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A photograph of students in a classroom or computer lab. In the foreground, a student's hands are typing on a laptop. Other students are visible in the background, some looking at screens and others talking. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay.

2 TIMOTHY 3:15

"THE HOLY SCRIPTURES...

...MAKE YOU WISE UNTO SALVATION"

Welcome to Atlanta Bible College.

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

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

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

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

Whether you are a high school student, a career person considering a change of occupation, or someone already involved in ministry who wants to increase your Bible knowledge and enhance your ministry skills, ABC may have what you are seeking. Members of our student body have ranged in age from 15 to 85. Some are single. Others are married with families.

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024 SOUTH CAMPUS

FALL SEMESTER- 2023

Aug. 5 – Student houses open for Resident Students
14 – Regular Semester Classes Begin
28 – Last day to add regular classes
Sept. 4 – No classes - Labor Day
5 – Last day to drop regular classes
Oct. 16-20 – Fall Break
(regular semester classes do not meet)
Nov. 20-24 – Thanksgiving Holidays (no classes)
Dec. 15 – Last Day of Classes including Final Exams

WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER – 2024 (Proposed – Potential of Change)

Jan. 8 – Regular second semester classes begin
15 -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – no classes
22 – Last Day to Add Regular classes
29 – Last Day to Drop classes
February – Min.Conf. (no regular semester classes)
April – Block Classes (no regular semester classes)
April 29-May 3 – Annual Christian Workers Seminar
(no regular semester classes)
18 – Last Day of classes including final exams
18 – Graduation



OUR HISTORY

FROM 1923 TO A GREATER TOMORROW

Atlanta Bible College originated from the Bible Training School operated by the National Bible Institution from 1923 until 1932 in Oregon, IL. Pastor F. L. Austin, as secretary of the Church of God General Conference, was its organizer and a leading Bible instructor.

Pastor G. E. Marsh administered the school during the term of 1931-32. During the economic depression of the 1930s the school was closed. In 1939 the school reopened under the leadership of Pastor Sydney E. Magaw and Pastor L. E. Conner. The reorganized school was named Oregon Bible College in 1942. Otto E. Dick, Sr., assumed the leadership of the college in 1949 and served as president until his death in 1963. Succeeding presidents or leaders have been: William M. Wachtel, 1963-1968; Dr. Alva G. Huffer, 1968-1975; John R. Lewis, 1975 until his death in 1979; David Krogh (Acting President), 1979-1980; Dr. Charles Pryor, 1980-1985; Dale Ramsey, Interim Administrative Coordinator, 1985; David Krogh, 1985-2001; Dr. Joe Martin, Academic Dean, 2001-2002; Dr. Brian Atra, 2002-2003; Tim Jones 2003-2009; Dr. Joe Martin 2009 to 2016; Seth Ross, 2017 to present.

During the early years of the college, classes were conducted in the General Conference building

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

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

Classes opened in the new location in Morrow, Georgia for the 1991 fall semester. A classroom/

office/library/chapel building was built on a 12 1/2 acre campus in Morrow, Georgia. A ten-unit apartment building for students was constructed in the fall of 1991.

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

By action of the Board of Directors of the College in February 2007, a decision was made to sell the present campus and to establish a campus in northeast Atlanta and another campus in Henry County. The Board of Regents for the Georgia University system approved the purchase of the ABC campus for their future expansion in March 2008. The college leased back the facilities until two new locations were opened. In January 2009, ABC opened its Henry County South Campus at the Avalon Business Center at 2020 Avalon Parkway, Suite 400 in McDonough, GA. The North Campus in Duluth, Georgia was located at 3500 Corporate Way. It opened in January 2010. This campus was relocated to 10700 Abbotts Bridge Road, Suite 180, Johns Creek, GA 30097 in August 2017.

In October 2013, the Board of Directors decided to open a branch of Atlanta Bible College in South Korea. Korean Extension Vice President Steve An moved to South Korea in February 2014 and, beginning in September, courses were taught in two locations: At the Yahtop Church in Seoul and in Boryung City. Faculty members were secured from those who have taught in the Korean Extension in Duluth, GA, as well as graduates of the Korean Extension who secured advanced degrees. In early 2016, Steve An returned to the Korean Extension Duluth campus and pastor Younghee An took over the operation.



OUR PURPOSE

ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

From its inception as a Bible Training School to the present it has been the purpose of the Bible College to have each student know and experience God and His Word, broaden and deepen his/her general education for effective living as a Christian citizen, and effectively minister to others. The Bible College is dedicated to the preparation of Christian workers for church leadership, for preaching, for teaching, and for reaching persons for Christ.

It is our objective that each student:

KNOW GOD AND HIS WORD

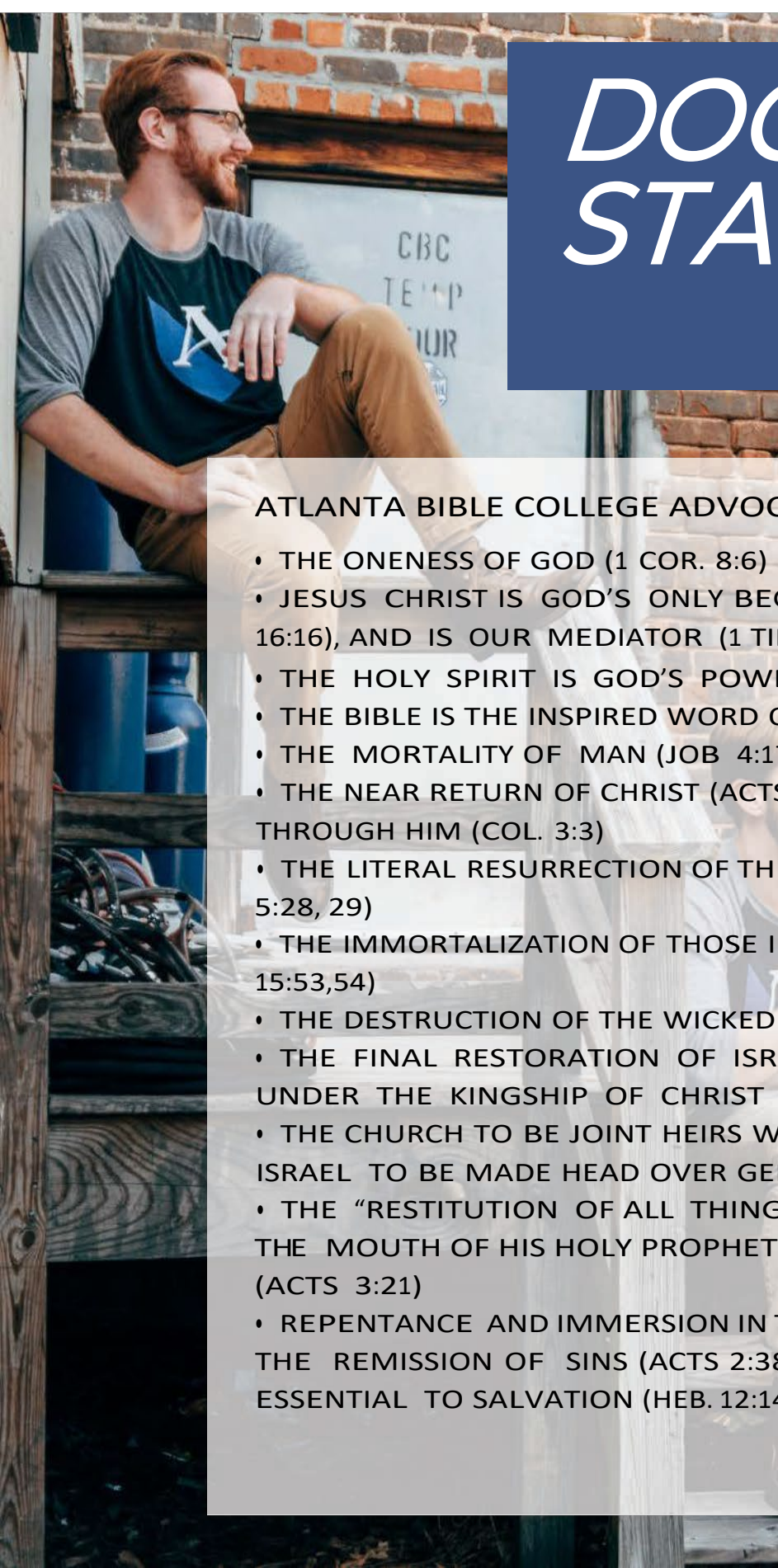
- seek to have a personal, loving relationship with God.
- confidently know the Bible as God's infallible Word.
- understand that God's Word relates to every area of life (general education, experience).

