

# **Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute**

## **2019-2020 Academic Catalog**



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**General Information**

**Objectives**

Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute (MBBI) is a Bible and church training institution, established for the purpose of training ministers and Christian workers. It is not the purpose of the institute to teach secular courses following a liberal arts program. Courses are practical in nature, and are offered to assist the minister and Christian worker in their individual fields of ministry. MBBI is not affiliated with any accrediting agency, therefore, courses completed for credit at MBBI are not intended for transfer to certain institutions, but can be applied toward completion of certificates, diplomas, and programs offered at MBBI. Certain courses taken from other institutions can be applied toward a program at MBBI if applicable and approved by the director.

**Sponsorship**

MBBI is sponsored and operated through the oversight of Central Missionary Baptist Church, 509 Blank Street, Ellisville, Mississippi 39437.

**Opportunities**

MBBI offers ministers and other Christian workers a sound theological education in the principles, doctrines, and practice of the Word of God. Ministers and other Christian workers considering where to go for true Bible-based training in the development of Bible knowledge and practical ministry can discover what they are looking for as they investigate the programs offered at MBBI.

**Doctrinal Statement**

1. We believe in the personal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection, distinct but never separate (Matt. 28:19).
2. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ as being fully God (John 1:1, 14).
3. We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine guide and empowerment in His churches (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 5, 8; Acts 2:1-4).
4. We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the Bible and that the Bible is sufficient and complete for the doctrines and practice of the Christian faith (Psalm

119:160; II Tim. 3:16, 17). The 1769 edition of the 1611 version of the King James Bible is the English version used for all classroom instruction and public meetings at MBBI. For instruction in the Hebrew language, the Masoretic text is the standard and the Textus Receptus is used for instruction in the Greek language.

5. We believe in the Genesis account of the literal Creation in six days (Gen. 1; 2).

6. We believe that Satan is a created angel, fallen away from the will of God and is the arch-enemy of God and man, the god of this world, and that his destiny is the eternal lake of fire (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; Matt. 25:41; II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-17; Rev. 20:10).

7. We believe in the virgin conception and sinless humanity of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:18-20; II Cor. 5:21).

8. We believe in the manifestation of spiritual gifts as service gifts bestowed upon each individual believer for the edification of saints in each local church (II Cor. Chapters 12—14).

9. We believe that Man was created in the image of God and lived in innocence until he fell by voluntary transgression from his sinless state, the result being, that all mankind are sinners (Gen. 1:26; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12, 19).

10. We believe that in the vicarious death of Jesus Christ, he experienced death for all mankind, but that it is efficacious only to those who believe (Isa. 53:6; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter 2:24; II Peter 3:18; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:2).

11. We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ back to the Father and in the bodily resurrection of His saints (Matt. 28:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; I Cor. 15:42-58; I Thess. 4:13-18).

12. We believe in the pre-millennial, personal, bodily return of Christ seven years after the pre-tribulation rapture of all believers, which includes the resurrection of the righteous to eternal heaven, and the Millennium, followed by the resurrection of the unrighteous unto eternal damnation in the lake of fire and that the righteous shall enter into the heavenly age (John 14:1-6; I Thess. 4:13-18; II Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19; Rev. 20:4-6; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 21:8).

13. We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, calls, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer (John 3:6; John 16:8, 9; Rom. 8:9-11; II Cor. 6:19, 20; Eph. 4:30; Titus 3:5).

14. We believe that all sinners are saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, followed by repentance resulting in regeneration of the soul (Luke 13:3-5; John 3:16-18; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8, 9). We believe that all who trust Jesus Christ for salvation are eternally secure in Him and shall not perish (John 3:36; John 5:24; John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:35-39; Heb. 10:39; II Peter 1:5).

15. We believe that Jesus Christ established His church during His ministry on earth and that it always has been a local, visible assembly consisting of scripturally baptized believers covenanted together with God and one another to carry out the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ which He gave only to His churches. We also believe each church is an independent, self-governing body, and no other ecclesiastical body may exercise authority over it. We believe in the perpetuity of His churches being existent upon the earth from the time He established His church to the present age (Matt. 4:18-22; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Eph. 3:21).

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

17. We believe that there are two divinely appointed offices in a church: the office of pastor and office of deacon, to be filled by men whose qualifications are set forth in I Timothy and Titus.

18. We believe that all associations or fellowships of churches are servants of, and under absolute control of the churches (Matt. 20:25-28).

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

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

21. We believe homosexuality, transgenderism, or any sexual deviancy deemed sinful or inappropriate by Central Missionary Baptist Church or Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute will be addressed and can result in any potential student being denied admittance to the church or institute. (Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:26-28, Mark 10:6-9, Prov. 6:32, Matt. 5:27-28).

## **MBBI Statement on Doctrinal Positions, Practices, and Movements in Christianity**

Concerning certain doctrinal positions, practices and movements prevalent today in Christianity and among Baptists, MBBI holds to certain positions.

