

Open Door Bible Institute

A local church ministry equipping
pastors, missionaries and Christian
education workers for the ministry of our
Lord Jesus Christ

*And the things that thou hast heard of me
among many witnesses, the same commit
thou to faithful men, who shall be able to
teach others also.*

II Timothy 2:2



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ADMINISTRATION
Craig L. Griffith, President

Dear Friend,

Open Door Bible Institute exists for the purpose of training men and women for ministry. We believe people need solid Biblical teaching, clear and practical instruction and a pioneer spirit if they are to be successful in ministry, rather than the typical college setting, learning doctrinal truth with no practical training. Whether you are considering full time ministry or becoming more active in your local church, ODBI may be the place for you!

ODBI is a ministry of Open Door Baptist Church, which is a growing congregation with a burden to please the Lord, and reach the world for Christ. We have many ministries to meet the needs of our people and to reach out to our community, including Lebanon Christian Academy, an active Sunday school program, youth ministries, Seasoned Seniors, regular visitation/evangelism outreach, Faith Promise missions, adult choir, nursing home ministries and the Bible institute itself. We believe that a growing local church provides the ideal setting for a Bible institute and solid training.



I encourage you to prayerfully consider Open Door Bible Institute!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Craig L. Griffith, Sr.
President

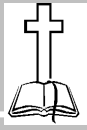


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GENERAL INFORMATION

Open Door Bible Institute is a ministry of Open Door Baptist Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. We believe and affirm the Biblical teaching that God gives to the local church the duty and privilege of furthering the work and message of Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; I Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:24-25). We believe this includes the equipping of workers for the confirmation and defense of the gospel (II Tim. 2:2).

From its beginning in 1963, God has kept His good hand on Open Door Baptist Church, making it an expanding ministry of winning souls and perfecting saints. The extensive variety of church ministries provides a profitable diversity of opportunities for learning and service. From a Biblical viewpoint, this is clearly a fundamental advantage and strength at ODBI.

Offering a complete program of Biblical studies, ODBI seeks to meet the needs of the serious student of God's Word as he or she prepares for a life of labor for Christ. At ODBI you will find challenge and opportunity together with others who want their lives to count for Christ and eternity.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

It is our purpose, as a ministry of Open Door Baptist Church, to equip men and women for the work of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Word of God; ministering an intensive, Bible-based, and Bible-oriented curriculum within a local church and Bible institute setting. Toward that end, we seek to implement and advance the following objectives through the ministry of ODBI.

- To give the student clear and faithful instruction in the Bible and related disciplines that each one might be rooted and built up in Christ, and established in the faith (Col. 2:7, 3:16).

- To equip the student for a life characterized by diligent study in the Holy Scriptures as he learns to rightly divide the Word of truth; holding God's Word "fast" and "forth" (II Tim. 3:16-17).
- To encourage the student in his personal walk with God, promoting genuine godliness and growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:2-8, 3:18).
- To assist the student as he seeks to prove God's will for his life and walk (Psalm 37:23, 119:133; Romans 12:1-2).
- To engage the student in the Lord's service and ministry during his academic training, putting into practice the lessons of the classroom (Matt. 22:37-39; I Cor. 15:58).
- To strengthen the student through God's Word and godly example for faithful testimony, patient endurance and holy living, even in perilous times (II Tim. 3:10-15).
- To challenge the student concerning his part in the work of God during this age through the local church (Ephesians 2:10; I Tim. 3:15).

HISTORY

Open Door Bible Institute began in the fall of 2003. The pastor and people of Open Door Baptist Church recognized the need for advanced Bible instruction and training for those burdened to serve in the local church or in full time ministry.

In order to address this need ODBI was opened. Classes currently meet one night per week and plans are being made for further expansion as God directs.

The heart of ODBI and ODBC is to effectively equip and train men and women for the ministry. We see the fields white unto harvest and we note the needs in local churches. Our prayer is that we be used to prepare men and women to stand in the battle, filling the gap until Christ returns!

