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and the truth shall make you free
- John 8:32*



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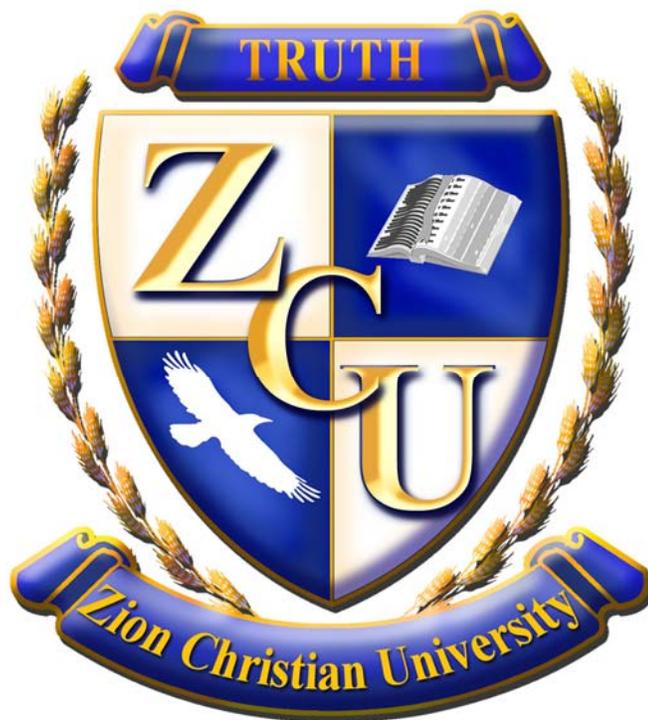
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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER



According to 13th century tradition, the prophet Samuel presided over the world's first university, which consisted of "the sons of the prophets." It was organized in the colleges at Bethel, Kirjath-sepher and Kirjath-sannah (cf. 2 Kgs. 2:3-5). The puritan fathers of Harvard University accepted this with uncritical alacrity. In fact, Nathaniel Rogers made mention of this tradition in his valedictory oration at the Harvard Commencement in 1652.

In more modern times, the University of Paris (called the First School of the Church) was the pattern from which all the great universities of the world, such as Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard, modeled themselves. The University of Paris was established by the Church, and all masters and scholars were either priests or potential priests. Medieval universities were distinctly purposeful in that they sought to train students for the ministry, and with the Reformation, this goal was seen as the proper function of a university. In the conception of the University of Paris, no land or buildings pertained to the University. Teaching was carried out in various churches (St. Julius le Paurve in Paris; St. Mary the Virgin in Oxford; Great St. Mary's in Cambridge).

In medieval Europe, a college was a corporation established within a university to provide board and lodging for small groups of students. By the 1600s, however, these colleges had absorbed the responsibility for most of the teaching, and the universities granted degrees to those who had satisfactorily met the requirements of the university. One of the great battles that ensued over the ages was between those who espoused liberal arts and philosophy and the pious, Christians, who were not slow to point out that Aristotle, the father of philosophy, was a pagan. These devout Christians saw no reason to include his teachings in their curriculums.

The goals of Zion Christian University are as follows: to incorporate a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, to teach and interpret the Holy Scriptures under the mantle of the Teacher (the Blessed Holy Spirit) to glorify God the Father, and to know and teach His ways at all times.

God has raised up Zion Christian University to propagate the vision of Zion. By the grace of God, we seek to impart this vision to all of our students. Therefore, we, the Board of Zion Christian University, submit the following curriculum to teach the ways of Zion, which are the ways of a Holy God as Scripture so clearly sets forth. Our purpose is to give a very sound education in the areas of character, ability (with respect to the Holy Scriptures), and productivity—seeking to encourage the students to live a very productive and purposeful life by fulfilling God's will for their lives.

One of the preponderant complaints dating way back to the early thirteenth century was that students wanted to obtain a degree without doing any work. May we say that Zion Christian University does not endorse such lackadaisical standards. The old maxim—“Early to bed, early to rise makes a student healthy, wealthy, and wise”—still holds true. Hard and diligent study is enjoined upon all of our students so that they might be thoroughly equipped for the service of the Master. Our prayer is that you will give Zion Christian University the opportunity to help you further your education in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. God bless you!

Dr. Brian J. Bailey (1925-2012)

Founder

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

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HISTORY

Zion Christian University was founded by the late Dr. Brian J. Bailey and the Board of Directors in 2003 and began operation in 2004. The University was established to serve as an international Pentecostal university that seeks to educate and prepare Christian leaders.

PURPOSE STATEMENTS

OUR VISION

It is the desire of Zion Christian University to impart a spiritual vision to all of our students through our courses. Firstly, we need to realize that the Lord desires to plant an onward vision within all of His people. Habakkuk 2:2 says, “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it.” We all need a clear, God-imparted vision in order to hit God’s mark for our lives. Therefore, one’s spiritual vision is very important.

We are living in the last days and whenever “the last days” are mentioned in Scripture Mount Zion is often mentioned as well. Virtually all of the promises of God in Scripture will come upon the Church that is dwelling in spiritual Mount Zion in the last days because Mount Zion is the ultimate goal of the Church of Jesus Christ, as the Apostle Paul states in Hebrews 12:22: “But you have come unto Mount Zion...” Geographically, Mount Zion is located in the southeast part of the city of Jerusalem. In ancient times it was called the city of David. Yet, it is not the physical mountain we speak of, but what it represents for each believer in the spirit.

To gain an understanding of the spiritual journey that we, as believers, are on, we need to study the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt, across the Red Sea, to Mount Sinai, through the Wilderness, across the Jordan River, into the Promised Land, and eventually to Mount Zion. This historical journey undertaken thousands of years ago is a type of our spiritual journey as believers from earth to heaven, and from newborn babes in Christ to mature fathers and mothers in the faith.

Many believers and even churches are content in their present spiritual state and are not progressing in their spiritual journey. Even as the children of Israel did not stop, but continued on their journey, so are we called to move on with God until we reach Mount Zion. We must go on to obtain the fullness of what God has in store for us. We believe the Lord desires to birth this vision in the heart of every believer. Ask yourself this question: “Where am I on my spiritual journey, and what is my vision?” Are you pressing on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus, or have you stopped along the way? Are you content where you are?

Zion Christian University is dedicated to the pursuit of this high and holy calling. Ask the Lord to reveal God's very best for your life. Our prayer is that no matter where you are on your Christian journey, the Lord will place a new progressive vision in your heart and that you will go all the way with Jesus. Dear student, if you will give the faculty and staff at Zion Christian University the privilege of furthering your education, we will seek to impart this spiritual vision to your life.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Our purpose is to encourage students to pursue spiritual maturity by teaching the truth of God's word, promoting the adoption of a heavenly vision, seeking to cultivate godly character, and endeavoring to prepare students to be leaders God can use for His glory. The theme verse of Zion Christian University is John 8:32, where Jesus declared, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The degree programs of this institution are designed primarily for religious vocations.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Zion Christian University's Statement of Faith is a declaration of our basic tenets of faith and forms the basis for our doctrine and curriculum.

1. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible.
2. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ: that Jesus existed eternally with the Father, became a man by the miracle of the incarnation, in no degree ceasing to be God. He is Co-Creator of the world and man, the only Savior, and coming Judge.
3. We believe the whole canon of Scripture (both Old and New Testaments), as originally given, to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God, of supreme and final authority in all that it teaches and declares.
4. We believe all men are lost apart from the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; that sin is cleansed only through personal repentance and faith in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that water baptism by immersion should follow receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.
5. We believe the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the body as well as for the mind, soul, and spirit of man. Christ has an answer for every problem of man, physical or spiritual.