1. MBBI is distinctly Baptist and conservative in doctrine, practice and philosophy. We adhere to the old time standard that Biblical preaching is the center of a worship service and hold to and practice a traditional form of worship with traditional music, rejecting modern contemporary worship.
2. MBBI does not hold to nor promote reformed doctrine, commonly referred to as Calvinism.
3. MBBI is not Pentecostal or Charismatic in doctrine or practice.
4. MBBI is not sympathetic with the prosperity gospel, Emergent Church movement and seeker sensitive groups, or any other groups connected with these movements.

### **Standards of Conduct**

MBBI is distinctively Christian and Baptist. Students are cautioned regarding their morals, financial responsibilities, and studies. Their conduct should be in a manner becoming Christians. Students are expected to exemplify good Christian character and citizenship. All students are expected to show proper respect to the sponsoring church, Central Missionary Baptist Church, and her pastor. Attendance at MBBI is a privilege, not a right. The school reserves the right to ask a student to withdraw from school because of low grades, questionable character, unsatisfactory dress or conduct, indifference to study, or promotion of doctrines not in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of MBBI. Any student arrested and charged with a felony or misdemeanor may be dismissed from school.

Students are to observe the following guidelines at all times. It is understood that should a situation arise that is not specifically covered by a regulation stated, the student is expected to abide by the highest moral, ethical and spiritual guidelines.

1. All students are to be regular in their attendance of all services and actively involved in the ministry of the church of their membership.
2. Male students shall wear neat, clean, modest loose-fitting clothing while attending class. Shorts are not permitted in the classroom for men or women. They shall be well-groomed at all times.
3. Female students shall wear clothing to class that is neat and modest, with modest necklines and hemlines. All clothing, dresses, skirts and pants are to be loose-fitting and modest.
4. Students shall not consume intoxicating beverages nor use drugs (other than prescribed by a physician) at any time or in any form. The use of tobacco is not permitted on the property of MBBI.
5. Firearms are permitted on property as guided by Mississippi State law.
6. Participation in any activity that disrupts the normal academic pursuits or regular operations of MBBI, or infringes on the rights of others, or endangers persons or property will constitute grounds for immediate dismissal.
7. Disrespect toward an institute faculty or staff member will not be tolerated.
8. A student has the right to his or her own opinion about institute policy, the persons associated with the school, and the churches supporting the school. However, no student has the right to openly and irresponsibly criticize school personnel, policies, or the supporting churches.
9. Any faculty-student problem or any problem between students should be resolved in a spirit of love and respect, after the mandate of Matthew 18:15-17.
10. All matters of academics or institute policy should be referred to the director.

11. Students are expected to be honest and responsible in every association with the world, as employee, debtor, tenant, and citizen.
12. Students are expected to be loyal to this institution's principles and objectives. A student displaying disloyalty may be asked to withdraw from school.
13. Students shall silence all cell phones and electronic devices in class, except those used in class for taking notes, research, or for presentation purposes.
14. Students are allowed to bring beverages to class, and a lounge is available for snacks and eating before or after class or during class breaks.

### **Process of Appeal**

A student who is placed on probation, or who is subject to dismissal, may ask for a hearing and present an appeal before the MBBI Director. Said appeal must be presented in writing, stating the circumstances of the case and the student's reason for making the appeal. The decision of the director shall be final.

## **Enrollment Information**

### **Weekly Class Schedule.....(other classes may be scheduled as needed)**

Classes periods on campus operate on a two - three hour schedule, with sessions broken up to allow for breaks for each class. Extension classes may follow a different time and schedule.

#### **Monday**

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.     6:30 P.M. to 8:30 or 9:30 P.M.

#### **Tuesday**

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.     6:30 P.M. to 8:30 or 9:30 P.M.

### **Registration**

MBBI has an open registration policy. A student may register for the fall or spring semesters prior to the start of the semester. Registration ends for a particular semester two weeks after the semester begins. For additional information write: MBBI, Dr. Joseph Harris, 217 Houston Road Laurel, MS 39443 or call/text 601-498-8418, or email: [jharris@msbibleinstitute.org](mailto:jharris@msbibleinstitute.org).

### **Entrance Requirements**

The requirements for a student to enroll at MBBI are that the student be of upright moral character, willing to be taught, and willing to conduct himself within the guidelines of the school. To enroll in a certificate or diploma program, a student, as a rule, must have a high school diploma or a GED, or proof of completing high school requirements through home education. Exceptions may be made depending on the student and circumstances.

Enrollment in MBBI is a privilege, not a right. MBBI reserves the right to refuse enrollment or ask a student to withdraw from school because of low grades, questionable character, unsatisfactory dress or grooming, immorality, drug or alcohol use, or promotion of doctrines not in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement found in this catalog.

### **Adding a Class**

The last date to add or change a class is the end of the third week of the semester.

## **Withdrawal from Courses**

Any student, who desires to withdraw from one or more classes, but not from school, must submit a request in writing to the director. The student must not withdraw from any class without approval. No withdrawal from courses is permitted after mid-semester. Students who wish to withdraw after this date will be assigned an "F" except in cases of extreme emergencies. Each case will be considered individually upon written request.

