



*The Applied Bible Institute  
of New Jersey  
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Catalog*

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# *The Vision and Mission of the Applied Bible Institute*

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There is a strong commitment in evangelical Christianity to encourage individuals to increase in understanding for the advancement of the kingdom of God. The Church recognizes that impacting the world of lost people calls for trained and prepared disciples. In the light of the growing demands and opportunities for ministry, it is appropriate for believers to invest the time and energy to become equipped with the knowledge and skills for ministry. It is likewise appropriate that churches take advantage of the opportunity to join in encouraging believers to share together and build up each other in expanding the ministry of the kingdom of God.

***The Applied Bible Institute is intended to nurture individuals who desire to grow in their personal understanding of God and His Word and works in such a way that they can live effective lives of service to the glory of God in all of life.*** The ministry of the Bible Institute is directed toward two groups, local churches and individuals, Christians or non-Christians, in the local community.

The Applied Bible Institute assists local churches to increase their ministry by becoming a resource in which churches can share gifted teachers who can instruct and encourage Christians in ways that they can work more effectively in their home church for the kingdom of God. The training provided through the Applied Bible Institute will bring life change to individuals and increase the level of literacy and training for ministry in the local churches. Foun-

dation for the diverse ministries of the church will be strengthened as individuals grow in their knowledge and understanding God and His works.

The Applied Bible Institute assists individual Christians and non-Christians pursue personal understanding of Christianity from gifted and knowledgeable instructors. Christians have the opportunity to pursue a course of study designed to encourage personal growth and a deepening of spiritual life that leads to service. The Applied Bible Institute offers individuals a structure to lay a foundation in biblical studies that attempts to transform life. Non-Christians find an environment allowing individuals to investigate the truth of Christianity in a context focusing on the content of Christian faith and truth as a living reality in our society.

In openness to the direction of God, the Cumberland County Community Church extends its ministry supporting the Applied Bible Institute as resource available to individuals from the Christian community interested in increasing their understanding of Christianity. The Applied Bible Institute serves as a resource for the local churches in Cumberland County in equipping leaders for ministry and life under the Word of God.

# *The Doctrinal Statement of the Applied Bible Institute*

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The doctrinal statement of the Applied Bible Institute is intended to reflect the broader points of agreement among fundamentalist or evangelical Christians. The doctrinal statement represents a starting point which will allow different traditions within Evangelicalism to find agreement and fellowship together for the purpose of extending the kingdom of God.

We believe there is one God who is the infinite personal Spirit, who has revealed Himself as a Trinity in unity, existing eternally as Father, Son, and Spirit -three persons and yet but one God. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).

We believe the Bible, including both the Old and the New Testaments, is divine revelation, authoritative and infallible, in so that, the original autographs of which were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that the words were kept from error. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, which is to say, He is Himself very God; He took upon Him our nature, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; He was incarnate upon the earth living a sinless life and demonstrating the truthfulness of His message through miracles; He died upon the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the world; He arose from the dead in the body in which He was crucified; He ascended into

heaven in that body glorified, where He is now, our interceding high priest; He will come again personally and visibly to set up His kingdom and to judge the quick and the dead. (John 10:33, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35, Hebrews 4:15, 7:26, John 2:11, 1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9, John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4, Mark 16:19, Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin, and in that sense is lost; this is true of all men, and except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. We recognize the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that we are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ; salvation is by grace through faith in Christ who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree; the retribution of the wicked and unbelieving and the reward of the righteous are everlasting; and as the reward is conscious, so is the retribution. (John 3:16-21, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. The church is an elect company of believers baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body, each believer living his life in the power of the Holy Spirit; its mission being to witness concerning its Head, Jesus Christ, and teach and preach the gospel among all nations. (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28)

We believe the mission of the Church is to the ultimate

glory of God. The entire program of Christian training is evangelical. It finds its reason for being, and its goal, in bringing the individual to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, in helping the Christian grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and in equipping Christians for more effective service. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the saved to the resurrection of life and the lost to the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).