APPLY GOD'S WORD

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

COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

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



DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

ATLANTA BIBLE COLLEGE ADVOCATES:

- THE ONENESS OF GOD (1 COR. 8:6)
- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (MATT. 16:16), AND IS OUR MEDIATOR (1 TIM. 2:5)
- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S POWER (ACTS 1:8)
- THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD (2 TIM. 3:16)
- THE MORTALITY OF MAN (JOB 4:17; PSA. 146:4)
- THE NEAR RETURN OF CHRIST (ACTS 1:11), AND LIFE ONLY THROUGH HIM (COL. 3:3)
- THE LITERAL RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD (JOHN 5:28, 29)
- THE IMMORTALIZATION OF THOSE IN CHRIST (1 COR. 15:53,54)
- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED (REV. 21:8)
- THE FINAL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL AS THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNDER THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST (LUKE 1:32)
- THE CHURCH TO BE JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST (ROM. 8:17), AND ISRAEL TO BE MADE HEAD OVER GENTILE NATIONS (ISA. 60:13)
- THE "RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS WHICH GOD HAS SPOKEN BY THE MOUTH OF HIS HOLY PROPHETS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN" (ACTS 3:21)
- REPENTANCE AND IMMERSION IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS (ACTS 2:38), AND A CONSECRATED LIFE AS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION (HEB. 12:14)

AFFILIATIONS

OUR PARTNERS

CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

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

OPERATING AUTHORITY

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

The United States Department of Homeland Security has approved Atlanta Bible College as an institution where international students who have secured an F-1 visa can be taught.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION

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

ACCREDITATION

Atlanta Bible College is not accredited by a Department of Education recognized accreditation agency. Therefore, credits are not guaranteed to be accepted by secular, state, or other programs. However, most A or B students who have recently applied to graduate schools have been accepted fully, or on a provisional basis for one semester and then accepted fully.



LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

MAKE YOUR HOME AT ABC



Atlanta Bible College is located in the Atlanta metropolitan area. This area has a population of over 6,000,000. Atlanta is consistently picked as one of the top metropolitan areas in which to locate a business and live.

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

The North Campus, located in Johns Creek, Georgia, is located northeast of Atlanta at 10700 Abbotts Bridge Road, Suite 180. To reach the campus from north or south bound on I-285 in the northeast part of Atlanta, take GA 141 north exit, exit 31B toward Cumming/Dahlonega and then merge onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd NW. Go 4 miles and take the GA 141 N. exit on the left toward GA 400/Cumming/Dahlonega. Merge onto Peachtree Parkway North. Go 7.5 miles and turn right onto Abbotts Bridge Road/GA 120. In 1/10th of a mile you will be at the campus.

The Atlanta area is served by Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the world's busiest airport. The airport is approximately twenty-five miles from the South Campus. The Atlanta area is also served by MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) and Xpress—a bus service that connects with MARTA and serves Henry County and many metro counties. Xpress has a stop less than 6 mile from the South Campus. In addition to bus service, MARTA provides 53 miles of rapid rail network to various parts of the city.

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

OUR FACILITIES

NORTH AND SOUTH CAMPUS



North Campus – Johns Creek

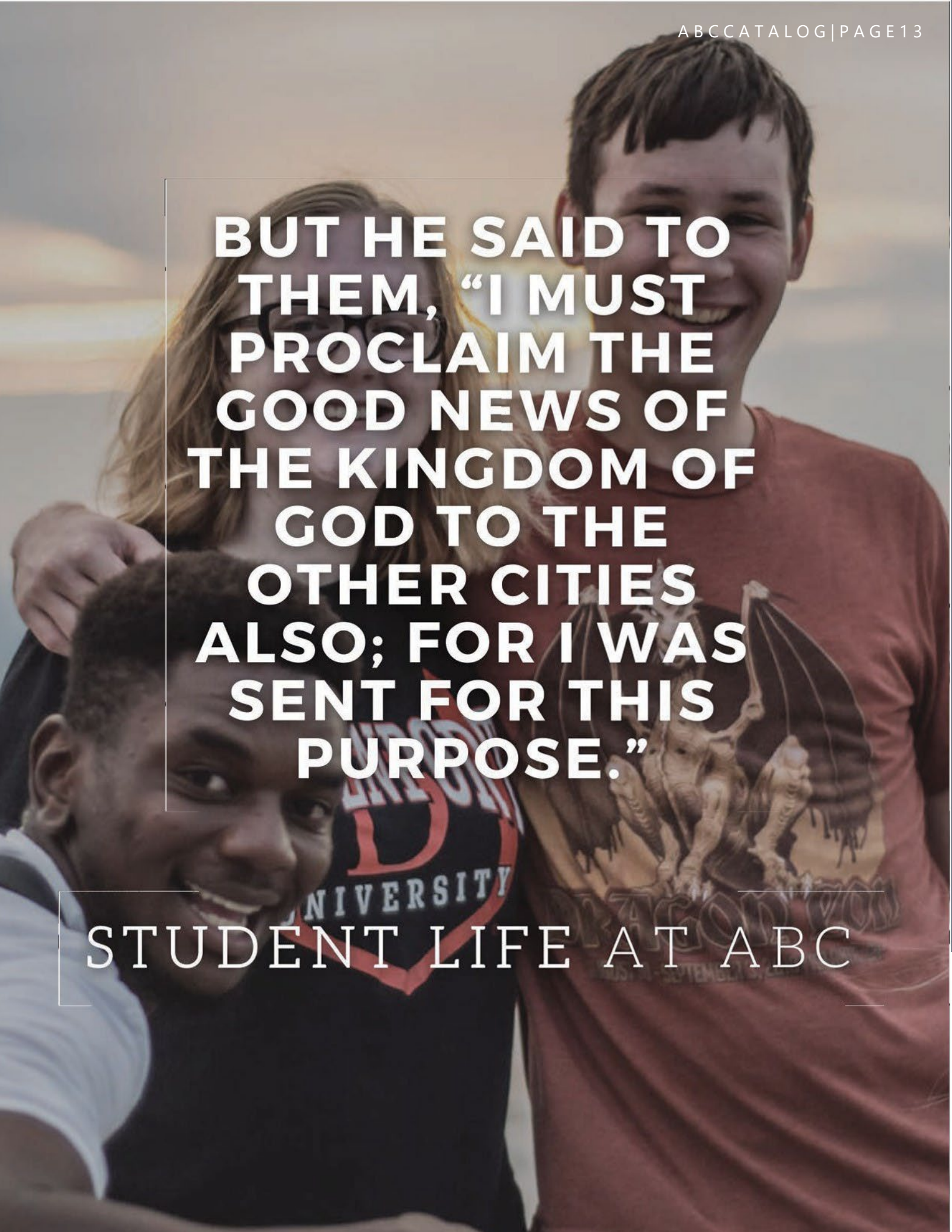
The North campus is located at 10700 Abbotts Bridge Road, Suite 180, Johns Creek, GA. This campus serves the Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension. The North Campus Library contains over 10,000 volumes.



