



# Student Catalog

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RIVER SOUTHWEST SCHOOL OF MINISTRY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, USA

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

We are excited that God has called you to attend River Southwest School of Ministry (RSW) to help equip you, the follower of Jesus, to do the work of the ministry. It is our desire to lead students who are hungry for God into His revelation knowledge and wisdom to equip them for ministry and help them understand their inheritance through Jesus Christ.

We are committed to providing quality Christian Education and a Christian "Discipline" that will transform your life forever.

In these pages you will find the purpose of the school, along with the general procedures and regulations, academic policies and procedures, and admission/registration and financial policies. There is also a listing of the Core Courses and Elective courses. RSW offers on campus, live stream and on-demand courses.

We encourage you to contact the Dean with any questions and to set up an appointment to discuss the path you need to follow to obtain a diploma or degree.

Get ready for an awesome journey with the Spirit of the Lord!

Pastor Daniel Williams, President  
River Southwest School of Ministry

**Associations for River Southwest School of Ministry**

\*\*Is a member of Transworld Accrediting Commission International.

\*\*Is Recognized by and in good standing with River Ministries International, Tampa, FL.

## **PURPOSE**

RSW purposes to provide a program of study and an environment so students may acquire the revelation knowledge of God's Word. We purpose to establish a pattern for a continuing pursuit of intellectual and spiritual development pertaining to the Holy Scriptures.

Through the Holy Spirit we purpose:

- To guide students in the path of a working knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. To instill a recognition of their authority over all areas of life.
- To stimulate within the student's heart a spirit of inquiry and discernment, cultivating their abilities to be an effective *witness* of Jesus Christ.
- To increase the student's understanding and appreciation of the New Covenant of our Lord Jesus Christ, while learning from our forefathers, the Prophets, the Psalmist and other experiences of the Old Testament.
- To disciple and encourage the Word of God in such a way that it will develop mature patterns of behavior acceptable for the Ministry.
- To enable the student to live successfully in every area of their life and to empower them to reach those around you with the power of God's Word.

## **Our Statement of Faith**

As Christian Bible believers, we at RSW subscribe to the following Declaration of the things which are most surely believed among us: Praying that we may all be of the same mind and same judgment, speaking the same things in love; and with one voice glorifying God, to the edification of His people, and to give a Christian witness to the world. **Luke 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42**

### **1. The Holy Scriptures 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 28:29; 1 Corinthians 1:10**

We believe that the Bible is God's Holy Word. Both the Old Testament and New Testament were written by individuals who were Divinely Inspired. We believe that the Word of God is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Scriptures present to us the complete Revelation of God's Divine will for the Salvation of humanity.

It is RSW's standard that our Instructors will teach from KJV, NKJV, and Amplified (classic). Students will do their homework from, the KJV. RSW has available a comprehensive study on the different versions and revisions of the Holy Scriptures. Due to this study, we feel it is in the Student's best interest to guide their training in the firm, solid foundation of the KJV or NKJV. *"that there be no division, among us!"*

### **2. The Godhead John 14:28**

***Our God is a Trinity, manifested in three persons:*** the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God is infinitely perfect, being in His three persons Co-existent, Co-equal and Co-eternal. *God the Father is the Creator and greater than all. The Son, Jesus Christ, was begotten of the Father,* accepting the robe of flesh, being the True God -True Man, conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the Cross for both the just and the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all that believe in Him are justified by His shed Blood. He arose from the dead and is now at the right hand of Father God. He is our Intercessor and Great High Priest, and He will return again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and justice. ***The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person,*** Executor of the Godhead on earth, the Comforter sent by Jesus Christ to indwell, guide, illuminate, convict and teach the believer. He is the Spirit of Truth.

### **3. Humanity, the Fall, Redemption Romans 5:12; 3:23; 3:10; Ephesians 2:8; John 3:16**

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression, rebellion, and fall, sin came into the world. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil: and through His shed Blood on Calvary, redeems and restores man back to God. Salvation is the gift of God to men, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God.

### **4. The Church Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 1:23; I Corinthians 12:7-11; Mark 16:15-20**

The True Church is the Living Spiritual Body of Jesus Christ, Christ being the head. The Church is made up of born-again believers, born of the Spirit and by the Word. The various gifts and offices of the Holy Spirit are delegated to the Church and are necessary for the fulfillment of the Great Commission, which Christ gave to His Disciples and to His Church.

### **5. Ministry Ephesians 4:11-12**

We believe that God calls men and women by His Holy Spirit to serve as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Counselors, Missionaries and Instructors for the perfecting of the Saints. We believe that the laity of the Church have a responsibility to serve in the area of Deacons and in the "Ministry of Helps."

## 6. The Sacred Sacraments & Ordinances

**Water Baptism:** Immersion is a direct command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and is for the Born-Again believer. All candidates should testify to being Born-Again and receive Biblical instruction regarding this Commitment.

**Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36-39**

**Spirit Baptism:** We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire and that it is a gift of God, promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation, and is given after Salvation. According to Acts 2:4; this Immersion in the Holy Ghost is evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. This is the physical sign of the inward fulfillment. We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit. **Matthew 3:11; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8, 2:4, 38-39; 10:44-48; 1 Corinthians 12:4-17**

**Baby Dedication:** We find no scriptural evidence of infants being baptized; therefore, we dedicate them unto the Lord as did Hannah with her son, Samuel, and as our Lord Jesus Christ was dedicated and blessed. In Jesus' own example, He said, "*Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not,*" and then He blessed the little children. **Luke 2:25-28; Matthew 19:14-15; Mark 10:14**

**Sanctification (Holiness):** We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive, work of Grace, beginning at Salvation and continuing perpetually.

**Hebrews 13:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Corinthians 6:11; John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

**The Lord's Supper:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was instituted by The Lord Jesus Christ and is a memorial to His Death and Resurrection. The Bread and the Fruit of the Vine are an expression of the Body and Blood of our Saviour when blessed, broken and given. We believe that children should be taught this worship at a very early age by their parents and the Church. We believe in the humility of foot washing as set forth by our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 11:26-27; Matthew 26:29; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:18**

**Intercession:** We believe in prayer for the sick, prayer for deliverance, the laying on of hands, Anointing with Holy oil, and Intercession by the Spirit. **Mark 16:18; John 5:14-15; Romans 8:26**

**Rapture, Revelation and Eternal Life:** We believe the Word of God promises us this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. His coming is imminent, We believe in the *Thousand Year Reign*. We believe that it is unwise to teach a fixed time for the Lord's return, but to exhort readiness at all times. **Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:6; Mark 13:32-33; Hebrews 9:27**

## 7. Eternal Life

All of humanity will inherit Eternal Life. Heaven or hell! We believe if one dies in an unregenerated condition, they will be eternally lost and hell will be their eternal destination. **Romans 6:23**

## **RSW Locations**

On Campus, 7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 204, Fort Myers, FL 33907

On-line School, [riverswfl.com](http://riverswfl.com)

On-demand, [riverswfl.com](http://riverswfl.com)

## **General Policies and Regulations**

The President of RSW has the authority to make changes to the current student handbook and also make exceptions to these policies on a case by case basis.

On Campus and Live Stream Classes are scheduled by the Dean. Courses and the trimester calendar are available on the Bible College website page.

On demand is a RSW Online option that provides quality courses which students can complete in a required scheduled timeframe. On demand courses allow students to balance work and home life while pursuing college credit. All courses are delivered online and scheduled each trimester. Courses available and the application form are available on RSW website page.

## **DRESS CODE**

### **Business Casual Dress Code**

The purpose of the River Southwest is to not only strengthen the student's Christian walk but also to prepare the student for ministry. With this in mind, professionalism in dress and conduct is imperative. It is the desire of RSW that all of our students be dressed modestly and in good taste. The dress codes outlined below applies at all times when attending classes, during school hours, and during church services.

### **WOMEN – Acceptable Attire**

- Dresses or blouses and skirts, collared shirts, blouses, suits, blazers/jackets, sweaters, and turtlenecks with dress slacks (including dress type khakis, corduroys, capris or cropped pants, or other non-denim slacks).
- Dress/skirt length must be mid-knee or longer. The hemline of fitted skirts should be mid-knee or longer. Any slit on the front of a skirt or dress may not rise above the knee. Any slit on the side or back may not exceed 3-4 inches above the knee.
- Leggings may only be worn with an appropriate length skirt (mid-knee length or longer).
- Slacks must cover the hip, preferably worn at the waist (no hip-huggers).
- No tight-fitting slacks or skirts are to be worn unless they are paired with a long jacket that covers the derriere completely.
- At no time should underwear be visible when you bend over.

- Undergarments should not be visible through your clothing. Any sheer garments should be accompanied by a non-see-through garment underneath (e.g. shells).
- Undergarments should be supportive and not show any details of the anatomy.
- Acceptable shoes include dressy sandals, dress shoes, dressy-casual shoes, and boots.

Note: If wearing sandals, please have well-groomed feet and toenails.

Note: Shirts, blouses, and sweaters must cover the stomach and midriff area entirely at all times, even when arms are raised.

### **MEN – Acceptable Attire**

- Dress or casual slacks, khakis, corduroys, or Dockers-type slacks. Slacks must be worn at the waist. No baggy or saggy pants allowed. Please note not all Dockers brands and all Khakis are slacks.
- Collared shirts, oxfords, polos, or short sleeve shirts with collars may be worn. Ties are optional.
- Note: Shirts must be tucked in unless they have squared bottoms that are designed to be worn outside. Shirts may not have advertisements, excessive designs, wording, or logos on them
- Dress shoes or dressy casual shoes with socks are required (no sport socks allowed).
- Beards and mustaches must be kept clean, groomed, and at an appropriate length. Hair must be neatly groomed and well-kept. Longer hair must be tied up and out of the face.