DOCTRINE

- We believe that the Bible (complete with the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments) is the verbally inspired Word of God, and is inerrant in the

original writings. We believe the Bible is the supreme and final authority for faith and life (II Tim. 3:15-17).

- We believe that there is but one living and true God, eternally existing and revealed in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the same in substance, equal in power and glory (Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19).
- We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; that He is true God and true man (I Tim. 2:5, 3:16).
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire. We believe that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and, in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed; and are totally unable to save themselves (Romans 3:23, 5:12, 18-19; II Tim. 1:9; Rev. 20:15).
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in His are justified on the ground of His shed blood (I Cor. 15:2-4; Rom. 3:23-28).
- We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His bodily ascension into heaven, and in His present life and ministry there as high priest and advocate (Heb. 7:25; I John 2:1).
- We believe in one condition of salvation, which is the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior; and we believe a godly sorrow for sin and a godly life are the fruits thereof (John 1:12-13, 14:6).
- We believe in the Divine Personality of the Holy Spirit; that He is God; and that His ministry is to glorify Jesus Christ and reveal Him to men. His work is to convict men of sin; to regenerate, indwell, and set apart the believer to a holy life (John 14:26, 16:8, 16:14, Acts 5:3-4).
- We believe in the imminent and pretribulational coming of Jesus Christ from heaven for His Church. (John 14:2-3; I Thess. 1:10, 4:13-18; Titus 2:13). We believe in the personal and premillennial return of Jesus Christ with His Church to earth in order to establish and reign over His Kingdom (Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-20:4).
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost (John 5:28-29; I Thess. 4:17; Rev. 20:15; II Thess. 1:7-9).

- We believe that Baptism is an ordinance commanded by Christ, and is the immersion of the believer in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:36-39).
- We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance commanded by Christ to be observed by believers, and is a remembrance of His death until He comes again (I Cor. 11:23-26).
- We believe that, through personal faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, God gives by grace to every believer eternal life, the very life of Christ dwelling in us; hence, we are eternally secure (John 6:47-58, 10:28; I John 5:11-13).
- We accept the Genesis account of creation as a literal and historical work of God, occurring in six days, each day consisting of twenty-four (24) hours; we believe that man came by direct creation of God; created a full man, not by evolution (Gen. 1:1-2:25; Ex. 20:11; John 1:3; Heb. 11:3).

DISTINCTIVES

- Tongues and Healing: We believe God's program is operating today exclusive of the nine gifts of the Spirit listed in I Corinthians 12:7-11. According to I Corinthians 13 these gradually ended as the New Testament was completed.
- Ecclesiastical Separation: We believe the Bible is clear (II Cor. 6:14-18; Rom. 16:17-18; II Thess. 3:6; II John 10) when it teaches the matter of separation from unbelief, apostasy and compromise. We, therefore, repudiate ecumenism represented today in the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals and the Charismatic Movement.
- Bible Versions: We are committed to the belief that the original writings of the Word of God are best represented in the Textus Receptus. The King James Version of the Bible is used exclusively in all classes.
- Local Church: We believe God's program for today is to be centered in the local church. For this reason Open Door Baptist Church began and operates Open Door Bible Institute.
- Bible Interpretation: Applying consistent literal hermeneutics, we approach the Scriptures from a standard dispensational point of view.

LOCATION

The Institute is located in a pleasant rural region on the outskirts of the growing Lebanon City. Lebanon County offers a diversity of environments, from city and small town to suburbia and country. Lebanon is the home of a few colleges and is also a center for marketing, banking, industry, and other activities. Such a location provides a balanced environment for learning and practicing the many facets of the ministry.

Lebanon is about 25 miles north of Lancaster, 35 miles east of Harrisburg, and is easily reached in all directions. Route 422 leads directly into Lebanon from the east and west. The PA Turnpike provides convenient access to the area as well at the Lebanon/Lancaster exit #266.

