



Foundation Baptist College

Student Handbook

2013–2014

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General Information

A Word from the President

Daniel 11 describes the assault of “the king of the north” on Israel. This king, revealed in history as Antiochus Epiphanes IV, tried to bully the Jewish people out of their religion. Verses 31-32 describe the profoundly significant



events of December 168 BC. Verse 32 describes two different reactions of the Jewish people to Antiochus. On the one hand, Antiochus was able to “flatter” the Jews who were not committed to the Lord by making all sorts of promises to them. In contrast verse 32 says, *“but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”* This is a prophetic reference to the Maccabees who valiantly resisted Antiochus’ bullying and took a clear stand for God.

What is it that makes people able to resist such sin? Knowing God. Knowing God makes us strong. Foundation Baptist College was inaugurated with a desire to strengthen God’s people in western Canada by helping them to know God better. We do this by offering many courses in theology and Bible exposition. Through these we teach our students to seek the Lord with passion and with care. Passion for God is evident in a determination to find Him. Someone asked A. W. Tozer once how long he prayed each day.

“Until I have God’s ear,” was the reply. So we want to seek Him until we find Him. That is spiritual passion.

But no man can see God at any time, for He is glorious in His holiness. Therefore, God must also be sought with care. The Christian cannot turn his mind off, and just surrender his emotions to the heat of the moment. Paul says that we are to sing and pray with ***both*** the spirit and the understanding. We must seek God according to His truth, and with profound reverence. So knowing God is more than filling the head with facts about Him. It is seeking Him. We do not just want things from Him. We want Him.

Knowing God means actually interacting with Him, baring our souls to Him, and meeting with Him in the Scriptures. Knowing God, as the Maccabees demonstrated, is evidenced in a loving commitment to Him, a commitment that refuses to turn against Him no matter what the enticement. This is encouraged through the practical courses we teach here at the college. Knowledge is put to work in serving others, and lived out in a commitment to the gospel. Shouldn’t you consider coming to Foundation Baptist College?

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.

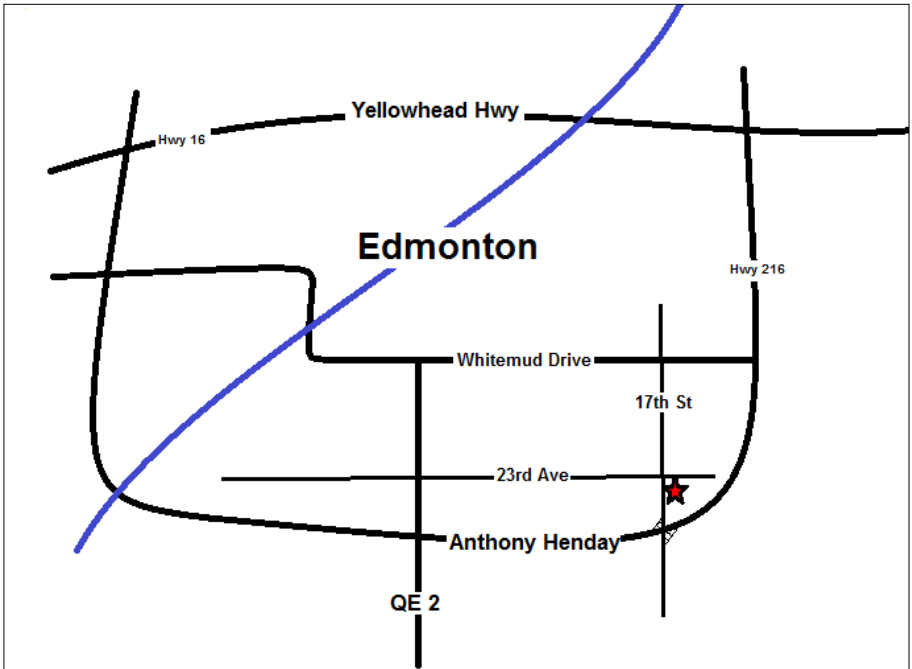
For these reasons we believe that there is a great need for the Foundation Baptist College.