### **ALL STUDENTS**

- Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and well kept.
- All students are expected to observe good hygiene and wear clean clothing.
- All clothing is to be pressed and neat without stains, holes, tears, or ragged edges on clothing.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

As representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ, students must conduct themselves in a manner exemplifying strong Christian character. Therefore, smoking, alcoholic beverages and illegal drug or prescription/OTC abuse use are strictly prohibited during class times. Students engaging in any of these activities in their life are strongly encouraged to gain deliverance from them, so that they are truly free to receive God's revelation in their life.

Students are expected to show proper respect to the leaders, instructors and RSW Administration personnel. Keep in mind, only those who know how to submit to authority will know how to be in authority.

Students violating the code of conduct are subject to disciplinary action. All student complaints, disciplinary actions and appeals will be handled by the Dean.

## STUDENT LIFE

In addition to powerful, Word-based and anointed classes, the RSW student has many opportunities on a weekly basis to learn and develop through invaluable hands-on ministry training, as well as grow in the things of God alongside other on-fire classmates. Activities include:

- **Evangelism**

Students attending RSW not only learn about ministry in the classroom, but also practically. In addition to regular class times, students will participate in outreaches and ministry time in the community as scheduled.

- **Local Church**

Students attending RSW are required to attend The River at Fort Myers Church (unless a student already was a member of a church in the local area prior to school attendance). Attendance and involvement at The River Church enhances the student's training in the ministry as they receive from the presence of God and serve in the local church.

- **Ministry of Helps**

Students of the RSW are required to serve in the helps ministry at The River at Fort Myers Church (or their own local church as listed above) once a week. There are many opportunities for the student to learn how ministry works in the local church through the various departments. These hours can be put toward the CSC for final grades.

## CLASSROOM GUIDELINES (for all locations)

It is vital that the atmosphere in the classroom be conducive to learning and receiving revelation in the Word. The Holy Spirit must be given freedom to move in the life of the students without distractions or hindrances.

For live lectures, it is the teacher's responsibility to identify when questions, answers and discussions will be deemed appropriate. During live-stream video presentations, students will be able to ask questions at the end the class. For on-demand classes, the student may submit questions to the Dean via email.

Students in onsite classes are asked to be considerate of their fellow students by refraining from the following during class times (list not all inclusive):

1. Cutting of nails, filing, polishing, etc.
2. Tapping of pencils and pens
3. Putting feet on another chair or on table top
4. Gum chewing
5. Rude or disturbing habits
6. Setting alarm watches, mobile phones to go off during class times. The phones should be on quiet mode or shut off during class time. The student can answer calls or messages during break time only.
7. Excessive "fidgeting" during the instruction. Please have all materials out and in your before class begins (this includes pens, pencils, paper, highlighters, etc). Student needs to remain in their seat until break time.



8. Eating or drinking in class. Closed top containers of water may be allowed as preferred by the teacher or monitor. If there is excessive spills, messes, etc. there will be no drinking allowed during class. During break times the students may have food or drink in front reception area. The student is responsible for cleaning up their mess before returning to their seat. Therefore, the student should maintain effective time management to be ready to begin next class period on time.
9. Sleeping in class.

If the student leaves their seat during classroom time or is sleeping, it is noted as an absence.

### **CHILDREN IN CLASS**

Students are not permitted to bring children of any age to class or to leave them unattended in church, school facilities or outside on the grounds of these facilities. NO childcare is provided.

### **STUDENT CHALLENGES**

Students experiencing any challenges in or out of class which may affect their class work should contact the Dean of the College.

### **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Student Discipline is handled by the Dean. Major infractions could be cause for suspension or total expulsion from the RSW.

### **STUDENT DISMISSAL**

Students who are dismissed from continuing classes for academic, disciplinary or financial reasons, will not be allowed to enroll in future RSW courses without the written recommendation of the Dean. Students who are dismissed from the RSW for these reasons are not entitled to a tuition refund. Students who are dismissed for financial reasons must have paid all past-due tuition and fees before being permitted to register for future courses.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Attendance in class is mandatory for completion of On Campus and Live Stream RSW courses. Therefore, absences will not be considered as excused or unexcused.

### **STUDENT SIGN-IN – Live Stream Classes**

When students sign-on, they will automatically be placed in a virtual waiting room and the instructor will bring them online.

### **CLASS ABSENCE – on Campus and Live Stream Classes**

1. A 4-point penalty will be assessed against a student's final grade for each class in which the student is absent. Students will need to email or text their instructor before the class begins to inform if absent that session.
2. Students who are absent for more than 1/3 of the total number of class periods for any particular course must repeat that course in its entirety. Students will be assessed normal tuition rates for any repeated course.

3. Students are considered absent when the class begins or if they leave more than 10 minutes before the completion of any class or are away from the class repeatedly during the session.

4. If the student sleeps during class, it is noted as an absence.

### **CLASS MAKE-UP OPTION**

For classes conducted on campus and live-stream it is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with the instructor to do make-up review within 7 days of the class. Extenuating circumstances will need to be discussed with the instructor.

