



## **Prospectus**

A Ministry of Bedford Bible Church

## **INTRODUCTION**

Bedford Bible Institute is a local church based, Bible institute with an emphasis on training leaders to serve in the local church.

Because we meet on a part time basis the financial costs are minimal and students can continue living and serving in their communities and churches while receiving Bible training.

Classes are held at Bedford Bible Church from 6:30-9:30 pm on selected Tuesdays. A full calendar will be provided during our first class.

“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...” – Ephesians 4:12

### **Mission**

To glorify God through leading men and women to a closer walk with the Lord and to equip them for service through a deeper knowledge of His Word.

### **Values**

Biblical Faithfulness. Christlike Love.  
Academic Excellence. Personal Integrity

| <b>Vision</b>  | <b>Strategy</b>   | <b>Goals</b>  |
|--|---|---|
| To train and prepare men and women for full-time ministry or greater effectiveness in their family, local church, and community. | Provide a deeper knowledge of God’s Word through an overview of Books of the Bible, fundamental doctrine, and vital topics. | <b>Equip</b> men and women with a deeper knowledge of the Word<br><b>Encourage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- genuine discipleship</li><li>- servant leadership</li><li>- the discovery and development of God-given gifts</li></ul> <b>Establish</b> sound hermeneutics* to enable lifelong personal study and development. |

\* Hermeneutics is the science of interpreting the Bible and methods of interpretation.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH AND POSITIONS HELD**

As a ministry of Bedford Bible Church, we operate under the Statement of Faith that governs our church. A detailed version is available on our church website: [www.bedfordbiblechurch.com/about/church-covenant](http://www.bedfordbiblechurch.com/about/church-covenant)

1. We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures and use the KJV in our classes. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation and God's plan and purpose in the ages.
2. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity, virgin birth, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that salvation is by grace plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith.
5. We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Justification establishes an eternal relationship that can never be broken. We believe that the offer of salvation is made freely to all who believe.
6. We believe in the visible, personal, and premillennial return of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

**Our Theological Focus** – we hold to the fundamentals of the faith, are theologically conservative, and historically orthodox; we believe a literal, grammatical, historical, contextual hermeneutic is the most natural and God-honoring method of interpreting God's Word.

**Our Ecclesiological Tradition** – Bedford Bible Church exists and functions independent of any denomination but aligns with what is widely understood to be Baptist doctrine and polity. This institute will reflect those traditions which are both faithful and Biblical.

**Our Eschatological Position** – we believe God's blueprint of the ages and revelation of end time events is best explained by dispensational premillennialism.

## **PROGRAMS OFFERED**

Our programs are designed to be modular and cumulative with each year building on the prior. This allows flexibility for the student and for us to run concurrent programs with limited faculty.

Those working toward the Certificate in Christian Ministry will be required to complete additional coursework in the first two years to qualify. Ideally, this will be determined at the beginning of the program, however course work can be adjusted retroactively.

As a part-time institute class-room time will be limited but homework assignments will ensure a thorough training program. Hours listed are class hours and not credit hours.

Our goal is Biblical integrity with academic excellence. We want to make our school accessible to all while encouraging each student to reach their full, God-given potential.

We are not accredited or affiliated with any other institution at this time and therefore work accomplished will not be transferable.

### **1 Year Program**

**Biblical Foundations Certificate** – this course of study lays a solid foundation of Bible knowledge and understanding. Tests will be set for each course, and one 500-word essay will be required to receive the certificate.

### **2 Year Programs**

**Biblical Studies Certificate** – The Certificate in Biblical Studies requires the completion of the Bible Knowledge Certificate. This program builds upon the Bible Knowledge Certificate. Tests will be set for each course, and two 500-word essays will be required to receive the certificate.

### 3 Year Program

**Christian Ministry Certificate**– This certificate is awarded to students who successfully complete the advanced requirements for the Biblical Foundations Certificate and Biblical Studies Certificate, as well as all third-year assignments. It is designed for those who desire to go into full-time ministry.

The student will be required to write a minimum of six 3,000 word essays across the three years in addition to passing the tests for each course. The subjects of the essays will be tailored to the students desired area of ministry.

To complete the course the student will be required to write one, 15,000 word essay on a subject agreed upon between the student and teachers.

Course work undertaken for the Christian Ministry will focus on the student's desired area of service. Homework requirements and recommendations will be adapted for different areas of service.

**Year One**

| Semester 1   | Class Hours |
|--|-------------|
| Introduction to the Bible                                  | 9           |
| Hermeneutics and Exegesis                                  | 9           |
| Theology 1: The Doctrine of God, Christ, & the Holy Spirit | 9           |
| Psalms and Wisdom Literature                               | 6           |
| Practical: Preparing and Teaching a Bible Class            | 3           |

| Semester 2                              | Class Hours |
|---|-------------|
| Old Testament Survey                    | 12          |
| New Testament Survey                    | 9           |
| Dispensational Hermeneutics             | 6           |
| Stewardship (finances, resources, etc.) | 6           |
| Practical: Serving in the Local Church  | 3           |

**Year Two**

| Semester 1  | Class Hours |
|---|-------------|
| Genesis   | 9           |
| Theology 2: Doctrine of Sin, Salvation, Man, & the Church | 9           |
| Church History  | 9           |
| Theology 3: Doctrine of Last Things, Satan, and Angels    | 6           |
| Practical: Music in the Bible and Theology of Music       | 3           |

| Semester 2            | Class Hours |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Life of Christ        | 12          |
| Daniel and Revelation | 9           |
| Homiletics            | 9           |
| Missions              | 3           |
| Practical: Evangelism | 3           |

## **Year Three**

| <b>Semester 1</b>                          | <b>Class Hours</b> |
|--|--------------------|
| Life of Paul and Leadership Principles     | 12                 |
| Romans                                     | 9                  |
| Soteriology                                | 6                  |
| Apologetics                                | 6                  |
| Practical: Basics of Christian Counselling | 3                  |

| <b>Semester 2</b>                       | <b>Class Hours</b> |
|---|--------------------|
| Christian Ethics                        | 9                  |
| Pastoral Epistles and Pastoral Theology | 9                  |
| Writings of John                        | 6                  |
| Cults, Isms, World Religions & Trends   | 6                  |
| Church Leadership and Administration    | 3                  |
| Practical: The Christian Home           | 3                  |

## **Finances**

Application Fee: \$10

Program Fee: \$75 per semester or \$15 per class

## **Student Requirements**

Each student must:

- Know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- Be in good standing at their local church
- Inform their pastor or oversight of their local church of their intention to study at our institute
- Be on time for all lectures
- Read the course material and textbook for each course
- Present assignments in accordance with course requirements (these will be explained in our first class)