching in a lab class and gains experience in an actual Christian school classroom.

### **CE 4206 Youth Ministry**

A study of youth culture as it relates to the church. A major focus will be given to the power and purpose of a vision driven youth ministry in the local church and its effect on the church as a whole. Emphasis of study will include youth events, record keeping, counseling, liabilities and staff relationships.

## **Division of Christian Music**

### **MU 1103, MU 1104, MU 2103, MU 2104, MU 3103, MU 3104, MU 4103, MU 4104 Applied Organ Lab**

Individual organ lessons that are scheduled with the organ instructor(s) on an individual basis. This course is open to all students whose interests and aptitude qualify.

### **MU 1101, MU 1102, MU 2101, MU 2102, MU 3101, MU 3102, MU 4101, MU 4102 Applied Piano Lab**

Individual piano lessons that are scheduled with the piano instructor(s) on an individual basis. This course is open to all students whose interests and aptitude qualify.

### **MU 1105, MU 1106, MU 2105, MU 2106, MU 3105, MU 3106, MU 4105, MU 4106 Applied Voice Lab**

Individual voice lessons that are scheduled with the voice instructor(s) on an individual basis.

### **MU 1111, MU 1112, MU 2111, MU 2112, MU 3111, MU 3112, MU 4111, MU 4112 Choir**

A course, open to all students whose interests and aptitude qualify, which is designed to acquaint the student with singing as it applies to larger groups. Performances are scheduled periodically throughout the school year.

### **MU 3118 Choral Conducting I**

A study of the technique of conducting which places emphasis on various styles of religious music.

### **MU 4117, MU 4118 Choral Conducting II & III**

A continuation of Mu 218 with an extended study in conducting techniques. This course includes a discussion of choral arranging in SATB form, teaching by rote, vocal arranging for small groups, and instrumental orchestration.

### **MU 1113, MU 1114, MU 2113, MU 2114, MU 3113, MU 3114, MU 4113, MU 4114 Chorale**

A course open to those students which meet certain qualifications. This course is designed to acquaint the student with singing as it applies to larger groups. Performances are scheduled periodically throughout the school year.

### **MU 4205, MU 4206 Church Music Administration I & II**

A study of the formation and leadership of the church music program. This course discusses people skills, leadership principles, CCLI and other topics that affect the church music program.

### **MU 1205 Music Theory I**

An introductory course designed to acquaint the student with the fundamental rudiments of music theory including note recognition, major scales, major key signatures, simple and compound meters.

### **MU 1107, MU 1108 Ear Training 1 & II**

A beginning class in music transcription which discusses rhythmic and melodic transcriptions involving one and two lines. It is also an introductory course in aural training using sight singing in major and minor modes.

**MU 1109, MU 1110 Group Piano I & II**

A course of study to acquaint the student with basic music fundamentals. This course instructs the student in the construction and interpretation of various chord structure and symbols.

**MU 2109, MU 2110 Group Piano III & IV**

An applied course in keyboard training by ear, advanced chord building and progressions. This course also covers intermediate note reading and places emphasis on keyboarding technique. **Prerequisite: MU 1109, MU 1110**

**MU 3109, MU 3110, Group Piano V, VI**

An applied course in keyboarding which encourages the development of personal keyboard style and experimentation. The student performs advanced note reading and classical pieces. This course also discusses common progressions in church music. **Prerequisite: MU 2109, MU 2110**

**MU 4109, MU 4110, Group Piano VII, VIII**

An applied course in keyboarding which encourages the development of personal keyboard style and experimentation. The student performs advanced note reading and classical pieces. This course also discusses common progressions in church music. **Prerequisite: MU 3109, MU 3110**

**MU 4108 Instrumental Techniques**

A pedagogical view on the rudiments of the guitar, electric bass guitar, and percussion.

**MU 3108 Music Composition**

A creative writing course in religious music which discusses a variety of modern composers, as well as an array of styles.

**MU 3116 Music For Children**

A course designed to educate the student in the area of children's music in the elementary ages. It also discusses the formation of children's choirs and the production of a children's musical.