## **Transfers**

Acceptable class work performed toward a certificate or a diploma at other schools approved by MBBI may be accepted for transfer of credits. However, acceptance of credits from other institutions of higher learning will be considered on an individual basis. No grade below a 2.0 will be accepted as a transfer.

## **Transcripts**

Transcripts constitute a part of the permanent records of all students who enroll in MBBI. These records are considered confidential and may be reviewed only by the director or other designated official. The student is responsible to request and deliver their transcripts to MBBI for evaluation. An official transcript of a student's record may be provided to another school upon receipt of a written request from the registrar or dean of that school.

## **Tuition**

Tuition is \$70.00 per semester hour for a total of \$210.00 per class, or if a student wishes to audit the class for non-credit, the fee is \$100.00. This fee is payable upon enrollment. Any exception must be made through the office of the director before a student is admitted to class. Members of Central Missionary Baptist Church and members of Houston Road Baptist Church, at the time of its disbanding, are not required to pay tuition. Checks are to be made payable to Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute. A payment option is available using the Donation button at [www.ms bibleinstitute.org](http://www.ms bibleinstitute.org).

## **Fees**

The only fee payable to MBBI is (1) a tuition request fee for each course at the beginning of each semester. (2) For online streaming, a semester fee of \$30.00 is required as a host license per class. (3) The only other fee that might be required is a nominal fee for a classroom work text such as for the course Jewish Culture and Customs or text required by the instructor. The student is responsible for obtaining whatever textbook is required for each course and these can be found by the student online.

## **Refunds**

No refunds will be allowed after the fifth week of a semester. Prior to that time, any refund will be prorated. No student will be awarded a diploma or given a transcript until all fees, tuition, charges for books and supplies are paid in full, and all library materials and books checked to that student are returned.

Refunds will be made as follows:

During the first week.....	100%
During the second week.....	80%
During the third week.....	60%
During the fourth week.....	40%
During the fifth week.....	20%
After the fifth week.....	0%



## Textbooks

Each student will be responsible to independently acquire any textbooks required by an instructor for a class. Materials can be purchased economically on the internet.

## Academic Information

### Grading Scale

<b>A</b> (100 — 95).....	4.0 grade points
<b>B</b> (94 — 85).....	3.0 grade points
<b>C</b> (84 — 75).....	2.0 grade points
<b>D</b> (74 — 65).....	1.0 grade point
<b>F</b> (64 — 0).....	0.0 grade point
<b>I</b> (Incomplete) An incomplete is given in cases of major illness, family emergencies, or if a student has accumulated too many absences (see Absenteeism below). A period of three weeks after the close of the semester is allowed to complete makeup work.	
<b>W</b> (Withdrawal).....	grade point not computed
<b>WP</b> (Withdrawal Passing).....	grade point not computed
<b>WF</b> (Withdrawal Failing).....	0.0 grade points
<b>NC</b> (No credit).....	0.0 grade points

Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 for graduation. Any student who falls below a 2.0 grade point minimum during a semester will be placed on academic probation and granted one semester to raise their grade point average to the required level. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from credit courses at MBBI for one semester.

### Tardy Policy

A Student who is not in the classroom 10 minutes after class begins **shall be marked tardy**. Instructors shall keep a record of tardies. **Four times tardy** in any one class will result in the student being charged with **one day of inexcusable absence** in that class. Tardies will accumulate each semester. **Any student more than thirty minutes late or leaving before the end of class is considered absent.**

### Absenteeism

**Three absences for any circumstance are allowed per semester.** Any absence above four will be recorded against the student. **A student's fourth absence and any absence thereafter is automatically considered inexcusable.**

**Each inexcusable absence will result in the loss of one grade point off final grade in each class.** No make-up work can be done for inexcusable absences. A student will receive a (0) for any test(s) given or any work assigned. ***No credit will be given for five or more absences!***  
The director shall make the determination to excuse or not to excuse absences.

## **Student Records**

A student may receive a report of his or her progress in a class by requesting such information from the instructor. Grade sheets are distributed to students at the end of each semester. All grades are recorded in the student's permanent file which is the property of MBBI. A student may obtain a copy of his or her permanent record by filing a written request with the director or registrar.

## **Auditing a Course**

A student who does not desire a degree may audit a course. No grades are posted, no attendance record is kept, and no certificates or diplomas are awarded to an auditing student. The fee for auditing a class is \$100.00 per semester. An auditing student who desires credit for the class or classes attended may apply to the director's office for an application for re-admission and complete the enrollment process, pay the balance for the class for credit, and complete all required coursework for the class. Following enrollment, the student will be required to satisfactorily complete the examination(s) assigned by the instructor in the class.