For full credit, the student must have all make-up assignments completed within 2 week after the close of the trimester.

### **TARDINESS – On Campus/Live Stream Classes**

Students are considered late if they arrive at any time after the beginning of the class period. All Students should plan on signing in at least 10 minutes before each session and be all prepared to begin class.

NOTE: Live-stream Students should arrive online a minimum of 10 minutes before the scheduled first session to be sure they are connected correctly and ready to begin.

### **ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Grading System**

Grades are used as a measure of how the student is grasping the information taught. While grades are important, students should realize that the revelation they receive in each class will cause true growth in faith.

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
A+	100
A	96-99
A-	90-95
B+	89
B	85-88
B-	80-84
C+	79
C	75-78
C-	70-74
D	65-69
F	64 and below

## **FINAL COURSE GRADES**

Final Grades are determined by the following criteria:

1. Final exam grade
2. Satisfactory attendance. Refer to policy for class absence. Student's final grades will reflect the deduction listed for absence and/or tardiness.
3. Completion of all assignments and projects.

On Campus and Live Streaming - All course work is required to be submitted to the instructor no later than 1 week after the trimester ends to receive full credit for the trimester. Course work submitted after this deadline will result in a lower grade: 2 weeks late, drop one grade level; 3 weeks late, drop 2 grade levels. After this date, will be recorded as an F grade.

On-Demand – All course work is required to be submitted to the instructor no later than 2 weeks after the course scheduling ends to receive full credit for the course. Course work submitted after this deadline will result in a lower grade: 3 weeks late, drop one grade level; weeks late, drop 2 grade levels. After this date, will be recorded as an F grade.

Course failures will require the student to repeat the class in full and pay all fees.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

An average quality point standing of "C" or better is required for graduation. All credits must be in order and all prescribed courses finished with an acceptable grade point average. All fees for the school must be completed before graduation.

## **REPORT CARDS AND TRANSCRIPTS**

On Campus and Live Stream - Report cards will be issued after the close of the trimester and e-mailed to the student.

On Demand - Report cards will be issued one month after completion of course and e-mailed to the student.

Transcripts are issued exclusively by the Dean of RSW for all students. The student can order an initial transcript in writing. Additional copies are available for \$10.00 each.

## **STUDENT RECORDS**

Permanent records of all graduates, current students and correspondent students are kept on file at RSW in the Florida office. All information is confidential and will not be given out without written permission from the student.

## **ADMISSIONS/REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL POLICIES**

### **Eligibility And Acceptance Policy**

Age: persons aged 18 and older may attend the RSW. Applications by those younger than 18 must be accompanied by written references, a recommendation by their pastor, letter and signature of approval from the parents or legal guardian and approved by the RSW Dean.

Acceptance: All applications for admission are subject to acceptance by the Dean. Background checks are required for all students. RSW does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.

Transfer of credits for those interested in pursuing a theological degree should schedule a meeting with the Dean for more information.

## **ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE**

Student must complete a confidential application form available from the Dean. These will be available online at [riverswfl.com](http://riverswfl.com). Background checks are required for all students before admission to RSW.

Fees:

A onetime non-refundable fee of \$150 fee is required at the time of application. This is non-refundable.

Students who transfer to the school from a previous school need to submit a transcript from that school to the Dean if they are looking to take a path towards a degree. Credits may be transferred for work completed at other institutions including a secular or Bible College, providing they are parallel with courses offered by RSW and the grades earned in these courses are satisfactory.

Students desiring credit for previous courses taken at another institution should request official transcripts from the school, college, or institute previously attended. Transcripts should be sent to the dean's office, River Southwest School of Ministry. An evaluation will be made as to the amount of credits that may be transferred. There is a non-refundable credit evaluation fee of \$45.00 for this service. Additional documentation, including curriculum or course outlines may be required. RSW reserves the right to approve or disapprove all courses for transfer credit. There is a \$25/credit fee for each course that is accepted for transfer.

## **COURSE REGISTRATION**

Student must registration online once their application is approved for each class they are attending. The student will have access with a passcode to identify the courses available for that trimester.

In Person and Live Stream Classes:

Tuition payment for full-time students must be paid in full for the year due by the day before the first class of the year or by 3 payments, each due by the day before the first class of each trimester with approvals.

Part-time students must pay in full for the course they have chosen due by the day before that class.

On-Demand Classes:

Full-time students must pay tuition in full for the year due the day before the first class of their first course selection for the year or by 3 payments, each due the day before the first class of the trimester.

Part-time students must pay in full for the course they have chosen due by the day before scheduled activation of the first class.

Study guide fee is required be paid by the day before each first class.

Payment of the one-time application fee of \$150 for full-time and part-time students is due when applying to RSW.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Newsletters and other types of mailers are e-mailed to students identifying upcoming courses. All students must pre-register for the classes so books and other paperwork can be ordered.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

### **ADMISSION:**

A onetime application fee of \$150 paid at the time of application for full and part time students. This is non-refundable.

