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# **Catalog 2017-2018**

# CATALOG FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

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# Bible Institute Schedule 2017 - 2018

#### Courses taught live this year:

Major Prophets I & II

Life of Christ I & II

**Theology Proper** 

**Bibliology** 

# Monday Evening Class Sessions consist of four 40 minute periods:

Session 1 -- 6:30-7:10 Session 2 -- 7:15-7:55

Session 3 -- 8:05-8:45 Session 4 -- 8:50-9:30



#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### A Message from the President

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is dedicated to the principle that the local church is God's organization for the equipping of the preacher and the layman alike for the work of the ministry. Here at LVBBI we are prepared to offer Biblical academic instruction for the man preparing for the pastoral ministry, church-planting ministry, or missionary work; or for the lady who desires to prepare herself for appropriate ministry,



or simply further her education. Our programs offer a convenient schedule of comprehensive Bible courses coupled with opportunities for practical involvement in various church ministries. It is ideal for men or women preparing for the ministry. For others who simply want to further their Bible knowledge for the purpose of service in the local church, we offer a less demanding laymen's program.

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is distinctively Baptist in theology and practice. We believe the Bible is able to fully meet the needs of every individual. We do not apologize for the "faith once delivered to the saints." If you desire to be trained to better serve the Lord as a layman or to prepare for a full-time ministry, you should consider Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute.

Pastor Doug Hammett, D.Min.

#### **History and Purpose**

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute was established in 1979 to provide laymen with a solid formal Bible training. It was designed to help Sunday School Teachers, Junior Church Workers, Ushers, Deacons, Personal Workers, Soulwinners, Parents and all Laymen rightly divide the Word of Truth. At that time twelve courses were required for graduation from the Bible Institute and a diploma was awarded to all those maintaining a C average or above. In 1989, under the direction of Pastor Doug Hammett, the Institute was broadened to include the training of men for the pastoral ministry. Forty-five courses are now required plus field work, a thesis, and the preaching workshop. Most courses are available on video making it possible for a serious Bible student to complete the necessary 106 credit hours in a period of four years. An educational track is available to give young ladies opportunity to further their talents and abilities for the Lord. With Pastor Hammett's direction, Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute has expanded to provide avenues for distance learning as well. Courses are made available via the internet after they are taught locally. This gives students anywhere in the world the opportunity to receive training.

The Bible training opportunity offered here is a smaller Bible institute where the student is developed to the utmost of his/her spiritual abilities. Some of the advantages are affordability, opportunity, accountability, and practicality. Each student is aligned with a good local church where he can develop his abilities and potential. This provides a family atmosphere with close concern for each student. Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute's purpose is to help the student grow in true spiritual character while preparing him academically and practically for Christian service.

"Classes are packed with sound Biblical doctrine mixed with very practical day-to-day advice and teaching. Our instructors are not only knowledgeable, but they are active in the ministry which allows them to share their experiences. God gave the job of training pastors and laymen for the ministry to the local church. Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is fulfilling that responsibility in the lives of its students."

~C.Gable, PA

#### **Location and Facilities**



Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is housed in the facilities of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, which also is home to a Christian day school, printing ministry, bookstore, and ministry offices. Emmaus is a comfortable southwest suburb of the historic city of Allentown, which is the hub of the Lehigh Valley. It is centrally located between Philadelphia, New York City, the Pocono Mountains, and beautiful Lancaster County.



"I chose LVBBI because of the depth of Biblical teaching and the practical nature of the courses offered. The ability to accelerate my learning through online videos was a great help for balancing additional training with present ministry."

~ Nathaniel Williams

#### **DOCTRINAL INFORMATION**

The doctrinal statement of the Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is the same as the Lehigh Valley Baptist Church. (A brief doctrinal statement is offered below, and one is posted at the Information Center of the church's web site – www.lvbaptist.org. A complete statement is available upon request.) All students must be willing to sign the Institute and Church's Doctrinal Statement as a requirement of graduation.

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is a Baptist school without apology, believing that Baptist church polity is Biblical church polity. This school is not Interdenominational or Non-denominational, neither is it New-Evangelical, Calvinistic, nor Charismatic. Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute believes in the historic Baptist principle of teaching the whole counsel of God. The foundation of training here is a sound Biblical philosophy of old-time Baptist beliefs.

#### Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute believes:

- That the Bible is inerrant and complete from Genesis
   1:1 to Revelation 22:21, and that the King James Bible is
   God's preserved Word in English.
- That Jesus was virgin born to Mary by conception of the Holy Ghost and that He is both completely God and man.
- That salvation is by faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ who literally died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day; and is freely offered to all who come to God through Christ in repentance and faith.
- That the church is a local body of born-again, baptized believers organized together to carry out the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19,20; and that a New Testament church is the only authority to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- In the pre-tribulational rapture of all believers, a seven year Tribulation, and a 1,000 year earthly reign of Jesus Christ.