# *The Faculty*

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The faculty of the Applied Bible Institute is composed of spiritually and academically qualified men and women who are committed to a daily walk with God through the worship and service of his Son, Jesus Christ, as personal Savior and Lord. The Board of Elders of Cumberland Community Church is responsible to ensure that only qualified gifted men and women are selected to teach at the Applied Bible Institute.

The qualifications for faculty members include:

- a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as personal Savior,
- actively participating and supporting a local church,
- able to exercise the gift of teaching,
- a willingness to support the ministry of the Applied Bible Institute,
- agreement with the doctrinal statement of the Bible Institute, and
- a willingness to sacrifice financial gains for spiritual reward.

All faculty members must submit a letter from the local church board where the teacher is a member, testifying to the character and qualifications for teaching at the Applied Bible Institute. Academic qualifications will be established in accordance with the highest standards for future development of the Bible Institute and the requirements presented



by organizations behind certificates that are offered to the students.

While the Applied Bible Institute operates under the umbrella of the Cumberland County Community Church, the doctrinal statement of the Applied Bible Institute is intentionally not identical to the doctrinal standard of the Cumberland County Community Church. The broader statement allows those individuals outside of the Cumberland County Community Church to participate in the faculty and remain in agreement with the doctrinal positions of both their local church and the Bible Institute. In deference to the Cumberland County Community Church, the Applied Bible Institute faculty is deliberately working outside of the “Charismatic” or “Emerging Church” movements. Individuals holding to these views are welcome to participate as students in the Applied Bible Institute, but cannot participate as faculty or committee members.

# *Fees and Schedules for 2011-2012*

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**The cost per course is \$49.00 per person.** Married couples can receive a 50% discount for one spouse if both members are taking courses. Child care services are available for children under the age of 10 for a \$5.00 fee per evening per child. Parents should be certain to indicate child care needs when registering for courses so that adequate preparations can be made for the proper supervision of the children.

## **Courses Offered for 2011-2012**

### **Spring Semester**

- \*BI 101 Bible Study Methods I (ACSI Bible CEU available)
- \*BI 201 New Testament Survey I (ACSI Bible CEU available; ETA qualified with completion of BI202 New Testament Survey II)
- \*\*BI301 Bible Analysis: Daniel (ACSI Bible CEU available)
- \*\*SS101 Evangelism That's Personal (ACSI Bible CEU available; ETA qualified)

## **Schedule of Classes**

Spring semester classes begin on **February 7, 2012** and meet every Tuesday night ending on **May 8, 2012**. There will be a

break in the middle of the semester on **March 20, 2012**, no classes will be held on this evening.

\*Session One            7:00 to 7:50 PM

\*\*Session Two           8:05 to 8:55 PM

# *Suggested Program of Studies*

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The curriculum of the Applied Bible Institute is designed to prepare individuals for ministry in the context of the local churches in the local community. Students are encouraged to work within the proposed structure of the curriculum in order to ensure a solid foundation for additional study. Qualified students may take individual courses according to their particular needs and interests.

The prescribed 12 courses can generally be completed in 3 years of study. A certificate of completion and a letter of commendation are issued after finishing 12 prescribed courses of study in the Applied Bible Institute. The letter of commendation is provided as an encouragement to the leadership of the local church to use the ministry skills and knowledge of the student in effective service for the Church. The completion of additional courses beyond the initial prescribed work is available. As requirements are met, additional advanced level certificates may be earned.

## Level 1 Certificate

BI 101 Bible Study Methods I  
BI 102 Bible Study Methods II  
BI 203 Old Testament Survey I  
BI 204 Old Testament Survey II  
BI 201 New Testament Survey I  
BI 202 New Testament Survey II  
DS 101 Doctrine Survey I  
DS 102 Doctrine Survey II  
SS 101 Evangelism that's Personal  
1 Elective in Biblical Studies  
1 Elective in Theological Studies  
1 Elective in Shepherding Skills

## Level 2 Certificate

Level 1 Certificate  
BI 103 Biblical Introduction  
SS 103 Communications I  
SS 104 Communications II  
DS 201 Theology and the Word of God  
DS 202 The Triune God  
3 Courses in Bible Analysis  
2 Electives in Shepherding Studies  
2 Electives in Theological or Biblical Studies