South Campus – McDonough

The South Campus is located in the 2020 of the Avalon Business Center, 2020 Avalon Parkway. The college is located primarily on the 4th floor and part of the 2nd floor. Atlanta Bible College provides student housing in college-owned houses 1/3 miles from the campus for students who are from Church of God General Conference member churches or associated churches. The South Campus Library contains over 8,000 volumes and hundreds of additional volumes are available through software available on college computers.



A photograph of three young people smiling. A girl with glasses and long blonde hair is in the background. A boy with short brown hair is in the middle ground, wearing a red t-shirt with a graphic. A boy with short dark hair is in the foreground, wearing a black t-shirt with 'UNIVERSITY' visible. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene.

**BUT HE SAID TO
THEM, "I MUST
PROCLAIM THE
GOOD NEWS OF
THE KINGDOM OF
GOD TO THE
OTHER CITIES
ALSO; FOR I WAS
SENT FOR THIS
PURPOSE."**

STUDENT LIFE AT ABC

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

LIVE A KINGDOM LIFE

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



CHAPEL SERVICES

Chapel services arranged by the staff and the students are regularly scheduled. A variety of worship and devotion is offered through chapel programs. Musicians, speakers, teachers, drama groups, films, and special Bible teachers provide avenues of enriched worship for students, faculty, staff, and guests of the college. Students who live in campus housing are expected to attend chapel services. All other students are encouraged to attend if possible.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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

ABC SERVICES

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

MEDICAL SERVICES

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

COUNSELING

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



STUDENT CONDUCT

HELPING STUDENTS WALK A LIFE OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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

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

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

FEES

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024

<i>TUITION PER SEMESTER HOUR (SOUTH CAMPUS)</i>	\$199
(After one-third of actual tuition costs are subsidized by grants/scholarships provided by the faithful giving of individuals and churches)	
<i>DEFERRED PAYMENT FEE</i> - 5% of total tuition and housing (if applicable)	
<i>STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE</i> (per semester for resident students)	\$40
<i>APPLICATION FEE</i>	\$30
(International Applicants \$125.00)	
<i>BOOKS</i> (approximately per semester for a full-time course load)	\$350
<i>READMISSION FEE</i>	\$15
(If out of school more than three consecutive semesters)	
<i>AUDIT RATE PER SEMESTER HOUR</i>	\$99.50
<i>HOUSING PER SEMESTER</i> (2 to a room)	\$1,600
(1 to a room)	\$2,100
<i>ROOM AND KEY DEPOSIT</i> (partially refundable)	\$250
<i>INCOMPLETE FEE</i> (see page 21 for policy)	\$25

HOUSING

Campus housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis to students who are registered for more than six semester hours. Atlanta Bible College provides student housing in college-owned houses 1/3 miles from the campus for students who are from Church of God General Conference member churches or associated churches.

Students under the age of 22 are encouraged to live in the campus housing if their parents do not live in the area. A \$250 room and key security deposit is required by August 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the spring semester (for first time students).

Single student housing is also available during the summer for \$400 per month.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

PAYMENT DUE DATES AND MORE

The college, as a nonprofit organization, has limited reserve funds. It is necessary to operate on a cash basis. All fees for the semester are due and payable when the student registers for the semester. A deferred payment plan is available upon request. To participate in the plan, a student must provide a credit card number. Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. There is a 5% per semester fee to participate in the deferred payment plan for those who are charging tuition only or tuition and lodging. Those participating in the deferred payment plan will pay 1/5th of all charges by the Friday before the start of classes and four more payments on the 1st of each successive month. Payments not received by the 5th of the month will have their credit card charged by ABC. If the credit card is declined, the student will not be allowed to continue attending classes. Students who owe money to the college will not be permitted to register for the next semester without special arrangements with the Business Office. Students who owe money to the college will be unable to participate in the graduation ceremony and will not receive a diploma unless prior arrangements are made with the Business office.

Payment Due Dates for ABC:

The Friday Before each semester

PREPAID COLLEGE TUITION

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

REFUNDS

Students who drop a class during the drop period, will be granted a full refund of the amount paid for the class(es). If a student drops after the drop period but prior to the midpoint of the semester, tuition will be refunded on a pro-rated basis. No refund will be given for classes dropped after the midpoint of the semester. There are no refunds for books nor for lodging.

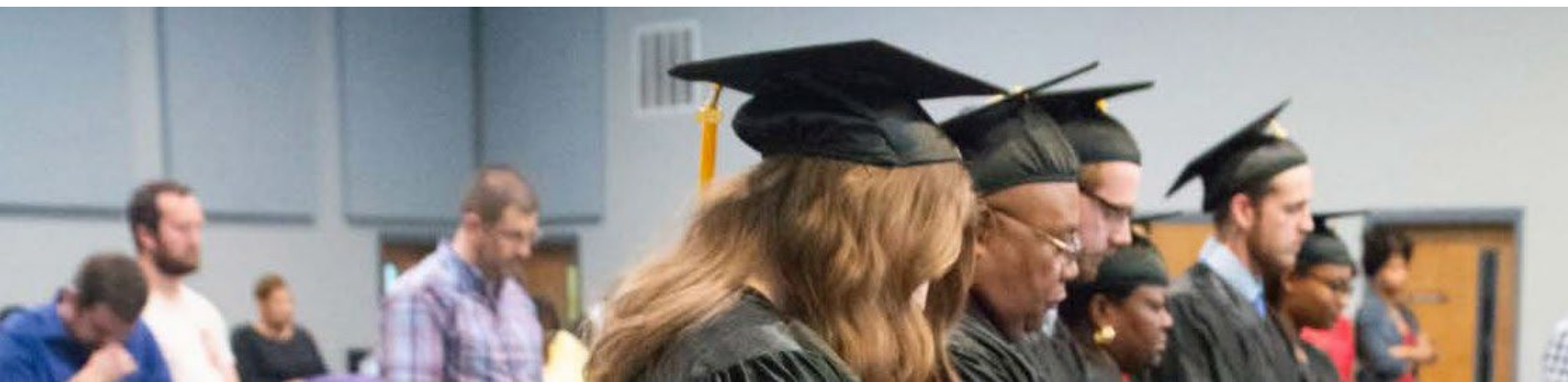
STUDENT GRANTS

KEEPING ABC IN REACH

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

DISCOUNTS

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



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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



