

College Catalog

About Master's Baptist College

Training laborers has long been a passion of Master's Baptist College, especially now for 21st century ministry. Master's has trained pastors, assistant pastors, second men, missionaries, youth workers, and other servants of Christ since 1992 as a ministry of Fargo Baptist Church. Many of this century's choice servants will be excluded from receiving a quality Bible education because of the prohibitive costs of many Christian colleges. Nearly thirty years of wise stewardship has allowed Fargo Baptist Church to be in a position to underwrite the cost of the college. Tuition is free and facility maintenance fees are only \$100/month for the school year. Master's Baptist College offers one-, two- and four-year degrees through an accelerated program that allows students to work a regular daytime job while still taking 18 hours of classes each week. This schedule enables students to finish Bible college with a very practical education and continue their Christian service without debt.



Located in the beautiful Red River Valley of the North, Master's Baptist College stands as a testament to the faithfulness of God's people in carrying out the Great Commission. Master's is a ministry of Fargo Baptist Church, which is situated along two major interstates, I-94 and I-29 in North Dakota's largest city, Fargo. The church's charge, "Exalt the Lord, Evangelize the Lost, and Equip the Laborers," is stated in Matt. 28:19-20. Master's has been instrumental in achieving this mandate given by our Lord as it seeks to equip laborers for Him.

Our Administration



A Word from the Chancellor

In 1986 I sold my electrical contracting business and my wife and I came to the Red River Valley to start the Fargo Baptist Church. We had raised about \$1500/mo. support during approximately two months of accelerated deputation. We purchased a little brick house to serve as a church building and lived in the basement. We went to work knocking doors and held our first church service in January, 1987. With a half-dozen people from the area in attendance, we collected a \$12 offering! Since that day we have gone through four building programs, started a Bible college, and also gone “on the air” with a 100,000-watt FM Christian radio station that covers 42,000 square miles, reaching parts of three states and Canada. We also mail out a quarterly newspaper called “Faith for Life” to 90,000 area households. We minister far north of the ‘Bible Belt’ and in the backyard of mainline traditional denominations and use as many means as possible to reach our area with the Gospel.

FBC is strong on the local church and our rich Baptist heritage. We believe that Christ is the Head of the church and started it during His

earthly ministry. We are neither exclusively Arminian nor Calvinist in salvation but take a balanced position believing that the Holy Spirit must draw, convict and give understanding to the lost, while the sinner must “mean business” and be willing to make Christ Lord and Saviour. We strive to be very missions-minded, believing that the Lord gave the Great Commission to His local church (Matt 28:16-20), and that the local church is the sending agency with proper authority for church planting and missions work.

We hold to the use of the KJV Bible only, believing it to be the perfect Word of God in our English language. We also use the old hymnbook in our church services and view contemporary music as another attempt to “bring the world into the church” (Jer. 10:2). The last thing this world needs is another imitation of itself. We strongly emphasize the family and wholesome youth. While we take a stand for truth, we try to avoid “grinding axes” with good Independent Baptist brethren. Unfortunately, many get sidetracked with this practice while the world dies lost. We understand that not everyone will be a carbon copy of us and doesn’t need to be for us to be amicable. Our goal is to do all we can to make a difference (Jude 22). Our Doctrinal Statement, reprinted in this Handbook, reveals further what we believe.

Our burden is the training of servants of Christ for the ministry (II Tim. 2:2). Those who minister must be given the tools needed to reach their spiritual potential to impact the world for Christ. They also need a faithful and vibrant walk with the Lord. Preparation is the key to dynamic Christian service for Christ! If you are burdened to do something great for God with your life, then I would encourage you to pray and ask the Lord whether He wants you to consider attending Master’s Baptist College. May the Lord bless you.

Pastor [Signature]

Mission

Master's Baptist College strives for excellence in Christian training. Master's has taken nearly thirty years of ministry experience and condensed it into what it feels the student will need for a fruitful ministry. Although academics is an important aspect of a Biblical education, it alone cannot prepare individuals with the practical training needed for a lifetime of ministry. Master's education plan integrates hands-on learning with formal instruction. Preparation is the key to effective Christian service.

Master's endeavors to give the student a balanced Christian education that fully equips them with a good working knowledge of the Bible's 66 books, distinctive Baptist doctrines, and past and present issues. Those in ministry must learn to discern and make decisions based on a Biblical perspective. While the college pursues excellence in education, it wants to do more than just fill heads with theological facts. The Bible says, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). MBC believes that the Christian workers are not all they can be for God until they've been stretched spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. The Bible gives examples of men like Moses, Joshua, David, Peter, Paul and others who had a period of serious training before embarking upon their calling and vocation.



It is our desire that each student will graduate having the heart of a servant and the character to meet the challenges of life. Master's strives to develop within the student a love and loyalty to the Lord

and the local New Testament church. Each student is challenged to discover his God-given abilities and use them for a life of consecrated service to God. Our goal is to foster the student's dedication, faith, and Christian integrity while preparing each one to effectively reach and impact the world for Christ.

Master's offers assistance to its graduating students who desire to start new churches by providing their sponsoring churches with printed

materials, property location, sowing down and door knocking when possible. We believe that "only churches start churches" and want to help in any way we can. Bringing the gospel message to a Christ-less and clueless world is a heartfelt burden of Master's.

Our Uniqueness

Master's Baptist College is unique among Christian colleges in a number of ways. Master's is directly under the authority of a scriptural local church. A distinct modular class format (meaning one course at a time over the period of one week, taking in nearly 20 hours of classroom time) helps students to focus on one thing at a time in order to comprehend and retain it better. In addition to the local teaching staff, instructors with expertise on certain subjects are brought in from around the world.

The *hours of study* are also unique at Master's. Classes are held in the evenings and on Saturdays, which permits the student to work a regular day job. Avoiding an evening or graveyard work shift promotes a healthier lifestyle and produces greater alertness in the classroom. Integrating a job with the student's school schedule also provides opportunity to build character while avoiding the accumulation of debt.

Of course, Master's is unique because of its *minimal cost*. Single students are housed in a beautiful dormitory with private kitchens and bathroom facilities. Students are not on a meal plan, enabling them to be more independent and prepare their meals according to their preferred diet.

We are also unique because of our emphasis on *proper missions methods*. Many missionaries have a philosophy of "pastoring" on the mission field which ends up being counter-productive. A study of New Testament church planting reveals that Paul continually trained the nationals to pastor their own churches. This produced an effect of *multiplication*, not *addition*.

Master's has a unique "indigenous missions" program set up to disciple potential missionaries and pastors with "on-the-job training" on the foreign mission field. All Missions majors are required to complete a three-month foreign mission internship during their third or fourth year of college (all other students are encouraged, but not required, to complete the internship). Students will only need to purchase their plane ticket. Housing, training, food and in-country transportation) will be provided.

Finally, Master's Baptist College is unique because it is extremely *practical*. Any superfluous information (fluff) that won't actually be used in ministry is simply excluded. Monotonous term papers, endless tests, and "busy work" are also avoided. The intent is to give students just what they'll need to effectively serve the Lord.

Student Life

Balance is the key to a successful Christian life at Master's. Classes have been arranged to accommodate regular daytime jobs to ensure that students have ample time for study, ministry and fun activities, which abound in the local church setting. There will be times to fellowship and engage in activities such as ballgames, lake activities, skiing, roller skating, ice skating, sledding, snowmobiling, bowling, or socializing in the recreation room in addition to hayrides, campfires and BBQS in a rural setting. Memory-making opportunities are abundant here at Master's.



Spiritual Life

The spiritual growth of students is a primary concern. Students are encouraged to develop their daily walk with the Lord. God puts strong emphasis on preaching, so Master's does also. Students regularly hear the preaching of Pastor Scheving, and each semester pastors, evangelists, and missionaries are brought in to challenge students' hearts in a particular area. Special Sunday classes for single students and married students are designed to deal with issues pertinent to each group.

