



Foundation Baptist College

Student Handbook

2012–2013

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General Information

A Word from the President

Proverbs has a great deal to say about diligence. We need it to find God. It makes us rich and leads to material prosperity, enables us to rule effectively, and is a man's precious possession. In short, it makes us better Christians, better prayers and readers of God's Word, better witnesses and servants. I've had some personal experience struggling with diligence this past year. I am finishing my Doctor of Pastoral Theology degree, and finishing it means writing a dissertation. The church leadership here at Meadowlands – which is the executive board of the college – has asked that I complete the writing by the end of August, so now it's crunch time – a time for *diligence*. Even writing this requires diligence.



It reminds me that I have to be a good example of diligence to our students. They need it to read their texts, write their papers, study for their tests. They need it to complete their course requirements. This is especially true for our men preparing for ministry. They are looking forward to getting out into ministry, and the preparation for that ministry can be daunting. But many of you who are already in ministry can attest that the diligence required in ministry is far greater than what is required in college.

Sometimes a student desires to leave off the education in order to “hurry up” and get to God’s work. First of all, leaving college to go into ministry is not being diligent. The very definition of diligence requires persistence and perseverance. Second, the determination a person cultivates by enduring the preparation will be crucial to his future work. A young quitter simply produces an older quitter. Third, our preparation for future ministry is just as much God’s will as the future ministry itself.

There have been some remarkable examples of Christians who genuinely did not need formal preparation for ministry. However, they are exceptions to the rule, and they are remarkable. Everyone recognized their extraordinary ability. The vast majority are not so gifted. We need to develop the discipline and diligence necessary for future usefulness. May the Lord make FBC a place where students and faculty alike are examples of Biblical diligence.

Bud Talbert

The Mission of FBC

As a ministry of Meadowlands Baptist Church, Foundation Baptist College exists to train men and women for effective service in local church ministries.

The Distinctive Philosophy of FBC

There are five areas of doctrine which the Bible program at FBC emphasizes. First, we desire that our students thoroughly understand the Dispensational organization of Scripture. Second, we desire that our students grasp the nature and application of separation in their personal and ecclesiastical practice. Third, we desire that our students comprehend the gospel message, and how it applies both to those already saved, and to the lost. Fourth, we desire that our students appreciate the great heritage of Baptist history and theology of which we are a part. Finally, we desire that our students realize the necessity for an expositional ministry.

While we do not believe that Canadian churches are entirely bereft of these important doctrines, there certainly is a sad lack of their emphasis among the fundamental Baptist churches across North America. FBC teaches separate classes in each of these areas of distinction. In addition, our entire curriculum is permeated by them, and this is the burden of the FBC faculty.

There is yet one more distinction in the philosophy of FBC. Because we are unable at the present time to establish a fundamental Baptist seminary, the faculty believe that it is essential to raise the academic level of our training by (1) using faculty who themselves have earned advanced degrees, (2) increasing class requirements to reflect a more thorough training, and (3) offering at least two seminary-level classes, taught by visiting seminary professors, each year. We trust that this will equip our graduates to properly engage in pastoral ministry.

The Need for FBC

- Canadian students attending Bible college in the United States face strong temptations not to return to Canadian ministries. Churches are more numerous south of the border, more established, and able to offer higher salaries to their staff than typical Canadian churches. Many of the students sent south of the border to receive Bible education may not return to serve in Canadian churches. We, of course, have no wish to interfere in the Lord's leadership of these students. However, we fear that many students are not following the Lord's leadership when they remain in the States after their education is completed.
- Often the most spiritually-minded young people go to Bible college, thus depriving Canadian churches of their best servants. For the four years(+) of Bible college, the church is deprived of some of her serious youth while less needy churches near the US college enjoy their service.
- The expense of a US Bible college education is prohibitive, approaching \$20,000 USD per annum. Add to that the expense of books and supplies, of travel to and from school, and the expense is often prohibitive.
- Existing Canadian schools are not adequate for the training of our fundamental Baptist young people. Some of the schools are liberal in their theological orientation, which makes them a poor choice for the Canadian student. Other schools which in the past have been fine Bible-teaching institutions, have for various reasons failed to maintain a stand for Biblical truth. Even some of the fundamentalist Canadian schools teach an aberrant view of Bible translations, ministerial philosophy and soteriology which undermine their effectiveness.
- While there is an excellent school among the fundamental Baptist churches in the Maritimes (EBBI), the distance (three time zones away) and the regional focus suggest that a similar school is needed in the west.

- We have prayed for years that the Lord of the harvest would be pleased to thrust laborers into His harvest in Western Canada. The typical effect of a Bible college is the establishment of numerous churches throughout the school's area.
- A Bible college is the natural extension of the indigenous process of church planting in any locale.