THE ABC APPLICATION

MAKING ABC A REALITY

- ♦ APPLICATION PROCEDURES
- ♦ All of the following forms should be submitted online or mailed to: Registrar, Atlanta Bible College, 2020 Avalon Parkway, Suite 400, McDonough, Georgia 30253:
 1. APPLICATION FORM – obtain and fill out a current application form or find a copy online at atlantabiblecollege.com.
 2. AUTOBIOGRAPHY – submit a short autobiography (2 paragraphs) including your Christian experience and ministry experience. Autobiography may be e-mailed to the registrar: mcisler@atlantabiblecollege.com
 3. PERSONAL REFERENCE – pastoral reference preferred. Form may be downloaded from website.
 4. OFFICIAL college transcripts if applicable.
 5. A \$30 non-refundable application fee (\$125 for International applicants)
 6. PERSONAL INTERVIEW with appropriate college representative (in person or by phone)

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

International Students - In addition to the items mentioned above, international students must pay a \$2,500 refundable deposit before an I-20 form is prepared. Also, the student must provide proof that his/her sponsor has sufficient funds to pay for the student while he/she is attending the college by completing the International Financial Guarantee Form.

Students utilizing VA benefits are not allowed to take online courses.

A student is considered enrolled full-time if they are taking a minimum of 12 semester hours (148 clock hours for veterans) per semester.

Transfer students from another college may receive advanced standing at the Bible College on the basis of the nature of the credits transferred and the quality of the student's work. Only a grade of "C" or above in 100 level courses or higher is acceptable for transfer credit. The decision regarding the acceptance of transfer credits will be made by the Academic Dean. Students who desire their international transcript be considered for credit transfer acceptance must provide a course by course evaluation from a member organization of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services.

READMISSION

PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF

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



PRE-SEMESTER BRIEFING

WELCOME TO THE JUMP START

ABC pre-semester briefing is now provided to you in video format prior to your first semester at Atlanta Bible College. For assistance, please contact administration.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER AND INTERNET INFORMATION

All ABC students must have a computer and internet connection.

GRIEVANCES

SOLUTIONS FOR DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

Students are first urged to address the issue with the individual involved on an informal basis as most issues may be resolved by this approach. If a solution is not found the matter can be addressed with the academic dean or president. In rare circumstances, the issue may surround matters of overall policy or procedure with the college itself. If this is the case, a confidential email can be sent to a third-party intermediary at confidential@atlantabiblecollege.com.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

WHAT DOES AN ABC EDUCATION LOOK LIKE

CREDITS

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

For veterans, 1 semester hour is equivalent to 12.33 clock hours.

GRADING SYSTEM

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

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

I — Work Incomplete

R — Course Repeated — Most recent attempt is used for grade, credit, and to calculate GPA.

The add and drop dates for class changes are printed in the catalog calendar. Students dropping a course after the drop date may petition the Academic Dean to receive a grade of "I" (incomplete), especially in cases of physical illness, emergency, unforeseen travel or relocation, or family needs or job change(s). If approved, the student must (a) pay the incomplete fee (\$25.00), and (b) complete the required work within the time period specified by the Academic Dean, generally eight weeks after the end of the term. Any incomplete not converted to credit within such time period automatically becomes the grade earned as of that date.



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

Removal from Probation. To be removed from probation a full-time or part-time student must make a C+ average (2.33) on all hours pursued during the next regular semester of enrollment.

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

Repeating Courses. A student may repeat any course regardless of the previous grade; the most recent attempt counts in the Institutional GPA even if the most recent is lower. Regular tuition charges will be paid for the repeated courses.

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

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

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Class attendance is regarded as an obligation as well as a privilege, and all students are expected to know attendance regulations and to attend regularly and punctually all classes in which they are enrolled. Failure to do so may jeopardize a student's scholastic standing and may lead to suspension from the college. Students absent, tardy, or early departures for more than 20% of classes may not earn credit for the course. Excused absences will be granted for extenuating circumstances only. Excused absences will be substantiated by entries in student files.
2. Each instructor keeps a permanent attendance record for each class. These records are subject to inspection by appropriate college officials.
3. Faculty members are required to state in writing and explain to the students their expectations in regard to class attendance prior to the close of the drop/add period.

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

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

SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Students carrying twelve hours or more, and who maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00 in any semester, are placed on the Dean's List. Students under the same qualifications but maintaining an average of at least 3.50 are placed on the President's List.

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate the student must meet the requirements listed under either the Associates in Theology and Ministry (two-year) or the Bachelor of Theology (four-year) (see page 30). Students must do acceptable work and have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 ("C"). All accounts with the college must be paid. In order to receive a degree from Atlanta Bible College, at least half of the degree work must be completed at Atlanta Bible College. This means at least 30 credit hours for the Associates in Theology and Ministry and at least 63 credit hours for the Bachelor of Theology.

Occasionally, the Academic Dean can adjust course requirements to meet special needs. For example, if it is not possible for a student to take "Principles of Counseling", it is permissible to substitute another counseling class to meet this course requirement. Substitutions may become necessary in cases where a student enrolls at ABC with an associate degree (60 semester hours) and would like to finish the Bachelor degree in two years. Since the student will need to take all required Bible and Ministry, plus a couple of General Education courses, there may be scheduling conflicts which will prevent a student from taking all the courses. Distance learning may be an option in such cases, but the Academic Dean can make minor adjustments as necessary.



INVOLVEMENT IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

SPREAD THE GOSPEL TO YOUR COMMUNITY

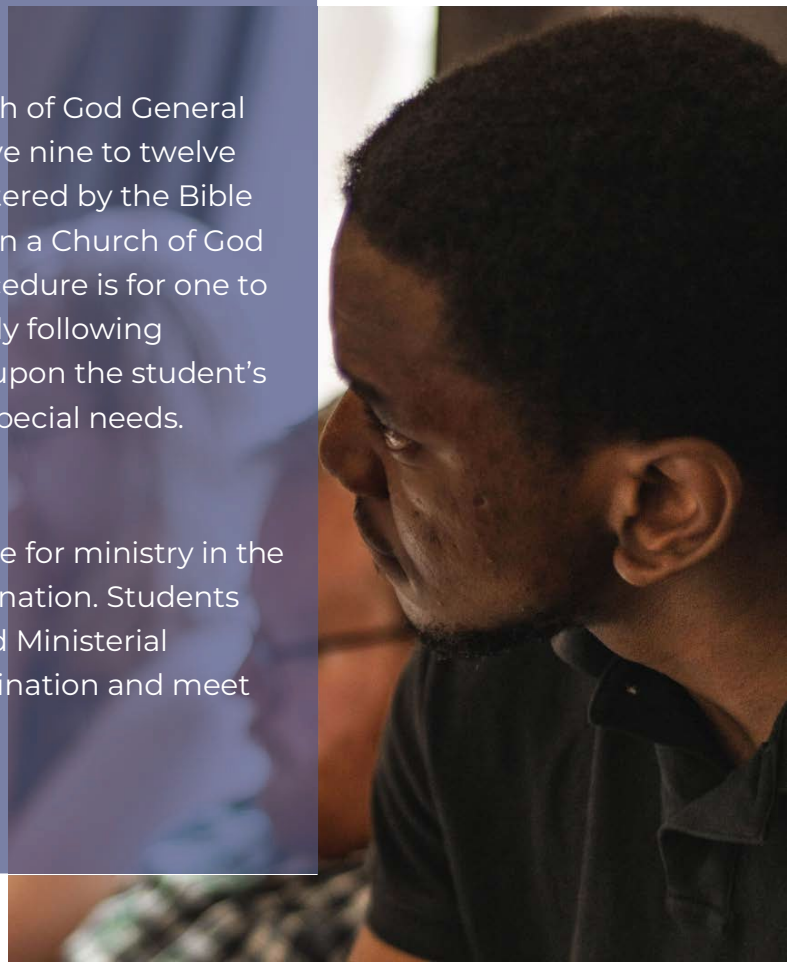
The essence of the Christian faith lies in relating divine truths to human realities. We encourage all students to be actively involved in the church where they attend so that they are confronted with reality and are brought into vital relationships with people. This practical involvement in a local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