6. We believe miracles and the gifts of the Spirit are available to the Church today for the edifying and perfecting of its members.
7. We believe God will visit His Church in the last days and bring multitudes into the Kingdom, preparing us for Christ's Second Coming.
8. We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as evidenced by speaking in other tongues, is promised to all who desire it, ask for it, and obey God.
9. We believe everyone will be resurrected (saved and unsaved) and will give an account to the great Judge, whose judgment is final and eternal.
10. We believe marriage is a holy institution set forth by God in His Word as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman for life and is to be a representation of the relationship between Christ and His Church. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to Scripture and the will of God.
11. We believe in the permanence of marriage and its sanctity, thus, that divorce and remarriage to another person is contrary to God's will.
12. We believe man should live according to the moral standards set forth in Scripture. This includes: living a holy life; being full of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Therefore, we are opposed to: adultery, fornication, uncleanness (including sodomy, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, pornography, and other forms of moral impurity), lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders (including abortion and euthanasia), drunkenness, and revellings.
13. We believe God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home; 2) the Church; 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and are governed by His Word.
14. We believe every Christian, as a steward of the portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully for the support of the Church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a person has no right to direct the use of the tithe or offering after the gift has been given.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENTS

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Zion Christian University is dedicated to teaching the truth of God's Word which renews the mind and transforms the heart. God's word clearly states that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and it is from this biblical basis that Zion Christian University teaches all subjects. Education is not just teaching that influences the mind but it also influences the life of each student. It has been said, "Doctrine will determine your destiny." As such, Zion Christian University seeks to provide an excellent education that honors the Lord and leads students in the pathway of God and to a destiny that glorifies His holy name. Our fervent prayer is that God will keep this University true and faithful to His ways and His leading as well as use this University to prepare many to live a life that is devoted to His call.

PHILOSOPHY OF CURRICULUM

One of the most important aspects of a college or university is its curriculum. Even more important than how we teach is what we teach. In Matthew 5:19, the Lord Jesus Christ expressed the importance of what we do and what we teach others to do. Teachers, ministers, and educators are held accountable for what they teach others. Therefore, by God's grace, we must always seek to teach and preach the pure, unadulterated and undiluted Word of God.

The word "curriculum" in the Latin refers to a course that has a clearly defined finish line and goal. It literally means "to run a race." Habakkuk 2:2 says, "... Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Through our curriculum we seek to place a vision and goal before our students of being transformed into the image of Christ and being filled with the knowledge of His Word and the power and anointing of His Holy Spirit. It is not enough to know the Word of God; we must put it into practice and reflect the beauty and nature of Christ in everything that we do. This is the goal of our curriculum.

AFFILIATION & ACCREDITATION

Zion Christian University is a ministry of Zion Fellowship, Inc., a Pentecostal association of pastors, missionaries, churches, and Bible schools, whose headquarters are located in Waverly, New York. Over the past 20 years, by God's grace, Zion Fellowship's ministry has spread to nearly every continent of the world. For more information about Zion Fellowship, Inc. please visit www.zionfellowship.org.

Zion Christian University is a sustaining member of the Council of Private Colleges of America (CPCA) and the Florida Council of Private Colleges, Inc. (FCPC), which represents its member independent colleges and universities before any government or educational agency. We are exempt of licensure and exempt of the jurisdiction or purview of the

Commission for Independent Education (CIE), Florida Board of Education (FBE), in accordance with the Chapter 1005, title 1005.06, of the Statutes of the State of Florida.

Zion Christian University is an affiliate institution of the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). As such, it participates in and contributes to collegial and professional development activities of the association. Affiliate status does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume ABHE accredited status at present or in the future.

Zion Christian University does not hold regional accreditation nor do we accept federal or state funding. Our sole desire is to continue as a University that prepares men and women to be used by God in ecclesiastical vocations.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, STAFF & FACULTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Zion Christian University is governed foremost by the Lord Jesus Christ and by the guidance, wisdom, and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Board of Directors seeks to lead the University in obedience to the Lord. The Board of Directors of Zion Christian University consists of the following distinguished members:



Rev. David Wallis
Secretary



Rev. Robert Tucker, Sr.
President



Dr. Paul Caram
Officer



Rev. Daniel Gazaway
Officer



Rev. Daniel Caram, Sr.
Officer

STAFF

The following is a list of the principal staff who handles the administrative duties at the university.

Rev. Daniel Humphreys, *Academic Dean*
M.T.S.,* Zion Christian University
B.S., Western Governors University
B.Th., Zion University
Dip. Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, NY

Mrs. Sarah Humphreys, *Admissions & Registrar*
M.Ed., Regent University
B.Th., Zion University
Dip. Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, Waverly

Mrs. Colleen Uotila, *Course Evaluation*
M.T.S.,* Zion Christian University
B.Th., Zion University
B.A., Ithaca College
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, NY

* *Indicates a Candidate for*

FACULTY & INSTRUCTORS

The following is a list of the principal faculty and instructors whose recorded lectures are utilized throughout the curriculum. Due to the development of the courses, lecturers may be changed without prior notice to enrolled students.

Dr. Brian Bailey (1925-2012)
Apologetics, Bible, Education, Theology
Th.D., Hebron International Bible Institute
D.Div., Canada Christian College
Ph.D., Vision Christian Bible Seminary

Mrs. Betsy Caram
Bible
Th.M., Zion University
B.Th. Vision Christian Bible College
Dip.B.S., Pinecrest Bible Training Center

Rev. Daniel Caram, Sr.
Bible, History, Theology
Th.M., Zion University
B.Th., Vision Christian Bible College

Dr. Paul Caram
Bible, Hermeneutics, Theology
Ph.D., Vision Christian Bible Seminary
Th.M., Vision Christian Bible Seminary
Dip.Min., Elim Bible Institute

Miss Suzette Erb
Bible, Theology
M.T.S.,* Zion Christian University
B.Th., Zion University
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, NY

Rev. David Kropf (Instructor)
Bible
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, NM
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, NY

Rev. Norman Holmes
Bible, Ministry, Theology
Th.M., Zion University
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, NM
Dip.B.S., Elim Bible Institute

Rev. Theodore Topper (Instructor)
Theology
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, NM
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, NY

Rev. Robert Tucker, Sr.
Theology
M.A., Regent University
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, NM
Dip.Min., Elim Bible Institute

Rev. David Wallis
Bible, Missions, Theology
B.S., Auckland University
Ministry Development Certificate, Faith Bible College

Mrs. Marilyn Wallis (Instructor)
Bible
Missionary for over 20 years

Rev. Paul Webb
Bible, Theology
M.T.S., Tyndale University Seminary
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, Albuquerque
Dip.Th., Brockville Bible College

** Indicates a Candidate for*

STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER & SERVICE

It is the firm conviction of Zion Christian University that enrolled students should endeavor to exemplify Christian character and Christian service. The university holds a standard of excellence not just in instruction but also in encouraging godly character. As Bible school students of Zion Christian University, students should seek to honor the Lord through living a holy life and true godliness as set forth in Scripture. Therefore, students are to abstain from: adultery, fornication, uncleanness (including sodomy, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, pornography, and other forms of moral impurity), witchcraft, drunkenness, tobacco, and illegal narcotics. Bible school students should be actively involved in their local church and encouraging others in the pathway of righteousness and holiness by their words and actions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Zion Christian University's main office is situated on the western peninsula of Florida on the Gulf of Mexico, which is a beautiful resort area known around the world. Literally translated "Clear Water" from the native Indian word "Pocotopaug," this area was named for its abundant fresh springs along the shore. We at Zion Christian University feel this name is significant and reveals God's heart for the clear water of His word and doctrine to flow through this area and to the nations.