FACILITIES

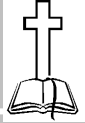
Open Door Bible Institute utilizes the facilities of Open Door Baptist Church. In addition to classrooms and library the Institute has access to the 200-seat auditorium, gymnasium, athletic fields and other facilities on the 10-acre site. Plans for future expansion call for additional properties, a new and larger auditorium and more classrooms.

As a ministry of the Church, Open Door Bible Institute operates a bookstore, making available a variety of good books, Christian educational materials, music and tapes at reasonable costs. Institute students may purchase their required texts through the bookstore at discounted prices.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Obtain a student application by writing: Open Door Bible Institute, 875 Academy Drive, Lebanon, PA 17046; or call (717) 272-6442.
2. Complete the application and attach a written statement of your personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
3. Return your application and testimony with the application fee to the Institute. Make checks payable to Open Door Bible Institute.

4. An official transcript of your high school grades and graduation should be sent directly to ODBI. If you have earned college credit elsewhere, have the institution forward transcripts directly to the Institute. The applicant is responsible to make these arrangements.
5. You will be notified as soon as possible regarding the status of your application.
6. If accepted for studies at ODBI, you will receive additional information regarding student registration, course offerings and important dates.
7. By entering the Institute, you agree to keep the standards of conduct as outlined in this catalog and other publications of the Institute.



STUDENT LIFE

HOUSING

Although the institute does not presently operate dormitories for students on campus, Lebanon, as a college town, has many rooms and apartments for rent. Christian families from Open Door Baptist Church and other churches nearby may also have rental facilities available. Adequate housing is available and the Institute is committed to helping meet that need.

EMPLOYMENT

There are many opportunities for employment in the Lebanon area. Often the Institute becomes aware of specific work opportunities. However, full-time students are strongly advised not to work more than 25 hours per week. If a student's academic achievement is suffering due to excessive hours of employment, the Institute may regulate his hours of employment.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The Institute requires every student, part-time and full-time, to serve the Lord within his local church on a regular basis. Students of the Word must be servants of the Lord. What is learned in the classroom must be practiced in the ministry. The Institute also requires every student to attend regularly a fundamental, Christ-honoring local church where the Bible is believed, preached and practiced. This requires attendance at all services on the Lord's Day and the mid-week service of prayer. All students must report on their ministry and church attendance.

STUDENT STANDARDS & REGULATIONS

Servants of Christ are soldiers of the Lord, living lives that are marked by discipline, submission and godliness. We believe the Bible demands a lifestyle that manifests and exalts the Son of God. Therefore, Open Door Bible Institute enforces the following standards for conduct in order to help the student as he grows in true grace and walks with the Lord.

General Conduct: At ODBI the Lord's servants can have no place in their lives for the use of alcohol, drugs, profanity, tobacco, attendance at movie theaters, gambling (includes all lotteries) and dancing. Such things are clearly inconsistent with our high and holy calling from God. Students must strive for a consistent application of godly standards in their use of radio, television and recorded music. Students should avoid worldly fads in fashion.

Women's Dress and Appearance: Clothing must be neat and modest. Skirts and dresses must be no higher than the top of the knee. Slacks are not appropriate attire for Church or Institute activities.

Men's Dress: God says, "...be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Men must be neat in appearance; hair length must be moderate and tapered, not touching the ears, collar or eyebrow. Sideburns below the middle of the ear and beards are not permitted. Dress slacks, shirts and ties are appropriate classroom attire.

The student agrees to these standards by his signature on the student application.

CLASS REGULATIONS

The Word says, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Students must comply with the following regulations in order to maintain an institute setting and classroom environment, which promote the purpose and objectives of ODBI.

Class hours are too few and precious to be ignored or missed because of carelessness or frivolity. An absence will be excused when due to illness, death in

the immediate family, or some other serious matter. It is the student's responsibility to notify his instructors on such occasions prior to class time. Every three unexcused absences will lower the student's final grade by one grade level.

Because consistent tardiness shows a lack of discipline, courtesy, and respect; lateness for class three times will count as one unexcused absence. In general, the Institute will not tolerate personal disorderliness or classroom disruption.