INTERNSHIPS

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

LICENSURE

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



CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AND COURSES



Steve An, Korean Extension Vice President; Seth Ross, ABC President; Sam An, Korean Extension Assistant Coordinator

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

FOUNDATION YEAR CERTIFICATE

A one-year Foundation Year Certificate is awarded to those who complete the requirements of this 30 semester hour program (370 clock hours for veterans), which typically consists of:

- At least 14 semester hours (172 clock hours for veterans) in Bible and Theology
- At least 12 semester hours (148 clock hours for veterans) in Ministry
- At least 3 semester hours (37 clock hours for veterans) in General Education
- 1 semester hours (12.33 clock hours for veterans) of electives from any of the above three categories.

ASSOCIATES IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

A two-year Associates in Theology and Ministry degree is offered upon completion of the requirements of a 60 semester hour (740 clock hours for veterans) program, consisting of:

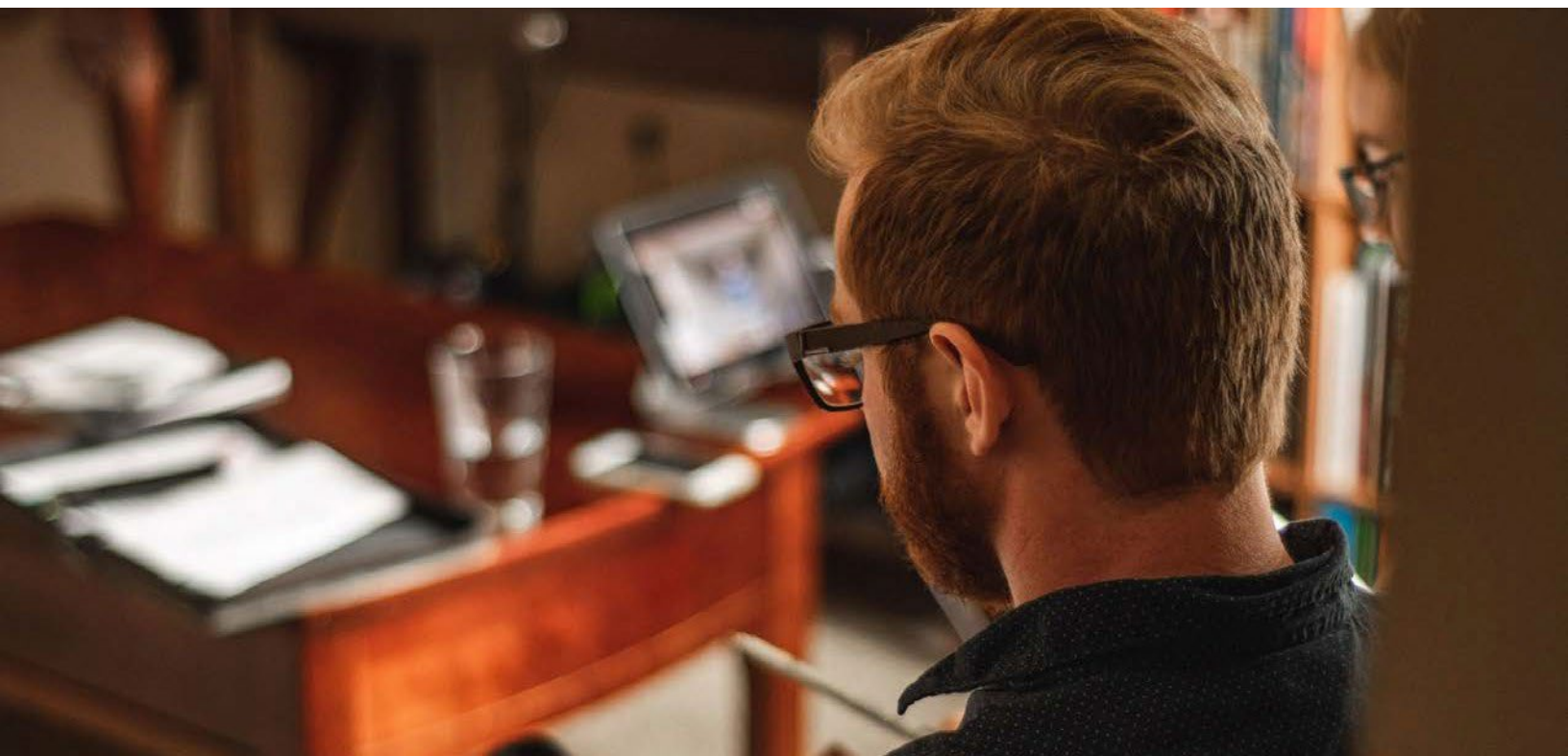
- At least 30 semester hours (370 clock hours for veterans) in Bible and Theology
- At least 21 semester hours (259 clock hours for veterans) in Ministry
- At least 7 semester hours (86 clock hours for veterans) in General Education courses
- 2 semester hours (25 clock hours for veterans) of electives from any of the above three categories.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY, WITH ONE OF TWO POSSIBLE TRACKS: PASTORAL MINISTRY OR GENERAL MINISTRY

A four-year Bachelor of Theology degree is offered upon completion of the requirements of a 126 semester hour (1,554 clock hours for veterans) program, consisting of:

- At least 36 semester hours (444 clock hours for veterans) in Bible and Theology
- At least 42 semester hours (518 clock hours for veterans) in Ministry
- At least 40 semester hours (494 clock hours for veterans) in General Education courses
- 8 semester hours (98 clock hours for veterans) of electives from any of the above three categories.

126 TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS (1,554 CLOCK HOURS FOR VETERANS)



PASTORAL MINISTRY TRACK

MINISTER, TEACH, AND LEAD

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B)—(a minimum of 36 semester hours – 444 clock hours for veterans)

Required:

- B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B166 Basic Bible Doctrine—3 hours
- B231 Why I Believe (Apologetics)—3 hours
- B235 Solutions to Bible Texts—3 hours
- B253 Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)—3 hours
- B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours
- B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours
- B328 Kingdom of God as Gospel—3 hours

For 33 hours

Electives:

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

MINISTRY (M)—(a minimum of 45 semester hours – 556 clock hours for veterans)

Required:

- M110 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—3 hours
- M120/1 Christian Ed.: Principles and Practicum—3 hours
- M145 Principles of Evangelism & Disciple Making—3 hours
- M156 Introduction to Worship and Music—3 hours
- M172 Personal Spiritual Development —3 hours
- M235 Church Health—3 hours
- M245 Introduction to Missions—3 hours
- M285 Youth Ministry Purpose—3 hours
- M373 Church Leadership—3 hours
- M380 Principles of Counseling—3 hours

M470 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—3 hours

M475 Pastoral Practicum —3 hours

For 36 hours

Electives:

Preaching: M360 Homiletics—3 hours.