#### **Positions and Affiliations**

This school will not be known as Calvinistic or Arminian. This is an independent historic Baptist church and school. Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute's doctrinal position is not based upon the philosophies of the theologians but upon the eternal Word of God. It is firmly believed that evangelism and church planting should be the heart-beat of the local New Testament Church.

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is fully sponsored and administered by Lehigh Valley Baptist Church in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. This Institute is not connected with any denomination, convention, fellowship, or association. It is an integral ministry of and inseparable from Lehigh Valley Baptist Church.

Lehigh Valley Baptist Church and Bible Institute work with others desirous of sincerely following the Lord and love fellowship with the brethren, but also do not wish domination by any other than the Lord Jesus Christ. This school believes that the Scriptures teach every New Testament Church to be an independent entity.

"Every class is applicable to your life, and the teachers make sure you understand how you can apply it right now. What better place to learn about what independent, fundamental, KJV, local Baptist churches should believe, than in one?"

~R. Hammett, PA

#### **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

Due to its Biblical convictions and purpose of ministry, Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute normally admits only students who are faithful members of independent Baptist churches. All students who are not members of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church must be recommended by their own pastor in order to qualify for admission. Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute adheres to a non-discriminatory policy and will not refuse admission to a student simply on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Members of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church in eleventh grade (high school) and higher may be eligible for admission to the Institute. To apply for either on-campus learning or distance learning a prospective student should:

- 1. Read the Institute's Catalog.
- 2. Obtain the appropriate application form.
- 3. Return the completed application and appropriate fees.
  All fees are to be remitted to Lehigh Valley Baptist Church.
- Send transcript requests to appropriate institutions (with any fees they may charge) for transcripts to be sent to the Registrar at Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute (if applicant is seeking credit transfers).
- Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute will request recommendations from the applicant's pastor (if needed), and make other necessary contacts.
- 6. The Registrar will then contact the applicant.

Applicants may contact Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute with questions or for other information in the following ways:

- 1. Call the church office at (610) 965-4700, or (800) 893-9586;
- E-mail the Registrar at bibleinstitute@lvbaptist.org;
- 3. Write the Registrar at the address below.

Registrar Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute 4702 Colebrook Avenue Emmaus, PA 18049

A completed Application for Admission form and a recommendation from the applicant's pastor are required before any student may be enrolled in Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute.

"If it were not for LVBBI I doubt that I would be in the ministry today. LVBBI made it possible for me both financially and academically to serve the Lord in full time ministry."

~Rod Gable, Pastor, Haven Baptist Church LVBBI Graduate, 1994

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute seeks to keep course fees affordable. The Institute's fees are designed only to offset some of the immediate expenses. All other costs are underwritten by the Lehigh Valley Baptist Church.

#### **On-Campus Learning Students**

All applicable fees are due before the first class period of each trimester. In addition to the course fees, the cost of any required textbooks is also the responsibility of the student. Textbooks can normally be purchased at a much reduced rate from the Church/Institute's bookstore. After the first week of class, no refund will be granted to any student withdrawing from a class.

These prices are effective for the Fall Trimester 2011, and may change (upon the determination of the administration) at any time and without written notice.

#### **Application Fees**

- There is a one-time, non-refundable \$25.00 application fee for each student.
- This fee is normally waived for the members of LVBC.

#### Course Fees

Pastoral/Religious Education Credit --

\$30 / 2 credit hour class

- 1. There is a \$30.00 per course fee, for each course taken toward the Graduate of Theology Diploma.
- There is a \$30.00 per course fee, for each course taken toward the Graduate of Religious Education Diploma.
- Only one course fee required for MN 111-120 (Personal Evangelism Applied – 10 credits) – due prior to receiving first credit.
- Laymen's Division Credit -- \$15/ 2 credit hour class
  - 1. There is a \$15.00 per course fee, for each course taken toward the Layman's Bible Diploma.
  - Only one course fee required for MN 111-113 (Personal Evangelism Applied – 3 credits) – due prior to receiving first credit.

#### **Distance Learning Students**

All applicable fees are due before courses may be commenced. In addition to the course fees, the cost of any required textbooks is also the responsibility of the student. Textbooks can normally be purchased at a much reduced rate from the Institute's bookstore. After the first week of class, no refund will be granted to any student withdrawing from a class.



#### **Application Fees**

 There is a one-time, non-refundable \$25.00 application fee for each student.

#### **Course Fees**

 There is a \$30.00 per course fee, for all courses taken via the internet.