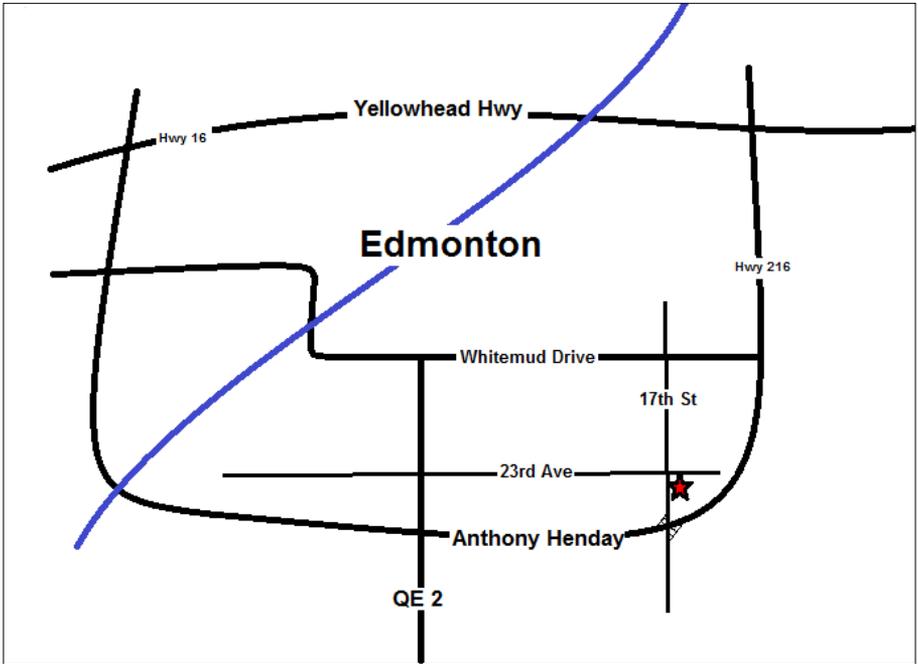
For these reasons we believe that there is a great need for the Foundation Baptist College.

The History of FBC



In the Spring of 1997, through the leadership Pastor Don Herb, ten people from two small churches joined together to form Meadowlands Baptist Church. In the Fall of the same year, Pastor Jim Tillotson, from the greater Chicago area, became the pastor. Since then, the church has seen many souls saved, saints strengthened and servants raised up, equipped and sent out into ministry both in Edmonton and abroad. In 2006 the church moved out of its “little white building” on the corner of 17th Street and 23rd Avenue into a facility which seats about 350. In 2009-2011 they built a three-story educational addition for the Meadows Baptist Academy (K-12). In March 2009 Pastor Bud Talbert of Foundation Baptist Church in Calgary moved to Edmonton to begin the Foundation Baptist College. Classes began the following September with 2 full-time students and 4 part-time students. Greg Bartlett (2010) and Duncan Johnson (2011) became full-time faculty members to accommodate the growing student body. Mr. Bartlett has since moved to Athabasca, Alberta to plant a church.

The Location of FBC



If you are approaching Edmonton from the east or west on the Yellowhead Hwy (#16), take the Anthony Henday ring road (Hwy 216) to the southeast corner of the city. If you are approaching from the south (on Hwy #2, known as the Queen Elizabeth II Hwy), take the Anthony Henday East. Take the 17th Street exit north. School facilities are one block north (there is a traffic light) at Meadowlands Baptist Church, 2215 17th Street. The phone number is 780-440-1195, ext. 26

Calendar of Events for 2012-2013

First Semester

Date	Event	Subject	Teacher
August 27	Classes Begin and first payment due		
October 8-13	Block class	History of Fundamentalism	Dr. Gerald Priest
October 15-19	Mid-semester Break		
November 2	Mid-semester grades out		
November 19-24	Block Class	Proverbs	Don Johnson
December 7	Final payment due		
December 14	Last day of the semester		

Classes for the Fall 2012				
Time	Hours	Course	Teacher	Text
M 7-9	2	Pentateuch (Su 202)	Greg Bartlett	Vic Hamilton, The Pentateuch
Tues 7-9	2	OT Survey	Bud Talbert	Wood, History of Israel; Benware, <i>OT Survey</i>
Wed 8-10	2	Gospel of John (Ex201)	Duncan Johnson	
Thurs 7-10	3	Doctrine of God (Th 202)	Bud Talbert	Knowing God, James Packer
Fri 7-9	3	Greek Grammar I (AI 301)	Paul Weir	
Block Classes				
October 8-13	2	History of Fundamentalism (Th 412)	Jerry Priest	Pursuit of Purity, David Beale
Nov 19-24	2	Proverbs (Ex303)	D. Johnson	Don Phillips

Second Semester

Date	Event	Subject	Teacher
January 14	Classes Begin and first payment due		
February 4-9	Block class	Galatians	Pastor Michael Miller
March 11-16	Block class	Bibliology	Pastor Roger Foust
March 18-24	Mid-Semester Break		
March 29	Mid-Semester Grades Out		
April 19	Final Payment Due		
April 26	Last day of regular classes		