## **Overnight Accommodations For Commuting Students**

The Elijah and Elisha rooms are available for overnight commuting students. MBBI offers classes on campus for those within driving distance and courses online for those unable to enroll for studies on campus. The best learning experience is always on campus, offering a personal relationship with each instructor and other students. Plus, being on campus affords access to our library for students. For those who live within driving distance of Laurel of over 100 miles, we now offer overnight accommodations for one or two nights for our Monday and Tuesday classes. Showering facilities and a kitchen are available with the rooms at one fourth the cost of what it would be for a motel, and our rooms are as fine as any motel, even better than some. Any student staying Monday and Tuesday will be able to take a full load of 12 academic hours, or four different classes. More rooms are available as needed.

### **Certificates, Diplomas, and Associates are Offered in Three Emphases:**

1. Bible Emphasis    2. Pastoral Ministry Emphasis
3. Christian Education Emphasis

## **Bible Emphasis**

### **Achievement in Biblical Studies**

The Achievement in Biblical Studies will be presented to the student who does not feel a definite and specific calling to ministry and successfully completes 12 semester hours of Bible courses.

### **Certificate in Biblical Backgrounds**

The Certificate in Biblical Backgrounds will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 21 hours in classes related to a general understanding of the background of the Bible.

### **Certificate in Biblical Studies**

The Certificate in Biblical Studies will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 30 hours in classes related to a general understanding of the Bible.

## **Diploma in Bible**

The Diploma in Bible will be presented to the student who successfully completes 42 semester hours.

## **Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Bible**

The Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Bible is awarded to the student who completes 60 hours in Bible related studies.

## **Pastoral Ministry Emphasis**

### **Certificate in Pastoral Ministry**

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 30 hours in classes related to a general understanding of Pastoral Ministry.

### **Diploma in Pastoral Ministry**

The Diploma in Pastoral Ministry will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 42 hours of classes in Pastoral Ministry and courses related to Pastoral Ministry.

## **Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Pastoral Ministry**

The Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Pastoral Ministry will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 60 hours of classes in Pastoral Ministry and courses related to Pastoral Ministry.

## **Christian Education Emphasis**

### **Certificate in Christian Education**

The Certificate in Christian Education will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 30 hours in classes related to Christian Education.

### **Diploma in Christian Education**

The Diploma in Christian Education will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 42 hours in classes related to Christian Education.

## **Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Christian Education**

The Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Christian Education will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 60 hours in classes related to Christian Education.

## **Divisions of Study**

### **Biblical Backgrounds**

**BB-131-Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)** – Various methods of hermeneutics are studied with emphasis on exegesis of scripture and schools of interpretation, focusing on misunderstood passages. Interpretation exercises are presented focusing on context, content and exegesis.

**BB-132-Jewish Culture and Customs** – This course studies the different Bible land cultures, focusing on Jewish culture and customs, enhancing understanding of scripture. It covers over 300 verses on topics such as food, marriage, occupations, farming, music, and many others.

**BB-233-Bible Geography** – The Bible lands are surveyed giving an understanding of their importance in history and showing how they relate to end times prophecy. Attention is given to the land of Israel and borders as originally given to Abraham by God.

**BB-234-Foundation of the Authorized Version** – The history and background of the King James Version of scripture is presented, following the beginning of the Byzantine text and tracing the transmission of the English text, presenting a defense of the integrity of the King James Bible.

**BB-335-Greek Intro & Tools (Manuscripts)** - Introduction to the Greek alphabet including learning the alphabet, pronunciation, and tracing and comparing the different Greek texts, and showing the superiority of the Textus Receptus. The use of Greek tools in study is also included.

**BB-336-Hebrew Intro & Tools (Manuscripts)** - Introduction to the Hebrew alphabet including learning the alphabet, pronunciation, and tracing and comparing the different Hebrew texts, and showing the superiority of the Masoretic text. Use of Hebrew tools in study is also included.

### **Christian Education**

**CE-131-Evangelism** – Biblical evangelism is presented including examples from scripture. Methods of personal evangelism, soul winning, and tract distribution are studied which includes dealing with the unsaved from various backgrounds. Practical assignments to win the lost are assigned.

**CE-132-Principles & Practice of Prayer** – The purpose and definition of prayer are studied using Biblical characters and referencing recent writings of prayer by E.M Bounds. Attention is given to prayer meetings, revival praying, and the student's personal prayer life.

**CE-233-Introduction to Christian Education** – The first sessions in the course deal with the history of Christian education in scripture and throughout modern church history. Christian education in the local church is also studied along with the origin of Sunday School.

**CE-234-Christian Teaching Methods and Techniques** – Different methods of teaching are presented with emphasis for each age group taught. Students are taught the importance of the relationship between teacher and student and how to prepare and present lessons to faithfully teach the Word of God.

## Communication

CO-131-**Basic English** – This course is an introduction to the study of grammar and is necessary in ministry for communication skills.

CO-132-**Research & Creative Writing** – This course emphasizes skills in proper research and writing.

## Missions

MI-132-**Theology of Missions** - This course is an introduction to the study of missions from a biblical perspective.

## New Testament

NT-131-**New Testament Survey** – A general survey of the New Testament is presented with outlines of each book and their setting in the New Testament. The inter-testamental period is covered at the beginning of the course.