"What I appreciate the most about LVBBI was the Bible intensive training situated in a local church environment, preparing for ministry the way the Lord intended -under the tutelage and instruction of a Godly pastor. I highly recommend LVBBI to any person looking to further his/her understanding of the Scriptures and certainly to those looking to prepare for ministry in a God ordained local church setting."

~Jeff Allison, Missionary to the Czech Republic LVBBI Graduate, 2001

#### **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

#### **Programs of Study Offered**

The Programs of study offered at Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute are designed to challenge students academically, help them practically, and motivate them spiritually. These programs are intended to develop and prepare the student for actual service in ministry.

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute offers three tracks of study. Applicants may choose between:

- The Graduate of Theology Diploma (Pastoral and ministry training for men only)
- The Graduate of Religious Education Diploma
- The Layman's Bible Diploma

See below for criteria and Graduation Requirements of each. Individualized programs of study are sometimes developed for qualified applicants, at the discretion of the Administration.

#### **Graduation Requirements**

Pastoral students (men training for pastoral or missions work) completing 92 credit hours of classroom instruction, 10 credit hours of field evangelism, 2 credit hours of actual preaching, and 2 credit hours of an approved thesis will receive a **Graduate of Theology Diploma** (Th.G.). Education students completing 94 credit hours of classroom instruction, 10 credit hours of field evangelism, and 2 credit hours of an independent study will be awarded the **Graduate of Religious Education Diploma** (G.R.E.). For those completing 24 credit hours of classroom instruction plus 3 credit hours of field evangelism a **Layman's Bible Diploma** is awarded. This Layman's Diploma is restricted to approved members of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church only.

#### **General Class Schedule**

Each school year consists of three 11-week trimesters commencing in late August/early September and concluding the following May. Multiple courses are taught each trimester, and courses

are available for certain students to take online, thus expediting graduation.

As classes are taught on campus and recorded digitally, they may become available for distance learning students via the Internet.

Applicants and students may request specific information regarding class scheduling and availability for On-Campus Learning or Distance Learning by contacting the Academic Dean. Please see the **Current Course Descriptions** for a list of classes that are presently taught live on a rotating basis at the institute.

"I am quite thankful for the opportunity to be educated through the Lord's Church, and in the process, be busy serving the Lord at the same time in my home church."

> ~George Hammett, Missionary to South Africa LVBBI Graduate, 2000

#### **Pastoral Supervision**

Since Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is committed to the Biblical authority of the New Testament church and to the principle of local church training, each student must have the recommendation and supervision of his/her pastor.

#### **On-Campus Learning**

Members of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church train under the supervision of the Pastoral Staff of the church. Students attending, who are members of area churches, will train here in conjunction with their own pastor's supervision.

#### **Distance Learning**

Due to the nature of "distance learning," Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute can only provide academic training. The student's pastor must provide the practical training necessary for ministry training. Also, the student's pastor will supervise the field evangelism and other practical areas required for graduation.

#### Homework

Since this is college level training, students should be prepared to take quizzes, write papers, take meticulous notes, complete outside reading and other various assignments, and take a final examination as would be expected in any college level work. Students are required to submit a notebook at the end of every course, unless otherwise specified by the instructor. Failure to submit a notebook denotes course failure. Generally speaking, there is a weekly quiz over the previous week's lecture material unless otherwise indicated by the teacher. Specific requirements and instructions for each course are determined and explained by the course instructor. Individual course requirements for those pursuing the Layman's Bible Diploma are less stringent.

"Each course has been useful for me, and my personal convictions are always strengthened as a result of Bible Institute."

~A. Hammond, PA

#### **Grading System**

The methods of testing and grading for each course are at the discretion of the Instructor. The grading system is as follows:

| Letter Grade: | Designation (Percentage): | Grade Point Value: |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Α             | Excellent (93-100)        | 4 grade points     |
| В             | Above Average (85-92)     | 3 grade points     |
| С             | Average <b>(77-84)</b>    | 2 grade points     |
| D             | Below Average (69-76)     | 1 grade point      |
| F             | Failure <b>(0-68)</b>     | 0 grade points     |
| Inc*          | Incomplete                | 0 grade points     |
| WP            | Withdrew Passing          | 0 grade points     |
| WF            | Withdrew Failing          | 0 grade points     |

\*Note: "Inc" becomes an "F" if all work is not completed within two (2) weeks after the Final Examination. In cases of extenuating circumstances exceptions to this policy may be considered at the discretion of the Administration.

Any student who is absent from class more than two lectures will receive a reduced grade for the course. In cases of extenuating

circumstances exceptions to this policy may be considered at the discretion of the Administration. The standard to be followed is:

3 or more absences – 10 percentage points off of final grade;

5 or more absences – 25 percentage points off of final grade;

7 or more absences – 35 percentage points off of final grade.

\*Absences are counted per lecture.