Ministry Opportunities and Requirements

Many opportunities for developing spiritual leadership are available in connection with Fargo Baptist Church. Students at Master's are required to give a minimum of two hours of Christian service per week in some particular ministry in addition to weekly church attendance. At the beginning of each school year students will select an appropriate area of service based on ministry availability and administrative consent, and will serve in that capacity for the entire school year. Areas of ministry include (but are not limited to) bus ministry, printing ministry, radio station, campus ministry, jail and chaplain work, choir, orchestra, church building programs, treasury work, women's ministries, nursery, teaching and preaching, discipleship, custodial and maintenance work, youth work, and media ministry. The goal is to develop Christian leaders who are true servants.

The Red River Valley Area

The fertile Red River Valley has been called the “Breadbasket of the World” and is a wonderful place to experience God’s four seasons.

Fargo-Moorhead (the FM area) is located about 45 minutes west of the beautiful lakes area of Minnesota.

The FM area is consistently listed in *Money Magazine's* "100 Best Places

to Live in America." It is an area of low crime where hard-working people take pride in their community. The FM area is also home to three universities and several other smaller colleges.



Campus Facilities

Master's has a state-of-the-art Ministry Training Center. Each dormitory suite accommodates four students and includes two bedrooms, a full bathroom with extra adjoining vanity, a living-dining room area and a full kitchen. The campus also features spacious classrooms, offices, study areas, library, recreation rooms, basketball court, walking track, laundry rooms and full commercial kitchen.

Academics

Admissions

Since the expressed purpose of Master's Baptist College is to equip men and women for Christian service, those who seek admission must consider the need for personal discipline in their

Christian walk with the Lord. Following the Master's plan of education requires dedication of purpose, a willingness to learn, and a desire to know the will of God. A teachable spirit, humble attitude, and desire to serve are highly esteemed and expected.



Students must be at least 18 years of age to attend. Enrollment at Master's is not limited by gender or national origin.

Criteria considered for admission:

- Clear testimony of salvation
- High school diploma, GED, or homeschool transcript
- Pastor's recommendation form
- Personal interview
- Application form
- Background check
- Completed Child Safety Training course
- Signed agreement to abide by all handbook policies and administrative decisions.

Transfer Students

Master's Baptist College accepts transfer students and grants credit for previous college-level work from a recognized institution of higher learning, if deemed equivalent by the academic dean. On-line credits will be accepted only if they meet the above criteria.

Any student who was dismissed or suspended from a Bible college for disciplinary reasons must submit a letter of explanation with the

application for admission.

Grading

Grades will be reviewed after each semester to determine eligibility for continued enrollment.

Grading scale: A= 94.0-100, B= 86.0-93.9, C= 78.0-85.9, D= 70.0-77.9, F= 0-69.9

In determining grade point average (GPA), the following scale is used:
A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is expected of all students. A student with a GPA below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters will be placed on academic probation. If the student's GPA does not reach 2.0 during the next semester, he will be suspended from MBC for one semester at the administration's discretion.

Credit Courses and Auditing

Courses must be taken for credit to count toward completion of a degree. A student who takes a course for credit may either drop the course or switch to auditing by contacting the Academic Dean by email no later than the start of the second day of the class (usually 6 p.m. Tuesday). Failure to drop the course by the deadline will result in a failing grade for the course. Choir students will have until the start of the second week of practice of each semester to drop or add (auditing choir is not permitted).

Students who audit courses may not switch to taking the course for credit at any time during the course. Additionally, no records are kept for students auditing courses.

Though students may drop courses, they may not switch to a different course after registration except by permission of the Academic Dean.

Schedule of Classes

Each semester (fall and spring) is composed of one-week modular classes with breaks usually after every five weeks. This results in thirty weeks of classes being offered every year. To be qualified as full-time, a student must complete at least 21 week-long modular courses per year (audited

courses do not count toward this total).

There are no classes on Sundays. Class periods are subdivided into eighteen segments by short breaks. Each segment is approximately 50-55 minutes.

Monday	6-9PM	3 segments
Tuesday	6-9PM	3 segments
Wednesday	6-6:50, 8:15-9:05PM	2 segments
Thursday	6-9PM	3 segments
Friday	6-9PM	3 segments
Saturday	8:30AM-12:30PM	4 segments

Expenses

Tuition: Free!

Dorm Deposit: All dormitory students must pay a conditionally refundable \$100 deposit at the beginning of each school year. This is refunded, less unpaid expenses, when the student leaves Master's.

Application Fee: A non-refundable one-time fee of \$25 is required with your application for admission.

Facility Maintenance and Web Access Fees: All students dwelling in the dormitory are required to pay a monthly Facility Maintenance fee of \$100 and a monthly Web Access fee of \$15 to help defray the cost of operating the facility. Students living off-campus are exempt.

Monthly Activity Fee: All on- and off-campus students will pay a \$25 per month Activity Fee to help defray extra-curricular expenses. This includes the cost of a monthly Sunday dinner for all registered students.

Parking Permit Fee: All dorm students with vehicles will pay a \$25 per semester parking permit fee. This helps cover the cost of parking lot maintenance and winter snow removal.

Bicycle Fee: Dorm students with bicycles will pay a \$10 fee at Fall registration to cover the cost of keeping the bikes on campus. This does not cover winter storage.

Administrative Fee: All on- and off-campus students will pay a \$5 per

month administrative to help defray college office expenses.

Internship for Missions students: All Missions majors are required to complete an internship on a foreign mission field to complete the program. Pastoral Studies and Church Ministries majors are encouraged, but not required, to complete an internship. All others students are encouraged to visit a mission field during their time at Master's.

Books and Materials: Students are required to purchase their own books and should also be building a personal library. A student should anticipate spending around \$200 per year for books and materials.

Computer: Owning a notebook computer or tablet is required for attendance at Master's. The college will gladly provide guidance in purchasing a notebook or tablet.

Private Music Lessons: Students wishing to take private music lessons must do so at their own expense.

Graduation Fee: Each graduating student regardless of program will pay \$45 prior to graduation to cover the cost his gown, cap, tassel and diploma. If a student graduates from Master's more than once, he will pay the fee each time.

Programs

Master's offers the following programs of study (course listings appear on the following pages):

1. Certificate of Biblical Studies (one-year)
2. Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies (two-year)
3. Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies-Church Secretary (two-year)
4. Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (four-year), including:
 - Pastoral Studies
 - Missions
 - Church Ministries
5. *Christian Worker's Certificate (see below)

Non-Accreditation Statement

Ordination and/or licenses to minister is the sole province of the local churches in which our graduates serve.

Classification

Students are classified by the number of credits they have successfully completed:

Classification	Requirement
Freshman (first-year)	0-33 credits completed
Sophomore (second year)	34-66 credits completed
Junior (third year)	67-99 credits completed
Senior (fourth year)	100 or more credits completed

Transfer students who submit an official transcript for course work from another school will receive full credit, provided the courses are offered at Master's.

To graduate, a student must keep a 2.0 GPA while completing the total number of credits required for his program. Unless otherwise indicated, each course at Master's is equal to one credit.

*Students unable to meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement for a program, but successfully completing at least 30 credits will receive a Christian Worker's Certificate.