**MU 4201 Music Software Applications**

An introduction to the various software notation programs available today. This course will also discuss MIDI, sequencing and drum loops.

**MU 1206, MU 2205 Music Theory II & III**

A continuation of Fundamentals of Music Theory. This course will introduce basic music theory concepts such as minor key signatures and scales, church modes and introduce the student to the Roman Numeral Analysis system. This course will also cover the essentials of music including time signatures, circle of fourths and fifths, and basic rhythm techniques. **Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Music Theory**

**MU 2206 Music Theory IV**

A more complex study in music theory which discusses advanced harmonic and rhythmic materials, as well as secondary dominants and four-part writing. **Prerequisite: MU 1206, MU 2205**

**MU 2209, MU 2210 Ear Training III & IV**

A continuation of the development of the student's aural skills with emphasis placed on sight-singing, transcription and harmonic analysis.

**MU 3209, MU 3210 Ear Training V & VI**

A continuation of the development of the student's aural skills with emphasis placed on advanced sight singing, dictation and harmonic analysis. **Prerequisite: MU 2209, MU 2210**

**MU 4209, MU 4210 Ear Training VII & VIII**

A continuation of the development of the student's aural skills with emphasis placed on advanced sight singing, dictation and harmonic analysis. **Prerequisite: Mu 3209, Mu 3210**

**MU 1115, MU 1116 Note Reading Lab I & II**

This lab course is designed to hone the student's note reading ability. This course will cover various beginning to intermediate notated music literature as well as small learning pieces from the text. **This course must be taken in conjunction with Group Piano I and II.**

**MU 2107 Overview of Music History**

A study of music as it has evolved throughout history. This class analyzes music from the Baroque, Romantic, and Contemporary periods.

**MU 4115, MU 4116 Piano Pedagogy I & II**

A study of contemporary procedures, methods, techniques and philosophies of teaching children and adults by note and ear, including an evaluation of current piano methods. The student is given the opportunity to teach some private lessons and is required to compose his own piano series.

**MU 3119 Vocal Class**

This course is a group voice lesson that is designed to introduce the student to various art song forms, breathing techniques, posture, and how to apply correct vocal technique to gospel singing.

**MU 4208 Vocal Pedagogy**

A course discussing voice instruction which utilizes various vocal methods and exercises. This course emphasizes correct vocal hygiene and care.

## Division of Missions

**MI 3301 Conflict of Cultures**

A study of the ways in which cultures differ and of the principles of communicating the gospel to people of other cultures. An examination will be made of culture shock and numerous examples of cultural differences will be given.

**MI 3303 Cults**

A study of the beliefs and practices of contemporary religious sects with Scriptural grounds for rebuttal of erroneous doctrines. Attention will be given to Mormonism, Christian Science, Adventism, Jehovah's Witness, and modern cults.

**MI 4101 Directed Study 1 (Thesis)**

Research project completed on an educational topic chosen by the student and approved by the dean of Missions. Directed Study 1 is a completion of an outline which will be utilized in Directed Study 2.

**MI 4202 Directed Study 2 (Thesis)**

Research project completed on an educational topic chosen by the student and approved by the dean of Missions. Directed Study 2 is a completion of a 30 page research paper on an approved project equivalent to 30 pages.

**MI 4302 Foreign Service Procedure**

This course is designed to introduce students to the policies and procedures of the Foreign Missions Division of the UPCI, to enable them to understand the thinking behind the scenes, and to give them an advantage in making preparation for service.

**MI 2301 Introduction to Missions**

A broad survey of foreign missions from a Pentecostal perspective. This course discusses the motivation, methods, and procedures of the work of a foreign missionary and prepares the student for service in a foreign field.

**MI 2204 Missionary Perspectives**

This course will cover the many areas of ministry that a foreign missionary must deal with in a foreign country. Topics such as adversity, vision, organization, faith, fear, persistence and other various areas will be covered.

**MI 4303 National Church**

A systematic approach to establishing a strong national church that is self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating will be covered. This course is oriented towards the foreign field of church planting.