"LVBBI is a real blessing, and I praise God for the faithfulness you have to this ministry."

~J. Reeves, Maryland

#### **Textbooks**

- 1. Students will need a King James Version of the Bible for all class work. Only the King James Version is used.
- 2. Many classes provide a teaching syllabus for the student. The cost of syllabi is generally included in the course fee.
- 3. Textbooks and other materials may be assigned, which are the responsibility of the student to acquire. Students are encouraged to purchase these materials (rather than borrow) to build a personal library. Books are available for purchase through the Institute bookstore, at a reduced cost.

Note: All required textbooks can be purchased online at www.baptist-books.com

#### **Accreditation**

Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is not accredited, nor is it our intent to seek any secular accreditation for our programs of study. Students should note that work completed at this school may not be accepted at or by other institutions –secular or other wise.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

#### **Attendance Requirements**

Students may not miss more than two lectures of any given class without academic penalty. Special exceptions may be granted, but only by the President or Dean of the Institute. Excused absences may be remedied online, and any missed assignments or quizzes will need to be taken within one week of the absence. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the instructor or Dean for all make-up work.

#### **Church Attendance and Service**

Since each student is to be a faithful member of his local church, every student is expected to be in attendance at all church services and visitation of his church each week. Failure to be faithful in church attendance and service may result in restriction from attending classes or in dismissal from the Institute.

#### **Dress Code**

Men: A dress shirt and trousers should be worn to class. Hair

should be neatly above the ear and off the collar.

Ladies: A modest, knee-length dress or skirt and blouse should

be worn to class.

#### **Discipline**

If the need for discipline should arise due to personal conduct or causing dissension within the student body, a student may be dismissed immediately by the President (Romans 16:17).

#### **Faculty**

The faculty of the Lehigh Valley Baptist Bible Institute is comprised primarily of the Pastoral and Missionary Staff of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church. Occasionally special guest instructors are brought in to teach courses in their particular areas of expertise.

#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

From time to time required or elective classes may change in title, content, scope, or otherwise in an effort to improve the Institute's ministry. Also, new classes are added from time to time, but the overall graduation requirements remain the same.

#### **Course Codes and Numbering**

**TH** = Theology Courses

BI = Bible courses

MN = Ministry

**GE** = General Education **RE** = Religious Education

\*The first of the three whole digits indicates the suggested year level of the course, and the decimal indicates the credit value for the course. \*Generally, the higher the course number, the greater

the work load.

"I appreciated the discipleship environment that was made possible by the small size of the classes and my close relationship with the instructors. I am thankful for the instruction that I received at LVBBI and the way in which it prepared me for a lifetime of serving Christ!"

~Roland Hammett, Pastor LVBBI Graduate. 1999

#### **Program Curriculums**

#### **Graduate of Theology Diploma**

This program is designed to prepare men for pastoral or missionary related ministries. Men will be grounded in Bible content, doctrine, and understanding, as well as practical ministry areas. Pastoral students must complete 92 credit hours of classroom instruction, 10 credit hours of field evangelism, 2 credit hours of actual preaching, and 2 credit hours of an approved thesis, in order to receive the *Graduate of Theology Diploma* (Th.G.). The curriculum below reflects the suggested track for completing the required and elective courses.

# **Graduate of Theology Diploma**

|          | First Year Students:                          |
|----------|---|
| TH 101.2 | Theology Proper                               |
| BI 111.2 | Old Testament Survey I                        |
| BI 121.2 | New Testament Survey I                        |
| GE 101.2 | English I                                     |
| 8        |   |
| TH 102.2 | Bibliology                                    |
| BI 112.2 | Old Testament Survey II                       |
| MN 101.2 | Personal Evangelism I                         |
| GE 102.2 | English II                                    |
| MN111.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied I                 |
| 9        |   |
| BI 113.2 | Old Testament Survey III                      |
| BI 122.2 | New Testament Survey II                       |
| MN 102.2 | Personal Evangelism II                        |
| GE 103.2 | English III - not needed if 6 credits already |
| MN112.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied II                |
| 9        |   |
|          | Second Year Students:                         |
| TH 201.2 | Christology                                   |
| BI 221.2 | Life of Christ I                              |
| BI 223.2 | Pauline Epistles I                            |
| MN 201.2 | Church Planting                               |
| MN 113.1 | Personal Evangelism Applied III               |
| 9        | r craonar Evangenam Applica III               |
| TH 202.2 | Soteriology                                   |
| BI 222.2 | Life of Christ II                             |
|          |   |
| BI 224.2 | Pauline Epistles II                           |
| MN 202.2 | Church Building                               |
| MN114.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied IV                |
| 9        |   |
| TH 203.2 | Hamartiology/Anthropology                     |
| MN 203.2 | Introduction to Missions                      |
| GE 201.2 | Cults   |
| .2       | Elective                                      |
| MN115.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied V                 |
| 9        |   |