Classes for the Spring of 2013				
Time	Hou rs	Course	Teacher	Text
M 7-10	2	Exposition of Corinthian Epistles (Ex 203)	Bud Talbert	
Tues 7-9	2	NT Survey	Bud Talbert	Benware, Gundry
Wed 8-10	2	Church Planting (Pr 306)	Bud Talbert	
Thurs 7-9	2	Exposition of Mark (Ex 402)	Duncan Johnson	
Fri 7-9	3	Greek Grammar II (Al 302)	Paul Weir	
Block Classes				
March 11-16	2	Bibliology (Th 104)	Roger Foust	Geisler & Nix, Introduction to the Bible
May 6-11	2	General Counseling (Pr)	Jim Berg	His own material
Feb 4-9	2	Exposition of Galatians (Ex 314)	Michael Miller	
Classes for the Summer of 2013				
Dates	Hou rs	Course	Teacher	Text
July 8-13	2	Historical Books (Su 401)	Greg Bartlett	
July 22-27	2	Pneumatology (Th 411)	David Talbert	

Our Statement of Faith

The statement of faith for Foundation Baptist College is essentially the same as that for Meadowlands Baptist Church. The following statement has been edited for length only.

I. The Scriptures

We believe that all of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments were inspired by God as originally written. We believe that the Bible is therefore inerrant, and that it is the supreme standard for faith and practice. We believe that God's word for man has been preserved in all of the extant manuscripts, and not in any single family, manuscript or translation. **Note: For the sake of uniformity, classes at FBC will use the New King James Version of the Bible.**

II. God

We believe that there is only one true and living God who is revealed in the three distinct personalities known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each person of the Godhead is spirit in His essence, infinite in His nature, and eternal in His existence. As creator God is the sovereign sustainer of everything and ineffably majestic in glory. He is just and kind in all His works, and so worthy of all man's love, honor, and praise. God is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent and immutable.

III. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Holy Trinity, that He was begotten of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, that He is very God and very man, the Messiah of Israel and the only savior of all mankind.

IV. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity, a divine person equal with God the Father and God the Son, and the divine agent in creation, revelation, and redemption. We believe that He convicts sinners, that He is the indwelling earnest and seal of saints, and that He fills, empowers, guides, gifts, teaches, and sanctifies believers in accordance with His own good pleasure. We believe in the cessation of the sign gifts.

V. Satan

We believe that the angelic personality known as Satan and the Devil was created by God. Through pride he and a host of other angels fell and began to oppose God and His work. He is now known as the prince of the power of the air, the unholy god of this world, the ruler of all the powers of darkness, the enemy of God, the great tempter of mankind, the destroyer, and the accuser of the saints. He is destined to final defeat at the hands of the Son of God, and he will suffer everlasting punishment in the lake of fire prepared for him and his angels.

VI. The Creation

We believe that the Biblical account of creation is to be understood literally. We believe that creation occurred by direct, immediate, creative acts of God in six literal, 24-hour days, that Adam was created in God's own image and after His own likeness as the federal head of the human race.

VII. The Fall of Man

We believe that Adam and Eve were created innocent but by disobedience fell. In consequence they became sinners, depraved in nature and subject to Satan's power. Therefore, all of Adam's descendants are sinful by nature, choice, and practice.

VIII. The Atonement

We believe that salvation is exclusively by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. By the appointment of God the Father the Son voluntarily took upon Himself our nature without sin, honored the divine law by perfect obedience, and through the merit of His shed blood made full payment for the sin of all humanity. His atonement was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, bearing the penalty of God's holy law against the disobedient.

IX. The Resurrection Christ

We believe that Christ literally and bodily rose from the grave; that He ascended into heaven and is now at the right hand of God to make intercession for the saints; that He is our merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, and that He will return imminently, personally, visibly, and bodily.

X. The New Birth

We believe that sinners must be regenerated in order to be saved from sin; that regeneration consists of being created anew in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; and that in the new birth those dead in sin are made partakers of the divine nature and receive eternal life as the gift of God. We believe that though the Spirit's work in regeneration is incomprehensible, it is nevertheless accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through divine truth so as to secure the person's voluntary obedience in believing the Gospel. Its proper evidence appears in the fruits of repentance, faith and newness of life.

XI. Repentance

We believe that repentance is part of saving faith; that it is wrought in our souls by God; and that by it the sinner becomes convinced of personal sin and of the singular way of salvation by Christ. Repentance is the change of one's mind about what saves from the guilt and penalty of sin. The blessings of salvation are made available only to those who repent.