NT-132-**Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels** – A study is made of the life of Christ from a chronological perspective. Of necessity, this includes a harmony of the gospels.

NT-233-**Book of Acts** – The book of Acts is studied in depth, emphasizing the empowering of the already-existent church for evangelism and church planting as seen in the journeys of Paul.

NT-234-**Pastoral Epistles** – I & II Timothy and Titus are studied as the Pastoral Epistles of Paul dealing with pastoral issues in the local church.

NT-335-**Doctrinal Books 1** – I & II Corinthians, and Galatians are each studied emphasizing the doctrinal content of the books.

NT-336-**Doctrinal Books 2** – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and I & II Thessalonians are each studied emphasizing the doctrinal content of the books.

NT-437-**Doctrinal Books 3** – James, I & II Peter, I, II, & III John, and Jude are each studied emphasizing the doctrinal content of the books.

NT-438-**Doctrinal Books 4** – Romans and Hebrews. The books are studied separately because of their important doctrinal content.

NT-439-**Revelation** – A pre-millennial, pre-tribulation rapture, dispensational study is made of Revelation, emphasizing a literal interpretation of the book. Other various views of the second coming are included.

## Old Testament

OT-131-**Old Testament Survey** - A general survey of the Old Testament is presented with outlines of each book and their setting in the Old Testament.

OT-132-**The Pentateuch** – The books of Moses, the first five books of the Old Testament, are studied, with special attention given to Genesis, creation, the fall of man, the flood, and the origin of the nation of Israel through Abraham.

OT-233-**OT Historical Books I** – Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel are studied with the major events and teachings of each book emphasized.

OT-234-**OT Historical Books II** – I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther are studied with the major events and teachings of each book emphasized.

OT-335-**Poetical Books** – Hebrew poetry is studied concerning its rhyming and meaning; then Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon are studied, emphasizing their major teachings and applications.

OT-336-**Minor Prophets** – Each book will be studied in the context of the area where the prophet prophesied, his message, and the judgment of God.

OT-437-**Daniel** – Daniel is studied as the Old Testament prophetic book comparable to the book of Revelation. Their similarities are noted as well as the prophetic significance of Daniel for his time.

OT-438-**Isaiah, Jeremiah & Lamentations** – These books will be studied in the prophetic context of their day with special mention of the Messianic and millennial prophecies found.

## Pastoral Ministry

PM-131-**Homiletics** – This course deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons for the preacher covering topical, expository, and devotional preaching. Students will prepare and present sermons for the class for critique and instruction. *In keeping with the belief of Central Missionary Baptist Church and MBBI concerning women in ministry, this course is only available for men who have been called into the ministry.*

PM-132-**Pastoral Ministry** – This course is for men in ministry called to preach and pastor and covers different aspects of ministering in the local church. Instruction is given in how to conduct church business meetings, officiate at weddings and funerals, lead in the observance of the Lord's Supper, baptize, and various other pastoral functions. *In keeping with the belief of Central Missionary Baptist Church and MBBI concerning women in ministry, this course is only available for men who have been called into the ministry.*

PM-233-**Biblical Worldview Psychology** – Introduction to Psychology from a strict Christian worldview is the basis for this course, contrasting it against secular, humanistic Psychology. This course is valuable in preparing the minister and Christian worker in understanding worldviews and perspectives faced in today's world. It also includes instruction in basic counseling.

PM-234-**Pastoral Counseling** – Principles and techniques of Biblical counseling are presented with scripture as the basis of all truth and healing and restoration.

PM-335-**Pastoral Conflict and Resolution** – Conflict, rejection, and forced terminations are dealt with to assist the wounded pastor in healing and recovery, and as preemptive advice for prevention. The course deals with how the pastor should respond and lead his family through the turmoil of rejection and hurt. This course assists in helping the pastor deal with power struggles and church bosses.

PM-336-**Worship** – Defines worship from a Biblical perspective and what it is and is not. It includes studying private and corporate worship and its purpose.

## **Religion**

HI-131-**Baptist History I** – Baptist history is covered from the viewpoint of the Baptists, revealing the ancestors of Baptists and their persecution throughout church history.

HI-132-**Baptist History II** – Baptist history is covered from the viewpoint of the Baptists, revealing the ancestors of Baptists and their persecution throughout church history.

RE-132-**Baptist Doctrine** – Church doctrine and practice from the Landmark Missionary Baptist perspective is the basis of this class, covering the origin and nature of the church and her ordinances.

RE-233-**World Religions**- Major world religions are studied beginning with their history and impact on world history and contemporary society, with emphasis on Islam.

RE-234-**Christian Denominations** – Catholicism, Protestantism, and all major groups listed loosely under the umbrella of Christianity will be studied, beginning with their history and ending with their doctrine.

RE-335-**History and Doctrine of Cults** – All “Christian” cults will be studied beginning with their origin, founder, doctrine, and impact, with suggestions on evangelizing members.

## **Theology**

TH-431-**Biblical Doctrine I** – Bibliology, Paterology, Christology, Pneumatology, and Angelology will be studied.