## **Graduate of Theology Diploma**

#### Third Year Students:

| TH 301.2<br>BI 311.2<br>BI 323.2<br>MN 301.2<br>MN 116.1<br>9<br>TH 302.2<br>BI 312.2<br>BI 324.2 | Angelology/Demonology Major Prophets I General Epistles I Biblical Counseling I Personal Evangelism Applied VI  Pneumatology Major Prophets II General Epistles II Elective |
|---|---|
| MN117.1<br>9  | Personal Evangelism Applied VII   |
| MN 302.2<br>MN 303.2<br>GE 301.2<br>.2<br>MN118.1   | Homiletics I Pastoral Theology Hermeneutics Elective Personal Evangelism Applied VIII   |
|   | Fourth Year Students:   |
| TH 401.2<br>BI 413.2<br>BI 421.2<br>GE 401.2<br>MN119.1   | Ecclesiology I<br>Minor Prophets I<br>Romans<br>Baptist History I<br>Personal Evangelism Applied IX   |
| TH 402.2<br>BI 414.2<br>MN 401.2<br>GE 402.2<br>MN120.1   | Ecclesiology II Minor Prophets II Pastoral Counseling I Baptist History II Personal Evangelism Applied X  |
| TH 403.2<br>MN 304.2<br>MN 402.2<br>GE 421.2  | Eschatology<br>Homiletics II<br>Preaching Workshop<br>Written Thesis  |
| 106 Total   | Credits Earned  |

#### **Graduate of Religious Education Diploma**

This program is designed to prepare women for church or Christian School related ministries. Ladies will be grounded in Bible content, doctrine, and facets of Christian Education, as well as various areas of practical ministry. Education students completing 94 credit hours of classroom instruction, 10 credit hours of field evangelism, and 2 credit hours of an independent study will be awarded the **Graduate of Religious Education Diploma** (G.R.E.).

### **Graduate of Religious Education Diploma**

First Year Students:

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| TH 101.2 | Theology Proper                 |
| BI 111.2 | Old Testament Survey I          |
| BI 121.2 | New Testament Survey I          |
| GE 101.2 | English I                       |
| 8        |                                 |
| TH 102.2 | Bibliology                      |
| BI 112.2 | Old Testament Survey II         |
| MN 101.2 | Personal Evangelism I           |
| GE 102.2 | English II                      |
| MN111.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied I   |
| 9        |                                 |
| BI 113.2 | Old Testament Survey III        |
| BI 122.2 | New Testament Survey II         |
| MN 102.2 | Personal Evangelism II          |
| GE 102.2 | English III                     |
| MN112.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied II  |
| 9        |                                 |
|          |                                 |
|          | Second Year Students:           |
| TH 201.2 | Christology                     |
| BI 221.2 | Life of Christ I                |
| BI 223.2 | Pauline Epistles I              |
| RE 201.2 | Philosophy of Education         |
| MN113.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied III |
| 9        |                                 |
| TH 202.2 | Soteriology                     |
| BI 222.2 | Life of Christ II               |
| BI 224.2 | Pauline Epistles II             |
| RE 202.2 | Instructional Techniques        |
|          |                                 |

| MN114.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied IV |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 9        |                                |
| TH 203.2 | Hamartiology/Anthropology      |
| MN 203.2 | Introduction to Missions       |
| GE 201.2 | Cults                          |
| RE 302.2 | Child Growth and Development   |
| MN115.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied V  |
| 9        |                                |

## **Graduate of Religious Education Diploma**

|          | Third Year Students:                         |
|----------|--|
| TH 301.2 | Angelology/Demonology                        |
| BI 311.2 | Major Prophets I                             |
| BI 323.2 | General Epistles I                           |
| .2       | Elective                                     |
| MN116.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied VI               |
| 9        |  |
| TH 302.2 | Pneumatology                                 |
| BI 312.2 | Major Prophets II                            |
| BI 324.2 | General Epistles II                          |
| RE 303.2 | Adolescent Psychology                        |
| MN117.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied VII              |
| 9        |  |
| RE 305.2 | Assessment (Tests & Measurements)            |
| RE 401.2 | Curriculum Development                       |
| RE 4022  | Discovering & Encouraging Every Kind of Mind |
| GE 221.2 | Women in Christian Service                   |
| MN118.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied VIII             |
| 9        |  |
|          | Fourth Year Students:                        |
| TH 401.2 | Ecclesiology I                               |
| BI 413.2 | Minor Prophets I                             |
| BI 421.2 | Romans                                       |
| GE 401.2 | Baptist History I                            |
| MN119.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied IX               |
| 9        |  |
| TH 402.2 | Ecclesiology II                              |
| BI 414.2 | Minor Prophets II                            |
| .2       | Religious Education Elective                 |
| GE 402.2 | Baptist History II                           |
| MN120.1  | Personal Evangelism Applied X                |

| 9        |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| TH 403.2 | Eschatology               |
| .4       | Electives [2 courses]     |
| GE 422.2 | Independent Study Project |
| 8        |                           |
|          |                           |