Certificate of Biblical Studies (33 credits)

Core Requirements (27 credits)

GE191	Baptist History & Heritage
DO117	Basic Salvation
BI100	Bible Study Methods
MU100	Biblical Music Survey
SP110	Character and Ethics
SP100	Christian Manhood I
SP101	Christian Manhood II
SP102	Christian Manhood III
CM100	Christian Manhood IV (Christian Service)
SP103	Christian Womanhood I
CM111	Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)
GE167	Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking)
GE168	Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking)
SP111	Courtship and Marriage
GE141	English Grammar and Composition I
GE142	English Grammar and Composition II
SP133	Faith & Finances
GE161	Health & Nutrition
BI104	NT Survey I
BI105	NT Survey II
BI101	OT Survey I
BI102	OT Survey II
BI103	OT Survey III
SP121	Personal Evangelism
PA101	The Pastor
DO101	Theology I-Bibliology
DO103	Theology III-Pneumatology
DO102	Theology II-Theology
DO104	Theology IV-Soteriology
DO106	Theology V-Ecclesiology
DO105	Theology VI-Eschatology

Practical Requirements (6 credits)

BI099	Bible Reading (2 credits per year)
CM091/092	Outreach Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
CM093/094	Church Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
SP091/092	Spiritual Development I/II (2 credits total)

Associate of Biblical Studies (67 credits)

Core Requirements (55 credits)

1st year

GE191	Baptist History & Heritage
DO117	Basic Salvation
BI100	Bible Study Methods
MU100	Biblical Music Survey
SP110	Character and Ethics
SP100	Christian Manhood I
SP101	Christian Manhood II
SP102	Christian Manhood III
CM100	Christian Manhood IV (Christian Service)
SP103	Christian Womanhood I
CM111	Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)
GE167	Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking)
GE168	Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking)
SP111	Courtship and Marriage
GE141	English Grammar and Composition I
GE142	English Grammar and Composition II
SP133	Faith & Finances
GE161	Health & Nutrition
BI104	NT Survey I
BI105	NT Survey II
BI101	OT Survey I
BI102	OT Survey II
BI103	OT Survey III
SP121	Personal Evangelism
PA101	The Pastor
DO101	Theology I-Bibliology
DO103	Theology III-Pneumatology
DO102	Theology II-Theology
DO104	Theology IV-Soteriology
DO106	Theology V-Ecclesiology
DO105	Theology VI-Eschatology

2nd year

BI223	Acts of the Apostles
BI231	Bible Interpretation I
BI232	Bible Interpretation II
BI233	Bible Teaching Methods
BI215	Daniel
BI227	Hebrews
MI201	Introduction to Missions
BI222	Life and Times of Christ
BI214	Major Prophets
BI228	Minor Epistles
BI216	Minor Prophets
BI204	OT Historical Books I
BI205	OT Historical Books II
BI206	OT Historical Books III
BI225	Pauline Epistles I
BI226	Pauline Epistles II
BI201	Pentateuch I
BI202	Pentateuch II
BI203	Pentateuch III
BI211	Poetical Books I
BI212	Poetical Books II
BI213	Poetical Books III
SP226	Prayer and Fasting
GE271	Public Speaking
BI229	Revelation
BI224	Romans
BI221	The Gospels
SP222	Worldview

Practical Requirements (per year) (12 credits total)

BI099	Bible Reading (2 credits per year)
CM091/092	Outreach Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
CM093/094	Church Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
SP091/092	Spiritual Development I/II (2 credits total)

Associate of Biblical Studies-Church Secretary (66 credits)

Core Requirements (49 credits)

1st year

GE191	Baptist History & Heritage
DO117	Basic Salvation
BI100	Bible Study Methods
MU100	Biblical Music Survey
SP110	Character and Ethics
SP103	Christian Womanhood I
CM111	Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)
GE167	Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking)
GE168	Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking)
SP111	Courtship and Marriage
GE141	English Grammar and Composition I
GE142	English Grammar and Composition II
SP133	Faith & Finances
GE161	Health & Nutrition
BI104	NT Survey I
BI105	NT Survey II
BI101	OT Survey I
BI102	OT Survey II
BI103	OT Survey III
SP121	Personal Evangelism
PA101	The Pastor
DO101	Theology I-Bibliology
DO103	Theology III-Pneumatology
DO102	Theology II-Theology
DO104	Theology IV-Soteriology
DO106	Theology V-Ecclesiology
DO105	Theology VI-Eschatology

2nd year

BI223	Acts of the Apostles
BI231	Bible Interpretation I
BI232	Bible Interpretation II

BI233	Bible Teaching Methods
CM309	Bookkeeping and Accounting
PA300	Church Administration
PA360	Church Finances
CM326	Church Graphic Design
CM250	Church Secretary
BI215	Daniel
ED301	Introduction to Christian Education
MI201	Introduction to Missions
BI222	Life and Times of Christ
SP226	Prayer and Fasting
GE368	Presentation Software Basics
GE271	Public Speaking
BI229	Revelation
BI224	Romans
CM251	Secretarial Internship
GE367	Spreadsheet Basics
GE366	Word Processor Basics
SP222	Worldview

Electives (5 credits)

Practical Requirements (per year) (12 credits total)

BI099	Bible Reading (2 credits per year)
CM091/092	Outreach Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
CM093/094	Church Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
SP091/092	Spiritual Development I/II (2 credits total)

Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Pastoral Ministry (132 credits)

Core Requirements (90 credits)

1st year

GE191	Baptist History & Heritage
DO117	Basic Salvation
BI100	Bible Study Methods
MU100	Biblical Music Survey
SP110	Character and Ethics
SP100	Christian Manhood I
SP101	Christian Manhood II
SP102	Christian Manhood III
CM100	Christian Manhood IV (Christian Service)
SP103	Christian Womanhood I
CM111	Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)
GE167	Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking)
GE168	Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking)
SP111	Courtship and Marriage
GE141	English Grammar and Composition I
GE142	English Grammar and Composition II
SP133	Faith & Finances
GE161	Health & Nutrition
BI104	NT Survey I
BI105	NT Survey II
BI101	OT Survey I
BI102	OT Survey II
BI103	OT Survey III
SP121	Personal Evangelism
PA101	The Pastor
DO101	Theology I-Bibliology
DO103	Theology III-Pneumatology
DO102	Theology II-Theology
DO104	Theology IV-Soteriology
DO106	Theology V-Ecclesiology
DO105	Theology VI-Eschatology

2nd year

BI223	Acts of the Apostles
BI231	Bible Interpretation I
BI232	Bible Interpretation II
BI233	Bible Teaching Methods
BI215	Daniel
BI227	Hebrews
MI201	Introduction to Missions
BI222	Life and Times of Christ
BI214	Major Prophets
BI228	Minor Epistles
BI216	Minor Prophets
BI204	OT Historical Books I
BI205	OT Historical Books II
BI206	OT Historical Books III
BI225	Pauline Epistles I
BI226	Pauline Epistles II
BI201	Pentateuch I
BI202	Pentateuch II
BI203	Pentateuch III
BI211	Poetical Books I
BI212	Poetical Books II
BI213	Poetical Books III
SP226	Prayer and Fasting
GE271	Public Speaking
BI229	Revelation
BI224	Romans
BI221	The Gospels
SP222	Worldview

3rd/4th years

CM309	Bookkeeping and Accounting
CM321	Bus Ministry
CM324	Campus/Career/Singles Ministries
SP312	Christian Home
PA300	Church Administration

PA360	Church Finances
GE391	Church History I
GE392	Church History II
DO330	Comparative Religions
CM311	Counseling I
CM312	Counseling II
MI320	Deputation and Church Planting
SP324	Discipleship
PA321	Homiletics I
PA322	Homiletics II
PA323	Homiletics III
MI300	Indigenous Missions
ED301	Introduction to Christian Education
MI330	Missions Intercession
MI323	Missions Outreach Planning
MU300	Music Basics
DO318	New Testament Church Polity
BI325	Pastoral Epistles
GE368	Presentation Software Basics
GE325	Professional Development I
GE326	Professional Development II
SP322	Servant Leadership
SP338	Spiritual Warfare I
SP339	Spiritual Warfare II
CM322	Sunday School and Children's Ministries
PA301	The Second Man
GE366	Word Processor Basics
GE393	World History I
GE394	World History II
CM323	Youth Ministry

Electives (18 credits)

These must include at least 12 Bible or Doctrine courses

Practical Requirements (per year) (24 credits total)

BI099	Bible Reading (2 credits per year)
CM091/092	Outreach Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
CM093/094	Church Ministry I/II (1 credit total)

Beginning in 2016-17, all senior Pastoral Studies majors are required to complete DO399, a comprehensive written doctrinal exam and follow-up oral exam, in order to graduate from Master's.

Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Missions (132)

Core Requirements (95 credits men, 93 credits women)

1st year

GE191	Baptist History & Heritage
DO117	Basic Salvation
BI100	Bible Study Methods
MU100	Biblical Music Survey
SP110	Character and Ethics
SP100	Christian Manhood I
SP101	Christian Manhood II
SP102	Christian Manhood III
CM100	Christian Manhood IV (Christian Service)
SP103	Christian Womanhood I
CM111	Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)
GE167	Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking)
GE168	Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking)
SP111	Courtship and Marriage
GE141	English Grammar and Composition I
GE142	English Grammar and Composition II
SP133	Faith & Finances
GE161	Health & Nutrition
BI104	NT Survey I
BI105	NT Survey II
BI101	OT Survey I
BI102	OT Survey II
BI103	OT Survey III
SP121	Personal Evangelism
PA101	The Pastor
DO101	Theology I-Bibliology
DO103	Theology III-Pneumatology
DO102	Theology II-Theology
DO104	Theology IV-Soteriology
DO106	Theology V-Ecclesiology
DO105	Theology VI-Eschatology

2nd year

BI223	Acts of the Apostles
BI231	Bible Interpretation I
BI232	Bible Interpretation II
BI233	Bible Teaching Methods
BI215	Daniel
BI227	Hebrews
MI201	Introduction to Missions
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BI206	OT Historical Books III
BI225	Pauline Epistles I
BI226	Pauline Epistles II
BI201	Pentateuch I
BI202	Pentateuch II
BI203	Pentateuch III
BI211	Poetical Books I
BI212	Poetical Books II
BI213	Poetical Books III
SP226	Prayer and Fasting
GE271	Public Speaking
BI229	Revelation
BI224	Romans
BI221	The Gospels
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3rd/4th years

CM309	Bookkeeping and Accounting
CM321	Bus Ministry
CM324	Campus/Career/Singles Ministries
SP312	Christian Home
PA300	Church Administration

PA360	Church Finances
CM326	Church Graphic Design
GE391	Church History I
GE392	Church History II
DO330	Comparative Religions
CM311	Counseling I
CM312	Counseling II
MI320	Deputation and Church Planting
SP324	Discipleship
PA321	Homiletics I
PA322	Homiletics II
PA323	Homiletics III
MI300	Indigenous Missions
ED301	Introduction to Christian Education
ED321	Introduction to Homeschooling
DO339	Islam
MI330	Missions Intercession
MI323	Missions Outreach Planning
MI399	Missions Practicum
MI301	Missions Strategies
MI362	Missions Vehicle Maintenance
MU300	Music Basics
DO318	New Testament Church Polity
BI325	Pastoral Epistles
GE368	Presentation Software Basics
GE325	Professional Development I
GE326	Professional Development II
GE395	Religious Geography
SP322	Servant Leadership
SP338	Spiritual Warfare I
SP339	Spiritual Warfare II
CM322	Sunday School and Children's Ministries
GE366	Word Processor Basics
GE393	World History I
GE394	World History II
CM323	Youth Ministry

Electives (7 credits men, 9 credits women)

Electives may be from any department, but Missions students should always take courses taught by visiting missionaries when offered.

Mission Trip (6)

All Missions students must complete MI399 Missions Practicum (six credits), a training course in an administration-approved foreign field, no earlier than the summer after their junior year.

Practical Requirements (per year) (24 credits total)

BI099	Bible Reading (2 credits per year)
CM091/092	Outreach Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
CM093/094	Church Ministry I/II (1 credit total)
SP091/092	Spiritual Development I/II (2 credits total)

Beginning in 2016-17, all senior male Missions majors are required to complete DO399, a comprehensive written doctrinal exam and follow-up oral exam, in order to graduate from Master’s.

Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Church Ministries (132)

Core Requirements (85 credits men, 84 credits women)

1st year

GE191	Baptist History & Heritage
DO117	Basic Salvation
BI100	Bible Study Methods
MU100	Biblical Music Survey
SP110	Character and Ethics
SP100	Christian Manhood I
SP101	Christian Manhood II
SP102	Christian Manhood III
CM100	Christian Manhood IV (Christian Service)
SP103	Christian Womanhood I
CM111	Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)
GE167	Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking)
GE168	Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking)
SP111	Courtship and Marriage
GE141	English Grammar and Composition I
GE142	English Grammar and Composition II
SP133	Faith & Finances
GE161	Health & Nutrition
BI104	NT Survey I
BI105	NT Survey II
BI101	OT Survey I
BI102	OT Survey II
BI103	OT Survey III
SP121	Personal Evangelism
PA101	The Pastor
DO101	Theology I-Bibliology
DO103	Theology III-Pneumatology
DO102	Theology II-Theology
DO104	Theology IV-Soteriology
DO106	Theology V-Ecclesiology
DO105	Theology VI-Eschatology

2nd year

BI223	Acts of the Apostles
BI231	Bible Interpretation I
BI232	Bible Interpretation II
BI233	Bible Teaching Methods
BI215	Daniel
BI227	Hebrews
MI201	Introduction to Missions
BI222	Life and Times of Christ
BI214	Major Prophets
BI228	Minor Epistles
BI216	Minor Prophets
BI204	OT Historical Books I
BI205	OT Historical Books II
BI206	OT Historical Books III
BI225	Pauline Epistles I
BI226	Pauline Epistles II
BI201	Pentateuch I
BI202	Pentateuch II
BI203	Pentateuch III
BI211	Poetical Books I
BI212	Poetical Books II
BI213	Poetical Books III
SP226	Prayer and Fasting
GE271	Public Speaking
BI229	Revelation
BI224	Romans
BI221	The Gospels
SP222	Worldview

3rd/4th years

CM309	Bookkeeping and Accounting
CM321	Bus Ministry
CM324	Campus/Career/Singles Ministries
SP312	Christian Home
PA300	Church Administration

CM326	Church Graphic Design
GE391	Church History I
GE392	Church History II
CM311	Counseling I
CM312	Counseling II
SP324	Discipleship
PA321	Homiletics I (men)
PA322	Homiletics II (men)
ED301	Introduction to Christian Education
ED321	Introduction to Homeschooling (women)
MU300	Music Basics
DO318	New Testament Church Polity
GE368	Presentation Software Basics
GE325	Professional Development I
GE326	Professional Development II
SP322	Servant Leadership
SP338	Spiritual Warfare I
SP339	Spiritual Warfare II
GE367	Spreadsheet Basics
CM322	Sunday School and Children's Ministries
PA301	The Second Man
GE366	Word Processor Basics
GE393	World History I
GE394	World History II
CM323	Youth Ministry

Electives (23 credits men, 24 credits women)

Electives may be from any department.

Practical Requirements (per year) (24 credits total)

BI099	Bible Reading (2 credits per year)	
CM091/092	Outreach Ministry I/II (1 credit total)	
CM093/094	Church Ministry I/II (1 credit total)	

Course Descriptions

(All courses are one credit unless indicated otherwise. Course numbers include a two-letter code for the department (e.g., BI for Bible) and a three-digit identifier code. The first digit is the type of the course (1 is a freshman/Certificate course, 2 is a sophomore/Associate course, 3 is a required four-year course, 4 is an elective course). The last two digits generally refer to the sequence of the course (e.g., BI101 is OT Survey I, BI102 is OT Survey II, etc.).

Bible

BI099 Bible Reading (2 credits)-All students are expected to read (not listen to) the entire King James Bible during the school year.

BI099a Bible Reading-Half Year-All students are expected to read (not listen to) the entire King James Bible during the school year. This course number is solely for students who start in the Spring semester.

BI100 Bible Study Methods-This course will provide freshmen with an introduction to studying and interpreting the Bible.

BI101 OT Survey I-All students at Master's will receive a general overview of the Old Testament books of Genesis through 2 Kings in this course.

BI102 OT Survey II-All students at Master's will receive a general overview of the Old Testament books of 1 Chronicles to Song of Solomon in this course.

Recommended: BI101

BI103 OT Survey III-All students at Master's will receive a general overview of the Old Testament prophetic books in this course.

Recommended: BI101 and BI102

BI104 NT Survey I-All students at Master's will receive a general overview of the New Testament books of Matthew to 2 Thessalonians in this course.