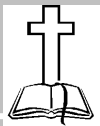
DISMISSAL

Attendance at Open Door Bible Institute is a privilege for students. Men or women who manifest a rejection of the standards, doctrinal position, rules or other aspects of the total program may be dismissed at the discretion of the administration.

COUNSELING & PLACEMENT

At ODBI the administration and faculty stand ready and available to help and counsel students as they seek to know and do the will of God. We are committed to the academic and spiritual welfare of every student who comes to us for the training he needs to serve Christ effectively and faithfully.

Our goal is that every graduate of ODBI serves Christ in some full-time ministry. We consistently challenge the student for the work of the Lord, praying that each one would stand perfect and complete in the will of God. We are glad to help the student as he finds from the Lord that particular place where the Spirit wants him to serve.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FEES & TUITION

Open Door Bible Institute seeks to keep fees and tuition affordable. The current fees and tuition are published as an insert to this catalog.

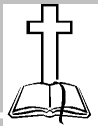
GIFTS TO ODBI

Because of regular and special gifts to ODBI, along with the support from Open Door Baptist Church; students actually pay only a portion of the total cost for the operation of the school.

Churches, organizations and individuals interested in furthering this work for the Lord with regular or special gifts are invited to contact Open Door Bible Institute, 875 Academy Drive, Lebanon, PA 17046.

REFUNDS

Fees are non-refundable. The student who elects to withdraw from a course will receive a 50% refund of tuition, if the withdrawal is affected within three weeks of the beginning of classes for that semester.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Open Door Bible Institute utilizes the four-point system to numerically measure a student's overall academic achievement (grade point average). A semester hour of credit represents a minimum of 15 class periods. A semester consists of 15 weeks of classes and one week of final examinations. Thus, a course of three semester hours of credit meets at least three 50-minute periods per week per semester.

GRADING

A – 93-100	Excellent	4 Grade Points Per Semester Hour
B – 84-92	Good	3 Grade Points Per Semester Hour
C – 75-83	Average	2 Grade Points Per Semester Hour
D – 65 – 74	Passing, but poor	1 Grade Point Per Semester Hour
F – Below 65	Failure, no credit	0 Grade Point Per Semester Hour
I – Incomplete	No Credit	0 Grade Point Per Semester Hour

If a student, due to some extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete the requirements for a course by the close of a semester, he may be given a specific extension of time to complete the work. However, the extension will not normally exceed thirty days. If the student still does not complete the course requirements, the grade will become F.

S* - Satisfactory

U* - Unsatisfactory

WP* - Withdrew Passing

WF* - Withdrew Failing

*Not computed in grade point average

A student may, with the instructor's permission, withdraw from a course. If the student's work has been satisfactory, it will be recorded WP (Withdrew Passing). If the student's work has been unsatisfactory, it will be recorded WF (Withdrew Failing). The student will receive a 50% refund of tuition if the withdrawal is

affected within three weeks of the beginning of classes for that semester. Other fees are non-refundable.

AU* - Auditor

A student may register for a class as an auditor. An auditor is not required to take examinations. However, no course credit will be given. The spouse of a full-time student may register for and audit courses tuition-free. A student may audit a course, which he has previously completed for credit tuition-free. All other fees still apply. If a course's registration is full, auditing may not be allowed.

HONORS

In order to commend excellent achievement, the Institute recognizes those full-time students who have earned high grade point averages during a regular semester of study.

Dean's List – G.P.A. 3.5-4.0

Merit List – G.P.A. 3.0-3.49

At graduation ODBI recognizes those students who have consistently excelled during their studies at the Institute.