XII. Salvation

We believe that salvation consists in election (God's choice of those to be saved before the foundation of the world), in justification (the legal declaration of the sinner to be righteous through the merits of Christ), in reconciliation (the restoration of the fellowship of the sinner with his creator), in propitiation (the satisfaction of the Father's righteous wrath against the sinner and his sin), in redemption (the purchase of the sinner out of slavery to sin through the payment of Christ's death as a ransom), and in forgiveness (the pardon of sin on behalf of Christ's atonement). Salvation is a free gift offered by God to sinful man on the basis of his faith in Christ apart from any works of righteousness. Upon the exercise of faith the individual receives forgiveness of sin and Christ's imputed righteousness, and he is brought into a state of peace and favor with God.

XIII. Faith

We believe that faith is a gift of God by which man comes to know and embrace the truth of the Scriptures, and that it consists of knowing truth, assenting to it, and then

committing one's whole person to it. The same faith that converts to Christ is able to carry the soul through all duties, temptations, conflicts, and sufferings. All believers who are progressively sanctified by faith will experience the love of God manifested in their souls and find their faith increased through patience continuance in sufferings and temptations.

XIV. Eternal Security

We believe that salvation is secure in the grace of God alone; that those who have accepted Christ are forever sealed and will never come into the condemnation of the lost; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and that they are securely held in both the hand of the Father and the hand of the Son through faith unto eternal salvation. Genuine Christians will most certainly continue to bear spiritual, evidentiary fruit, and God will most certainly save those whose faith is genuine.

XV. The Church

We believe that a church is a congregation of immersed believers associated by a covenant of faith in the Gospel and who observe the ordinances commanded by Christ; that its officers are pastors and deacons as defined in the Scriptures; and that the mission of the church is the Great Commission. We believe that the local church is autonomous, and that the only superintendent is Christ. We believe that on matters of membership, polity, government, discipline, and benevolence the will of the local church is final.

XVI. The Ordinances

A. Baptism. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to show forth his union with the crucified, buried and risen Christ, his death to sin, and his resurrection to a new life. It is not a means of grace for salvation, but it is a condition for membership in the church.

B. Lord's Supper. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord as the commemoration of His death until He comes; that it is the privilege and obligation of all obedient believers; and that it should be preceded by solemn examination.

XVII. The Believer

We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. All claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural. We believe that every believer should walk in Christian love and holiness, exhibiting honesty, integrity, forbearance, and forgiveness; and that progress in these virtues will be manifested by humility and zeal for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

XVIII. Eschatology

We believe in the imminent, pretribulational return of Christ to rapture the living church and raise the righteous dead. The church will then appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive what each has done in his earthly body. The seven-year tribulation period will culminate in the premillennial return of Christ in great power and glory to destroy the world system and establish His visible, literal reign upon earth. We believe that the lost will be sent to suffer the righteous wrath of God for eternity, while the righteous in Christ will enjoy fellowship in glory with God forever.

Student Life Information

Standards of Conduct

- College life ought to have two foci: academic preparation, and expanding social interaction. FBC provides an atmosphere for both in a local church context. Just as Paul had rights (1 Cor 9:3-11) that he did not insist on (see verses 12, 15), so the students, faculty and staff enjoy a freedom from rules and regulations which they are willing to forego in the interest of the gospel.
- Having said that, they wish for the atmosphere at FBC to be as informal as possible. To this end, they ask that student dress be somewhere between business casual (required for professors) and casual. Courteous classroom interaction is encouraged, and disagreements are to be handled graciously.
- Basic Christian standards of behavior are expected in every venue of school activity. Conduct should conform, then, to “*true righteousness and holiness*” (Eph 4:24). That is, members of the student body, faculty and staff should be truthful (verse 25), not wrathful (verse 26), honest and generous (verse 28), using edifying speech (verse 29), forgiving (verse 30-32), and loving (5:1-2). Therefore, they should be patient, kind, supportive, humble, courteous, interested in others, forbearing, pure, and always looking for the best in others (1 Cor 13:4-7). Conversely, unloving behavior will not be tolerated without rebuke and correction. FBC is confident that its students will strive to be full of grace and of the Spirit’s power to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4).
- Students and faculty are asked to be punctual, to make school payments in full and on time, to have their work completed by specified deadlines, and to do everything they can to make the college experience for others as pleasant as possible.
- Students will be asked from time to time to complete

assignments on their honor (i.e. take home tests, reading assignments, etc.). FBC especially encourages these students to remember the value and comfort of a clear conscience (Acts 24:16).

- All those called into full-time ministry are required to take all of the 2-credit hour, seminary-level block courses. Students should plan their semesters accordingly.
- By enrolling in FBC, you are required to be responsible for all policies of FBC, both academic and standards of conduct.

Practical Christian Service

FBC students are required to be actively serving in one of Edmonton's local churches. Full-time students must be enrolled in the Church Internship program (see below). Diverse opportunities will enable the student to broaden his understanding of what others do, and help him see where he is most gifted.

Church Internship Program (1 credit hour per semester)

The purpose of this ministry involvement is to ensure that students at Foundation College are actively involved in ministry in a local church. It is the expectation that each student be involved in some ministry activity each semester they are enrolled.