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 2013-2014

First Semester

August 26	Classes Begin and first payment due
Sept 9-14	Block class: Exposition of Daniel (Joel Arnold)
October 14-18	Mid-semester Break
November 1	Mid-semester grades out
November 11-16	Block class: Ecclesiology (Andy Rynsburger)
November 29	Final payment due
December 6	Last day of the semester

Classes for Fall 2013				
Time	Hours	Course	Teacher	Text
M 7-9	2	Ex302 Life of Paul	Bud Talbert	Picirilli, <i>Paul the Apostle</i> (ISBN 9780802463258)
Tues 7-9	2	Th101 Systematic Theology I	Bud Talbert	Grudem, <i>Bible Doctrine</i> (ISBN 9780310222330)
Wed 8-10	2	Th106 Baptist History	Duncan Johnson	Leonard, <i>Baptist Ways: A History</i> (ISBN 9780817012311); Early, <i>Readings in Baptist History</i> , (ISBN 9780805446746)
Thurs 7-9	2	Pr101 Preparing Bible Messages 1	Bud Talbert	Braga, <i>How to Prepare Bible Messages</i> (ISBN 9781590524510)
Fri 7-10	3	AL401 Matthew in Greek	Paul Weir	GNT & Shorter Lexicon
Block Classes				
Sept 9-14	2	Ex213 Exposition of Daniel	Joel Arnold	Stephen Miller, <i>Daniel</i> (NAC; ISBN 9780805401189)
Nov 11-16	2	Ecclesiology	Andy Rynsburger	John Hammett, <i>Biblical Foundations For Baptist Churches: A Contemporary Ecclesiology</i> (ISBN 9780825427695)

Second Semester

January 13	Classes Begin and first payment due
February 3-8	Block class: Church Music (Tim Fisher)
March 10-15	Block class: Revelation (Greg Bartlett)
March 17-21	Mid-Semester Break
March 28	Mid-Semester Grades Out
April 18	Final Payment Due
April 25	Last day of regular classes
Apr 28-May 3	Block class: Ex212 Judges (Michael Miller)

Classes for Spring 2014				
Time	Hours	Course	Teacher	Text
M 7-9	2	Pr102 Preparing Bible Messages 2	Bud Talbert	Hendricks, <i>Teaching to Change Lives</i> (ISBN 9781590521380)
Tues 7-9	2	Th102 Systematic Theology II	Bud Talbert	Grudem, <i>Bible Doctrine</i> (ISBN 9780310222330)
Wed 8-10	2	Th105 Church History Survey	Duncan Johnson	Noll, <i>Turning Points</i> (ISBN 9780801039966)
Thurs 7-9	2	Su401 Historical Books	Danny Wright	Hamilton, <i>Handbook on the Historical Books</i> (ISBN 9780801036149)
Fri 7-10	3	AL402 Titus in Greek	Paul Weir	GNT & Shorter Lexicon
Block Classes				
Feb 3-8	2	Pr405 Church Music	Tim Fisher	TBA
Mar 10-15	2	Ex403 Revelation	Greg Bartlett	John Walvoord, <i>The Revelation of Jesus Christ</i> (ISBN 9780802473097)
Apr 28-May 3	2	Ex212 Judges	Michael Miller	Leon Wood, <i>The Days of the Judges</i>

Summer Session

Block Classes for Summer 2014				
Dates	Hours	Course	Teacher	Text
June 23-28	2	Th401 Eschatology	Greg Bartlett	Benware, <i>Understanding End Times Prophecy</i> (ISBN 9780802490797) Erickson, <i>Basic Guide to Eschatology</i> (ISBN 9780801058363)
July 7-12	2	Exposition of John's Epistles	Duncan Johnson	Marshall, <i>The Epistles of John</i> (ISBN 9780802825186)

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. 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.
8. Out-of-town students may be billeted with church families if housing is necessary. The student is responsible to arrange housing, but may request assistance from the College office.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

- Separate courses cost \$125.00 per semester hour. A full load is 8 semester hours, which costs \$1000.00. 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 \$75.00 plus the price of the textbook.

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 on page 9). 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

- The first year courses in red font form the one-year certificate program.
- Elective courses are required for sophomore and senior students (one class each semester for both years).
- Students may graduate with a minimum of 128 of the 133 credit hours available in the 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/Eccel	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	

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 (Message Preparation)

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 (Message Delivery)

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.

Exposition of Genesis**Ex 101****2 hours**

Designed to broadly analyze the content of Genesis with a view to understanding its overall structure, including themes and sub-themes. Includes narrative analysis, preparing a message from an OT narrative passage, and general principles of interpretation and application.

Exposition of Romans**Ex 102****2 hours**

Develops the central message of Romans and introduces background, theology and literary genre. Emphasizes personal study of Romans and applying Romans to the Christian life.

Biblical Fundamentalism**Th103****2 hours**

Examines the case of the 20th century Fundamental movement from Scripture and history. Presents the believer's obligation to separate from the world, false teachers, and persistently disobedient brethren both inside and outside the local assembly.

Bibliology**Th104****2 hours**

Examines the five-stage process of the communication of God's thoughts to man: revelation, inspiration, canonization, preservation and illumination. Concepts are defined, thoroughly discussed, and related to other fields of theology, with a special emphasis on English versions.

Personal Evangelism**Pr103****2 hours**

Establishes the believer's obligation to evangelize. Demonstrates both the theology and methodologies for carrying out this obligation.