## Division of Theology

### **T 1301 Basic Doctrine**

This course is an overview of the doctrines of the New Birth, the Oneness of the Godhead, and biblical holiness. Special emphasis will be given to scriptural foundations of each of these.

### **T 1201 Christian Ethics**

This course is an in depth study of ethical concerns such as abortion, euthanasia, war, the right to life and others. Each topic will be studied from a scriptural and historical perspective.

### **T 4201 Church Planting**

This course will develop within the individual the necessary components of starting a church from the ground up. Emphasis will be given to topics such as location, goal setting, evangelism, leadership, and staffing.

### **T 3302 Comparative Religions**

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the major religions in the world today. The history, teachings, and influence of different world religions and cults will be addressed.

### **T 4101 Directed Study 1 (Thesis)**

Research project completed on an educational topic chosen by the student and approved by the dean of Theology. Directed Study 1 is a completion of an outline which will be utilized in Directed Study 2.

### **T 4202 Directed Study 2 (Thesis)**

Research project completed on an educational topic chosen by the student and approved by the dean of Theology. Directed Study 2 is a completion of a 30 page research paper on an approved project equivalent to 30 pages.

### **T 2202 Essentials of Congregational Worship**

A study of the essentials of congregational worship in all of its forms with the intent to develop personal and corporate worship. This course places worship in the context of Old and New Testament scripture, examines key biblical passages on music and worship, and studies the design of worship services and the principles of a vital church worship program.

### **T 4203 Genesis and Science**

A course that studies creation science with reference to Genesis, examining scriptural and scientific evidence concerning creation and revealing evolutionary biases in secular society and how these biases adversely affect one's perception of God's Word.

### **T 2204 Gifts of the Spirit**

A systematic analytical study of the nine gifts of the Spirit as recorded in I Corinthians 12:8-10. This course places special emphasis on acquainting the student with the operational activities of each gift and how the gifts all work together to compliment the body of Christ.

### **T 2203 Hermeneutics**

A study of the rules of interpretation which enable the student to avoid the more common pitfalls in interpretation of scripture. This course stresses the importance of sound and correct interpretation of scripture and formulates the rules that aid the student in the practice.

### **T 2206 Homiletics**

A thorough study of the preparation and delivery of sermons. Basic principles of persuasive speaking are integrated with considerations unique to inspired expository preaching.

### **T1307, T1308 Life Application Lab I & II; T 2307, T 2308 Life Application Lab III & IV; T 3307, T 3308 Life Application Lab V & VI; T 4307, T 4308 Life Application Lab VII & VIII**

A course that involves the student in a balanced spiritual life that includes prayer, worship, study, and service. Specific service is directed through the student's academic major.

**T4104 Ministerial Ethics**

A study intended to teach Christian ministry students the unique moral role of the minister and the ethical responsibilities of that vocation.

**T 2304 Old Testament Theology**

A systematic approach to the teachings of the Old Testament. Basic themes of teaching are stressed against historically developing backgrounds. Themes such as covenants, law, grace, eschatology and leadership will be covered.

**T 4304 Pastoral Counseling**

A systematic approach to counseling as set forth in Scripture, along with the legal aspects regarding counseling and the ministry.

**T 4302 Pastoral Theology I**

An applied study of the various pastoral duties such as weddings, funerals, counseling and other responsibilities involved in his ministry. It also includes a survey of management styles and organizational skills for church growth.

**T 4303 Pastoral Theology II**

A detailed study of the minister's calling and his personal development as a man of God, including a pastor's relationship with his church members, his fellow ministers, evangelists, officials of the organization, and his own family.

**T 2305 Systematic Theology I**

A study of the biblical holiness principles designed to give those who desire to walk with God a better perspective of the Christian lifestyle.

**T 2306 Systematic Theology II**

The New Birth experience is covered through an in depth study of the necessary components of biblical salvation.