Year 1

First Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper on the different ministries provided by your church.
- Teach or preach once in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Second Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.

- Write a one page paper on one ministry area that is of interest to you and why.
- Teach or preach once in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Year 2

First Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper describing the Youth or Sunday School ministries at your church.
- Teach or preach twice in your local church.
- Interview another pastor in the area and find out ministries that his church does. Write out a one page summary of your interview.
- List current ministry involvement.

Second Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper of a specific ministry opportunity you would want to start and how.
- Teach or preach twice in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Year 3

First Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper on the strengths and weaknesses of your church.
- Teach or preach 4 times in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Second Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper on the positives and negatives of a small church vs. a large church.
- Teach or preach 4 times in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Year 4

First Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper on ways your church can encourage more participation in current ministries.
- Interview another pastor in the area on ways in which his church does outreach. Write out a one page summary of your interview.
- Teach or preach 8 times in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Second Semester:

- Meet one time with a pastor or pastor's wife.
- Write a one page paper on ways people can encourage their pastor.
- Teach or preach 8 times in your local church.
- List current ministry involvement.

Please obtain mid-semester and end-semester activity report forms from the school office. Complete the forms and leave them with your teacher.

Admissions Information

Applying for Admission

1. All students at FBC must have a credible testimony of salvation and commitment to Jesus Christ. They must affirm the Statement of Faith, and be willing by God's grace to demonstrate exemplary conduct while a student at FBC.
2. All students applying to FBC must have a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.
3. Students must complete an application in full and have transcripts sent to FBC. The pastoral recommendation must also be completed. We encourage all students to be faithful in attending and serving at their home church.
4. There is no application fee at FBC.
5. Transfer students must also fill out an application and have a pastoral recommendation. Credits will be accepted at FBC on an individual basis according to the student's grade for the course, and the course's applicability.
6. Any student at least 18 years old may audit any FBC course for a fee of \$60.00 plus the price of the book. Audit students are not required to complete the reading and/or tests and papers required for the class, but completing the assignments will assure their increased profit from the class.
7. Application and recommendation forms may be detached from this handbook, or 8.5 x 11 applications may be obtained from the school office. They should be left for Pastor Talbert when they are completed.

Foundation Baptist College

Student Application Form

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name

Last	First	Middle	Nickname
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2. Address

Street or Mailing Address

City	Province/State	Postal/Zip Code
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3. Phone (include area code)

Home _____ Work/cell _____

E-mail _____

Emergency contact

Name	Relation	Number
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4. Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender: _____ Citizenship _____

5. Marital Status: Single Married Engaged Divorced Remarried
Widow(er)

6. Church information:

Membership _____

Name of church where you are a member		Pastor's Name		
Street or Mailing Address	City	Province/State	Postal/Zip Code	Church Phone

Attending (if other)

II. SPIRITUAL PROFILE

1. Describe your salvation experience (including Scripture references) in the space below. *(may be continued on next page)*

2. Were you baptized by immersion after salvation? Yes No

3. Describe your involvement in your local church.

III. GENERAL

1. Why do you want to attend Foundation Baptist College?

2. How did you hear about FBC?

3. Are your parents supportive of your desire to attend FBC? Yes No
If no, please explain

4. I am seeking enrolment (*Check all that apply*)

- As a first-time college student
- As a full-time student
- Planning to graduate from FBC
- Plans indefinite
- As a transfer student
- As a part-time student
- Planning one or two years

IV. ACADEMICS

1. Name of High School

2. Year you graduated High School or completed GED _____

3. Type of school: Home School Private or Christian School Public School

4. List each school you attended after High School, beginning with the most recent.

Name of school	Location	Dates attended	Degree?
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V. MEDICAL

1. Describe your general level of health.

2. Do you have any limitations that may need special consideration? Yes No
If so, please describe.

We need the following to complete your application:

- Your completed application.
- An official transcript from your High School or most recent educational institution.
- Reference form from your pastor.

All documents should be mailed to:
Foundation Baptist College
2215 17 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T6T 1J1

ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

I certify that the above information is complete and accurate. I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance as a student, but I am willing to commit myself to full compliance with the policies and standards of FBC when I enroll.

Signature _____ Date _____

Foundation Baptist College
Church Reference

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PASTOR OR CHURCH OFFICER

The person named above wishes to study at Foundation Baptist College, and has selected you as a reference. We appreciate your input in helping us to make appropriate decisions. Please mail the completed form to Foundation Baptist College, 2215 17th St NW, Edmonton, AB T6T 1J1.

For further information please call (780) 440-1195, or E-mail budtal@shaw.ca.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well do you know him or her? Slightly Casually Fairly well Very well

Do you believe he/she is born again? What evidence have you observed? _____

Describe the applicant's relationship with his/her ...