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Zion Christian University departments may also be contacted by e-mail at: info@zion.edu.

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ADMISSIONS

Zion Christian University admits single or married male and female students without respect to age, race, color, national or ethnic origin. However, applicants must profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in order to be admitted into Zion Christian University. The University was founded to educate the Body of Christ and therefore retains the right to deny admission to any applicant that does not evidence, to the satisfaction of the University, a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Zion Christian University is available to those who meet the following entrance requirements.

Certificate, Diploma, and Bachelor in Biblical Studies:

1. Graduated from high school (home school, Christian, or public) or able to present a Certificate of Eligibility demonstrating successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) test. International students must provide proof of equivalent academic achievement.
2. Fluency in reading, writing, and speaking the English language.
3. Provided transcripts from High School attended as well as all schools where college credit was earned.
4. Provided a recommendation from a member of the clergy.
5. Submitted an Admission Application, complete in its entirety, along with the admission fee.

Bachelor of Theology Degree Program: In addition to the above five (5) requirements, individuals must have completed 30 General Education Credits from an acceptable school. An official transcript must be provided to the ZCU Admissions Department.

Bachelor of Arts in Theology Degree Program: In addition to the above five (5) requirements, individuals must have completed 60 General Education credits from an acceptable school. An official transcript must be provided to the ZCU Admissions Department.

Applicants who do not have a high school diploma or GED diploma and are at least 21 years of age may be considered for acceptance under special status. If accepted, those of special status will be on academic probation and must maintain a 2.0 grade level on a 4.0 scale during the first year of study to be removed from academic probation.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ZCU welcomes international students. Because ZCU is a distance learning school we can provide an education for international students to study in the convenience of their own home in their own countries. International applicants who desire to study with ZCU must meet the following criteria in addition to the above requirements:

1. Understand and speak fluent English
2. Ability to write at college level
3. Capability to operate and use a computer and email
4. Access to a computer as well as the internet

Transcripts from schools outside the United States must be evaluated by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE). For more information about ECE or to obtain an application for evaluation of foreign credits visit their website at: www.ece.org.

ZCU does not have a residential campus and therefore we cannot issue the I-20 needed for a student visa to study within the United States. If international students are interested in studying with ZCU, but desire to attend a residential campus, we have a number of affiliate schools that can assist them.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for admission, applicants must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the Application for Admission included with the catalog. Send all admission forms with a recent photo and a nonrefundable admission fee. Applicants may also apply online at: www.zion.edu/contact/apply.aspx
2. Complete the top portion of the Clergy Recommendation Form and give to a member of the clergy who knows you well to complete and return to Zion Christian University.
3. Request a copy of a high school transcript and any other postsecondary transcripts to be forwarded to the Admissions Office. For admission into any program, OFFICIAL transcripts are required from high school and all previous colleges and/or universities attended regardless of how many courses were taken or the nature of the work. For applicants who have home schooled and do not have a transcript, please contact the admissions department to obtain a Home School Credit Evaluation or it may be obtained online.

It is the responsibility of the applicants to follow up on the completion of their file for admissions. After the Admission Office reviews all admissions materials, applicants will receive a letter stating their admission status.

TRANSFER CREDITS

The transferability of credit from Zion Christian University to another institution is solely at the discretion of the receiving institution. Because each school has its own basic curriculum and educational philosophy, credit transfer is strictly up to the receiving institution and is out of the control of Zion Christian University. Zion Christian University provides programs for training in religious vocations of Christian service and all courses are taught from a Christian worldview. For this reason we encourage applicants to seriously consider if their educational goals will be met at this university prior to enrollment.

Credits and degrees earned from Zion Christian University do not automatically qualify the holder for an ecclesiastical vocation. Any person seeking a particular vocation should first contact the institution or ministry to determine if this university's program meets the prerequisites for employment or admission.

ADVANCED STANDING

TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

Students transferring to Zion Christian University from another school must provide official academic transcripts for evaluation. Because Zion Christian University deems its courses essential for graduation, a minimum of 30 credits must be completed at Zion Christian University to be granted a degree. Transfer Credit is only considered for courses that meet the following criteria:

- Minimum grade of C or a 2.00 on a 4.00 grading scale
- Taken in an acceptable school
- Applicable to Zion Christian University's programs

The Registrar carefully reviews all cases and retains the right to not accept any credits that do not meet the specific requirements.

LIFE LEARNING CREDIT

Many people accumulate a wealth of knowledge through life learning and informal study. Unfortunately, many times this knowledge is not recognized because it was not obtained in a college classroom. It is the desire of Zion Christian University to acknowledge the skills and learning gained through life learning by providing advanced standing to those eligible. Life Learning Credit is only available to those undergraduate students who qualify for advanced standing through life experience. A maximum of 30 credits may be awarded to an individual based on the criteria included in the Life Learning Portfolio. To apply for Life Learning Credit, request an application by writing to the Academic Dean.

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

Freshman: Students who have completed less than 30 credit hours.

Sophomore: Student who have completed 30-59 credit hours.

Junior: Students who have completed 60-89 credit hours.

Senior: Students who have completed 90 credit hours or more.

GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading scale expresses the levels of academic achievement upon which submitted work is evaluated. Please note this is based on a 4.0 grading scale.

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Grade Point Average	Standing
A+	100	4.00	Excellent
A	96-99	4.00	Honor
A-	93-95	3.70	Honor
B+	90-92	3.30	Good
B	87-89	3.00	Good
B-	84-86	2.70	Good
C+	81-83	2.30	Average
C	78-80	2.00	Average
C-	75-77	1.70	Average
D+	73-74	1.30	Below Average
D	71-72	1.00	Below Average
D-	70	0.00	Below Average
F	69 and below	0.00	Failure
I		0.00	Incomplete
W		0.00	Official Withdrawal
UW		0.00	Unofficial Withdrawal

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The *Certificate in Biblical Studies* is awarded to those students who have:

1. Satisfactorily completed a minimum of 30 credit hours of study.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
3. Settled all financial accounts with Zion Christian University.

The *Diploma in Biblical Studies* is awarded to those students who have:

1. Satisfactorily completed a minimum of 60 credit hours of study.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
3. Settled all financial accounts with Zion Christian University.

The *Bachelor in Biblical Studies* is awarded to those students who have:

1. Satisfactorily completed a minimum of 120 credit hours of study.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
3. A minimum of 30 credits were completed through Zion Christian University.
4. Settled all financial accounts with Zion Christian University.

The *Bachelor of Theology* is awarded to those students who have:

1. Satisfactorily completed a minimum of 120 credit hours of study.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
3. 30 credits of General Education transferred from an acceptable school.
4. 30 credits were completed through Zion Christian University.
5. Settled all financial accounts with Zion Christian University.

The *Bachelor of Arts in Theology* is awarded to those students who have:

1. Satisfactorily completed a minimum of 120 credit hours of study.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
3. 60 credits General Education transferred from an acceptable school.
4. 30 credits were completed through Zion Christian University.
5. Settled all financial accounts with Zion Christian University.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better will graduate with one of the following honors:

Summa Cum Laude	3.9-4.0
Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.89
Cum Laude	3.50-3.74

ACADEMIC PROBATION & DISMISSAL

Students are expected to maintain a grade point average (GPA) that reflects satisfactory academic progress. The following policy will be used to determine academic status:

ACADEMIC WARNING

When a student's grade point average during any given term is below 2.00, but the cumulative average is above the academic scale requirement, the student will be placed on academic warning for the following term. This action is recorded on the student's academic record.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

When a student's cumulative grade point average falls below the appropriate level of average standing on the academic scale, the student will be placed on academic probation for the following term. Any student who fails to maintain a 2.00 average in a term may be placed on academic probation. Academic probation status is recorded on the student's file. If a student's grade point average is above the academic status scale for the probationary term, but the cumulative average is still below the academic status scale, the student will continue on academic probation.