M363 New Testament Preaching—3 hours.

M462 Old Testament Preaching—3 hours.

M466 Pastoral Preaching—3 hours.

(Minimum 3 classes)

For 9 hours

GENERAL EDUCATION (G)—(a minimum of 40 semester hours–494 clock hours for veterans) G104 Basic English Composition—3 hours and/or

G105 English Communication—3 hours

G120 Radical Reformation/COG History—1 hour

G181 Personal Finance—3 hours

G265 Greek—3 hours

G271 Church History I—3 hours

G272 Church History II—2 hours

For 18 hours

Electives:

Additional electives to complete required 40 hours in General Education.

Additional electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete total 126 Semester Hours (1,554 clock hours for veterans) required for BTh. degree.



GENERAL MINISTRY TRACK

SERVE AND INSPIRE

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B)—(a minimum of 36 semester hours – 444 clock hours for veterans)

Required:

- B111 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B112 Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B113 New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B114 New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B166 Basic Bible Doctrine—3 hours
- B231 Why I Believe (Apologetics)—3 hours
- B235 Solutions to Bible Texts—3 hours
- B253 Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)—3 hours
- B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours
- B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours
- B328 Kingdom of God as Gospel—3 hours

For 30 hours

Electives:

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

MINISTRY (M)—(a minimum of 42 semester hours – 518 clock hours for veterans)

Required:

- M110 Introduction to Ministry/Leadership—3 hours
- M120/1 Christian Ed.: Principles and Practicum—3 hours
- M145 Principles of Evangelism & Disciple Making—3 hours
- M156 Introduction to Worship and Music—3 hours
- M172 Personal Spiritual Development —3 hours
- M235 Church Health—3 hours
- M245 Introduction to Missions—3 hours
- M285 Youth Ministry Purpose—3 hours
- M373 Church Leadership—3 hours
- M380 Principles of Counseling—3 hours

M470 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—3 hours

M475 Pastoral Practicum —3 hours

For 36 hours

Electives:

Preaching: M360 Homiletics—3 hours.
M363 New Testament Preaching—3 hours.
M462 Old Testament Preaching—3 hours.
M466 Pastoral Preaching—3 hours.
(Minimum 2 classes)
For 6 hours

GENERAL EDUCATION (G) = (a minimum of 40 semester hours – 494 clock hours for veterans)

Required:

G104 Basic English Composition—3 hours and/or
G105 English Communication—3 hours
G120 Radical Reformation/COG History—1 hour
G181 Personal Finance—3 hours
G271 Church History I—3 hours
G272 Church History II—2 hours

For 12 hours

Electives:

Additional electives to complete required 40 hours in General Education.

Electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete total 126 Semester Hours (1,554 clock hours for veterans) required for BTh. degree.



KOREAN EXTENSION TRACK

ENCOURAGE THE WORLD

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (B)—(a minimum of 39 semester hours – 481 clock hours for veterans)

Required:

- B111K Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B112K Old Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B113K New Testament Doctrine and Survey I—3 hours
- B114K New Testament Doctrine and Survey II—3 hours
- B162K Fundamentals of Theology—3 hours
- B166K Basic Bible Doctrine—3 hours
- B271K Systematic Theology I—3 hours
- B272K Systematic Theology II—3 hours
- B328K Kingdom of God as Gospel—3 hours
- B336K Solutions to Bible Texts—3 hours
- B338K Abrahamic Faith—3 hours
- B342K Acts—3 hours
- B442K Books of John—3 hours

For 39 hours

MINISTRY (M)—(a minimum of 30 semester hours – 370 clock hours for veterans) Required:

- M110K Introduction to Ministry—3 hours
- M123K Christian Education —3 hours
- M156K Introduction to Worship and Music—3 hours
- M172K Personal Spiritual Development—3 hours
- M380K Principles of Counseling—3 hours
- M466K Pastoral Preaching—3 hours
- M476K Pastoral Leadership and Administration—3 hours

For 21 hours

GENERAL EDUCATION (G)—(a minimum of 40 semester hours – 494 clock hours for veterans) Required:

G118K Basic English I—3 hours

G214K Christian Ethics—3 hours

G218K English II—2 hours

G240K American History/Culture—3 hours

G271K Church History I—3 hours

G276K Church History II—3 hours

G372K World Religions—3 hours

For 21 hours



Electives:

Additional electives to complete required 40 hours in General Education.

Electives from Bible, Ministry, or General Education to complete total 126 Semester Hours (1,554 clock hours for veterans) required for BTh. degree.

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

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



BIBLE AND THEOLOGY COURSES

OBJECTIVE: TO PROVIDE A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR TEACHING, PREACHING, AND MINISTRY.

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

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

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

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

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

B118 Bible Study Methods—3 hours. This course is designed to help the student get into actual Bible study. The student will perform words-based methods (such as grammatical and comparative), backgrounds-based methods of Bible study (historical, literary, and critical), text-based methods (analytical, synthetic, biographical, and theological), and purpose-based methods (apologetic and devotional). The student will also explore how outside resources (commentaries, atlases, lexicons, etc.) can assist in Bible study.

B166 Basic Bible Doctrine—3 hours. A survey of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible with emphasis on the distinctive doctrines of the Church of God. This is a Church of God distinctive course.

B220 Pentateuch—3 hours. A study of the background, introduction, and theological content of the first Old Testament division. Presents an introduction to the literature and methods of Old Testament studies. Detailed exposition of the books Genesis through Deuteronomy. This course generally follows Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I and II.

B223 History and Major Prophets—3 hours. A detailed survey of the prophets against the backgrounds provided by the history books. The course includes an outline of background history and Bible history by periods. As much as possible, there will be a chapter by chapter exposition of the various books. This course generally follows Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I and II.

B225 History and Minor Prophets—3 hours. This is a detailed review of the Minor Prophets in light of the historical and cultural situations they lived in. As much as possible, there will be a chapter by chapter exposition of the various books. This course generally follows Old Testament Doctrine and Survey I and II.

B231 Apologetics—3 hours. This course will help the student to defend his or her beliefs in several areas of Christianity.

B235 Solutions to Bible Texts—3 hours. A detailed examination of texts presenting unusual difficulty for the Church of God and students of the Bible in general. The course will give scope for students to discuss and examine difficult passages arising from their ongoing studies and dialogue with different denominations.

B242 Gospel of John—3 hours. This unique gospel is examined in light of its cultural milieu. We also consider the errors which John combated in writing it. Its unusual language requires an intensive consideration of its theology of Jesus as Son of God.

B245 Romans—3 hours. Paul's theological treatise on justification is examined in careful detail. Consideration is given to the roles of both Israel and the church, and an understanding of how Paul's message was to bring them together in Christ.

B253 Hermeneutics (Bible Interpretation)—3 hours. This class reviews methods for biblical exegesis and interpretation. It will review biblical languages, translations, commentaries, etc. It will attempt to equip the student with the tools and background for good Bible study.