Parents _____

Peers _____

Others _____

Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life? Please comment: _____

Describe the applicant's Church attendance. _____

What types of ministry has the applicant tried? Comment on his/her success.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

- Separate courses cost \$110.00 per semester hour. A full load is 8 semester hours, which costs \$850.00 (instead of \$880.00). A student may take up to 19 semester hours for the same price as 8 semester hours.
- An administrative fee of \$40.00 is paid by every credit student. This covers the cost of keeping track of the student's grades and other records.
- The fee to audit a course is \$60.00 plus the price of the textbook.
- Out-of-town students may billet at the school for \$600/month. Partial months are pro-rated. Other fees (eg. car, gasoline, insurance, etc.) are the responsibility of the student.

Financial Policies

- The student may pay for his courses in 4 separate payments made each month of the semester.
- The first payment is due when the class begins. The last payment is due before final exams are taken (see calendar above). Students whose bill is unpaid will not receive his/her grades.
- Two separate scholarships are available for students. Please see Pastor Talbert for an explanation of these scholarships.
- Cheques must be payable to Meadowlands Baptist Church.

Academic Information

Academic Policies

- FBC offers a Diploma in Bible. This degree is designed to prepare the student for service to Christ by providing (1) a strong foundation of Biblical knowledge, (2) a Biblical philosophy of ministry, (3) and extensive experience in Christian service.
- Students are responsible to purchase textbooks on their own. Any student who needs help locating or purchasing a book should seek help from a professor.
- Two unexcused absences from any single class are permitted as long as the student completes all the requirements for that class. Classes can be recorded for those students desiring to make up missed lectures. These arrangements must be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Grading is based on a straight 10 point scale.

90-100	A-, A, A+	3.75 - 4.0
80-89.9	B-, B, B+	2.75 - 3.74
70-79.9	C-, C, C+	1.75 - 2.74
75	C	2.00
Below 70	F	0

- Any student receiving a grade below 75 on a course will not receive credit for that course. Students failing to maintain a 2.0 GPA will not graduate. It is recommended that these students consider completing the Foundation Church Institute course of study.
- 128 class hours are required for the Diploma in Bible.

Four-Year Bible Diploma Program

First Year

First Semester		Second Semester	
OT Survey	2 hours	NT Survey	2 hours
Systematic Theol 1	3 hours	Systematic Theol 2	3 hours
PBM 1 Mess Prep	2 hours	PBM 2 Mess Del	2 hours
Genesis	2 hours	Romans	2 hours
Fundamentalism	2 hours	Bibliology	2 hours
Personal Evangel.	2 hour	Christian Living	2 hours
Church History	2 hours	Baptist History	2 hours
Internship	1 hour	Internship	1 hour
	16 hours		16 hours

Second Year

First Semester		Second Semester	
Pentateuch	2 hours	Life of Christ	2 hours
Apologetics	3 hours	Doctrine of God	3 hours
PBM 3 Wri/Gram	2 hours	PBM 4 Herm	2 hour
John	2 hours	Corinthians	2 hours
Pastoral Epistles	2 hours	Isaiah	2 hours
Elem. Greek 1	3 hours	Elem. Greek 2	3 hours
Elective	2 hours	Elective	2 hours
Internship	1 hour	Internship	1 hour
	17 hours		17 hours

Third Year

First Semester		Second Semester	
Soteriology 1	3 hours	Soteriology 2	3 hours
Ph. of Counseling	2 hours	Family Counseling	2 hours
PBM Expos Mess	2 hours	PBM Ch Planting	2 hours
Greek Grammar 1	3 hours	Greek Grammar 2	3 hours
Acts 1-12	2 hours	Acts 13-28	2 hours
Proverbs	2 hours	Job/Eccl	2 hours
Church History 1	2 hours	Church History 2	2 hours
Internship	1 hour	Internship	1 hour
	17 hours		17 hours

Fourth Year

First Semester		Second Semester	
Eschatology	3 hours	Ecclesiology	2 hours
OT Hist Books	3 hours	OT Prophets	3 hours
Psalms	2 hours	Mark	2 hours
Revelation	2 hours	Canadian Bap His	2 hours
Church Music	2 hours	Crisis Counseling	2 hours
Matthew in Gk	2 hours	Titus in Gk	2 hours
Elective	2 hours	Elective	2 hours
Internship	1 hour	Internship	1 hour
	17 hours		16 hours

133 hours total

- The first year courses are colored in red because they will form the one-year certificate program whenever FBC has enough students to register for the program.
- Elective courses are required for sophomore and senior students (one class each semester for both years).
- Though the basic curriculum provides for 133 class hours, students are allowed to graduate with 128 hours. Students are encouraged to complete semesters with extra hours if possible.

Course Descriptions

The curriculum at Foundation Baptist College is divided between book expositions (Ex), theology (Th), church history (this is also designated Th), Biblical survey (Su), practical ministry (Pr), and ancient languages (AL).

First Year

Old Testament Survey

Su101

2 hours

Presents the progress of Old Testament history from creation to exile with particular attention given to the geography, chronology and cultural background of each of the books.