BI105 NT Survey II-All students at Master's will receive a general overview of the New Testament books of 1 Timothy to Revelation in this course. Recommended: BI104

BI201 Pentateuch I-This course is designed to provide a good understanding of the first five books of the Bible, with an emphasis on Genesis.

BI202 Pentateuch II-This course is designed to provide a good understanding of the first five books of the Bible, with an emphasis on Exodus and Leviticus. Recommended: BI201

BI203 Pentateuch III-This course is designed to provide a good understanding of the first five books of the Bible, with an emphasis on Numbers and Deuteronomy. Recommended: BI201 and BI202

BI204 OT Historical Books I- This course is an overview of the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth.

BI205 OT Historical Books II- This course is an overview of the books of 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings. Recommended: BI204

BI206 OT Historical Books III- This course is an overview of the books of 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther. Recommended:BI204 and BI205

BI211 Poetical Books I- This course will introduce the basics of Hebrew poetry and the book of Psalms.

BI212 Poetical Books II-This course will look at the Hebrew wisdom book of Proverbs. Recommended: BI211.

BI213 Poetical Books III-This course will look at the books of Job, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. Recommended: BI211 and BI212.

BI214 Major Prophets-This course will help the student to understand the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Ezekiel.

BI215 Daniel-This course will unlock the mysteries of the book of Daniel.

BI216 Minor Prophets-This course will help the student to understand the last twelve books of the Old Testament, Hosea through Malachi.

BI221 The Gospels-This course gives an overview of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and their harmony.

BI222 Life and Times of Christ-This course takes an in-depth look into the greatest life ever lived and the era of the ministry of the Son of God on earth.

BI223 Acts of the Apostles-This course will look at the earliest history of Christianity, highlighting local church missionary activities and methods practiced by the apostles.

BI224 Romans-This course will examine Paul's great letter on salvation.

BI225 Pauline Epistles I-This course will be an expository study of the four epistles of the Apostle Paul from I Corinthians through Ephesians.

BI226 Pauline Epistles II-This course will be an expository study of the eight epistles of the Apostle Paul from Philippians through Philemon.
Recommended: BI225

BI227 Hebrews-Christ's superiority, the chief theme of Hebrews, will be explored in this class.

BI228 Minor Epistles-This course will provide a good understanding of the New Testament epistles of James, I & II Peter, I, II & III John, and Jude.

BI229 Revelation-This course will unlock the mysteries of the book of Revelation.

BI231 Bible Interpretation I-Also known as Hermeneutics, this course will develop the student's discernment in properly interpreting Scripture.

BI232 Bible Interpretation II-This course will further develop the student's ability to properly interpret Scripture. Prerequisite: BI231.

BI233 Bible Teaching Methods-A companion to the course Bible Study Methods, this class will present various methods of teaching the Bible, including methods of visual presentation and illustration.

BI325 Pastoral Epistles-Paul's letters to young pastors (1-2 Timothy and Titus) will be examined.

BI414 Tabernacle & Feasts-The mysteries of the OT Tabernacle, feasts and sacrificial system will be unlocked in this course.

BI420 Between the Testaments-This course will cover the period between the completion of the Old Testament and the coming of Christ, including the Maccabees and the Apocrypha.

BI421 Parables-Many veteran Christians still are puzzled by some of the parables of Christ. This course will help to unlock the truths of the parables.

BI422 John's Gospel and Epistles-The profound teachings of the "beloved disciple" will be taught in this class.

BI423 The Life & Mind of Paul-This course will study the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts and the Epistles

BI424 1-2 Corinthians-This course will present a practical exposition of Paul's letters to the Corinthians, with an emphasis on local church issues Paul sought to correct.

BI434 NT Greek for English Readers-This course will explore how to use Greek in studying the English Bible.

BI435 OT Hebrew for English Readers-This course will explore how to use Hebrew in studying the English Bible.

BI437 Biblical Archaeology I-The unique value of archaeology in supporting the truth of Scripture will be presented in this class. The period up to the Exodus will be explored.

BI438 Biblical Archaeology II-The archaeology of the Bible from the Exodus to the time of Christ will be explored in this course.

BI439 Bible Chronology-The incredible accuracy of the Bible, and many astonishing facts, will be explored through building a proper chronology of Bible events.

BI440 Bible Discrepancies-This course will examine what the unbelieving world calls "contradictions" in Scripture and provide the tools for reconciling them.

BI441 Bible Manners and Customs-This course will survey the customs and practices of Bible times.

BI442 Bible Geography-This course will provide the student with a good understanding of the geography of the Holy Land.

BI490 Bible Biographies-The class will study the biographies of Bible characters, and provide tools for the students to prepare their own Bible biographies.

BI495 Catholicism and the Bible-This course will trace the Catholic Church's history of corrupting the Word of God.

Church Ministries

CM091-092 Outreach Ministry I-II (1/2 credit each)-All students at Master's are assigned each year to serve in an outreach ministry of Fargo Baptist Church.

CM093-094 Church Ministry I-II (1/2 credit each)-All students at Master's are assigned each year to serve in a church ministry of Fargo Baptist Church.

CM100 Christian Manhood IV (Christian Service)-Freshman men will be given various service projects for the church during this course. (men only)

CM111 Christian Womanhood II (Women in Ministry)-The challenges and opportunities of women in church ministry, whether as wives or workers, will be presented. (women only)

CM250 Church Secretary-This course is designed to fully prepare ladies for assisting the pastor and local church staff in the ministry. (women only)

CM251 Secretarial Internship (3 credits)-All Church Secretarial students will complete an internship during their final Spring semester, aiding the secretaries at Master's and Fargo Baptist Church. (women only)
Recommended: CM250

CM309 Bookkeeping and Accounting-Basic accounting principles will be applied to local church finances in this course.

CM311 Counseling I-In these perilous times, many people live in great confusion with emotional problems. This course will equip the Christian worker to be competent in the field of counseling.

CM312 Counseling II-This course provides further study in the counseling principles taught in Counseling I. Prerequisite: CM311

CM321 Bus Ministry-This course will show the student how to start and maintain a successful bus ministry.

CM322 Sunday School and Children's Ministries-This course will examine the need for, and operation of, both the church nursery and children's ministries, including the Sunday School.

CM323 Youth Ministry-Young people in the average NT church are going to the world at an alarming rate. The solution is the home along with assistance from the church. This course will help train workers with a Biblical philosophy of youth ministry and the Sunday School.

CM324 Campus/Career/Singles Ministries-How to establish and successfully operate ministries for campus and career singles will be presented in this course.

CM326 Church Graphic Design-This course will present the basics of local church graphic design.

CM340 Church Missions Support-This course will examine the systems and processes necessary for a local church to fully support its missionaries on the field.

CM401 Evangelism-This course will walk the student through the Bible passages dealing with revival and also show the scriptural side of evangelism.

CM425 Women's Church Ministries-A survey of various church ministries by and for women is presented in this course.

Doctrine

DO101 Theology I-Bibliology-This course will provide a thorough overview of the doctrine of the Bible.

DO102 Theology II-Theology-The doctrine of God and the three Persons of the Trinity will be studied in this course. Recommended: DO101

DO103 Theology III-Pneumatology-The doctrines of the Holy Spirit, angels and demons will be studied in this course. Recommended: DO102

DO104 Theology IV-Soteriology-The Bible's great teachings on salvation will be examined in this course. Recommended: DO103

DO105 Theology V-Ecclesiology-This course will provide a thorough look at what the Bible teaches about Christ's body, the local church. Recommended: DO104

DO106 Theology VI-Eschatology-The Bible's teachings about the end times and how they are interpreted will be surveyed in this course. Recommended: DO105

DO117 Basic Salvation-Much confusion exists over the true nature of Biblical salvation. This course will correct any misconceptions.

DO318 New Testament Church Polity-This course reveals the “polity” (organization and workings) of a scriptural Baptist church including Baptism, Membership, Lord’s Supper, Deacons, Ordination, Church Discipline, Role of Women, Constitution and Bylaws, etc.

DO330 Comparative Religions-This course will give a good working knowledge of the major religions of the world, as well as those under the umbrella of “Christianity.”