### **TUITION:**

Fulltime = \$3880 per year (2 years -For the associate program) May pay by trimester - \$1294. Paid by the day before start of first class to have access online or to attend in the on campus classes. Refund: 90% 1st week, 70% second week, no refund beyond.

Part-time = \$80 per credit hour These courses go towards the Associate program – for those who want to move at a slower pace; For degrees- courses credit goes towards degrees as determined by the Dean. Paid by the day before first class for on campus, live-stream and on demand to have access online. Refund: 90% after first class, no refund beyond.

No auditing of classes is permitted.

**STUDY GUIDES** - various prices for each book. No refunds.

All students must pay in full by the day before first class to receive for first class.

### **FAMILY DISCOUNT:**

Full-time = Any married couple, or parent and child residing in the same household, attending RSW may apply for the Family Discount. One person pays the full price of tuition, the other pays ½ the tuition rate. All registration fees and study guides will remain at full price for each person. Paid by the day before first class for on campus, live-stream and on demand to have access online. Refunds as stated above.

Part-time = One person pays full credit price, the other pays \$55 per credit. All registration fees and study guides will remain at full price for each person. Payments paid by beginning of first class.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

There is not a scholarship program at this time. We will receive funds from those who would like to support future classes. Contact the Dean for more information.

## **POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT**

Being a student at RSW is about transformation and not occupation. The River at Fort Myers Church and the River Southwest School of Ministry do not promise or guarantee paid employment, whether part time or full-time for any employer, nor positions or titles with RFM or RSW after the completion of the program.

## **OUR CURRICULUM & ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Because the River Southwest School of Ministry is a School of the Bible, it is our only Major. The programs are structured to provide every student with a thorough foundation in God's Holy Word. Classes are developed to lay a strong foundation of Doctrine, Faith and Discipleship. In the required Bible Courses and Discipleship, major doctrines of the Christian faith are studied. Please be sure to read important information on page 21.

## **THE BASIC DIVISIONS OF CURRICULUM**

### **Associate Degree**

**The Basic Core Curriculum** – if a student is desiring to complete the requirements for an Associate's of Arts Bible Degree, they must complete successfully all the core courses (years 1-2). They will also need to complete 300 hours of the Christian Service Component. 97 credits required.

### **Bachelor Degrees**

We offer Bachelor Degrees for Bachelor of Divinity or Bachelor of Ministry. 129 Credits is required. (plus required graduation assignments)

### **The Master's Degree**

Before a student may commence a graduate level degree through RSW, they must first have received their bachelor's degree. A new resume may be submitted with up-dated ministry. The Dean is available to assist the student as their begin their master's degree program, helping them to have understanding as to which degree would be most beneficial to them as they walk out the call of God in their own particular life.

Degrees include Ministry, Divinity, Nouthetic Counseling, Theology, Christian Education, Biblical Studies, Church Administration

Master's 189 credit hours (plus graduation assignments)

## River Southwest School of Ministry

### CORE COURSES

#### Descriptions

#### BIBLE

##### **Bi 67 BOOK OF ACTS            ODBi 57**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

A study of the History of the Church; evangelism in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth; and the power of the Church. The Book of Acts records events over a period of more than thirty years, and shows the spread of the Gospel. We will discuss the highlights of most chapters.

##### **Bi 68 GENERAL & PAULINE EPISTLES        ODBi 58**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (4)**

A survey of the New Testament books, with a concentrated biblical study of the lives of the apostles, the beginning of the Church, and with a practical application of biblical principles for our day-to-day life. In this course, you will gain a new knowledge of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, and learn how to walk in His ways.

##### **Bi 69 LIFE AND MINISTRY OF CHRIST        ODBi 59**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

A study of the four Gospels including the preparation for Jesus' ministry; a dive into His 3 years of ministry; His preaching tours; all the events leading to His crucifixion and resurrection; and knowing Him as our Everlasting Savior.

##### **Bi 70 THE PROPHETS        OD Bi 60**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

The Bible, the greatest document available for the human race, needs to be opened, read, and believed. This course will help you to do that as we look at the major and minor prophets in the Old Testament and how God used them.

##### **Bi 71 PSALMS, PROVERBS & ECCLESIASTES        ODBi 61**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (2)**

The purpose of this course is to study the wisdom and magnificence of God in contrast to the natural human philosophy of man. In the book of Psalms, we will study the attitude of godly men in praising the Lord as a way of life. In the book of Proverbs, we will discover God's wisdom in the practical realm of everyday living. In the book of Ecclesiastes, we will see the vanity and hopelessness of human philosophy apart from God.

##### **Bi 72 REVELATION            ODBi 62**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (4)**

Revelation means to "reveal and uncover." The Rapture, the Tribulation, the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Millennium, Heaven, and Hell are among the topics to be discussed. Students will understand the marvelous future that is before them which will enable them to live more positively now and occupy until He comes. This course is suitable for the new Christian, as well as the more mature Christian.