Christian Living**Pr104****2 hours**

Contrasts virtue and vice passages in the New Testament with an aim toward sanctification and proper Christian character. Emphasizes marriage and home life.

Church History Survey**Th105****2 hours**

Surveys the people, places and dates most important in understanding how the Holy Spirit has been saving, sanctifying and organizing people for the past two millennia.

Baptist History**Th106****2 hours**

Traces the history of the present Baptist movement back to 17th century England. Examines the three primary theories of Baptist history and traces the spread of Baptist teaching throughout England, North America and the world.

Internship**Pr101-402****1 hour**

The eight modules of *Internship*, explained above under "Christian Service," is the vehicle for reporting the student's Christian service while he is a student at FBC.

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 (Writing and Grammar) 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 (Hermeneutics) 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 (Philosophy of Exposition) 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 (Church Planting) 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**
Exposits 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 **Pr405** **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 **AL401** **2 hours**
Translation and exegesis of the first Gospel, with studies in syntax and vocabulary. **Prerequisite: AL301.**

Titus in Greek **AL402** **2 hours**
Exegesis of Titus, with study of forms, syntax and vocabulary. Emphasizes the use of the Logos Bible program in sermon preparation. **Prerequisite: AL301.**

Elective Courses

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| Exposition of James | Ex210 | 2 hours |
| An exposition of James, emphasizing outlining skills, devotional reading and personal Bible study. Highlights thematic study. | | |
| Exposition of Hebrews | Ex211 | 2 hours |
| An exposition of Hebrews, emphasizing the warning passages and the development of the author's argument. | | |
| Exposition of Judges | Ex212 | 2 hours |
| Combines the content and theology of Judges with introductory information and chronology, giving a comprehensive view of the time of Israel's judges. | | |
| Exposition of Daniel | Ex213 | 2 hours |
| An exposition of Daniel with an emphasis on eschatology from a premillennial, pretribulational framework. | | |
| Exposition of Galatians | Ex314 | 2 hours |
| An exposition of Galatians, with an emphasis on legalism and the Christian's use of the law. | | |
| Theology of Prayer | Th311 | 2 hours |
| Combines a study of prayer spanning both testaments with expositions of numerous biblical prayers, formulating a well-grounded theology of prayer. Students are instructed concerning the kinds of prayer presented in Scripture and are taught how to pray. | | |
| Pneumatology | Th411 | 2 hours |
| Discusses the person and work of the Holy Spirit and examines several contemporary issues in pneumatology. Including the functions and existence of the miraculous gifts in the contemporary church and a thorough examination and refutation of Charismatic theology. | | |
| Dispensationalism | Th413 | 3 hours |
| A comprehensive look at the overall structure of the Bible including the relationship between the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis given to the foundational distinctives of the dispensational system and the differences between it and Covenant theology and a discussion of classical and progressive dispensational. | | |
| Paul's Epistles | Su411 | 2 hours |
| Overviews the Pauline epistles, focusing on the background and introductory material. Instructions concerning the preparation of lessons to be used in Sunday School class or in personal discipleship. | | |

General Epistles **Su412** **2 hours**
Overviews Hebrews through Jude, focusing on the background and introductory material. Discusses chronology and biography of the biblical authors.

Early Church History **Th312** **2 hours**
Focuses on church history from the close of the New Testament to the time of Charlemagne. Traces the development of the church and church doctrine. Emphasizes church councils and significant influential early church leaders.

Reformation **Th313** **2 hours**
Focuses on Luther, Calvin and Tyndale with the background of the pre-reformation period. Examines the contribution of each reformer to the doctrine and prosperity of the Reformation.

History of Fundamentalism **Th412** **2 hours**
Surveys the American Fundamentalist movement in the context of the growth of 19th century Liberalism and the Downgrade Controversy.

Pastoring the Small Church **Pr411** **2 hours**
A practical and comprehensive examination of the obligations and responsibilities of the Western Canada small church pastor. Discusses church administration, finances, management skills, people skills, and ministry.

Church Administration **Pr412** **2 hours**
Focuses on the administration of larger church. Discusses the pastor's interaction with people and their organization in a church. Topics include managing and organizing ministry, working with people in a larger church setting, planning and budgeting, and designing and maintenance of facilities.

General Counseling **Pr201** **2 hours**
A survey of biblical counseling principles designed to promote the sanctification of the Christian. Equips the student to disciple and counsel others using sound counseling methodologies.

The Role of Music in the Worship of God **Pr403** **2 hours**
Introduces worship from a biblical perspective with an emphasis on your relationship to God. Includes discussion of the proper role of music, a word study of the key Hebrew and Greek words translated as worship, a brief history of worshipping God in the Bible, and the worship practices of Christians in the New Testament. Reflects on current worship practices used in churches.

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