Summa Cum Laude – G.P.A. 3.8-4.0

Magna Cum Laude – G.P.A. 3.5 – 3.79

Cum Laude – G.P.A. 3.2 – 3.49

ACADEMIC PROBATION

If a student completes a semester with a cumulative grade point average below 2.00, he will be placed on academic probation for the following semester. If the student's cumulative grade point average is below 2.00 following the probationary semester, he will be subject to dismissal from the Institute. During the probationary semester the student will be counseled and monitored in order to help him improve his academic status.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

BE 111 Intro. To Biblical Studies	3	
BE 112 OT I	3	
BE 113 NT Survey	3	
BE 114 Matthew	2	
BE 115 Prison Epistles	3	
CE 111 Christian Life & Family	3	
BE 121 OT II	3	
BE 122 Acts	2	
BE 123 Romans & Galatians	3	
BE 124 Thessalonians/Pastorals	3	
PS 121 Church Administration	2	
Mi 121 Intro. To Missions	2	
CE 121 Intro. To Chr. Educ.	2	
BE 211 OT III	3	
BE 212 John: Gospel/Epistles	3	
Th 211 Doctrine I	3	
CH 211 Church History I	2	
Mi 211 Evangelism	2	
Gk 211 Greek I	4	
BE 221 OT IV	3	
BE 222 Corinthians	2	
Th 221 Doctrine II	3	
Th 222 Apologetics	3	
CH 221 Church History II		2
Gk 221 Greek II	4	
BE 311 OT V	3	
BE 312 General Epistles	3	
Th 311 Doctrine III	3	
Th 312 Cults	2	
CH 311 Church History III	2	
Mi 321 Church Planting	2	
PS 311 Homiletics I	2	
Gk 311 Greek III	3	
BE 321 Revelation (Daniel)	3	
Th 321 Doctrine IV	3	
PS 321 Homiletics II	2	
PS 322 Pastoral Duties	2	
Gk 321 Greek IV	3	
Th 322 Theology Seminar	1	

BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM

In addition to our standard program of study and preparation in the Word of God, Open Door Bible Institute offers a curriculum in Biblical Studies.

The Biblical Studies Program (BSP) is designed for those who seriously seek a greater understanding of God's Word, looking to be grounded in the faith and better equipped to effectively serve Christ in the local church. Credits earned in the BSP may be transferred to the regular program, which provides a more thorough preparation for those called of God to serve the Lord and minister the Word in a full-time way. Those who successfully complete the BSP will receive a Certificate of Biblical Studies. All policies and standards of the Institute apply to those enrolled in the Biblical Studies Program.

BSP CURRICULUM

BE 111 Intro to Biblical Studies	3
BE 112 Old Testament I	3
BE 121 Old Testament II	3
BE 113 New Testament Survey	3
BE 115 Prison Epistles	3
BE 123 Romans & Galatians	3
Th 211 Doctrine I	3
Th 221 Doctrine II	3
Mi 121 Intro. To Missions	2
Mi 211 Evangelism	2
CE 111 Christian Life & Family	3
CE 121 Intro. To Christian Education	2
Electives	35
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The student in the BSP may select electives from other course offerings in the following Divisions: Bible Exposition, Theology (except Th 322), Church History, Pastoral Studies (men only, with special permission), Missions, New Testament Greek (with special permission), and Christian Education.



DIVISION OF BIBLE EXPOSITION

BE 111 Introduction to Biblical Studies

3 hours

An introductory presentation of Scriptural principles governing Biblical interpretation, study methods and application; a Biblical explanation and defense of dispensationalism; an introduction to the Bible translation and version controversy, confirming the credibility and superiority of the Textus Receptus.

OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

BE 112 Old Testament I

3 hours

A Biblical introduction to the Old Testament with a chronological survey of God's dealings with His people; emphasizing Israel's national, political and spiritual history.

BE 121 Old Testament II

3 hours

A study of God's works and covenants from the beginning of His creation through the experiences of Israel under the leadership of Moses, emphasizing primary Biblical themes (e.g., creation, sin, judgment, faith, covenant, obedience, seed and Israel).

BE 211 Old Testament III

3 hours

A study of the Lord's dealings with Israel from their entrance into the promised land throughout the reign of Solomon; emphasizing the historical progression within the context of God's covenants and dispensational requirements. Consideration will be given to the poetical writings with emphasis on God's works and excellency, the worship and praise of God, and blessings and life of those who trust in Him and His Word.