REMOVAL FROM ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students will be removed from academic probation at the end of the term when their cumulative grade point average meets the academic status scale.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

Students on academic probation whose grade point average for the probationary term falls below the academic status scale are subject to academic dismissal. Students whose cumulative grade point average meets the academic status scale, but fail to pass appropriate credits for two consecutive terms are also subject to academic dismissal. Students who are dismissed may reapply after one year. Those who choose to reapply may be asked to present evidence of potential academic success.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ENROLLMENT

Students may withdraw from enrollment at any time. Students who desire to withdraw from enrollment must follow the official Withdrawal Procedure as follows:

1. Notification to the Registrar's Office by means of a written letter. The date of the withdrawal request will determine the refund given to the student. The withdrawal date is the day the letter is postmarked.

2. All financial obligations are satisfied. Students who fail to meet financial obligations will not receive academic transcripts.
3. The student's transcript will reflect official withdrawal, "W".

Any student who withdraws without meeting the above criteria will be considered as having an unofficial withdrawal. As a result a "UW" will be permanently noted on the transcript.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

TERM SYSTEM

Zion Christian University operates on four-month term system. The four-month term begins the date course materials are shipped to the student. This allows our students flexibility and affords them the opportunity to study at their own pace. If students complete the term's course work before the four months have expired, they may register at any time for the next term. If students cannot complete the courses within the four-month term, they will need to contact the registrar's office.

ADDING & DROPPING COURSES

Courses can only be added or dropped during the given term by contacting the Office of the Registrar. No changes are complete until they are approved by the Registrar within the prescribed time limit. Added courses must be completed by the term end date. Please refer to the Refund Schedule for tuition reimbursement information for dropped courses. Required courses that are dropped must be made up at a later date before the student may graduate.

COURSE LOAD

The expected course load for full-time students in undergraduate studies is 12 credit hours or more per term. The normal course load for part-time students in undergraduate studies is 11 credit hours or less per term. Therefore, the chart below reflects the estimated time (not a guaranteed outcome) to complete the programs offered at Zion Christian University.

<i>Program of Study</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>	<i>Courses Per Year</i>		<i>Approx. Time to Graduate</i>	
		<i>FT</i>	<i>PT</i>	<i>FT</i>	<i>PT</i>
Certificate in Biblical Studies	30 hours	10	5	1 yr	2 yrs
Diploma in Biblical Studies	60 hours	10	5	2 yrs	4 yrs
Bachelor in Biblical Studies	120 hours	10	5	4 yrs	8 yrs
Bachelor of Theology	120 hours	10	5	4 yrs	8 yrs
Bachelor of Arts in Theology	120 hours	10	5	4 yrs	8 yrs

* *FT = Full Time; PT = Part Time*

The time to complete a course of study will depend on various skills the students possess in areas of reading, comprehension, research, essay writing, and typing proficiency. Students have the option of working on two or more courses simultaneously or working on one course at a time. This is left to the discretion of students based on what is most beneficial for them according to their time schedule and ability.

STUDENT ADVISORS

Students are assigned a Student Advisor upon enrollment. Student Advisors will communicate with students on a regular basis and maintain the one-on-one assistance necessary for distance learning. Student Advisors are available to help students with any questions regarding academic issues, policies, and instructions. All inquiries concerning academics should be made to the Student Advisor.

During the term, students are required to send their Student Advisor a monthly report regarding their academic progress. Student Advisors closely monitor students' progress and if no student activity is seen students will be contacted.

GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES

INTEGRITY OF SCHOLARSHIP

Zion Christian University recognizes the principles of truth and honesty as being absolutely essential. Students must rigorously follow these principles in all academic course work, including assignments and examinations. By signing the Student Disclosure Form, the student agrees to abide by these principles. Zion Christian University requires students to complete all course assignments without unauthorized help from others. Cheating or plagiarizing in any form is sufficient ground for suspension from Zion Christian University. If students are suspected of cheating or plagiarizing, they will be notified immediately by the Academic Office. Each case will be carefully reviewed and could result in academic dismissal.

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

All requests for academic transcripts must be made in writing to the Registrar. Students can receive one (1) transcript per year for free. If students need more transcripts in a period of a year a processing fee will be charged.

FAMILY RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

Zion Christian University has chosen to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. This Act is designed to protect the privacy of educational records, establish the

right of students to inspect and review their records, and provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS

If students have complaints regarding their program or any aspect of their involvement with Zion Christian University, they should contact the Academic Dean's office. Informal complaints can be discussed over the telephone. However, in order for a formal complaint to be filed, the student must send a written complaint to the University via email or postal mail. All complaints are carefully examined by the Administration. Students will receive a written reply within 45 days of the date that the complaint was received.

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Discounts & Financial Assistance

Payment Policies

Refund Schedule

DISCOUNTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MINISTERIAL DISCOUNT

Ordained and Licensed Ministers of the Gospel may receive a 10% discount on tuition costs by submitting a copy of their ministerial credentials.

SPOUSE DISCOUNT

Spouses of students who are currently enrolled may receive a 50% discount on tuition costs.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Zion Christian University students are not eligible for FAFSA, PELL, or other U.S. taxpayer subsidized loans and grants. In the event of genuine hardship or change of circumstances while a student is enrolled, the University will do its best to make arrangements with the student that will allow him or her to continue with their studies. However, no degree or transcript can be issued until all accounts are settled in full.

PAYMENT POLICY

Zion Christian University encourages payment in full at time of enrollment. Students who are unable to make full payment are placed on a payment plan for the term, which is tailored accordingly for each student. Students on a payment plan are required to make payments by credit card.

All accounts must be paid by the end of any given term. If accounts are not paid by the end of any given term, reenrollment in a new term is not permitted and academic transcripts will not be released. Contact Student Accounts for more information.

REFUND SCHEDULE

Refunds are given for tuition only and do not include any fees such as application, term registration, graduation, or audio. If students withdraw from enrollment or drop courses within a period of:

1. 5 days of course registration, 100% of tuition is refunded.
2. 10 days of course registration, 70% of tuition is refunded.
3. 20 days of course registration, 50% of tuition is refunded.
4. 30 days of course registration, 30% of tuition is refunded.

All withdrawal requests must be made in writing. The date of withdrawal is determined by the date postmarked on the withdrawal letter. No refunds are made after 30 days.

SECTION 4: STUDENT RESOURCES

General Course Policies

GENERAL COURSE POLICIES

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH WRITING

All papers must be prepared in accordance with the Modern Language Association (MLA) guidelines for research writing. It is highly recommended that students purchase the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (6th Edition).

COURSE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSIONS

Submissions by Postal Mail:

Assignments will only be accepted via postal mail from students who do not have Internet access. Send assignments to:

Zion Christian University
Course Evaluator
25400 US Hwy 19 North, Suite 150
Clearwater, FL 33763

Submissions by E-Mail:

Students who have either Internet or email access are required to email their assignments. Email assignments to: submissions@zion.edu. Files should be in one of the following formats: Microsoft Word (95 or more recent), Rich Text Format (RTF), or TXT format.