B271 Systematic Theology I—3 hours. This course covers the nature, importance, scope, and method of Systematic Theology. It covers the doctrine of God; the doctrine of man's origin, nature, and destiny; and the doctrine of sin.

B272 Systematic Theology II—3 hours. This is a continuation of Systematic Theology I and includes the doctrine of Christ, his nature, ministry, purpose, death, crucifixion, resurrection, and heavenly ministry; the doctrine of salvation; the doctrine of the church; and the doctrine of the future--Christ's second coming, restoration of Israel, future judgment, and the new earth.

B325 Old Testament Poetry—3 hours. The poetic books are studied for their devotional and doctrinal value.

B326 Isaiah—3 hours. Detailed study of the doctrinal and prophetic truth of this major prophet.

B328 The Kingdom of God as Gospel—3 hours. A study of the basic teachings of the Bible regarding the Kingdom of God. This course considers the historical as well as academic issues of the Kingdom of God.

B331 Leviticus and Hebrews—3 hours. An in-depth study of Leviticus and Hebrews with a special emphasis on Christ as fulfillment of the Old Covenant. A detailed review of Hebrews sees Jesus as the “better,” “greater,” “superior” Messiah. Field trips to synagogue and preparation of, or visit to, a Passover Seder will be included if possible.

B335 Daniel and Revelation—3 hours. A study of the prophetic interpretation of these apocalyptic books, with emphasis on their teaching of Christ’s second coming, His millennial reign, and God’s eternal kingdom on earth.

B340 Acts—3 hours. A study of the geography of the Middle East, theology, important people, miracles, and the church in Acts. The course helps develop understanding of major events that happened at the founding of the church.

B341 Pauline Epistles—3 hours. A survey study of the life and letters of Paul. The letters are set against events in the life and ministry of Paul. Exegesis and exposition lead to a discussion of theological and life implications.

B347 1 and 2 Corinthians—3 hours. A detailed study of a troubled church exhibiting concerns common to many modern churches. Paul admonished this church, but helped them discover God’s grace, which moved them along in their spiritual approach to their problems.

B348 Non-Pauline Epistles—3 hours. An overview of the non-Pauline section of the New Testament and a detailed exposition of the letters by Peter, Jude, and John. Exegesis and exposition lead to a discussion of theological and life implications.

B440 Synoptic Gospels—3 hours. A critical examination of the first three gospels in light of the synoptic problem and in terms of their individual literary designs. A comparative study of the sections with attention to life setting and central meaning. Exegesis and exposition lead to a discussion of theological and life implications.

B462 Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality—3 hours. This class reviews the teaching of the early church fathers on the teaching of conditional immortality. It will review typical Bible verses supporting conditional immortality.

B471 Evangelical Theology—3 hours. This course reviews the roots of “euangelion,” GOOD NEWS as that Good News is based on the promises (euangelia) of God.

B490 Holy Land Intensive—3 hours. This course consists of a 15-day study program of travel to Israel under the direction of a faculty member. This course focuses on Bible geography and archaeology. Assigned readings before the trip and a paper after the trip are required. Student must pay for travel expenses in addition to tuition costs.

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

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

MINISTRY COURSES

OBJECTIVE: TO PROVIDE A PRACTICAL
FOUNDATION FOR MINISTRY.

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

M109 Introduction to Ministry and Leadership—3 hours. John Maxwell says, "Everything rises and falls on leadership!" This class will introduce the student to what Maxwell calls the "irrefutable laws of leadership." The student will be challenged to grow as a leader and challenged to understand that ministry should take place in whatever vocation they may choose to follow.

M120 Christian Education Practicum—1 hour. The practicum is required along with M121. This course covers curriculum, scope and sequence, and classroom techniques.

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

M124 Christian Education II—3 hours. (Prerequisite M121) This course will challenge the student to grow as a leader or Christian Education Director. Emphasis is on principles for the development & growth of teacher training. This class also shows how to use technology in the classroom.

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

M145 Evangelism and Disciple Making—3 hours. This course provides an examination of the strategy and methods of the local church in providing a coordinated program of outreach. There is emphasis on directing the focus of the local church toward evangelism as a specific planned activity. It also focuses on individual spiritual growth as a pre-requisite of helping others to grow in their relationship to God so that they can also help others to grow (2 Tim. 2:2).

M156 Introduction to Worship and Music—3 hours. What do we mean by “Christian worship”? This introduction to worship will seek to answer this question and seek to enhance the personal worship experience of the believer, whose responsibility it is to worship. The importance of music in worship will be emphasized.

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

M172 Personal Spiritual Development—3 hours. This is a practical class on the practices and disciplines that encourage spiritual development. Topics such as prayer, fasting, Bible study, worship etc. will be considered as part of the disciple’s life in following Christ. It seeks to answer the question of “In what environment does one spiritually mature?”

M184 Beginning Youth Ministry—3 hours. To get a good start in ministry requires some help from experienced leaders. The aim of this course is to give the student a firm foundation for youth ministry.

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

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

M215 Christian Ethics—3 hours. A study of the biblical principles underlying Christian conduct, morality, spirituality, and devotional life. (This course may be used to meet General course requirements.)

M223 Creative Teaching Methods—3 hours. Creativity always gets students’ attention, and this course will explore a variety of ways of presenting Bible lessons to students of all ages. Lawrence Richards and Marlene LeFever have written books that might serve as stimuli to breaking out of the box of discussing verse-by-verse or lecturing. Students will practice what they have learned by presenting lessons in class using some of the creative methods.

M235 Church Health—3 hours. This course is designed to expose students to more than one conceptual framework for building healthy churches that are characterized by balanced ministry structures. Focusing primarily on church health leads to the secondary result of church growth, even though that is not the primary goal of creating health. This course will study several ministry philosophies that have spiritual health of the church as the foundational value.

M245 Introduction to Missions—3 hours. The principles of evangelism and their application to the local church. Also, a study of how missions can be popularized and understood. Methods of involving a congregation so that missions will become meaningful and an ongoing activity in the life and ministry of the church.

M270 Christian Education and the Family—3 hours. Defining important keys to effectively accomplish the task of helping our children become more like Christ by understanding our children and making sure they know that they are understood.

M280 Leadership Development—3 hours. (Prerequisite M110) Bill Hybels says, “The local church is the hope of the world, and its future rests primarily in the hands of its leaders.” This class addresses key issues in church leadership and an understanding of a leader’s limits.

M282 Missions Perspectives—3 hours. This course is based on the study guide “Worldwide Perspectives.” It is a 15 lesson course on Biblical and Historical Realities, Strategic Realities, and Cultural Realities. This course is part of the Mission Track.

M285 Youth Ministry Purpose—3 hours. This class presents a plan to build and direct a biblical, healthy purpose driven youth ministry. We will also discover a strategy for integrating and directing a youth ministry in established churches. Students are challenged to consider how God’s purposes for all Christians can be implemented in youth ministry.

M331 Youth Ministry Perspectives—3 hours. This class will expose the student to differing views of youth ministry, enabling the student to make informed decisions about ministry style, philosophy, and practice.

M342 Christian Conflict Resolution—3 hours. This course focuses on the role of the peacemaker in addressing conflict, with a special emphasis on conflict resolution in the church. The student will study biblical teaching on conflict and will be introduced to the necessary skills of a facilitative mediator.