**Bi 73 STOPPING SATAN'S ATTACK ODBi 63****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

This course will take us on a journey to understand Jesus' message that the Kingdom of God is at hand. We will look at what that means; why Satan is interfering with God's times, laws and purpose; and how the follower of Jesus can identify, isolate and eradicate the works of the enemy that is keeping them from accomplishing God's purpose in their life.

**BIBLE HISTORY****Bh 25 CHURCH HISTORY ODBh 15****Pastor Daniel Williams (2)**

The purpose of this course is to help the student become familiar with the periods of Church history, important leaders, significant issues, great movements, and the characteristics of the True Church. Emphasis will be given to the Pentecostal/Charismatic movements that have arisen since the book of Acts, and have continued throughout history to the present day.

**Bh 26 PENTATEUCH & OT HISTORY ODBh 16****Dr. Leslie Schneider (4)**

This course will familiarize the student with the people and events of the Old Testament from creation to the return from captivity. Without knowledge of the Old Testament, one cannot fully understand many of the wonderful promises in the New Testament. This very exciting course has opened the eyes of so many to God's principles for today.

**THEOLOGY****TH 36 BLOOD COVENANT ODTB 26****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

In this course is an application of covenant principles in our daily life and an understanding of the Father and the Holy Spirit through the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. You will get a detailed study of all the covenants that God has given to man for his profit. A must to understanding the promises in the New Testament!

**TH 37 CHARACTER OF GOD ODTB 27****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

The more we understand and come in contact with the magnificence of God, the more our love and respect for Him will increase. In this course, we will gain the Big Picture of God. This will contribute to our personal relationship to Him. We will identify the many names of God to gain understanding of each name. It then show us how God relates to mankind and we relate to Him to hallow His Name.

**TH 38 FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH ODTB 28****Pastor Clover Williams (3)**

Faith is learning to trust God, believing that God tells the truth. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Emphasis on what faith is and what faith is not, where our faith comes from, how it causes us to grow according to the Word of God, and how to apply the principles of faith in our everyday life. This course provides revelation knowledge for the mature Christian as well as for the new Christian.



**TH 39 GOD'S ABUNDANCE****ODTH39****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

This course is an in-depth study of God as our financial source and explains how spiritual laws govern His financing system in our life. The student will learn scriptural causes for lack and the principles that will guarantee financial success in life. They should be able to soar to new financial heights and strength by the time this course is completed and its principles are applied.

**TH 40 GOD'S ANOINTING ODT 30****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

An in-depth and practical understanding of the anointing of God. You will learn its purpose, power, and plan in the life of a follower of Jesus. It is the manifested presence of God that comes with a specific assignment for those who are hungry and thirsty for Him. Be propelled beyond head knowledge and receive His revelation as you discover and apply the truths of the Word of God to develop a relentless pursuit of Him.

**TH 41 HEALING FOR TODAY****ODTH 31****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

Jesus gave the Great Commission: Preach, Teach, and Heal! One-third of the believer's responsibility is to heal the sick. Become equipped in the healing ministry of Jesus through this in-depth study of the theological and practical ministry of healing. This course is a must for every Christian.

**TH 42 HOLY SPIRIT****ODTH 32****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

Develop a deeper, personal, intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit. This course will explore in detail His personality, attributes, and spiritual gifts. Learn how to have true, constant, and ever-increasing communication with the Holy Spirit.

**TH 43 RIGHTEOUSNESS REVELATION BRINGS LIBERTY****ODTH 33****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

It is the will of God for us to be blessed and to live in the fullness of all His promises, so we can give the glory to Him. Insecurity, inferiority, guilt, and fear have crippled the focus of the life of many believers--but Jesus sets us free! Experience liberty through the revelation of His Righteousness, and see His promises through a righteous conscience that will raise you to new heights of faith and experience. By choosing the tree of life this can be accomplished. This course helps the student identify which tree - the tree of life or the tree of knowledge of good and evil - they are living from, and how to receive the revelation knowledge of the liberty we have in Christ every day!

**TH 44 SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD ODT 34****Dr. Leslie Schneider (2)**

These are the different dimensions of the Holy Spirit. One Holy Spirit -many dimensions to be manifested through us to bring heaven on earth now. We then need to experience Him by developing a fellowship with Holy Spirit.

**TH 45 UNDERSTANDING AUTHORITY****ODTH 35****Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

Authority is the governing word in God's Kingdom, in government, in business, in family, and in our personal life; yet, most of us do not understand how God intended its use. Through this course, you will learn how authority works with man's conscience, with the Word, and with God Himself, and how to use authority effectively to bring His Kingdom into manifestation.

**MINISTRY****Mi 65 BIBLICAL COUNSELING ODMi 55****Pastor Daniel Williams (2)**

This course is designed to teach Christians how they can effectively disciple others by using the truths of God's Word to lead people into a proper and holy relationship with the Lord. This course is built upon the foundation that God's Word is the highest and sole authority on the human soul (i.e., mind, heart, the whole person). This course explains why it is that Christians should not attempt to "integrate" secular psychological views with the Bible.