SECTION 5: PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Method of Study

Credit Hour System

Programs of Study

Course Descriptions

METHOD OF STUDY

Zion Christian University seeks to provide a program through distance education that is easily accessible to all students, who are unable to attend a residential college or university. Due to the nature of distance education, students are able to study at home, work, or even during travel at their own pace and according to their schedule. Normally, courses require listening to audio lectures, reading various textbooks, and doing various assignments based on the audio, textbooks, and research. A detailed syllabus is provided for each course. It is important that students review all materials sent to them to ensure proper presentation and submission of their work.

Zion Christian University provides Student Advisors who are available to assist the student. Students are encouraged to locate Christian professionals who are skilled in their own areas of study who can interact with them about their subject. Many times a student's pastor or a member of the pastoral staff can provide access to his or her references for research, as well as give knowledgeable advice for the student's insight.

CREDIT HOUR SYSTEM

At Zion Christian University, one term credit hour of study is 15 academic hours or its equivalent. The university uses the following guidelines for non-traditional programs of education:

- *Reading:* Approximately 225 pages of reading are required for one (1) credit hour of study. Therefore, a three (3) credit hour course will be assigned 675 pages of reading. The reading requirement will be identified in the course syllabus and may vary according to the nature of the materials being studied.
- *Audio:* Each course has a combination of reading and audio assigned. Approximately 12 hours (60 minute hours) of audio is required for one (1) credit hour of study. The audio requirement will be identified in the course syllabus and may vary according to the nature of the materials being studied.
- *Review Questions:* Each course will include a series of questions related to the reading assignments. Questions will cover the content of the reading material.
- *Writing:* Normally a course requires a total of 10-15 pages of written work to provide evidence of the original content and originality. All written assignments must conform to the format of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th edition.

Zion Christian University uses a combination of the above methods to ensure a solid and quality education.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

We believe the goal of Christian education is to seek to bring students to spiritual maturity and make them complete in Christ. The purpose of our programs is to seek to enrich the student's personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, impart to the student a thorough knowledge of God's word, and prepare the student to be an effective leader who is able to rightly divide the word of God. The programs of Zion Christian University are theological in nature and therefore designed primarily for ecclesiastical vocations.

Zion Christian University offers the following programs of study:

- Certificate in Biblical Studies, C.B.S.
- Diploma in Biblical Studies, Dip.B.S.
- Bachelor in Biblical Studies, B.B.S.
- Bachelor of Theology, B.Th.
- Bachelor of Arts in Theology, B.A.Th.

CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

30 Credit Hours

This program is designed to give students a solid foundation in Biblical Studies and Christian Doctrine. This program also consists of the core courses which are required for every program of study.

YEAR 1: 30 CREDIT HOURS

BBL102	Hermeneutics	3 credits
NTS101	New Testament Survey	2 credits
NTS102	Romans	2 credits
NTS103	Acts	3 credits
OTS101	Old Testament Survey	3 credits
OTS102	Journey of Israel	3 credits
OTS103	Genesis	3 credits
PTH102	Pillars of Faith	2 credits
SYS101	Systematic Theology I: Doctrine	3 credits
SYS102	Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology	3 credits
THE102	Tabernacle of Moses	3 credits

DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

60 Credit Hours

This program is designed to build upon the Certificate in Biblical Studies program and seeks to give students a deeper knowledge of Bible, Doctrine, and Practical Theology. It is ideal for individuals who have some Bible training and desire to increase their knowledge for further study or ministry.

YEAR 2: 30 CREDIT HOURS

NTS201	Synoptic Gospels	3 credits
NTS202	Hebrews	3 credits
NTS203	Gospel of John	3 credits
OTS201	Leviticus	3 credits
OTS202	David & Solomon	2 credits
PTH201	Christian Maturity I	2 credits
PTH202	Christian Maturity II	2 credits
PTH203	Praise & Worship	3 credits
PTH204	Marriage & Family	3 credits
SYS201	Systematic Theology III: Christology	3 credits
SYS202	Systematic Theology IV: Eschatology	3 credits

BACHELOR IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

120 Credit Hours

This program is designed to build upon the Certificate and Diploma in Biblical Studies and seeks to give students a deeper knowledge of Bible and Ministry related studies. This program is ideal for individuals who desire to prepare for ministry.

YEAR 3: 30 CREDIT HOURS

NTS301	Pauline Epistles I	3 credits
NTS401	Parables of Jesus	2 credits
OTS301	Historical Books	2 credits
OTS401	Psalms I	2 credits
PRE301	Homiletics	2 credits
THE301	Tabernacle of David	3 credits

ELECTIVE COURSES – 16 CREDIT HOURS

Students may select elective courses for the remaining 16 credit hours.

YEAR 4: 30 CREDIT HOURS

CED402	Teacher Training	2 credits
HCH302	Church History	3 credits
NTS302	Pauline Epistles II	3 credits
NTS402	Sermon on the Mount	3 credits
OTS302	Minor Prophets	3 credits
PHL302	Apologetics	2 credits

ELECTIVE COURSES – 14 CREDIT HOURS

Students may select elective courses for the remaining 14 credit hours.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

120 Credit Hours

This program is designed to build upon the Certificate and Diploma in Biblical Studies and seeks to give students a thorough understanding of Theology as well as equip them for ministry. This program of study requires 30 credits of General Education, which must be transferred from an acceptable school.

REQUIRED COURSES

CED402	Teacher Training	2 credits
HCH302	Church History	3 credits
NTS301	Pauline Epistles I	3 credits
NTS302	Pauline Epistles II	3 credits
OTS301	Historical Books	2 credits
PHL302	Apologetics	2 credits
PRE301	Homiletics	2 credits
PTH301	Principles of Prayer	3 credits
PTH401	Principles of Leadership	3 credits
THE301	Tabernacle of David	3 credits
THE302	Hope of the Christian	2 credits
THE402	Names of God	2 credits

GENERAL EDUCATION – 30 CREDIT HOURS

Students must transfer 30 credits of General Education from an acceptable school.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

120 Credit Hours

This program is designed to give students a thorough understanding of Theology as well as equip them for ministry. This program of study requires 60 credits of General Education, which must be transferred from an acceptable school.

YEAR 3: 30 CREDIT HOURS

REQUIRED COURSES

BBL102	Hermeneutics	3 credits
NTS101	New Testament Survey	2 credits
NTS102	Romans	2 credits
NTS103	Acts	3 credits
OTS101	Old Testament Survey	3 credits
OTS102	Journey of Israel	3 credits
OTS103	Genesis	3 credits
PRE301	Homiletics	2 credits
SYS101	Systematic Theology I: Doctrine	3 credits
SYS102	Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology	3 credits
THE102	Tabernacle of Moses	3 credits

YEAR 4: 30 CREDIT HOURS

REQUIRED COURSES

HCH302	Church History	3 credits
NTS202	Hebrews	3 credits
OTS201	Leviticus	3 credits
PHL302	Apologetics	2 credits
PTH201	Christian Maturity I	2 credits
PTH202	Christian Maturity II	2 credits
PTH203	Praise & Worship	3 credits
PTH204	Marriage & Family	3 credits
PTH401	Principles of Leadership	3 credits
SYS201	Systematic Theology III: Christology	3 credits
SYS202	Systematic Theology IV: Eschatology	3 credits

GENERAL EDUCATION – 60 CREDIT HOURS

Students must transfer 60 credits of General Education from an acceptable school.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

GENERAL BIBLE STUDIES (BBL)

BBL102 Hermeneutics: 3 credits

Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation and is designed to help bridge the communication gap between God's message (The Holy Scriptures) and us the receivers of His message. In this study, the use of technical words will be avoided, and the methods of the Master Teacher of the Universe, whose style was supernaturally uncomplicated, will be adopted. This study will supply valuable keys to open up the Scriptures by employing seven major laws of interpretation along with numerous other helps.