TH-432-**Biblical Doctrine II** – Anthropology, Soteriology, and Harmartiology will be studied.

TH-433-**Biblical Doctrine III**- Ecclesiology and Eschatology will be studied.

## **Seminars**

Seminars may be occasionally offered as electives for credit. Dates and times will be announced in advance. Seminars attended off campus and completed for credit must be pre-approved by the instructor.

## **Certificates/Diplomas/Associate Course Recommendations**

### **Certificates, Diplomas, and Associates are Offered in Three Emphases:**

- 1. Bible Emphasis**
- 2. Pastoral Ministry Emphasis**
- 3. Christian Education Emphasis**

#### **Bible Emphasis**

##### **Achievement in Biblical Studies**

The Achievement in Biblical Studies will be presented to the student who does not feel a definite and specific calling to ministry and successfully completes 12 semester hours of Bible courses.

##### **Recommended Courses:**

OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
OT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
BB-131 Bible Interpretation or BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	<u>3 Hours</u>
	12 Hours

##### **Certificate in Biblical Backgrounds**

The Certificate in Biblical Backgrounds will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 21 hours in classes related to a general understanding of the Bible.

##### **Recommended Courses:**

OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
BB-131 Bible Interpretation or BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	3 Hours
BB-233 Bible Geography	3 Hours
CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
Class of Your Choice	<u>3 Hours</u>
	21 Hours

##### **Certificate in Biblical Studies**

The Certificate in Biblical Studies will be presented for successful completion of 30 semester hours.

##### **Recommended Courses:**

OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
BB-231 Bible Interpretation or BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	3 Hours
BB-233 Bible Geography	3 Hours
CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours



NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	3 Hours
OT-132 The Pentateuch	3 Hours
MI-131 Theology of Missions	3 Hours
Class of your choice	<u>3 Hours</u>
	30 Hours

## **Diploma in Bible**

The Diploma in Bible will be presented to the student who successfully completes 42 semester hours.

### **Recommended Courses:**

OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
OT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
BB-231 Bible Interpretation or BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	3 Hours
BB-233 Bible Geography	3 Hours
CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	3 Hours
OT-132 The Pentateuch	3 Hours
MI-131 Theology of Missions	3 Hours
NT-233 Book of Acts	3 Hours
NT 439 Revelation	3 Hours
OT-233 Historical Books I	3 Hours
OT-234 Historical Books II	3 Hours
Class of your choice	<u>3 Hours</u>
	42 Hours

## **Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Bible**

The Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Bible will be presented to the student who successfully completes 60 semester hours.

### **Recommended Courses:**

OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
BB-131 Bible Interpretation	3 Hours
BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	3 Hours
BB-233 Bible Geography	3 Hours
CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	3 Hours
OT-132 The Pentateuch	3 Hours
MI-131 Theology of Missions	3 Hours
NT-233 Book of Acts	3 Hours
NT-439 Revelation	3 Hours
OT-233 Historical Books I	3 Hours
OT-234 Historical Books II	3 Hours
OT-336 Minor Prophets	3 Hours

TH-431 Biblical Doctrine I	3 Hours
TH-432 Biblical Doctrine II	3 Hours
BB-335 Greek Introduction and Tools (Manuscripts)	3 Hours
HI-131 Baptist History I	3 Hours
HI-132 Baptist History II	<u>3 Hours</u>
	60 Hours

## **Pastoral Ministry Emphasis**

### **Certificate in Pastoral Ministry**

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 30 hours in classes related to a general understanding of Pastoral Ministry.

#### **Recommended Courses:**

PM-131 Homiletics	3 Hours
PM-132 Pastoral Ministry	3 Hours
PM-233 Biblical Worldview Psychology	3 Hours
PM-234 Pastoral Counseling	3 Hours
PM-335 Pastoral Conflict and Resolution	3 Hours
PM-336 Worship	3 Hours
OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-234 Pastoral Epistles	3 Hours
NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	<u>3 Hours</u>
	30 Hours

### **Diploma in Pastoral Ministry**

The Diploma in Pastoral Ministry will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 42 hours of classes in Pastoral Ministry and courses related to Pastoral Ministry.

#### **Recommended Courses:**

PM-131 Homiletics	3 Hours
PM-132 Pastoral Ministry	3 Hours
PM-233 Biblical Worldview Psychology	3 Hours
PM-234 Pastoral Counseling	3 Hours
PM-335 Pastoral Conflict and Resolution	3 Hours
PM-336 Worship	3 Hours
OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-234 Pastoral Epistles	3 Hours
NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	3 Hours
CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
CE-132 Principles & Practice of Prayer	3 Hours
CO-131 Basic English	3 Hours
CO-132 Research & Creative Writing	<u>3 Hours</u>
	42 Hours

## **Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Pastoral Ministry**

The Associate in Church in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Pastoral Ministry will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 60 hours of classes in Pastoral Ministry and courses related to Pastoral Ministry.