M352 Women in Ministry—3 hours. This course will look at several aspects of women in ministry, including leadership models for women, spiritual growth in women and ministry to them. It will examine biblical models and scholarship to develop a theology of leadership. It will explore women’s spirituality from an academic and experiential perspective.

M357 Christianity, Church, and Current Culture—3 hours. After centuries in which people seem to share a common view of the world and their faith, there are occasional periods of very rapid change. We are living in just such a time! This class will discuss changes in our culture and in the way young people view the world. It will cover how these changes in people will or should change the way our churches worship and minister.

M360 Homiletics—3 hours. Fundamentals of communication through preaching. The course includes basic theology of communicating the gospel, principles of sermon structure, preaching in the context of Christian worship, and laboratory experience.

M363 New Testament Preaching—3 hours. Principles of the expositional approach to preaching with attention to exegesis of text. Sermon texts are selected, by student and instructor, as a sermon series from a single book preached in a laboratory experience.

M373 Church Leadership—3 hours. (Prerequisite M109) This course reviews conflict resolution, change management, working with churches and boards. (This course may be used to meet General course requirements.)

M380 Principles of Counseling—3 hours. Designed to provide a basis for: developing a good understanding of people, particularly a biblical view of man; governing assumptions which affect one's model of counseling; personal evaluation in examining one's own life, style of relating, and how one can bring about lasting change.

M385 Marriage and Family and Dysfunctionality—3 hours. Understanding and resolving sources of conflict in the family. Developing a positive biblical outlook on family relationships and setting goals for a spiritual heritage. A study of the biblical principles regarding husband and wife roles, and parent and child relationships, within the home. Understanding the family's role in society.

M386 Small Group Ministry—3 hours. A study of the practical applications of small group dynamics in the life of the church, and their implications for ministry and evangelism. consideration of spiritual giftedness and networking.

M444 Church Planting—3 hours. (Prerequisite M145). The training of students in church-planting techniques with emphasis on principles for the development of the church and evaluation of the location of the church as to its growth potential. The principles also apply to an established church.

M462 Old Testament Preaching—3 hours. Building upon M360, the course utilizes selected Old Testament passages that are illuminated and emphasized in the New Testament. The passages expose the covenants and promises of the Old Testament. A laboratory experience.

M466 Pastoral Preaching—3 hours. This final preaching course makes use of the topical approach and gives experience for special occasions such as funerals, weddings, and revivals. A laboratory experience.

M470 Pastoral Leadership and Administration—3 hours. A study of the leadership style and methods of the pastor in the local church. Consideration is given to the customary administrative duties of the pastor, as well as general leadership skills.

M475 Pastoral Procedures—3 hours. This course is designed for students about to graduate and transition into real world ministry situations in a church or ministry organization. It is designed to expose students to a variety of leadership ideas, principles, and practices with an emphasis on application and execution. It also considers the customary practical skills for the minister: i.e. performing weddings, funerals, and baptisms; when conducting meetings and when in social situations; also, other miscellaneous topics.

M482 Crisis Counseling—3 hours. Informs the student about serving the church and the individuals in the church as a crisis manager. The student will learn ways to assess a situation and determine ways to address it. (This course may be used to meet General course requirements.)

M483 Personality Disorders—3 hours. A review of personality disorders and how to work with individuals. A review of crisis theory and methods of intervention during critical times in a person's life. Family, grief, divorce, suicide, and health crises will be considered. (This course may be used to meet General course requirements.)

M484 Basic Helping Skills—3 hours. The purpose is to train students in basic listening, attending and interviewing skills with an emphasis on strategies which are researched and known to be the most helpful techniques. (This course may be used to meet General course requirements.)

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

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

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

OBJECTIVE: TO BECOME WELL-ROUNDED

G104 Basic English Composition—3 hours. This class focuses on helping a student improve their use of grammar and their writing skills.

G105 English Communication—3 hours. This class reviews the communication model, basic rules of grammar and punctuation, techniques for writing and speaking.

G109 Introduction to Ministry and Leadership—3 hours. John Maxwell says, "Everything rises and falls on leadership!" This class will introduce the student to what Maxwell calls the "irrefutable laws of leadership." The student will be challenged to grow as a leader and challenged to understand that ministry should take place in whatever vocation they may choose to follow.

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

G120 Radical Reformation/Church of God History—1 hour. This course is required for students who are from the Church of God--headquarters McDonough, GA. It will focus on the people and groups from the Radical Reformation that helped shape the beliefs of the Church of God that was organized in 1921. The history of the Church of God General Conference from 1921 to the present is covered.

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

G215 Christian Ethics—3 hours. A study of the biblical principles underlying Christian conduct, morality, spirituality, and devotional life. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

G235 Biblical Archaeology—3 hours. An exploration of the discipline of biblical archaeology, from the science and procedures of archaeology to the findings of biblical archaeology that help illuminate and defend the words of the Bible.

G252 The Bible and Science—3 hours. This course explores the apparent contradictions between science and the Bible, showing how science helps us appreciate the wonders of our Almighty God.

G265 Greek—3 hours. A study of the basics of New Testament Greek grammar, syntax, and vocabulary along with a study of semantics and lexicography. The fundamentals of the Greek language along with understanding language theory and proper use of academic reference sources will prepare the student to glean useful information of the original language of the New Testament to enrich their personal study as well as to increase their ability and confidence in acquiring helpful information for sermon preparation and leading a Bible study group.

G266 Hebrew—3 hours. This is a beginning class on the original language of the Old Testament. It begins with the alphabet, builds with vocabulary learning, and does simple translation and review.

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

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

G280 Leadership Development—3 hours. Bill Hybels says, "The local church is the hope of the world, and its future rests primarily in the hands of its leaders." This class addresses key issues in church leadership and an understanding of a leader's limits. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

G371 World Religions—3 hours. A study of the major religions of the world.

G373 Church Leadership—3 hours. (Prerequisite M109) This course reviews conflict resolution, change management, working with churches and boards. (This course may be used to meet General course requirements.)

G380 Principles of Counseling—3 hours. Designed to provide a basis for: developing a good understanding of people, particularly a biblical view of man; governing assumptions which affect one's model of counseling; personal evaluation in examining one's own life, style of relating, and how one can bring about lasting change. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

G385 Marriage and Family and Dysfunctionality—3 hours. Understanding and resolving sources of conflict in the family. Developing a positive biblical outlook on family relationships and setting goals for a spiritual heritage. A study of the biblical principles regarding husband and wife roles, and parent and child relationships, within the home. Understanding the family's role in society. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

G462 Church Fathers and Conditional Immortality—3 hours. This class reviews the teaching of the early church fathers on the teaching of conditional immortality. It will review typical Bible verses supporting conditional immortality.

G482 Crisis Counseling—3 hours. Informs the student about serving the church and the individuals in the church as a crisis manager. The student will learn ways to assess a situation and determine ways to address it. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

G483 Personality Disorders—3 hours. A review of personality disorders and how to work with individuals. A review of crisis theory and methods of intervention during critical times in a person's life. Family, grief, divorce, suicide, and health crises will be considered. (This course may be used to meet Ministry course requirements.)

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The Alumni Association was organized for the following purposes:

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

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



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

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

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