#### Layman's Bible Diploma

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This program is designed to equip members of Lehigh Valley Baptist Church to better serve the Lord in the church as Sunday School Teachers, Junior Church Workers, Ushers, Deacons, Personal Workers, and Soulwinners. For those completing 24 credit hours of classroom instruction plus 3 credit hours of field evangelism, a *Layman's Bible Diploma* is awarded.

**Total Credits Earned** 

Those taking courses as "Layman" are simply required to attend, keep a notebook, and take any/all tests (also quizzes, exams, etc.) to get a Passing grade for the course (no matter what the actual grade would be). Laymen are simply eligible to get a "Pass" or "Fail" mark for the course. They will pass, provided they meet the above requirements.

#### Required Courses:

| TH 102.2<br>TH 401.2<br>TH 402.2<br>BI 111.2<br>BI 112.2<br>BI 121.2<br>BI 121.2<br>BI 122.2<br>MN 101.2 | Bibliology Ecclesiology I Ecclesiology II Old Testament Survey I Old Testament Survey II Old Testament Survey III New Testament Survey I New Testament Survey II Personal Evangelism I |
|--|--|
|  | •  |
| MN 102.2<br>HI 401.2   | Personal Evangelism II Baptist History I   |
| HI 401.2<br>MN111-113.3  | Baptist History II Practical Evangelism Applied  |
|  | <u> </u>   |

#### 27 Total Credits Earned

## **Current Course Descriptions**

#### **THEOLOGY**

- **TH 101.2 -- THEOLOGY PROPER:** A systematic study of the doctrine of God. Discussed are His existence, nature, attributes and dealings with mankind.
- **TH 102.2 -- BIBLIOLOGY**: An in depth study of the revelation, inspiration, and preservation of Scripture.
- **TH 201.2 -- CHRISTOLOGY:** Lectures on the doctrine of Christ including His deity, humanity and redemptive work on the behalf of sinners.
- **TH 202.2 -- SOTERIOLOGY**: Thorough series of sessions on the subject of salvation. Repentance, adoption, sanctification, eternal security, faith, Calvinism and Arminianism are among the subjects matters taught.
- **TH 203.2 -- HAMARTIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY:** A combined course dealing with the doctrines of sin (its effects on man, angels, and creation) and man (his nature, fall, and depravity).
- **TH 301.2 -- ANGELOLOGY/DEMONOLOGY:** A combined course of study encompassing the nature and activities of angels as well as Satan and his host of demons.
- **TH 302.2 -- PNEUMATOLOGY:** An in-depth consideration of the Holy Spirit, His nature and His work among the creation. The gifts of the Spirit are especially noted.
- **TH 401.2, 402.2 -- ECCLESIOLOGY I, II**: A study of the doctrine of the local church, God's program in this age. Included are its beginnings, continuation, and authority.

"I consider it a great privilege to have studied and graduated through LVBBI. Those who teach in the Institute are dedicated to producing students who are reliant upon the teaching of scripture and not the philosophy of men. Lehigh Valley Baptist Church has started this Institute to follow Christ's call to send out laborers and the dedication to this call is demonstrated throughout the entire staff."

~Benjamin Hall LVBBI Graduate, 2011 **TH 403.2 -- ESCHATOLOGY**: A study of last things, examining the various tribulational and millennial viewpoints with a Biblical defense of pre-tribulationalism and pre-millennialism.

#### **BIBLE**

- **BI 111.2,112.2,113.2 -- OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I, II, III:** A survey of the books of the Old Testament from a basic chronological approach, considering the historical and dispensational periods relating to each book. These courses must be taken in consecutive order.
  - O.T. Survey I Genesis through Deuteronomy, and Job
  - O.T. Survey II Joshua through II Chronicles, and Psalms through Song of Solomon
  - O.T. Survey III Ezra through Esther, and Isaiah through Malachi
- **BI 121.2 ,122.2 -- NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY I, II**: A survey of the books of the New Testament with special emphasis given to the authorship, doctrinal, and historical framework of each book.
  - N.T. Survey I Matthew through Acts
  - N.T. Survey II Romans through Revelation
- **BI 211.2 -- CREATION SCIENCE** (Elective): A series of sessions produced by the Institute for Creation Research covering the subjects of science, creation, evolution, and the fossil record.
- **BI 212.2 -- TABERNACLE** (Elective): This class examines the typology of the Old Testament Tabernacle; an examination is made of the major aspects of the Tabernacle and their New Testament significance.
- **BI 221.2, 222.2 -- LIFE OF CHRIST I, II**: A comprehensive and harmonistic study of the earthly life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the four gospels.
- **BI 223.2, 224.2 -- PAULINE EPISTLES I, II**: A study of the background and a basic analysis of Romans through Philemon. Major themes and doctrines of each epistle are emphasized. Each book is outlined in detail.