DO339 Islam-The dramatic rise of Islam in the world, and the average American's ignorance regarding it, will be countered through a presentation of Islam's history, doctrines and methods for evangelizing its adherents.

DO399 Doctrinal Exam (No credit)-All senior Pastoral Studies students, and all senior male Missions students, at Master's are required to complete

a comprehensive doctrinal exam, and a follow-up oral exam, prior to graduation during their senior year.

DO401 Bible Answers and Issues I-This course will “fill in the gaps” when it comes to questions about the Bible for which there are no direct answers, and also provide a careful examination of the Biblical position on current “hot button” topics

DO402 Bible Answers and Issues II-This course will continue the study of "gray areas," "hot buttons" and other topics for which there are no direct Biblical answers. Recommended: DO401

DO410 Biblical Preservation-This course will survey how the Lord has preserved His Word from the first inspired manuscripts to the King James Bible. Prerequisite: DO101

DO411 Christian Philosophy-This course provides a Christian answer to the destructive philosophies of today, notably Secular Humanism and its offshoots..

DO421 Creation and Evolution-This course will survey the ongoing debate between Creation Science and the Evolutionary model.

DO422 Worldview II-This course will further the student's understanding and ability to defend the faith. Prerequisite: SP222

DO425 Atheism and Faith-This class will survey the history and philosophy of atheism, and offer students the opportunity to defend the faith and confront unbelief with Biblical reasoning.

DO426 Christian Denominations-A survey and critical examination of the major Christian denominations will be presented in this course.

DO427 Catholicism and Protestantism-Catholicism and its "children," the major Protestant denominations, will be examined to better equip students in reaching them with the Gospel.

DO428 Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movement-This course will give the student a thorough understanding of the history and errors of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, and provide strategies for countering their false teaching.

DO429 Lutheranism-Lutheranism is the predominant Protestant denomination in the Upper Midwest. This course will explore its teachings and examine strategies for reaching Lutherans with the Gospel.

DO430 Comparative Theology-This course is an examination, comparison and contrast of competing theological systems with an emphasis on Baptist dispensational theology

DO431 Baptist Distinctives-A thorough examination of what makes Baptists distinctive from other groups will be presented in this course.

DO432 Fundamentalism and Modernism-The history of Fundamentalism, Modernism and Liberalism will be examined in this class.

DO433 History of New Evangelicalism-This course equips the student on such issues as the ecumenical movement, the one world church, Biblical separation and New Evangelicalism.

DO434 Principles and Errors of New Evangelicalism-The basic teachings and insidious errors of the New Evangelical movement will be presented in this class.

DO440 Problem Passages in Theology-The difference between Biblical Christianity and a false doctrine is nearly always the result of a faulty understanding of various Biblical passages. This course will examine and rectify the most common errors.

Education

ED301 Introduction to Christian Education-This course will introduce the student to the principles and methods of education, with an emphasis on home schooling.

ED321 Introduction to Homeschooling-The basics of administering a "school at home" will be presented in this course.

ED400 Seven Laws of Teaching-How to successfully teach a class, regardless of the topic, will be closely studied in this course.

ED411 Curriculum and Lesson Development-This class will present the process of developing and writing course curricula for churches and home schooling.

ED414 Teaching English, Writing and Reading-Tips on teaching English and related subjects in a home school environment will be examined.

ED415 Teaching Math and Science-Tips on teaching Math and Science in a home school environment will be explored.

ED419 Teaching History and Geography-Tips on teaching History and related subjects in a home school environment will be explored.

General Studies

GE141 English Grammar and Composition I-If a Christian worker is going to wisely represent the King, he must have a proper working knowledge of the "King's English," and how to effectively communicate with it.

GE142 English Grammar and Composition II-This course will provide continued work in English composition. Prerequisite: GE141

GE161 Health & Nutrition-Many saints are destroying the temple of their bodies through lack of knowledge about nutrition. A servant of Christ cannot afford bad health. This interesting course will enlighten the student on the subject of good health.

GE167 Christian Womanhood III (Homemaking I)-Homemaking 101: Women students will be taught techniques to organize the home, plan grocery budgets and schedule children. (women only)

GE168 Christian Womanhood IV (Homemaking II)-This course is a continuation of Christian Womanhood III, providing additional instruction in homemaking. (women only)

GE191 Baptist History & Heritage-Master's Baptist College is distinctively historic Baptist, and this course provides an overview of our rich history since the time of Christ.

GE271 Public Speaking-This course will provide students the opportunity to enhance their verbal communication skills.

GE325 Professional Development I-So that Christian workers will not be "slothful in business," basic business principles and practices, including business ethics, will be presented in this course.

GE326 Professional Development II-This course presents the practical side of church operations, and provides tips on practical topics for Christian workers.

GE366 Word Processor Basics-The basics of using a word processor, with emphasis on its use in church ministries, will be covered in this course.

GE367 Spreadsheet Basics-The basics of using a spreadsheet, with emphasis on its use in church ministries, will be covered in this course.

GE368 Presentation Software Basics-The basics of presentation software as a powerful communication tool for church ministries will be explored in this course.

GE391 Church History I-The history of Christianity and Christians from the first century to modern times will be examined in this class.

GE392 Church History II-This course will complete the study of Christian history. Prerequisite: GE391

GE393 World History I-History is “His story” and many believers are unaware of how true history has been rewritten by the Devil’s crowd. This course will show how the sovereign hand of God has been involved with the events of history.

GE394 World History II-This course is a continuation of Christian History I showing how the sovereign hand of God has been involved with the events of history. Prerequisite: GE393

GE395 Religious Geography-This class will look at world geography by describing the spiritual and religious state of its countries.

GE497 American Baptist History-This course covers 400 years with an emphasis on the spread of Christ’s churches throughout America

Missions

MI201 Introduction to Missions-This course will help to stress the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission at home and abroad.

MI300 Indigenous Missions-The Biblical theory and practice of indigenous missions will be discussed in this class.

MI301 Missions Strategies-This class will examine ways to carry out the Great Commission in a foreign land.

MI320 Deputation and Church Organization-The course will examine the challenges involved in preparing for a mission field, and survey what is needed in preparing to start a new church.

MI321 Church Planting-This course will present the challenges and rewards of starting a local church.

MI323 Missions Outreach Planning-Organizing and overseeing local church mission trips will be explored in this course.

MI330 Missions Intercession-The need for intercessory prayer is never greater than when "breaking new ground" with the Gospel. This course will explore the need for, and practice of, intercessory prayer in missions and church planting.

MI341 Cross-Cultural Studies I-The need for understanding other cultures is essential to those who will bring the Gospel to other lands. This course will prepare students to successfully enter and integrate themselves in a different culture.

MI342 Cross-Cultural Studies II-This is a continuation of Cross-Cultural Studies I, with an emphasis on how future missionaries can overcome the "dependency syndrome" on the field.

MI350 Missions Crisis Preparation-This course will provide essential information to future missionaries for handling crises in foreign lands.

MI362 Missions Vehicle Maintenance-Vehicle maintenance on foreign fields can be a challenge. This course will give students tips for handling the basics .

MI399 Missions Practicum (6 credits)-No earlier than the summer after his junior year, every Missions major will complete missionary field training.

MI499 Missions Seminar-Current topics and methods in mission work will be presented by working missionaries in this occasional course (may be taken multiple times for credit).

Music

MU090-090P Applied Music/Piano Lessons (1 credit per year)-

Students may arrange with a college-approved instructor to take instrument lessons for credit.

MU092 Master's Baptist Choir (1 credit per semester)-This is a non-audition choir open to all Master's students.

MU100 Biblical Music Survey-This course will take an in-depth look into what is wrong with contemporary “Christian” music, and provide a Biblical philosophy of music.

MU300 Music Basics-This course is designed to provide students with a brief overview of the essential components of music and songleading.

Pastoral Studies

PA101 The Pastor-Every church member should either be a pastor or help a pastor. This course will reveal the office, responsibilities and heart of a pastor.