**MI 67 EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY ODMi 57****Dr. Leslie Schneider (2)**

God has told us many times we are to be His excellent people, moving in excellence. Too many people think they have heard from God and just jump in and don't ask the correct questions, seek information or education they may need, have a plan of action, and the situation blows up. The reason is most have never been taught God's principles of character, commitment, and commission to excel in all aspects of their lives. This study brings clarity and instruction from the Word to accomplish this.

**MI 68 FIVE-FOLD GIFTS ODMi 58****Dr. Leslie Schneider (2)**

This course is designed to introduce the Biblical five-fold ministry offices to the church: the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the pastor, and the teacher. Each one will be examined as to calling, development, effect, and responsible position in the church of the Lord Jesus. Upon completion, many misconceptions will be dispelled, and an understanding of each gift office will result.

**MI 69 MINISTRY OF HELPS ODMi 59****Pastor Clover Williams (2)**

Every Christian wants to serve God. Many have not been taught what to do or understand everything we do for His Kingdom is important. The course identifies scripturally that serving is a ministry and each person is an important cog in the wheel in the local church and outside ministry.

**MI 70 MINISTRY PROTOCOLS ODMi 60****Dr. Leslie Schneider (2)**

This course will give the student greater understanding of the proper church etiquette, protocols and church ethics that are established to bring God's order and anointing in a ministry. All the actions are to honor and respect to our Lord as well as the designated authority He has placed in our lives to bring heaven on earth and build His Kingdom.

## GENERAL

### **Ge 70 JEWISH CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS /BIBLE ARCHAEOLOGY    ODGe 60**

**Pastor Bransen Vilardo            (3)**

Learn about the customs in biblical times to better understand the symbolism and traditions to enrich your studying of the Bible. Knowing where the cities and landmarks in the Bible will increase your excitement and revelation of the Word.

### **Ge 74 MOTIVATIONAL GIFTINGS                    ODGe 64**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider            (2)**

The motivational gifts the Lord has given us helps the believer identify their gifting so they can be used mightily in the Kingdom to accomplish all God has called them to do. It also helps the person understand why others act the way they do and how to work in unity.

### **GE 75 OVERCOMING OFFENSE            ODGe 65**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider            (3)**

There is a strongman called the spirit of offense - a prince of the air- who is greatly affecting the Body of Christ. God has called us to wage war in the spiritual realm to set at liberty those who are bound, captive and hindered. Using Jesus' teachings in the Gospels, we will identify who this spirit is; the objective and the affect it has on the Body of Christ; what triggers this curse and stronghold in our lives; how we can identify it, isolate it and eradicate it.

## DIVINITY

### **Di 37 HOW TO HEAR FROM GOD    ODDi 27**

**Pastor Daniel Williams (2)**

This course is to teach you how to hear God's voice so you can have clearer direction for your life. Discover what the bible says about hearing from God today, learn to overcome the most common blockages. Learn how to position yourself to hear from God in the many different ways he speaks. Discover how to assess if you're hearing from God or not.

### **Di 38 HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE            ODDi 28**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

When this course is completed, the student will know how to prove the Bible is true, why he should study the Bible, how to read the Bible, various study approaches to the Bible, and the tools required for successful Bible study. In addition, the student will have gained a knowledge of how the natural human mind works and how this can affect success or failure in all walks of life--including Bible study. A study of hermeneutics – the keys to unlock the Bible is included.

### **Di 39 HOW TO TEACH & PREACH    ODDi 29**

**Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

An introduction to an outlined study of selecting the right message to get the right results through preaching and teaching. Students will prepare sermons and understand how to deliver God's Word through a prepared message with the help of the Holy Spirit. A must for every Christian who desires to teach, preach, or witness for Christ.

**Di 40 JUDGING ODDi 30****Dr. Leslie Schneider (2)**

Judging is one of the most difficult subjects in the Bible to grasp, but is also very important. Because believers haven't been taught correctly it can cause tremendous disobedience and to act contrary to Scripture. This course looks at both sides of the issue and helps the believer understand their responsibility to or not to judge in any given situation.

**Di 41 NEW CREATION REALITIES ODDi 31****Pastor Daniel Williams (2)**

An investigation into the Hidden man of the Heart, the spirit man, according to the great plan of redemption. This course will scripturally unveil who we are in Christ through the new birth.

**Di 42 POWER PRAYER ODDi 32****Dr. Leslie Schneider (4)**

This course is the bedrock of all spiritual breakthroughs. From how to receive revelation knowledge, to commanding forth provision, to intercessory prayer, Power Prayer is an extensive study in prayer. Prayer--the only way to find God's will for your life.

**LEADERSHIP****LI 80 EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP 1 ODLI 70****Pastor Clover Williams and Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

Each of us influence people around us every day and we are to be a leader to bring the Light of Jesus to this darkened world. The Word gives us the wisdom and instruction to be effective leaders Topics include: Are You Balanced; Purpose, Vision, Provision; Reaching Your Destiny; The Biblical Functions of a Leader; The Call of a Leader; Authority and Responsibility; Leaders following Their Leader's Vision; Curses Against God's Leaders; Team Building.