BE 221 Old Testament IV

3 hours

A study of God's dealing with His people from the division of the kingdom to the eviction of Judah from the land during the Babylonian conquest. Consideration will be given not only to the historical development but also to the prophetic messages of the period; emphasizing the character and promises of God regarding the Messiah, kingdom and future of Israel.

BE 311 Old Testament V

3 hours

A study of the Lord's dealing with Israel while in Babylonian captivity through their return to the land and rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple. Consideration will be given to the historical events and their significance for Christian life and ministry today. Consideration will be given to the prophetic messages wherein God rebukes and encourages His people, and promises the Lord's coming and kingdom.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

BE 113 New Testament Survey

3 hours

A comprehensive survey of the New Testament, emphasizing introductory and historical information as the major themes and teachings of the various writings are developed and outlined. The primary purpose of the following courses is the thematic development of each book, giving special attention to introductory and interpretive material, implications for the study from the original languages, and exegetical and theological challenges to the serious student of the Word of God.

BE 114 Gospel of Matthew

2 hours

A study of the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ, emphasizing His instructions regarding the authority of Holy Scripture, a life of discipleship and ministry, Israel's rejection of Christ, the Kingdom now and in the future, the Son's return to rule and reign and His redemptive work on the cross.

BE 115 Prison Epistles

3 hours

A study of the Apostle Paul's letters to various churches while imprisoned in Rome, focusing on great doctrinal truths and their application to life and ministry.

BE 122 Acts

2 hours

A study of the early church and its implementation of Christ's Great Commission, including its beginning on the Day of Pentecost, early operation and organization; noting the importance of certain transitional and dispensational aspects.

- BE 123 Romans & Galatians 3 hours**
- A study of the Gospel of the grace of God, emphasizing its explanation, confirmation, proclamation, application and defense.
- BE 124 Thessalonians & “Pastorals” 3 hours**
- An exposition of these epistles with an emphasis on the place and program of the local church in the plan of God.
- BE 212 John: Gospels & Epistles 3 hours**
- A study of the Apostle John’s canonical contribution, with a special emphasis on the thematic development of the Person of Christ, His absolute deity and perfect humanity.
- BE 222 Epistles to the Corinthians 2 hours**
- A study of Paul’s letters to the church at Corinth, emphasizing Christian life and ministry in the grace and power of God.
- BE 312 General Epistles 3 hours**
- A study of Hebrews, James, I and II Peter, and Jude, giving special attention to the practical application of the faith to the walk, witness and warfare of the believer in this present world. In Hebrews, the superiority of Christ and the New Covenant for the believer of this dispensation will be emphasized.
- BE 321 Revelation (with Daniel) 3 hours**
- A careful examination of God’s promises and plans which He has made known and will fulfill, emphasizing the correlation of Daniel and Revelation as they reveal things to come and their application today.

Th 311 Doctrine III 3 hours

Pneumatology: A study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Ecclesiology: A study of the church; its nature, ministry, worship, ordinances and separation.

Th 312 Cults 2 hours

A survey of various cults, exposing their errors and deception while emphasizing the Biblical truths they deny.

Th 322 Theology Seminar 1 hour

A review of theological and biblical themes to correlate the student's years of study at ODBI. The student will prepare a doctrinal statement in which he concisely affirms and defends what he believes. The student must submit a preliminary draft of his statement to the Dean by the mid-point of the semester. The final draft is due before the end of the 13th week of classes. The student will then be scheduled for an oral examination by a faculty team. The grade will be Pass or Fail.

DIVISION OF CHURCH HISTORY

CH 211 Church History I 2 hours

A study of the history of the church from the close of the Book of Acts through the 15th century; noting those groups of believers who stood and often suffered for the faith of the Word of God in the midst of heresy, compromise and syncretism.