New Testament Survey

Su102

2 hours

Presents the title, authorship, sources, purpose/occasion, date of composition, recipients, characteristics, theology and content of the New Testament books.

Systematic Theology I

Th101

2 hours

Introduces the student to the two disciplines of theology (biblical & systematic), and covers Bibliology, Theology Proper, Angelology, Anthropology, and Christology. Compares and contrasts the Covenant Theological and Dispensational systems.

Systematic Theology II

Th102

2 hours

Covers soteriology, ecclesiology, pneumatology and eschatology. Highlights the controversy over miraculous gifts and a premillennial, pretribulational view of last things, in the context of a review of other Evangelical views of both doctrines.

Preparing Bible Messages I

Pr101

2 hours

Discusses the methodology for preparing a message from a biblical text. Defines exposition and details the steps of explanation and application.

Preparing Bible Messages II

Pr102

2 hours

Emphasizes the mechanics of message delivery. Provides the students (men and women) 4-5 opportunities to deliver a Bible message to a class or small group. Explains proper message organization, proper use of voice and gestures, and meaningful interaction with the audience.

Second Year

Pentateuch

Su202

2 hours

Overviews the five books of Moses to prepare the student for effective Christian service. Highlights interpretational difficulties, literary and theological analysis.

Apologetics

Th201

3 hours

An analysis and defense of the Christian worldview, together with an analysis and refutation of secular and religious alternative worldviews. Equips students to defend the core biblical doctrines and refute philosophical, historical, archeological and scientific claims against the Bible.

John

Ex201

2 hours

Analyzes major theological themes and exposit select portions in John. Highlights hermeneutical principles vital to a proper exposition of John's writings.

Pastoral Epistles

Ex202

2 hours

An exposition of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Applies the exposition to pastoral theology. Emphasizes the interpretation and application of the biblical text.

Elementary Greek I

AL201

3 hours

Introduction to the phonology, vocabulary, grammar and syntax of biblical Greek.

Elementary Greek II

AL202

3 hours

Reinforcement and development in the basic principles of Greek grammar and syntax. Prerequisite: AL201.

Life of Christ

Su201

2 hours

A survey of the life of Christ as recorded in the four canonical gospels, with an emphasis on the application of a traditional grammatical-historical hermeneutic to the biblical text. Provides essential background to a standard harmony of the gospels while preparing the student to interpret and apply gospel events and teachings to daily life.

The Doctrine of God

Th202

3 hours

Presented from a classical Trinitarian perspective, overviews the character and works of the true God. Distinguishes the biblical doctrine from major heresies of church history.

Preparing Bible Messages III **Pr203** **2 hours**
Focuses on the skills of writing and grammar to better prepare the student in communication. Highlights diagramming Scripture and basic writing skills.

Preparing Bible Messages IV **Pr204** **2 hours**
Focuses on principles of hermeneutics. Identifies and rejects selected contemporary hermeneutical principles. Equips the student to accurately explain and apply the Scripture.

Exposition of the Corinthians **Ex203** **2 hours**
An exposition of 1 and 2 Corinthians to prepare the student for effective Christian service. Emphasizes historical background, contextual interpretation, and contemporary application, highlighting simple methods of Bible study.

Exposition of Isaiah **Ex204** **2 hours**
An exposition of the book of Isaiah emphasizing the book's unified structure and thematic development. Includes discussion of how to structure a preaching series from Isaiah and vital hermeneutical principles within the book.

Third Year

Soteriology I **Th301** **3 hours**
A biblical survey of the doctrines of man, sin and salvation from a penal, substitutionary sacrificial point of view. Discusses anthropology, hamartiology, and soteriology, surveying the history of each doctrine, various positions. Exposit and applies select passages.

Soteriology II **Th302** **3 hours**
Resumes the doctrine of salvation with the doctrines of conversion, regeneration, union with Christ, justification, sanctification and glorification. Prerequisite: None.

Philosophy of Counseling **Pr303** **2 hours**
Introduction to biblical counseling, both theologically and practically. Lays an historical and theological foundation for counseling. Highlights the development of effective counseling procedures as well as the discussion of specific issues and problems in counseling.

Family Counseling **Pr304** **2 hours**
Built on the foundation laid in Pr104 (*Christian Living*) and Pr303 (*Philosophy of Counseling*), examines the biblical teaching concerning marriage and the home. Develops counseling methodologies helpful in addressing and solving common problems.

Preparing Bible Messages V **Pr305** **2 hours**
Prepares the student for the preparation and delivery of expositional sermons. Focuses on the expositional form of the genres of biblical literature. Advanced attention given to sermon delivery.

Preparing Bible Messages VI **Pr306** **2 hours**
Combines a biblical philosophy of church planting and missions with a particular focus on church planting in Canada. Offers hands-on ministry in a northern Alberta planting church and a biblical philosophy of missions.

Greek Grammar I **AL301** **3 hours**
Development of working knowledge of the vocabulary, grammar, and syntax of the Greek New Testament. Includes translation of selected passages.
Prerequisite: AL202.