PA300 Church Administration-This course will help the student to understand the inner workings of a NT church with its various ministries and needs.

PA301 The Second Man-This course will apply the principles of serving to those who will be directly assisting pastors.

PA310 Pastoral Theology-The course will survey both the spiritual and practical aspects of the pastoral ministry.

PA321 Homiletics I-This course will help the student to study and put together a message from God's Word with God's leadership, using various helps for finding correlating Bible passages and illustrations for spiritual impact. Prerequisite: GE271 (men only)

PA322 Homiletics II-Continued study in Homiletics, with an emphasis on the preparation and delivery of expository sermons and lessons, will be taught in this course. Prerequisite: PA321 (men only)

PA323 Homiletics III-This course will provide the student with experience and coaching in teaching and preaching the truths of God, including integrating visual illustration. Prerequisites: PA321 and PA322 (men only)

PA360 Church Finances-This course will provide the fundamentals of church finances for aspiring pastors, missionaries and other church leaders.

PA425 Chaplaincy Program-The work of a chaplain in various settings, with an emphasis on ministering to law enforcement officers, will be examined in this course.

PA426 Church Building Programs-This course will teach how to plan and complete a successful church building program.

Spiritual Growth

SP091-092 Spiritual Development I-II (1 credit per semester)-All students are required to keep a paper journal of all sermons, devotions, Sunday School lessons and chapel messages during the school year.

SP100 Christian Manhood I (Spiritual Living)-This course will examine what it means to be a true Christian man . (men only)

SP101 Christian Manhood II (Ministry Survival)-This course will explore the challenges of serving in and leading a church ministry (men only)

SP102 Christian Manhood III (Practical Living)-Survival Skills 101: Male students will be taught the basics of living on their own.

SP103 Christian Womanhood I (Spiritual Living)-This course will examine what it means to be a true Christian woman. (women only)

SP110 Character and Ethics-Character and ethics are sadly lacking in many full time 21st century Christian workers. This course will help to reinforce godly character as well as etiquette. It will feature separate instruction for both men and women.

SP111 Courtship and Marriage-The Bible's answer to the "dating spirit," this course will prepare students for finding their life's mate.

SP121 Personal Evangelism-This course will help the Christian to be wise and discerning in dealing with eternity-bound souls about salvation.

SP133 Faith & Finances-Many Christians are self-destructing due to mishandling money. This course will deal with covetousness and control over spending, as well as setting up a budget and becoming debt-free.

SP222 Worldview-A person's worldview directly affects his view of God, man and salvation. This course will provide the student with a proper Biblical worldview.

SP226 Prayer and Fasting-This course will help the student to develop a better prayer life and teach the Bible principles of fasting.

SP312 Christian Home-This course covers the needs of a Christian home, dealing with courtship, marriage, and children.

SP322 Servant Leadership-It's been well said that "everything rises and falls on leadership." This course will teach the basics of Biblical leadership.

SP324 Discipleship-This course will not only stress the importance of follow up, but also teach the student the basics of making disciples like our Lord did.

SP338-339 Spiritual Warfare I-II-No Christian should enter full-time service without this course that deals with combating the forces of darkness.

Doctrinal Statement

Article I: The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible is a supernatural book, that it is the very Word of God, that it is in the sixty-six books the full, final and complete revelation of God's will to man. We believe the author of the Bible is God the Holy Spirit and by inspiration we mean the plenary verbal inspiration, that Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit as revealed in Second Peter Chapter One. We believe the King James Version is the preserved Word of God in the English language. We reject the modern paraphrased versions, the modern common version and others, which delete the pure meaning of redemption and do injustice to the deity of Christ. We believe and teach that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Fargo Baptist Church and Master's Baptist College use the King James Bible version (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Isaiah 8:20, Psalm 119:89, Romans 15:4).

Article II: The True God

We believe and teach that there is one, and only one, true and living God. He is absolute in nature, perfect in attributions, holy in character, and is revealed in the Trinity which is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Trinity subsist in the same divine nature, essence and being. They are co-existent and co-equal and each one has a distinct office in the work of redemption (Ephesians 4:6, 1 Timothy 1:17, Exodus 20:2-3, Romans 11:33, John 4:24, Psalm 90:2).

Article III: The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is co-eternally existent as the second person of the Trinity, is co-equally existent with the Father, and thus, has neither beginning nor end. He manifested God visibly to the world, through the theophanies (Christophanies) in the Old Testament, and through the Incarnation in the New Testament. He was born of the virgin Mary and is the only Saviour for this lost world. His death on the cross was voluntary, substitutionary and sufficient for the salvation of all men of all times. He is coming again to rapture the saints at a time in the future known only by God (Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 53:5-6, John 1:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Genesis 18:1-22,33, 1 Timothy 4:10, John 1:14, 2 Peter 2:1, Luke 23:46, 1

John 2:2, John 10:17-18, John 3:16).

Article IV: The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature and was active in the creation. In relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, judgment and righteousness. He is the agent of the New Birth and indwells, seals, guides and directs the believer (John 14:16-17, John 14:26, John 15:26-27, Romans 8:16, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:26-27).

Article V: The Devil or Satan

We believe that the Devil is an actual being and not an imaginary influence; that he once enjoyed high heavenly honors and glorious heavenly privileges; that he through pride, ambition and self will betrayed God and as a result brought down upon his head the judgment of God. He operates today as the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air; that he is the arch deceiver, and father of all lies, that he is the greatest enemy, the biggest tempter and the greatest opposition to the saints. His final abode shall be the Lake of Fire, which is the eternal place of punishment, prepared for the Devil and his angels (Isaiah 14:12-15, Jude 6, 1 John 3:8, Ezekiel 28:14-17, 1 Peter 5:8, John 8:43-44).

Article VI: The Creation

We believe the Genesis record of the creation is literal, and not allegorical or figurative; that God personally created the Heaven and the earth in a direct act, that He brought forth all original matter out of nothing. We believe that man was created directly in God's own image and not by any kind of evolution. God's established law says that all species shall bring forth "after their kind" (Genesis 1:1, Acts 17:23-26, Romans 1:20, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 11:3, Genesis 1:26-27).

Article VII: The Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence and holiness and by voluntary transgression of the Lord's command, fell from the state in which he was created and as a consequence became a sinner alienated from God and brought upon himself and all mankind just condemnation. Man is now, by virtue of his fallen nature, void of holiness, positively inclined to evil and actually condemned to eternal ruin without excuse (Genesis 3:6-24, Romans 5:19, Ephesians 2:1-3, Romans 5:12, Romans

1:18, Romans 1:28).

Article VIII: The Virgin Birth

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner; born of the virgin Mary as no other man was born or can be born of woman. He is both the Son of God and God the Son (Luke 1:35, Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25, John 1:14, Mark 1:1).

Article IX: The Atonement for Sin

We believe that the lost sinner is guilty and under just condemnation and is by nature alien to God and because of sin condemned to die; that the atonement for sin was provided through the mediatorial office of the Son of God who by divine appointment freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, that He through obedience during His earthly walk personally honored the divine law by keeping it, and through His death and shed blood on the cross actually satisfied the Law for the penalty of sin. His obedience, sacrificial death, and shed blood made full and vicarious atonement for all sin (Romans 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Isaiah 53:12, Hebrews 9:22, John 10:17-18, Hebrews 12:2).

Article X: The Grace of Salvation

We believe and teach that salvation is by God's grace and that salvation is free to all through the Gospel; that it is the duty of all to accept, by faith, that salvation. Those who voluntarily reject salvation will face eternal separation from God in a literal place of punishment called Hell in the Scriptures. When a sinner repents and receives Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour he receives eternal life. The eternal purpose of God in Salvation is first of all to preserve the believer forever in Christ; the believer is saved eternally. It is also the eternal purpose of God that the believer will conform to the image of His Son. This salvation wrought by grace then assures us that we are preserved in Christ by the power of God and no man can pluck the saved from the Father's hand. Salvation is everlasting and the glorious truth "once in Grace, always in Grace," is affirmed (John 3:15-16, 1 Peter 1:5, John 1:12, John 10:27-30, Romans 10:1-13, John 5:24).