**T 3305 Systematic Theology III**

A course which covers the essentials of the doctrines of God such as the Oneness of God, including the attributes, character and nature of God. Also a presentation and a defense for major Bible doctrines including: doctrine of sin, doctrine of heaven and hell, doctrine of salvation, doctrine of angels, doctrine of the church, doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

# A STATEMENT OF FAITH

It is extremely imperative that any institution of training for ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers be fully committed to the doctrinal positions of its sponsoring body. The Texas Bible College faculty and staff are in full support of the Articles of Faith of the UPCI which have been a part of the constitution of the College since its inception.

There are three areas where agreement is of vital importance.

## THE MESSAGE

By message we mean the doctrine of the Oneness of God, the Person and work of Jesus Christ, the plan of salvation, subsequent lifestyle, the fact of heaven for the saved, eternal damnation for the lost. These cardinal doctrines are expressly defined in the Bible, which we believe to be inerrant and God-breathed (II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16).

Texas Bible College believes and teaches that all men are lost until they are born again according to John 3:5 and Acts 2:38; that faith toward God, repentance from sin, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in other tongues, constitute the new birth and are essential to salvation (Acts 2:38; II Thess. 1:8); that holiness and separation from the world are not optional for the Christian (Heb. 12:14; Titus 2:11-12; I Cor, 6:9-11); that Jesus Christ is the fleshly manifestation of the one true God revealed to us in the Old Testament canon (I Tim. 3:16); that the return of Christ for His church is imminent (Titus 2:13; Acts 1:11; Rev. 22:20); that heaven and hell represent the eternal abodes of the saved and the lost, respectively (Col. 1:5; II Thess. 1:9).

## THE MISSION

The mission of the church while waiting for the Lord to return is clear: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations....to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...Preach the gospel to every creature...and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...As my Father hath sent me, so send I you" (Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21). These passages express the necessity for all believers to be involved in getting the gospel to the lost, so that those who do not know the Lord may believe, manifest their faith in God by obedience, and be saved. The church should not cease this activity until all men have heard the gospel (Acts 1:8; 17:30).

After believers have expressed their faith in Jesus Christ and obeyed the gospel, they should be assimilated into local churches (Rom. 16:5, 16; I Cor. 4:17), submitting to spiritual authority (Heb. 13:17), in order to share fellowship with others and be taught the principles of righteousness (Titus 2:11, 12; Col. 3:16; II Tim. 2:2). These churches should collectively and aggressively evangelize their communities, their nation, and their world (Acts 1:8). They ought to believe that God will confirm His word with signs following (Mark 16:20), adding to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47), and that evangelism mixed with faith will produce an ingathering of souls until He comes.

Our mission is perhaps best expressed in the motto of the United Pentecostal Church International- "The Whole Gospel To The Whole World."

## THE MEANS

The means to be used by the church in reaching the whole world ought to be as apostolic as its message. The body of Christ is not left to its own designs in the matter of evangelism. Preaching and teaching everywhere (Mark 16:20), then discipling those who believe, is the primary method of reaching the world. But God did not commission us to do a spiritual work by carnal means. He has provided the proper spiritual equipment to perform the task!

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds (II Cor. 10:4). Deep personal commitment, prayer, fasting, and intense spiritual desire will overcome any enemy which opposes the mission of the church. God's people are clothed with the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, the shoes of gospel preparedness, protected by the shield of faith, and armed with the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:13-17).

The church has been given ministry gifts- apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors/teachers (Eph. 4:11) - along with helps and governments (I Cor. 12:28). He also endowed it with spiritual gifts- the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues (I Cor. 12:8-10) – enabling the members to more effectively carry out the Great Commission and provide a channel for the Holy Spirit to supply exhortation, comfort, and edification to the church (I Cor. 12:7; 14:3). We understand that both the ministry gifts and the spiritual gifts will continue to operate in the body of Christ until the Lord returns (I Cor. 13:8-12; Eph. 4:11-13).

These truths are still held firmly and taught unequivocally by the faculty in the classrooms of Texas Bible College. Every instructor is genuinely committed to preserving our Pentecostal heritage by passing the faith on to “faithful men who shall be able to teach others also” (II Tim. 2:2).

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