CH 221 Church History II 2 hours

A study of the church from the 16th through the 18th century; emphasizing the Reformation, religion in Colonial America and Baptist history.

CH 311 Church History III 2 hours

A study of the church from the 19th century to the present; emphasizing the history and development of Fundamentalism and its stand against Modernism, Neo-Orthodoxy, New Evangelicalism and Ecumenism; demonstrating that Biblical Separation is essential to true Fundamentalism.

DIVISION OF PASTORAL STUDIES

PS 121 Church Administration 2 hours

A study of the principles and practices of church administration. The course includes church constitution, polity, ministry definitions and descriptions, budgeting, discipline and other important areas.

PS 311 Homiletics I 2 hours

Instruction in the methods of extracting material from the Scriptures, organizing it into a format that will lend itself to preaching and illustration.

PS 321 Homiletics II 2 hours

The principles and practice of sermon delivery, including various techniques of effective communication with emphasis on Biblical exposition.

PS 322 Pastoral Duties 2 hours

A study of the call, qualifications and duties of the pastor, including such topics as preaching, teaching, evangelism, counseling, visitation, administration, ordinances, business meeting, receiving new members, ordination, candidating, funerals and weddings.

DIVISION OF MISSIONS

Mi 121 Introduction to Missions 2 hours

A study of Biblical missions from the Scriptural viewpoint of the local church with consideration of indigenous principles as well as current trends and problems in missions.

Mi 211 Evangelism 2 hours

A thorough presentation and study of the evangelism ministry of Open Door Baptist Church with a view to the integration and implementation of Biblical principles to practical methods and procedures in various local church settings.

Mi 321 Methods of Church Planting 2 hours

A Bible-based, practical study of church planting; emphasizing priorities, planning and principles of pioneering a new work, with a focus on various aspects of church planting: methods, support, leadership, objectives, facilities, organization, evangelism, strategy, challenges and advantages.

discipline, and how to establish and maintain a Christian home through family worship and private devotions.

CE 121 Introduction to Christian Education

2 hours

An overview of Christian Education from the local church standpoint, with consideration of current trends and problems; outlining Biblical principles and methods which are basic to success in the church's ministry of education.

OTHER COURSES OF STUDY

As needs arise and scheduling permits, the Institute offers other courses of study as electives and alternatives to certain courses in the basic curriculum. This helps the student pursue special interests and emphases (e.g., pastoral, missions, Christian education, evangelism, youth, special ministries). This also allows for the student to substitute certain courses for those that would be inappropriate for that student. For example, women students do not take course work in the Division of Pastoral Studies and, therefore, must substitute other courses so that they may still meet the requirements of graduation.

Some of the courses listed below may be offered on a seminar and/or independent seminar basis. The student's advisor must approve all elective and alternative course work. The student must counsel with his/her advisor about these alternatives prior to registration.

Life of Christ
Government
Creationism
Ethical Problems
Bible Electives
The Church Office
The Evangelist and His Work
Fundamentals of Speech
Missionary Life and Work

The Christian Woman
Bible Lands and Geography
Ministering to Youth
Special Studies in Church History
Principles and Methods of Teaching
Hebrew Study Aids: OT Exegesis
Advanced Studies in Christian Education
Special Ministries to Special People
Sacred Music in the Christian Life and Local Church

INDEPENDENT SEMINAR

Certain courses may be taken for credit on the basis of independent seminar-type study. Because of course demands and other factors such study will normally be limited to summer months. Because there are academic and administrative qualifications for independent, seminar study, final approval must be granted by the Dean of Bible Baptist Institute.



Graduates of Open Door Bible Institute receive a Diploma, indicating that they have successfully completed the program of study and have met the minimum requirements listed below:

- Successful completion of 102 semester hours (acceptable transfer credits may be applied toward meeting this requirement).
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher for all course work at ODBI.
- A passing grade for the Theology Seminar (Th 322).
- A testimony of commendable Christian character and dedication to the will of God for his/her life.
- Approval by the faculty and administration of Open Door Bible Institute.



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