## Level 3 Certificate

### Level 2 Certificate

DS 203 The Creation of God  
DS 204 The Christian Life from Start to Finish  
DS 303 Church History Survey  
DS 104 World View Analysis  
3 Courses in Biblical Analysis  
2 Electives in Biblical or Theological Studies  
3 Electives in Shepherding Skills

## Level 4 Certificate

### Level Three Certificate

4 Courses Biblical Studies (at least 2 courses in Bible Analysis)  
4 courses in Theological Studies  
4 course in Shepherding Skills

## Level 5 Certificate

Level Four Certificate of higher  
12 courses or more

### Additional certificates and Continuing Education

Units are available from outside organizations, such as the Association of Christian Schools International and The Evangelical Training Association. The qualifications for the different certificates as established by these organizations will be folded into the requirements of the Applied Bible Institute. Additional certificates will be made available as students meet the necessary requirements.

The course offerings are designed to accommodate the requirements established by the Evangelical Training Association. The Evangelical Training Association uses a twelve week curriculum, has minimum attendance requirements, and a project/test requirement. In addition, in recognition of the standard practice of issuing one continuing education unit for every ten hours of instruction, the Bible Institute will adopt such a standard.

# Course Offerings

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**Biblical Studies** focus attention on those areas of study that promote a broad understanding of the Scriptures in their proper setting together with focusing on the specific examination and analysis of the Old and New Testaments. These studies must always seek to complete the study of the Scriptures by moving into the concrete of daily living.

**BI 101 Bible Study Methods I** A course designed to introduce a student to the process of personal Bible study and the opportunities for spiritual growth in the Word of God. Skill and understanding is developed in the student by methodical Bible study in the New Testament using literal-historical-grammatical hermeneutics. Basic principles in hermeneutics are examined as a foundation for understanding and applying the Bible in life and ministry.

**BI 102 Bible Study Methods II** A course designed to continue practicing and developing skills in Bible study by introducing students to the valuable resources and tools available to connect the English speaking student to the riches of the original languages. The skills in Bible study are increased by a continuing study in the Pauline letters and the narratives of the Old Testament as they apply to daily living. The student is introduced to the process of using the results of original Bible study in communicating with others.

**BI 103 Biblical Introduction** A course intended to introduce the student to the Bible and how it has come to the Church at the present time. Questions of inspiration, authorship, transmission, and evidence of supernatural origin are explored

with the goal of giving individuals a fuller understanding of the biblical foundations for Christian living.

**BI 104 The Life of Christ** A course designed to examine the earthly life of Jesus Christ through a careful examination of the historical backgrounds, key events, and teachings in the Gospels revealing Jesus to be the Son of God. Careful consideration is given to the activities and teachings of Jesus as they impact daily living in contemporary society.

**BI 201 New Testament Survey I** This course introduces students to the historical setting of the New Testament and the message of the historical accounts in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. The student will gain a better understanding of the background of each book and its impact on the interpretation and application of the message.

**BI 202 New Testament Survey II** This course continues the examination of the New Testament with particular attention to the Letters and Book of Revelation as they reflect the opportunities for Christians to live life in fellowship with God.

**BI 203 Old Testament Survey I** A course designed to introduce the student to the world of the Old Testament and the message of the Genesis through 2 Chronicles. Special attention will be paid to the background to each of the books and significance of their message to everyday living.

**BI 204 Old Testament Survey II** A course that continues the examination of the Old Testament with particular attention to the poetic and prophetic books, Job through Malachi, as they reflect the opportunities for Christians to live life in fellowship with God.

**BI 301 Bible Analysis in Old Testament: Daniel** The course is an in-depth study of the Book of Daniel with a goal of understanding the message of the book and its application for daily

living.

**BI 401 Bible Analysis in New Testament: Revelation** This course is an in-depth study of the Book of Revelation and its message for daily living for all Christians.