**LI 81 EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP 2 ODLI 71****Pastor Clover Williams and Dr. Leslie Schneider (3)**

Completion of Effective Leadership 1 required. Each of us influence people around us every day and we are to be a leader to bring the Light of Jesus to this darkened world. The Word gives us the wisdom and instruction to be effective leaders. Topics include: Effective Communication; Time Management; Goal Setting/Action Plan; Negotiating.

**LI 82 GROWING UP SPIRITUALLY ODLi 72****Pastor Clover Williams (3)**

It is time to take a realistic view of our spiritual growth, to recognize how far we have personally grown, where we currently are and to learn what are the necessary steps to move to the next step in spiritual development. Topics include walking with the Father, learning to go deeper, the anointing of God, and working with Holy Spirit.

**EVANGELISM****Ev 91 EVANGELISM ODEv 81****Pastor Daniel Williams (2)**

This course will reveal the true heart of God and His priority to reap the world. You will be catapulted into a new level of vision, commitment, and excitement to reap the world in your generation.

**COURSE TITLES**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Year**

Righteousness Revelation  
Foundations of Faith  
How to Study the Bible  
Jewish Customs & Traditions/  
Bible Archaeology  
Life & Ministry of Christ  
Protocols of Ministry  
Holy Spirit  
Book of Acts  
New Creation Realities  
Character of God  
Ministry of HELPS  
Judging  
Growing Up Spiritually  
Evangelism  
Understanding Authority  
General and Pauline Epistles  
How to Hear from God  
Healing For Today

## **2<sup>ND</sup> Year**

Church History  
OT History - Pentateuch  
The 5-Fold and Motive Gifts  
Blood Covenant  
Anointing  
Ministry of Excellence  
How to Teach and Preach  
Revelation  
Overcoming Offense  
The Prophets  
Effective Leadership 1  
Stopping satan's Attack  
Power Prayer  
Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes  
Effective Leadership 2  
Biblical Counseling  
God's Abundance  
Seven Spirits of God

Associates Degree: complete the core courses, equaling 97 credit hours; 300 hours of Christian Service Component

Bachelor's Degree: 129 credit hours (plus required graduation assignments)

Degree titles: Divinity, Ministry

Post-Graduate Degrees:

Degree Titles: Ministry, Divinity, Nouthetic Counseling, Theology, Christian Education, Biblical Studies, Church Administration

Masters 189 credit hours (plus graduation assignments)

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

### **Will Other Schools Accept Credits From Other Schools?**

There is no "yes" or "no" answer to this question. Every school has the right to decide whether or not they will accept credits from another school. Some schools will accept Divinity Accreditation, and some will not.

For those schools who want governmental approved accreditation, they must accept specific federal and state guidelines. This includes the schools offering required courses that the secular schools have established. Many divinity schools choose not to apply for this type of accreditation and seek the independent accreditation instead.

### **What if I want to pursue a degree?**

The first question is why is the degree needed? Is it for employment purposes, career choices or to have a title?

A person needs to be aware that all degrees are not honored by all institutions, businesses or organizations. Understand many divinity degrees are not honored for secular jobs, governmental jobs or secular education positions. There are denominations in this country that will not accept divinity degrees from institutes unless they belong to their denomination. These may sound harsh or unfair, but we need to recognize we are in the world not of the world. There will be persecutions for those who follow Christ.

It is your right as a citizen of the United States to pursue your education. You need to be diligent in your choices. If you are seeking a degree for a job or promotion in your workplace, it is your responsibility to check with your employer as to what their requirements are. In many states there are state and local jobs that only approve degrees that have the governmental accreditation. Certain ministries require certain courses, certifications or degrees. All these things must weigh in your decision.

### **Accreditation**

Since we are a Bible School of Ministry we do not seek the approval of government recognized accreditation, because it would compromise the purpose we strive for in being a divinity school following God and His principles rather than the world's. However, we do want to provide our students with exceptional study opportunities and course material and have established high standards in our methods and procedures and offer excellent anointed Word courses. We are an Associate Member of Transworld Accrediting Commission International.

### **What is Accreditation?**

Accreditation in any school is a voluntary, cooperative process by which the schools willingly agree to, and participate in, a set of established standards in order to promote quality Education. Schools seeking a divinity accreditation will have additional standards for the purpose of promoting the Spiritual as well as the Academic quality of Education. Thus goals are set by the Accrediting Association(s) and agreed upon by those who are accredited by such Association(s).

### **What is the Purpose of Accreditation?**

The purpose of being accredited is to let you as a student or prospective student know that a school of continuing education (divinity, seminary, secular) is committed to a standard of excellence.

Because the purpose of accreditation is to provide a way for educational facilities to determine the acceptance of credits and degrees, and because all accreditation is purely voluntary, many institutions who choose not to conform to governmental restrictions, but do wish to provide high quality education choose some form of independent accreditation.