Article XI: Repentance and Faith

We believe that repentance and faith are solemn and inseparable prerequisites for salvation; that they are inseparable graces wrought in the

heart by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, and as the sinner is deeply convicted of his guilt and helplessness he turns in repentance to the Lord Jesus Christ, surrendering himself wholeheartedly and receiving Him as personal Saviour and Lord, he is immediately born again (Acts 3:19, 2 Cor 7:9-1, Mk 1:15, Acts 2:37-38, Acts 20:21, Matt 3:1-2).

Article XII: The Church

We believe and teach that the local, visible assembly of called-out believers into a public place of worship and service is the only church found in the New Testament. We do not believe in an invisible or universal church. The local church is the only one authorized in the New Testament to carry out the Great Commission. The first New Testament church was founded by Jesus Christ during His own personal ministry and entrance into the local church is by scriptural baptism. We believe and teach that a local New Testament church is an independent congregation and is not governed or controlled by an ecclesiastical hierarchy. The will of the local church is final (Ephesians 3:21, Acts 2:47, 1 Timothy 3:15, Matthew 16:18, Colossians 1:24, Ephesians 1:22, Acts 16:5, Acts 11:22, Acts 8:1).

Article XIII: The Church Ordinances

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only two ordinances set forth in the local church by Jesus Christ. Scriptural baptism began with John the Baptist. John's Baptism was not O.T. dispensation or an intermediate dispensation but New Testament baptism. Our Lord Jesus Christ accepted this baptism Himself and accepted those that John baptized into the church that He organized during His own personal ministry.

Baptism: Believers baptism to be scriptural must be: The proper candidate, the one who has been born again. It must also be: The proper mode or method which is immersion. It must also be: The proper design or motive. This design is to show forth a truth, which is the property of the believer and the local church into which the believer is baptized, which sets forth the death, burial and resurrection of the believer to a new life in Christ. It is also: The proper administrator or authority, and the local New Testament church is the only institution with the authority to administer scriptural baptism.

The Lord's Supper: We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial supper

administered by the authority and instruction of the local church; it symbolizes the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that only members of that particular local church whose spiritual lives are in a right relationship are qualified participants in the Lord's Supper service. We also teach and believe that there is no saving power or grace in either baptism or the Lord's Supper (Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34, Acts 8:36-39, Romans 6:3-5, Matthew 26:17-30).

Article XIV: The Resurrection

We believe and teach that Jesus Christ arose bodily from the grave. We also believe and teach that this resurrection assures all believers the same bodily resurrection when the Lord returns for the saints at the time of the rapture. There will also be a resurrection of the unsaved to stand in judgment before the Lord, known in the Scriptures as the Great White Throne Judgment (Matthew 28:6-7, John 20:27, 1 Corinthians 15:42-52, Hebrews 9:27-28, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

Article XV: The Rapture and Return of Christ

We believe and teach that Jesus Christ shall catch away all believers before the seven year tribulation period. At the close of the great tribulation period the saints will return with Christ to the earth and shall live and reign with Him 1000 years. The rapture of the saints is an imminent truth (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, Revelation 19:11-16, Jude 14-15, Revelation 20:1-6, Zechariah 14:1-5, Titus 2:13).

Article XVI: The Grace of Giving

We believe and teach that God's method of financing His work of spreading the Gospel is by the tithes and offerings of His people in and through the local New Testament church, which is the storehouse. The time to tithe is upon the first day of the week and that everyone is accountable to the Lord for one-tenth of his income and that tithing was instituted before the law and by Christ in the New Testament (Matthew 23:23, Leviticus 27:28-34, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Genesis 14:17-20, Malachi 3:7-10, 2 Corinthians 8:1-8).

Article XVII: Separation of Church and State

We believe that churches and governments should be completely separate; that civil officers should be prayed for and conscientiously honored and

obeyed; that diligence should be exercised in seeking the will of God in all local church matters; that all missionary endeavors should be carried on within the confines of the local church; that mission boards and mission hierarchies tend to corrupt and usurp the authority of the local church. We believe that it is the privilege and right of the local churches to cooperate with each other in carrying out the Great Commission. This cooperation, however, should be carried on in such a manner as to preserve the sovereignty of each local body in all matters of faith and practice (Proverbs 8:15, 1 Peter 2:9-20, Romans 13:1-7).

Article XVIII: Last Things

CHRIST'S RETURN John 14:3, Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, James 5:8, Philippians 3:20-21; **THE RAPTURE** Matthew 24:1-51, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Luke 21:25-31, Zechariah 14:1-8, Mark 13:27-31, Luke 21:8-19; **THE MILLENNIUM** Revelation 20:1-6, Revelation 11:15-17, Isaiah 11:9, Jeremiah 23:5, Isaiah 32:1, Isaiah 2:1-5; **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON** Revelation 16:12-16, Ezekiel 38:1-23, Revelation 19:11-21, Zechariah 12:1-4; **THE TRIBULATION PERIOD** Daniel 12:1, Matthew 24:21, Luke 21:25-26, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Revelation 6:16-17, Revelation 14:10-16, Revelation 16:11-21; **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT** Revelation 20:11-15; **THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS** Zechariah 12:10-14, Matthew 24:38, Zechariah 13:6-9, Romans 11:1-26.

Article XIX: The Plan of Salvation

You need to be saved; “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23. You cannot save yourself; “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us,” Titus 3:5. The law shows us our sinfulness and need of salvation; “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith;” Galatians 3:24. God has provided for your salvation; “Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them,” Hebrews 7:25. Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation; “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6. God wants to save you; “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance,” 2 Peter 3:9. God can save you now; “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13.

Our Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Isaiah 12:2; John 3:16; Acts 16:31), and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:36-38; Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:48; 16:31-34), we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:14-27; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 2:19-22). We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love (1 Corinthians 1:10; Romans 15:5-6; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Amos 3:3; 1 John 2:10); to strive for the advancement of this New Testament Baptist Church in knowledge, holiness and comfort (Hebrews 10:24; Galatians 5:13; 1 Samuel 12:23; James 5:16; 2 Peter 3:18); to promote its prosperity and spirituality (1 Thessalonians 5:14; Matthew 18:17; 2 Corinthians 16:2; Ephesians 4:11-12); to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42; Romans 6:3-14; 1 Peter 2:9; Matthew 18:15-17); to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel to all nations (2 Corinthians 8:14; 9:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Malachi 3:8-10; Hebrews 13:17; Galatians 6:6; Luke 10:7). We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion (2 Corinthians 8:5; Matthew 6:6; 7:7; Luke 18:1); to religiously educate our children (Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:7-12; Proverbs 22:6; 2 Timothy 3:15); to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances (Matthew 5:16; 28:19-20; Romans 9:3; Romans 10:1); to walk circumspectly in the world (Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; 1 John 2:15; Colossians 3:17); to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment (1 Peter 2:12; Hebrews 13:21; Philippians 3:16-18); to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger (Matthew 12:36; Proverbs 26:20; Romans 1:30; Ephesians 4:26; Proverbs 6:16-19); to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage (Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-32; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:22); to abstain from membership in lodges and secret organizations and to avoid taking secret oaths which are contrary to Scripture (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Psalm 1:1; Ephesians 5:11-12; 2 John 9-11; Matthew 5:34-37; James 5:12; Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 5:4-6); and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the work of the Saviour (John 15:16; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 5:20). We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love (Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 5:13; Romans

14:7; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15); to remember each other in prayer (Hebrews 13:18; Ephesians 6:18); to aid each other in sickness and distress (Romans 12:15; Philippians 4:16); to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech (1 John 3:17-18; James 3:13; Colossians 3:17; 4:6); to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the laws of our Saviour, to secure it without delay (1 Corinthians 6:7; Matthew 18:15,21-22; Romans 14:19). We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other New Testament Baptist Church of like faith and practice, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word (Acts 9:19; 18:27; Romans 16:1-2; Hebrews 10:25; Galatians 1:9).

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