***Theological Studies*** uses the filters of doctrinal studies to promote a mature understanding of the teachings of the Scripture and the expectations of Christian living. Approaching the Scripture from overview and detailed study, these studies should use the traditional theological categories developed within the Church through the historical process. These studies cannot leave the subject matter in the form of abstract curiosities, but must provide a foundation for wise living in a changing society.

**DS 101 Doctrine Survey I** A course in which students will examine the leading doctrines of the Christian Faith in their biblical and historical settings with a goal to changing life experience. The topics explored will form the foundation for further doctrinal studies in greater detail.

**DS 102 Doctrine Survey II** A course in which students will continue examining the leading doctrines of the Christian Faith in their biblical and historical settings with a goal to changing life experience. The topics explored will form the foundation for further doctrinal studies in greater detail.

**DS 103 Beyond Reasonable Doubt** Aside from personal faith in God, is there any evidence to substantiate the claims of Christianity? You be the judge! This course is an introduction to the study of apologetics. It will take you step-by-step through the well-documented evidence in support of Christian beliefs and Scripture. Whether a skeptic or a believer,



this book will help you reach a verdict-that could very well change your life!

**DS 104 The Truth About Worldviews** In a world where multiple "truths" abound, Christians need to be on their guard to avoid being deceived by unbiblical views of the world. To be prepared, they must be well informed of these other worldviews and how they differ from Christianity. This course analyzes the main world religions, cults, and philosophical systems as worldviews and compares them to biblical Christianity. It also equips Christians to be effective witnesses in a postmodern, religiously diverse culture.

**DS 201 Theology and The Word of God** This course introduces students to the process of theological thinking and especially focusing on the Christian teaching regarding the Bible.

**DS 202 The Triune God** In this course of study each student will deepen their understanding of the nature, person, and works of the Triune God through a careful study of the Christian doctrines of Theology Proper, Christology and Pneumatology.

**DS 203 The Creation of God** This course of study will focus on understanding the biblical teaching concerning God's created beings, angels and mankind, together with the doctrine of sin. The presentation of the doctrines of Anthropology, Angelology, and Hamatology will assist each person to live effectively in accordance with God's creative purposes within a sinful world.

**DS 204 The Christian Life from Start to Finish** This course examines the progress and development of the Christian life through a careful consideration of the biblical teaching concerning salvation and sanctification. Attention is given to the differences in theological traditions regarding the issues re-

garding salvation along with a practical consideration of developing spiritual disciplines in life.

**DS 301 The Church** In this course of study students will explore the doctrine ecclesiology developing the nature and function of the church. Attention will be paid to examining the practices of the churches, including church ordinances, worship, and discipline.

**DS 302 Biblical Prophecy** In this course of study students will examine biblical teaching concerning the end times. Consideration will be given to the variety of viewpoints presented in the Christian church regarding the return of Christ.

**DS 303 Perspectives from Church History** This course serves as a basic introduction to the subject of Church History. The course covers the four major periods of church history: The Ancient Church, The Medieval Church, The Reformation Church, and The Modern Church. It is designed to give Christians an oversight of their spiritual heritage.

**DS 401 Christian Ethics in a Postmodern World** For the Christian, ethics must be rooted in the absolutes revealed in God's Word to inform and nurture our moral conduct. Followers of Christ must learn to think biblically. A Christian approach to complex ethical topics in the postmodern era challenges us to identify how we relate to culture.

**DS 402 Biblical Creationism** This course is designed to examine the issues surrounding the creation account as presented in the Bible together with the scientific implications for a Christian worldview.

***Shepherding Studies*** incorporates a scriptural approach and answer to the changing concerns and needs of the Christian community as it confronts life in a fallen world. The focus on

ministry skills includes areas that will enhance the individual effectiveness in personal ministry in a variety of contexts. The topics examined may be as varied as the interests or concerns of the believers who participate, the needs of local churches or ministries, and the goal of living a Christian life to the glory of God. All course work must always be grounded in actual teaching of the Word of God, the source of spiritual growth and maturity.

**SS 101 Evangelism That's Personal** This course considers the subject of evangelism by examining the message of the gospel as presented in the Old and New Testament. Careful consideration is given to approaching different audiences and responding to basic objections to the message of the Gospel.