Greek Grammar II **AL302** **3 hours**
Reinforcement and continued development of a working knowledge of the vocabulary, grammar and syntax of the Greek New Testament. Includes translation of selected passages. **Prerequisite: AL301.**

Life of Peter **Ex301** **2 hours**
An exposition of Acts 1-12. Introduces Peter from the gospel records, and focuses on the apostle's leadership in the early church. Emphasizes the historical background, contextual interpretation, and contemporary application of the text, tying the chronology of Peter's life to Mark's gospel and Peter's epistles.

Life of Paul **Ex302** **2 hours**
An exposition of Acts 13-28. Introduces Paul from Acts 9, and focuses on the apostle's missionary endeavors in the early church. Emphasizes the historical background, contextual interpretation, and contemporary application of the text of Acts, tying the chronology of Paul's life to his 13 epistles.

Proverbs **Ex303** **2 hours**
A detailed explanation of the book of Proverbs. Discusses the nature of biblical and proverbial poetry and the genre of Proverbs. Highlights subject studies and comprehensive knowledge of Proverbs. Emphasis on gaining skills for applying Proverbs to daily life and teaching Proverbs to others (your own children, Sunday School, and preaching).

Church History I **Th303** **2 hours**
Covers the period of church history from the first century to the Reformation. Emphasizes the development of the church's preaching, organizational structure, and doctrinal understanding.

Church History II**Th304****2 hours**

Covers the period of church history from the early stages of the Reformation in Germany, Switzerland and England. Traces the separation of Protestantism from the apostate Romanist church. Highlights denominational diversity, the development of the great confessional statements of doctrine, the spread of Christianity throughout the world, and modern church difficulties.

Job & Ecclesiastes**Ex304****2 hours**

An exposition of Job and Ecclesiastes. Focuses on the development of the theme of each book. Emphasizes how to teach both books.

Sanctification**Th305****2 hours**

Presents how the believer can progressively change to become more like Jesus Christ. Examines God's provision and plan to sanctify His children, exposes flawed views of sanctification, and equips the student to pursue biblical change in his own life as well as in the life of others.

Fourth Year**Eschatology****Th401****2 hours**

Reviews the history of eschatology, focusing on the progress of the doctrine in the last two centuries. Argues for a dispensational view of Scripture. Examines the present Church age, two advents of Christ, the Great Tribulation of the saints, the kingdom of Christ, the final judgments and eternity. Examines competing views in each subject.

Ecclesiology**Th402****2 hours**

A biblical theology of the church. Discusses the nature and images of the church and highlights church leadership, ordinances and functions of the New Testament church.

Historical Books**Su401****3 hours**

Overviews Joshua through Esther, emphasizing chronology and historical background. Highlights the introduction to each book (date of composition, author, occasion & purpose, and recipients) and themes. Discusses contemporary application.

Prophets**Su402****3 hours**

Overviews Isaiah through Malachi with an emphasis on chronology and Israel's history. Highlights the function and ministry of the Old Testament prophet. Highlights the introduction to each book (date of composition, author, occasion & purpose, and recipients) and themes. Discusses contemporary application.

- Exposition of the Psalms** **Ex401** **2 hours**
 Exposites select psalms representative of each genre and examines Hebrew poetry and the historical background of the Psalms.
- Exposition of Mark** **Ex402** **2 hours**
 An exposition of the gospel of Mark. Emphasizes its role in the synoptic gospels and its theme. Discusses how to interpret New Testament narrative as well as parabolic literature and discourse.
- Exposition of Revelation** **Ex403** **2 hours**
 Surveys the contents of Revelation. Focus given to interpretation, competing views, and teaching the book.
- Canadian Baptist History** **Th403** **2 hours**
 A chronological outline of the Baptist movement in Canada in the context of its greater Evangelical heritage. Emphasis on the beginnings of the Baptist movement in the 18th century tracing its movement westward in the 19th and 20th centuries. Special emphasis will be given to the Fundamentalist controversy in the 20th century and on the development of the present-day Baptist Fundamentalists in Western Canada.
- Church Music** **Pr403** **2 hours**
 Reviews the history of church music, emphasizing the rise of 20th century Contemporary Christian Music and its influence on evangelicalism. Presents the place of music in the biblical concept of worship. Attention given to the development of a policy of church music.
- Crisis Counseling** **Pr404** **2 hours**
 Applies sound counseling principles to the crises of life. Presents counseling methodologies helpful in addressing and solving life's most serious problems.
- Matthew in Greek** **AL301** **2 hours**
 Translation and exegesis of the first Gospel, with studies in syntax and vocabulary. **Prerequisite: AL302.**
- Titus in Greek** **AL302** **2 hours**
 Exegesis of Titus, with study of forms, syntax and vocabulary. Emphasizes the use of the Logos Bible program in sermon preparation. **Prerequisite: AL302.**

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