BBL401 Women of the Bible: 2 credits

This course seeks to give a deeper understanding of women in the Bible and the characteristics, which caused them to be recorded in Scripture. Through these biblical accounts, the role and significance of women is considered in the plan and purposes of God, as well as their influence on their families, friends, and even nations. This study seeks to help the student learn from the lives and decisions of these women and be impacted to be among those who have good attributes and help, instead of hinder, God's purposes upon the earth.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES (NTS)

NTS101 New Testament Survey: 2 credits

This course provides an overview of the New Testament books, including the major sections: The Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline Epistles, the General Epistles, and the Book of Revelation as well as the lives of the gospel writers and the apostles. Also incorporated into this course is the study of the Intertestamental period of biblical history. This course seeks to give well-grounded bases in the word of God to strengthen students' knowledge of the scriptures and also God's plan and purpose for their own lives.

NTS102 Romans: 2 credits

This course is a study of the Book of Romans, which is called "The Masterpiece of the New Testament." The main themes developed in this course are: 1) The wrath of God; 2) The righteousness of God; 3) The life of God; 4) The election of God; 5) The service of God; 6) The kingdom of God; 7) The patience, hope, and power of God. Each section is outlined in the beginning, and in each part there is a simple, but in-depth exposition of the epistle.

NTS103 Acts: 3 credits

This course is a study of the book of Acts, focusing on the beginning of the Church, and The Apostles, who were the foundation stones upon which the Church was built. The Book of Acts is a divine account of the new move of God. This was a time of transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, salvation by faith in Jesus Christ to all mankind. Acts pinpoints the center of the fire of God in the move of the Holy Spirit, and studies the two main leaders of this revival, the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter.

NTS201 Synoptic Gospels: 3 credits

This course is a study in the life of Christ through a comparison of the three synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Although diverse, all three gospels were inspired by the Spirit of God and serve to illuminate different points, as each was written by a different personality to a different audience. The purpose of this course is to study the diverse perspectives of the gospel writers; and by blending these viewpoints together, gain a more complete picture of the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

NTS202 Hebrews: 3 credits

This course is a thorough study of the epistle to the Hebrews. In this epistle, Paul shows the greatness of Christ, who is superior to the prophets, the angels, Moses, and Aaron. Paul's five warnings to the Hebrew church are considered. The priesthood of Melchizedek (after which Christ's priesthood is fashioned) is compared with the priesthood of Aaron. The New Covenant is examined in depth, showing us the way into the Holy of Holies. The theme of this study is "within the veil"—a reference to the veil that separated the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place in the Tabernacle of Moses. The heroes of faith are also considered.

NTS203 Gospel of John: 3 credits

The purpose of this course is to give the student a thorough knowledge of the Gospel of John, which is one of the most important books in the Bible. It has been called "the spiritual Gospel," and as such it contains many spiritual truths that are manifested through outward signs and symbols. This course will focus on the three sets of sevens in John's Gospel: the Seven I Am's of Christ; the Seven Pre-Resurrection Signs of Christ; and the Seven Major Public Discourses of Christ.

NTS301 Pauline Epistles I: 3 credits

This course is a study of the books of Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. The study of Philippians focuses on the following five main themes: 1) The need for unity; 2) The blessings of suffering; 3) The mind of Christ; 4) The first resurrection; 5) The peace of God. The study of Paul's epistles to the Colossians emphasizes the way to holiness. The major theme in Philemon is the restoration of the backslider, as illustrated through the life of Onesimus.

NTS302 Pauline Epistles II: 3 credits

This course is a study of the books of Galatians and Ephesians. The study of Galatians emphasizes relationship rather than ritualism, which is the key to Christian Perfection. It is by living in the Spirit, sowing to the Spirit, and having the fruit of the Spirit developed in our lives, not by lifeless rituals that we may come to maturity. The study of Ephesians explores the historical background, the founding of the Ephesian church, and the important doctrinal truths contained therein. The main emphasis of this study is love and spiritual warfare.

NTS303 General Epistles I: 2 credits

This course is a study of the Epistles of Peter and the Epistles of John. The study of I-II Peter examines the epistles Peter as well as his life, comparing the young apostle in all the character flaws evident in his early years, with the mature, polished, and solid foundation stone that Peter obviously became in his later years. The study of the epistles of John will focus on the two themes, which flow throughout the three epistles: (1) love as the essence of God's nature; and (2) fellowship with the Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

NTS304 General Epistles II: 2 credits

This course is a study of the epistles of James and Jude. The study of James covers the following five themes: (1) The necessity of wisdom; (2) the control of the tongue; (3) faith without works is dead; (4) impartiality; and (5) prayer. The study of the Epistle of Jude concentrates on the main theme of this epistle, "being kept or preserved."

NTS305 Gospel of Mark: 2 credits

The Gospel of Mark is unlike other Gospels. Although written, by John Mark, the Church Fathers agree that he received most of his facts from the Apostle Peter. This book concentrates on presenting Christ's actions and deeds to the Romans. This course will focus on the 18 recorded miracles, the 18 recorded parables, and the 18 recorded discourses of Christ in a verse by verse exegesis.

NTS401 Parables of Jesus: 2 credits

This course seeks to give a deeper understanding of the parables taught by Jesus Christ in the gospels. The parables of Jesus teach believers how to live in every aspect of their earthly lives as well as impart discernment and understanding of the mysteries of the Kingdom. The course will cover the following topics: an introduction to the parables, the seven kingdom parables, the parables found in the gospels, and the parables relating to the end times. The truths found in the parables are relevant not only for the personal life of a believer, but for the church age as well.

NTS402 Sermon on the Mount: 3 credits

The Sermon on the Mount is considered to be the greatest sermon ever preached. Notwithstanding, it has also been a message that has been greatly misinterpreted and even dubbed “unattainable.” It is therefore the purpose of this course to bring clarity and perspective to this sermon, and even the hopes of attaining to its message. This study reveals the application of the sermon at the time it was preached and reveals the relevance for our days.

NTS403 I-II Corinthians: 3 credits

This course is a study of Paul’s epistles to the Corinthians. The spiritual importance of the letters and the truths contained in them are examined in great detail, with the emphasis on their relevance to us as believers. The conditions that provoked Paul to address this church are considered, as well as the cultural and the religious mentality of this Greek city, and Paul’s divine remedy to bring cohesion, order, and perfection.

NTS404 I-II Thessalonians: 2 credits

This course is a study of Paul’s epistles to Thessalonians. One of the major themes throughout this study is the Second Coming of Christ. The Man of Sin and the conditions that exist at the time of the Antichrist’s rise to power are also examined in these letters from Paul to the Thessalonians. However, as it is appointed to all men once to die and then the judgment, the main thrust of these epistles is holiness, for each believer must be ready to meet the Lord when He comes to the end of his life.

PTH405 Pastoral Epistles: 2 credits

This course is a study of the Pastoral Epistles, which include epistles to Timothy and Titus. The main purpose of these epistles is to give instruction on how to conduct oneself in the ministry. This study looks at the responsibilities of a pastor, the blessings of serving God in His ministry, and preparation for the position in Christ’s Church.

OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES (OTS)

OTS101 Old Testament Survey: 3 credits

This course provides an overview of the Old Testament books, including the major sections: Pentateuch, Historical Books, Restoration Books, Poetic Books, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets as well as the lives of the patriarchs and the prophets. This course seeks to give well-grounded bases in the word of God to strengthen students’ knowledge of the scriptures and also God’s plan and purpose for their own lives.

OTS102 Journey of Israel: 3 credits

This course seeks to give the student a deeper understanding of the journey of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, and to their ultimate destination, Mount Zion from both a historical as well as eternal perspective. Although historical and literal in nature, this journey undertaken thousands of years ago is also a type of the spiritual journey believers take from newborn babes in Christ to mature fathers and mothers in the faith. This study will consider the following main themes: (1) a step by step account of the journey of the children of Israel; (2) the preparation that goes into the life of a leader from the life of Moses; (3) and lastly, the seven feasts of the Lord, which are woven into the journey, and their relevance for the Church of today.

OTS103 Genesis: 3 credits

The book of Genesis is the book of beginnings, and therefore is one of the keys to understanding the whole Word of God. A thorough understanding of Genesis is essential for the Bible student to grasp the whole scope of truth. This course covers the account of creation, The Fall, the Flood, the division of the nations, and the lives of the Patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The error of the theory of evolution and atheism is exposed. The emphasis of this course is the spiritual truth contained in each story and its application to the believer's life today.

OTS201 Leviticus: 3 credits

This course is a study of the book of Leviticus. The purpose of this course is to give the student a thorough knowledge and comprehension of the book of Leviticus. The book of Leviticus is a study of the ceremonial laws of offerings of the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament through the spotless life of our Lord Jesus Christ and their relevance to the life of each believer.

OTS202 David & Solomon: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to study the lives and character of King David and his son King Solomon. The historical background of the kingdom of Israel, when united under their leadership, will also be considered as well as the spiritual significance of their lives and rule in light of the last day church. Through this study of the lives of these kings, their decisions and influence, the student will glean many keys as well as warnings to avoid the pitfalls of life and find the pathway to eternal life and remain on it.

OTS301 Historical Books: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to study the lives and character of the kings of the divided Kingdom of Israel (the Northern Kingdom) and Judah (the Southern Kingdom) as well as the historical background. The main theme of this study is principally that righteousness exalts a man or a nation, while sin degrades a man or a nation. Through this study of the lives of the

kings, their decisions and influence, the student will glean many keys as well as warnings to avoid the pitfalls of life, remain on the pathway to eternal life, and turn many to righteousness through living a godly life.

OTS302 Minor Prophets: 3 credits

This study will seek to give the student a deeper understanding of the book and prophecies of the Minor Prophets. The Minor Prophets are reviewed in the following groups: (1) Hosea, which emphasizes the restoration of the backslider, (2) Joel-Zephaniah, which cover the pre-exilic and Babylonian period, and (3) Haggai-Malachi, which cover the restoration period and whose primary duty was to return the Jews to the purposes and the service of God until the time of the first coming of their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Minor Prophets are historical books, yet they contain many prophecies for the last days as well as spiritual truths for the believers today.

OTS303 Joshua: 2 credits

This course is a study of the book of Joshua and its spiritual significance for believers today. This course will seek to help the student to understand of their spiritual inheritance, how to enter in and possess their inheritance, as well as prepare them for the spiritual battle that must be fought to obtain their inheritance.

OTS304 Era of the Judges: 2 credits

The era of the judges includes an in depth look at the Book of Judges and the Book of Ruth. The Book of Judges covers a period of approximately 350 years, between the times of Joshua and Samuel. The Book of Ruth occurred during the time of the Judges during the Midianite invasion, and the respite accorded by Gideon. These books demonstrate the effects and consequences of sin and making wrong alliances, as well as the fruit of repentance, which is rest.

OTS305 Jeremiah: 3 credits

This study will seek to give the student a deeper understanding of the book and prophecies of Jeremiah. The book of Jeremiah is a revelation of the heart and feelings of a tender, loving God reaching out to a backslidden people who were bent upon their own destruction. This course will cover the following topics: the call of Jeremiah, the prophecies concerning Judah, and the prophecies against foreign nations. The book of Jeremiah also shows us the tremendous battle for the souls of mankind that takes place in our times. Before the Second Coming of Christ, that battle will intensify even more.

OTS306 Ezekiel: 3 credits

This study will seek to give a deeper understanding of the book and prophecies of Ezekiel. There are four main divisions in this book: Prophecies against Judah and Israel (1:1-24:27);

Prophecies against Foreign Nations (25:1-32:32); Restoration of Israel (33:1-39:29); and Vision of the New Temple, the Millennial Reign (40:1-48:35). This study examines the revelation of God's holiness given through the visions to the prophet as well as the prophecies contained in that book, particularly those indicative of events that take place in the last days, and even in the Millennial reign of Christ.

OTS307 Restoration Era: 2 credits

This course is a study of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The purpose of this study is to seek to give the student a solid grasp and understanding of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, while discussing the many different aspects of the natural Restoration Era of Israel, and relating those aspects of natural restoration to the many aspects of the spiritual restoration of believers.

OTS401 Psalms I: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to seek to give the student a solid understanding of the Psalms 1-50, including an introduction to the Psalms, and a summary of each psalm. Each psalm is looked at in great detail. The author, the circumstances surrounding the writing of the psalm, the historical setting, and the key truths in each psalm are considered. The emphasis of this course is on enriching the devotional life of the believer through the study of the Psalms.

OTS402 Psalms II: 4 credits

The purpose of this course is to give the student an understanding of Psalms 51-150. Each psalm is looked at in great detail. The author, the circumstances surrounding the writing of the psalm, the historical setting, and the key truths in each psalm are considered. The emphasis of this course is on enriching the devotional life of the believer through the study of the Psalms.

OTS403 Job: 2 credits

This study examines the truth that trouble is used of God to promote the believer in the Kingdom of God. This study approaches the curse upon fallen man, involving pain, toil, and adversity, as the mercy of God, placing a restraint upon the fallen nature. It examines how God works through man's failures and sorrows to break the power of the old nature and bring him into freedom from the bondage of self and into the newness of life.

OTS404 Song of Solomon: 2 credits

This study seeks to give a thorough understanding of the Song of Solomon. This course concentrates on the revelation of the life, dealings, and relationship between Christ and each believer who will make up His bride, as set forth in the Song of Solomon. This course will cover the following 5 main themes: (1) the first love renewed; (2) the wilderness journey; (3)

the garden enclosed; (4) the Mighty Army; and (5) the abundant harvest. The Song of Solomon is an expression of the unfolding revelation of the beauty of Christ to His beloved.

OTS405 Proverbs & Ecclesiastes: 2 credits

This study seeks to give the student a deeper understanding of the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Proverbs is full of instructions on practical living, concerning how to relate to God, family, neighbors, authority, and one's enemies. The key word in this book is wisdom, which is the ability to live life skillfully, rooted firmly in the fear of the Lord. Ecclesiastes is a survey of the end of Solomon's life, which includes all his labors and gains, finding them to be but vanity and vexation of spirit. The purpose of Ecclesiastes is to instruct the young on the true values of life, which are to fear God and keep His commandments.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CED)

CED402 Teacher Training: 2 credits

This course is a study of the keys to the ministry and life of a teacher. This study will provide a foundation for teaching in a Christian setting by studying the importance of preparation through prayer and study as well as practical guides to assist in the methodology of teaching. This study will seek to give the student a solid grasp and understanding of the role of a teacher in both a practical as well as spiritual manner.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

CHURCH HISTORY (HCH)

HCH302 Church History: 3 credits

This course is a study of the people, places, and events that shaped Church history, both positively and negatively. This study will explore the downward spiral of the church at the end of the first century and its rise again in recent centuries. The purpose of this course is to discover the reasons for the Church's departure from their first estate, but equally, to observe the restorative process. The Church of "His Coming" shall be completely restored, even exceeding their former glory.

DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY

PREACHING (PRE)

PRE301 Homiletics: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to teach the art of preparing and delivering messages to become an effective preacher. This course will cover the following topics: the preparation of the preacher, types of preaching, the “what and how” of preaching, implementing illustrations, the act of preaching, and the conclusion. This is a vital course for developing the skills necessary to effectively preach the gospel of Christ to the church.

APOLOGETICS (PHL)

PHL302 Apologetics: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to give an understanding of how to contend for the Christian faith by proving the deity of Christ, the authenticity of the Bible, and expounding on the teachings of Moses, the Prophets, Jesus, the Apostle Paul and other notable apostles who fought a good fight and turned many into the paths of righteousness. This course seeks to encourage students to be a valiant soldier of Christ, who may put the enemy to flight and pry many from Satan’s deceiving ways and subtle ruses through the word of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit.

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (PTH)

PTH102 Pillars of Faith: 2 credits

This study reveals principles of faith in action through Biblical examples. In this course, facets of faith are examined from Scripture, including the definition of faith, the difference between faith and believing, the fruit of faith and the gift of faith, ever-increasing faith, the trial of our faith, the heroes of faith from Hebrews chapter 11, and the tremendous blessings of faith. The whole purpose of the course is to cause faith to increase in the student’s heart.

PTH201 Christian Maturity I: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to bring Christians to an understanding of the fullness of God’s desire for them. Christians are faced with many questions, and the decisions made affect their eternal inheritance. This course seeks to pinpoint those questions and the answers to them, to enable believers to advance from spiritual infancy into mature sons and daughters, stable and grounded in the Word of God and a personal relationship with Christ. The desire of the

Heavenly Father is that His people know Him intimately, walk with Him daily, and prepare to rule and reign with Him in this life and in eternity.

PTH202 Christian Maturity II: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to find the new heart and freedom from the prisons of the self-life, as promised by God in Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Jeremiah 24:7. This study examines the number one enemy of the Christian—his own heart. The greatest battle in the life of a believer is not with the enemy of his soul, but the very center of his being, for it is from the heart that the believer closes the door—either to Christ, or to Satan and the world. This study examines the teachings of Christ on this most vital area of the heart, and considers the development of the new heart within the believer, not instantaneously, but gradually, step-by-step, as the Christian continues to follow God’s plan for his life.

PTH203 Praise & Worship: 3 credits

The importance of anointed music, praise, and worship is stressed in this study. Students are given a spiritual perspective of music and worship. Keys are given to discern the difference between pure worship and worship that is not pleasing to God. This is a vital course for anyone who desires to be a skilled spiritual leader in the ministries of music, praise and worship services, and song leading; and is also essential for every believer.

PTH204 Marriage & Family: 3 credits

This course is a study of marriage and family centering on researching Scriptural order and function for each member of the family. The course includes study of the need for strong marriage and family relationships; what makes a marriage; the role marriage and family plays in revival, end times, the church, the nation, and inheritances of both the parents and their seed; the responsibility of the husband/father, the wife/mother, the children, and the grandparents; and the permanence of marriage. The course is designed to be practical for every culture and generation.

PTH301 Principles of Prayer: 3 credits

The central theme of this study on prayer is the believer’s abiding in the presence of God, understanding his heart, and being changed. The purpose of this course is to bring each student closer to the Lord through their personal study of prayer, practice of prayer, habit of prayer, dependency on prayer, and love of communion with the Lord.

PTH302 Hearing God’s Voice: 2 credits

This course provides understanding of the essentiality of every believer coming to know the voice of the Lord and how to discern His voice from all others. The study includes a study from Israel’s history to see what happens when people reject hearing God’s voice. Several

subjects are related to and dependent upon hearing God's voice such as faith, righteousness that comes by faith, and Godly wisdom.

PTH401 Principles of Leadership: 3 credits

This study is an in-depth look at leadership from a biblical perspective as well as a historical perspective. The focus of this study will be the basic qualities of leadership seen through historical figures as well as Biblical leaders of distinction. This study will give the student a grasp of the necessary foundational ingredients of godly ministry and its application to our relationship with the Lord and His people.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (SYS)

SYS101 Systematic Theology I: 3 credits

Systematic Theology I is a study of Christian doctrine. Doctrine is a study of five of the major areas of doctrine: God, Christ, Man, Sin, and Salvation. These doctrines are examined in-depth and are studied in light of Scripture. The purpose of this course is to give the student answers to important doctrinal questions and establish a sure foundation in doctrinal understanding.

SYS102 Systematic Theology II: 3 credits

Systematic Theology II is a study of Pneumatology, which is a study of the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. This course seeks to give the student a thorough knowledge and comprehension of the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of the Lord, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, and the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life. The purpose of the course, however, is not to give the student an intellectual knowledge of the Holy Spirit, but rather that the student comes to know the Holy Spirit in a new and intimate way.

SYS201 Systematic Theology III: 3 credits

Systematic Theology III is a study of Christology, which is a study of the life and doctrine of Jesus Christ. The purpose of this course is to give the student a solid understanding of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, including His pre-existence, His birth and early years, His ministry, His crucifixion, and His resurrection. This is one of the most important studies for any student of the Bible. The emphasis in this course is upon the application of the life of Christ for us as believers.

SYS202 Systematic Theology IV: 3 credits

Systematic Theology IV is a study of Eschatology, which is a study of the events leading up to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus and His actual return. Some of the primary topics covered are: the Church of the Last Days, the Antichrist, the selective Rapture, the Great

Falling Away, Personal Preparation, Heaven and Eternal Judgment, and the Millennial Reign of Christ. The purpose of this course is to give students an understanding of the last days so that they will not be misled and deceived so that they will be prepared and ready for the Second Coming.

THEOLOGY (THE)

THE102 Tabernacle of Moses: 3 credits

This course focuses on the Tabernacle of Moses from man's perspective, beginning with the Outer Court, progressing to the Holy Place, to the ultimate goal—the Holy of Holies. The Tabernacle is considered in the light of how it relates to the believer's Christian walk and ministry. The purpose of this course is to give the student a solid grasp and understanding of the Tabernacle of Moses, emphasizing the spiritual significance of the Tabernacle and how it applies to the life of believers.

THE301 Tabernacle of David: 3 credits

This course is a study on the Tabernacle of David as it relates to the Church. At the first Jerusalem conference recorded in Acts chapter 15, James declares that the Church is to be a revival of David's Tabernacle, and that the nations would seek its covering. This tabernacle, situated upon Mount Zion, encompasses the truths of Mount Zion, the dwelling place of God, and the high and holy calling of the saints in Christ.

THE302 Hope of the Christian: 2 credits

This course is a study of the Christian life with an emphasis on Christian maturity and the call of God. The purpose of this course is to impart a vision within the student of progressing from a new babe in Christ to a full-grown, mature believer. The study is divided into two parts: a revelation of our Christian goal, and wisdom to obtain the hope of glory.

THE402 Names of God: 2 credits

This course seeks to give the student, not only the significance of the names of God in the Old Testament, but their fulfillment in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament. This course is presented with the purpose of developing in the reader, through personal experience and understanding of the names of God, a more intimate knowledge of the persons of the Godhead.

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*“And ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you free,” John 8:32*