**SS 102 World Missions Today** This course is designed to offer a historical survey of missions with emphasis on the present worldwide scene, the biblical basis of missions, and the ways all believers can get involved. Every believer's life will be enriched with the knowledge of God's work through His people around the world.

**SS 103 Communications I** Communications I and II examines and practices skills required for effective communication in ministry through written and spoken communication in small and large group contexts. Considerations of the basics in communication theory are applied as a foundation for improved communication.

**SS 104 Communications II** Communications I and II examines and practices skills required for effective communication in ministry through written and spoken communication in small and large group contexts. Insights from an understanding of personal and group dynamics are practiced and applied to

improve effective communication.

**SS 201 Sunday School Ministry: The Church at Study** This course clarifies the traditional purposes, functions, and organization of the local church program known as Sunday School. It covers all aspects of the ministry of bringing children, youth, and adults to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, enriching their Christian lives, and preparing them to serve Christ.

**SS 202 Church Education Ministries: More Than Sunday School** This course provides a panorama of educational ministries in the local church: Sunday School, home Bible studies, summer ministries, retreats and camps, adult education, youth and club programs, children's church, and missions. It presents each program's uniqueness, strengths, structure and resources.

**SS 203 Understanding Teaching** A biblical understanding of teaching brings appreciation for this spiritual gift. Approaching this task biblically involves empowerment from the Holy Spirit, insight into God's Word, sharp communication skills, and accurate interaction with students.

**SS 204 Teaching Techniques** This course focuses on the philosophical basis of methodology, looks at current learning theory research from a biblical perspective, and gives practical information on how to select and use various methods, including lecture, storytelling, panel discussion, simulation learning, group discussion, and others.

**SS 301 Teaching Adults with Confidence** This course is designed to provide in-depth training for those who are teaching the Bible to adults. Course sessions answer the following questions: Why is it important to teach adults? What are the characteristics of adults at various stages of life? How do

adults learn, and how should they be taught? What are the key principles for organizing adult classes? By answering these questions, you can be better equipped to teach adults.

**SS 302 Teaching Youth with Confidence** The challenge to teach today's teens begins with understanding them as learners. This course defines the climate for learning, developmental characteristics of teens, the current youth culture, and critical issues in youth ministry. It also equips teachers to lead teens to make their Christian faith their own.

**SS 303 Understanding Music and Worship in the Local Church** This is a course developed with the lay person in mind, it focuses on the important role of music and worship in the life of the church. It provides a historical overview of music and worship, biblical foundations for both, and practical instruction on how to renew both within the local church

**SS 304 Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity** Each student explores the strategies for growing toward Christlikeness in term of the actual ways that people grow and develop into maturity in Christ. Through identifying and understanding how we grow spiritually, this course will help us to become more intentional in Bible study, prayer, lifestyle choices, evangelism, and spiritual gifts.

**SS 401 Effective Leading: A Guide for All Church Leaders** This course is designed to consider the wide variety of areas with which volunteer and professional church leaders must contend today. This course explains the difference in leaders who are effective and those who are efficient and what this means to the local church.

**SS 402 Biblical Leadership: Developing Church Volunteers** This leadership course will help leaders to base their leadership ministries on the timeless principles of God's Word. Pas-

tors, Christian education directors, youth workers, children's directors, teachers, or other ministry leaders will grow in self perception, skills, and vision as leaders. Both new and seasoned leaders will learn how to empower others to lead as they train, mentor, and mobilize teams for ministry.

**SS 403 Understanding People** This course is designed to truly understand people we must combine the rigorous formal study of developmental issues with our own observations and thorough study of Scripture. As biological, cognitive, socio-emotional, and spiritual ministry implications are addressed for each major age division, this course helps the Bible teacher to work with all ages of people more effectively.

# *Registration Form*

## *The Applied Bible Institute of New Jersey*

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Registering for:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	BI 201	New Testament Survey I
<input type="checkbox"/>	BI 301	Bible Analysis: Daniel
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