### **Recommended Courses:**

PM-131 Homiletics	3 Hours
PM-132 Pastoral Ministry	3 Hours
PM-233 Biblical Worldview Psychology	3 Hours
PM-234 Pastoral Counseling	3 Hours
PM-336 Worship	3 Hours
OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-234 Pastoral Epistles	3 Hours
NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	3 Hours
CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
CE-132 Principles & Practice of Prayer	3 Hours
CO-131 Basic English	3 Hours
CO-132 Research & Creative Writing	3 Hours
BB-131 Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)	3 Hours
BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	3 Hours
BB-233 Bible Geography	3 Hours
BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
MI-131 Theology of Missions	3 Hours
RE-132 Baptist Doctrine	3 Hours
OT-132 The Pentateuch	<u>3 Hours</u>
	60 Hours

## **Christian Education Emphasis**

### **Certificate in Christian Education**

The Certificate in Christian Education will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 30 hours in classes related to Christian Education.

### **Recommended Courses:**

CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
CE-132 Principles & Practice of Prayer	3 Hours
CE-233 Introduction to Christian Education	3 Hours
CE-234 Christian Teaching Methods and Techniques	3 Hours
CO-131 Basic English	3 Hours
CO-132 Research & Creative Writing	3 Hours
OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
NT-131 New Testament Survey	3 Hours
PM-233 Biblical Worldview Psychology	3 Hours
PM-336 Worship	<u>3 Hours</u>
	30 Hours

## Diploma in Christian Education

The Diploma in Christian Education will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 42 hours in classes related to Christian Education.

### Recommended Courses:

CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
CE-132 Principles & Practice of Prayer	3 Hours
CE-233 Introduction to Christian Education	3 Hours
CE-234 Christian Teaching Methods and Techniques	3 Hours
CO-131 Basic English	3 Hours
CO-132 Research & Creative Writing	3 Hours
OT-131 Old Testament Survey	3 Hours
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PM-233 Biblical Worldview Psychology	3 Hours
PM-336 Worship	3 Hours
NT-132 Life of Christ/Harmony of Gospels	3 Hours
MI-131 Theology of Missions	3 Hours
NT-233 Book of Acts	3 Hours
BB-132 Jewish Culture and Customs	<u>3 Hours</u>
	42 Hours

## Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Christian Education

The Associate in Church Ministries/Emphasis in Christian Education will be presented to the student who has completed a course of study of 60 hours in classes related to Christian Education.

### Recommended Courses:

CE-131 Evangelism	3 Hours
CE-132 Principles & Practice of Prayer	3 Hours
CE-233 Introduction to Christian Education	3 Hours
CE-234 Christian Teaching Methods and Techniques	3 Hours
CO-131 Basic English	3 Hours
CO-132 Research & Creative Writing	3 Hours
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BB-234 Foundation of the Authorized Version	3 Hours
OT-233 Historical Books I	3 Hours
OT-234 Historical Books II	3 Hours
RE-132 Baptist Doctrine	3 Hours
OT-132 The Pentateuch	<u>3 Hours</u>
	60 Hours

## **Registration and Enrollment Information**

For information regarding registration and enrollment, and to obtain an application form contact:

Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute

217 Houston Road

Laurel, MS 39443

Or

Phone: 601-498-8418 or email: [info@msbibleinstitute.org](mailto:info@msbibleinstitute.org)

First year applicants should submit either a diploma from the high school of their graduation, or transcripts or confirmation of their GED certificate, or successful completion of a high school home education program. Exceptions may be made depending on circumstances. Students transferring from other institutions of higher education should personally request their transcripts and deliver them to the office of MBBI. All tuition is due on the date of enrollment.

## **Academic Calendar 2019-2020**

### **Fall Semester 2019**

Classes Begin- August 19

Labor Day- Sept. 2

Final Exams- Dec. 2-3

### **Spring Semester 2020**

Classes Begin- January 13

Spring Break- March 16, 17

Final Exams- May 4-5

## **Director and Faculty**



Dr. Joseph Harris is the pastor of Central Missionary Baptist Church and director of MBBI. He has spent 29 years in Christian higher education as an instructor and administrator. He holds an Associate of Arts in Bible and Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Ministries from Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel, MS. He also holds a Master of Arts in Religion from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, and has done post-graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Harris has also earned a Doctor of Ministry from Temple Baptist Seminary of Piedmont International University, Winston-Salem, NC.



Dr. Richard Clark has been in the ministry since 1979 and has served as a pastor, church planter, team strategy leader, and missionary to Romania. He has also taught at the Baptist Theological Institute in Bucharest, Romania. Dr. Clark has been happily married to Wanda Phillips since 1980, and they have two daughters and two grandchildren. He graduated with an A.A. from Clark College and a B.A. in Bible from Southeastern Baptist College. He also earned a M.Min. and M.B.S. (Pauline Concentration) and Th.D. from Andersonville Theological Seminary.