Pauline Epistles I - Romans through Galatians

Pauline Epistles II -- Ephesians through Philemon

BI 311.2, 312.2 -- MAJOR PROPHETS I, II: An analytical study of the historical backgrounds and major prophetic messages of Isaiah,

Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. These classes are best suited for consecutive consideration and study.

**BI 323.2, 324.2 -- GENERAL EPISTLES I,II:** A study of James through Jude, with emphasis being given to the doctrine and interpretation of the texts of the books and showing the importance of implementing truth into the daily walk of the believer.

General Epistles I - James, I Peter General Epistles II -- II Peter; I, II, III John; Jude

**BI 325.2 -- HEBREWS** (Elective): A systematic and in-depth study of this beautiful and doctrinal book of the New Testament.

**BI 326.2 -- REVELATION** (Elective): A careful examination of God's promises and plans which He has made known and will fulfill. It reveals things to come from a pre-millennial and pre-tribulational viewpoint.

**BI 413.2, 414.2 -- MINOR PROPHETS I, II**: A thorough study of the small but potent prophecies prior, during, and after the fall of Israel and Judah.

Minor Prophets I - Hosea through Micah Minor Prophets II - Nahum through Malachi

**BI 421.2** -- **ROMANS**: A systematic exposition of this doctrinal epistle emphasizing Christ's completed work for the sinner and saint as well as its practical application in the life of the believer.

#### **MINISTRY**

MN 101.2, 102.2 -- PERSONAL EVANGELISM I, II: The gospel is clearly defined; and Scriptural methods of personally winning souls to Christ, baptizing them, and discipling them in the local church are taught.

MN 111.1-120.1 – PERSONAL (PRACTICAL) EVANGELISM APPLIED: "Hands on" experience whereby the student becomes involved in regular soulwinning and discipleship. Regularity plus a submitted written report of activities is required thus earning the student *one credit hour for each trimester* he/she is involved in the application of classroom instruction.

MN 201.2 -- CHURCH PLANTING (Th.G.): A practical training course including the church planter himself, advertising, financing, services, organization, location, sermons, legal needs,

and more. Vital information for starting a New Testament church in this age is taught.

**MN 202.2 -- CHURCH BUILDING** (Th.G.): This course provides the necessary information for church growth. It involves such subjects as taking a church, charting her course, and accomplishing steady growth through Biblical and practical methodology.

MN 203.2 -- INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS: This course consists of an examination of the Biblical basis and necessity of missions, with consideration given to proper methodology in missions.

MN 301.2 -- BIBLICAL COUNSELING: This course will help the counselor to identify core areas of sin in a counselee's life, companion sins, and God's way to victory. This course employs Pastor Doug Hammett's counseling manual and gives instruction in its use. A nouthetic and confrontational approach to people is the method encouraged by the teacher. This course is practical and beneficial for any Christian desirous of helping others work through life's problems.

MN 302.2 – HOMILETICS I (Th.G.): A study of the preparation and delivery of sermons with special emphasis on types, content, and sources of material of sermons.

MN 303.2 -- PASTORAL THEOLOGY (Th.G.): Accentuates the leadership, qualifications, and qualities of the pastor. Instruction given on pastoral ethics; including his commitment, personal finances, witnessing, staff and administration.

MN 304.2 – HOMILETICS II (Th.G.): A continuing study with more in depth study of the principles of expository preaching.

MN 401.2 – PASTORAL COUNSELING I (Th.G.): Foundations of Biblical Pastoral counsel are taught. Need, qualifications, goal, and survey of other methods are just a few among the many items communicated by the instructor.

MN 402.2 -- PREACHING WORKSHOP (Th.G.): Pre-requisite to this course is MN 302 Homiletics. The student prepares messages

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> ~Rachel H. LVBBI Graduate, 2009

- and preaches in various ministries of the church. The video taped sermon delivery and content is then evaluated by the pastor and personal counsel given to the student.
- MN 403.2 PRACTICAL MINISTRY (Th.G. Elective): A practical training course with "hands on" involvement in other churches and ministries. This is a 2 month course that enhances the student's understanding of the day-to-day work of the pastor.
- MN 409.2 MISSIONS STRATEGY (Th.G. Elective): Discussion and examination of different strategies used in missions. Consideration will be given to how to choose a strategy and implement that strategy for a particular field. Particular attention will be given to possible strategies to employ in creating a Church Planting Movement.
- MN 501.2 -- PASTORAL COUNSELING II (Th.G. Elective): A followup course to Pastoral Counseling I stressing the reasons people behave as they do and providing a Biblical model for change. A nouthetic and confrontational approach to people is the method encouraged by the teacher.
- MN 404.2 INTERCESSION AND MISSIONS (Elective): Veteran missionary, Milton Martin, teaches about the importance of prayer as a spiritual weapon for effective ministry.
- MN 405.2 MISSIONARY OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM (Elective): A study of missionary outreach techniques, with an emphasis on mass literature evangelism. Taught by missionary Milton Martin.
- MN 406.2 INDIGENOUS PRINCIPLES (Elective): A series of lessons explaining the indigenous principle (training national men to reach their own people) and how to incorporate this principle into ministry on the foreign field. Taught by missionary Milton Martin.
- MN 407.2 THE DEPENDENCY SYNDROME (Elective): A course that uncovers the danger of national men relying upon the resources of a foreign missionary, and directs instruction toward a full and personal dependence upon God's provision.
- MN 408.2 LANGUAGE LEARNING / SOLUTIONS (Elective): Missionaries Milton Martin and George Anderson give an overview of language learning techniques and resources.

#### **GENERAL EDUCATION**

- **GE 101.2, 102.2, 103.2-- ENGLISH**: These credits may be earned elsewhere and transferred to LVBBI, or may be completed through PACES (independent work) for College Level English. Six credits total are needed for English.
- **GE 201.2 -- CULTS**: An overview of the major cults of the world such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Seventh-Day Adventists, and the New Age movement.
- **GE 211.2 -- MUSIC THEORY** (Elective): A basic overview course on the subject of music and its importance in the New Testament church.
- **GE 221.2 WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE**: This course details what the Bible says about being the woman God intended, and the place of women in serving Christ. The role of a woman whose husband is in full-time Christian service as a pastor or a missionary is also considered.
- **GE 301.2 -- HERMENEUTICS** (Th.G.): A study of the science of interpretation of the Word of God by numerous principles based on the Scriptures themselves.
- **GE 302.2 THE PASTOR'S ASSISTANT** (Elective): Consideration of the varying roles of the "second man" in the local church.
- **GE 311.2 SURVEY OF GREEK** (Elective): A basic introduction to NT Greek, equipping the student to better use Bible study tools available today.
- **GE 401.2, 402.2 -- BAPTIST HISTORY I, II:** This course traces the history of Baptists from the time of Christ through the present emphasizing particularly the movement of Bible Christianity westward through Europe and into America.
- **GE 411.2 -- APOLOGETICS** (Elective): A defense of historical Christianity as stated in the Scriptures.
- **GE 421.2 -- WRITTEN THESIS** (TH.G.): A 10,000 word dissertation stating and proving a truth related to the ministry, under the supervision and guidance of an advisor.
- **GE 422.2 INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT** (G.R.E.): An appropriate research project related to a specific aspect of Christian Education, under the supervision and guidance of an advisor.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- **RE 201.2 PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION:** History of education and contrasts of philosophies of education with a thorough explanation of the Biblical philosophy of education.
- **RE 202.2 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES (Teaching Methods):** Explanation of how to prepare and present a unit with objectives and a survey of different methods of teaching and what makes an effective teacher.
- **RE 302.2 CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:** Characteristics of students from toddler through adolescence with an emphasis on how to teach at the various levels.
- **RE 303.2 ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY:** Survey of the physical, emotional, spiritual, and cognitive characteristics of teens at various stages in their development.
- **RE 304.2 PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT** (Elective): Strategies for use in the classroom to keep students on task and to handle problems that arise.
- **RE 305.2 ASSESSMENT (Tests and Measurement):** How to write effective classroom tests and how to administer and interpret standardized tests.
- **RE 401.2 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT:** How to determine what should be taught at each grade level, how to lay out a course and determine if objectives have been met.
- **RE 402.2 –DISCOVERING AND ENCOURAGING EVERY KIND OF MIND:** This course will develop an understanding of how students learn and think, and give a special emphasis on ways to help students who struggle.
- **RE 403.2 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (HOW STUDENTS LEARN)** (Elective): How students learn and can be motivated to learn.
- **RE 404.2 ISSUES IN EDUCATION** (Elective): Involves researching several topics pertinent to Christian education today.
- RE 405.2 CURRICULUM AND METHODS IN SUBJECT AREAS (Elective): Reading, Math, World History, U.S. History, Earth Science, Life Science—independent individualized projects to improve a potential teacher's mastery of basic academic subject matter.

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