Dr. Daryl Coats has been married to Victoria Vaughn Coats since 1979. God has blessed them with seven children. Dr. Coats has been in the ministry since 1975 and has served as a pastor and missionary to Finland. He has also been a college professor, having taught in several colleges and universities around the country and has written several works. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. and also a M.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also earned a Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.



Dr. Aaron Parker has been in the ministry since 1975 and has served as a pastor, church planter, college professor, and academic dean. He has pastored nine churches in 42 years of ministry. He has been married to Jeanne Fulgham Parker for forty eight years and they have two children and seven grandchildren. He has taught courses in Biblical Studies, Christian Education, Pastoral and Church Ministries, and Missions. He graduated with an A.A. and B.A. from Southeastern Baptist College with High Honors. He also earned a M. Div. from Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary and a D. Min. from Reformed Theological Seminary.

### **Adjunct and Extension Class Faculty**

Brother Greg Hillman

Brother Don Hilbun

Brother Arnol Maldonado Altamirano

Dr. Dexter Truesdale

All instructors who teach for MBBI meet doctrinal, spiritual, and practical requirements and hold proper academic credentials that help ensure quality education.

# Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute

## Application for Admission



### Personal Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M / F \_\_\_\_\_

### Ethnicity and Citizenship

\_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_ American Indian / Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_ Asian Pacific  
Islander \_\_\_\_ Korean \_\_\_\_ Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

### Educational Information

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If not graduated, have you obtained a G.E.D.? Yes / No When? \_\_\_\_\_

List all colleges attended in chronological order (most recent first):

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) received: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) received: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree(s) received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in another institution? Yes / No  
of attendance? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for readmission to that institution If yes, what will be your last date? Yes / No  
If no, are reasons \_\_\_\_ Academic? \_\_\_\_ Disciplinary? \_\_\_\_ Other? (Attach explanation)

### **Background Information**

Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Your Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a minister? Yes / No Licensed? Yes / No Ordained? Yes / No  
How long have you been in Full-Time Service? \_\_\_\_\_  
What denomination do you classify yourself as being? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Character References:**

#1 - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
#2 - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enrolling as a non-credit student: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I am enrolling as a credit student with credits to applied toward earning a certificate or diploma from  
MBBI. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### **Entrance Requirements**

The requirements for a student to enroll at MBBI are that the student be of upright moral character, willing to be taught, and willing to conduct him/herself within the guidelines of the school. Enrollment in MBBI is a privilege, not a right. MBBI reserves the right to ask a student to withdraw from school because of questionable character, unsatisfactory dress or grooming, immorality, sexual deviancy issues, drug or alcohol use, or promotion of doctrines not in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement found in this catalog. The institute reserves the right to refuse enrollment.

### **MBBI Information**

1. MBBI is a ministry of Central Missionary Baptist Church of Ellisville, MS. We are a Bible and church training institution, established for the purpose of training ministers and Christian workers. It is not the purpose of the institute to teach secular courses following a liberal arts program. Courses are practical in nature, and are offered to assist the minister and Christian worker in their individual fields of ministry. MBBI is not affiliated with any accrediting agency, therefore courses completed for credit at MBBI are not intended for transfer to certain institutions, but to be applied toward completion of



certificates or diplomas offered at MBBI. Certain courses taken from other institutions can be applied toward a degree from MBBI if applicable and approved by the director.

2. Tuition is \$70.00 per semester hour for a total of \$210.00 per class or if a student wishes to audit the class for non-credit, the fee is \$100.00 for the class. This fee is payable upon enrollment. Any exception must be made through the office of the director before a student is admitted to class. Checks are to be made payable to Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute.

3. For online streaming courses, a semester fee of \$30.00 per class is added of necessity to cover the cost of the live streaming host licenses.

4. By signing below, you are agreeing with the policies mentioned and understand that the policy of Central Missionary Baptist Church and MBBI concerning women in ministry is that they may serve in any capacity except as pastor or in a preaching ministry or teaching adult males. Any women who attends with an opposing view on this issue will be treated with respect concerning her belief and will not be belittled or ridiculed and is welcome to take any course except those reserved only for those MBBI recognizes as called into pastoral ministry. These courses will be replaced with other courses and will not affect successfully completing a program and graduating.

Are you a born again believer and if so, please write a brief testimony of your experience of coming to Christ.

**I understand that MBBI is not affiliated with any accrediting agency and that MBBI is an educational institutional offering training for church and ministry work only, that courses taken are for completion of programs at MBBI and not for transfer to other institutions, though other like-minded non-accredited institutions may accept credits from MBBI at their discretion. It is important every potential student understand and agree to this statement before enrolling.**

**(Before signing and completing application, please check all information for accuracy and ensuring that you are in agreement with all information)**

I understand that my signature on this application will constitute a contract with the college concerning my financial liability and understanding and acceptance of the policies listed on this page.

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Signature

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Date

Please complete and return to:

Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute 217 Houston Road Laurel, MS 39443

Or email to [jharris@msbiblesinstitute.org](mailto:jharris@msbiblesinstitute.org)

[www.ms bibleinstitute.org](http://www.ms bibleinstitute.org)