



The Bible Doctrine Institute

ABOUT TBDI

The Bible Doctrine Institute is a theological seminary designed to assist and train those who have been called to the ministry. TBDI operates as a correspondence school, making it possible for ministerial students to earn a Non-Accredited college degree and yet be active in their local church.

The Bible Doctrine Institute upholds the Bible as the inspired, infallible, inerrant word of God (Prov. 30:5). It is the position of this institute that the “holy scriptures” (2 Tim. 3:15) have been preserved in the English Authorized King James Version and are thereby “given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16).

The Bible Doctrine Institute is overseen by the ministry of Bible Believer’s Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, where the President Dr. David L. Peacock is the Pastor. David Furukawa serves as the Dean of Students.

THE HISTORY OF BRBI AND TBDI

The Bible Doctrine Institute was formerly founded as The Blue Ridge Bible Institute in 1986 by the late Dr. James A. Lince.

He established it for the purpose of training men how to preach and teach the word of God.

It was originally a ministry of the Bridgeport Baptist Church where Dr. Lince was the Pastor and is named after the beautiful area where the church resides - the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The town where the institute was established was Valdese North Carolina, the very town where the Waldensians had settled in America. Hence, Dr. Lince chose insignia for the institute to be the Waldensian emblem.

Dr. Lince and the current President Dr. Peacock have helped establish similar institutes in the Philippines and Romania.

Currently the institute has changed to “The Bible Doctrine Institute” and has been relocated to Jacksonville Florida under the ministry of Bible Believer’s Baptist Church.

WHY TBDI?

The Bible says that a Christian and specifically a preacher, is to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness” (2 Timothy 2:15-16). These verses point out that there is only one way to understand the Bible: you must rightly divide it. All heresies and unscriptural movements fail to rightly divide the scriptures and is simply vain babbling. If you complete the course of study with TBDI, you will learn the correct way to divide the word of God.

The Bible Doctrine Institute is unique in that it:

1. Upholds the AV 1611 as the infallible word of God.
2. Lays special emphasis and instruction on expository preaching.
3. Implements involvement in a local independent Bible believing Baptist church.

WHAT IS OFFERED AT TBDI

We offer a Diploma of Christian Studies: a one year program for men and women not called into the ministry, but desire a better knowledge of God's word.

We offer a Bachelor of Divinity: a three year ministerial program designed for men who are called by God to be preachers of the gospel.

We offer a Master of Theology: post graduate studies requiring extension work and in depth research.

We offer a Doctor of Theology: a two year program involving extension work, exhaustive research and teaching.

For more information on our courses of study see the detailed description under each degree offered.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant word of God. That it has been providentially preserved in the English Authorized King James Version and as such is "the holy scriptures" and thereby "given by inspiration of God." Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6, 7; 2 Timothy 3:15-17.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His vicarious atonement, His bodily resurrection and His second coming. John 1:1; Isaiah 7:14; 1 John 2:1, 2.

SALVATION

We believe salvation is "by grace through faith" in the finished work of Jesus Christ and "not by works of righteousness which we have done." Furthermore, we adhere to the Bible position and Baptist adherence that the believer is eternally secure after salvation. Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; John 5:24.

CHURCH

We believe in two scriptural uses of the word church (i.e. body of all believers, local body of believers). We believe all people who have been born again are a part of "the church, which is his body," and therefore they should join an autonomous local church. Furthermore we believe the biblical church to be an Independent Bible believing (KJV) Baptist Church separate from religion/politico bosses. We believe in two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper and two offices: Deacon and Pastor.

DOCTRINE

We are Baptist in doctrine and traditional in views of music and worship. We are dispensationalist and anti-Calvinistic in theology. We hold the biblical position along with the reformers that the Roman Catholic Church is the great whore of Revelation 17

and are against the falsehoods taught in the major seminaries across the country: the lies of higher and lower criticism of the word of God. We also believe in a practical, biblical Christianity: personal work, prayer, giving, ministering to the saints and a daily walk with Jesus Christ.

COURSES OF STUDY

All courses are taken by way of correspondence. This allows ministerial students to stay active in their local church while they prepare for the ministry.

The student is placed on the honor system while taking the courses. The student is expected to follow the rules of testing as outlined by each instructor. They will also be required to have a witness (other than family) sign off on verse memory work and be able to verify their involvement in their extension work.

One semester will be sent at a time and the student will have five months per semester to complete the work.

Classes should be completed in the order in which they are listed. Students are not to send in their work until the entire semester has been completed and red ink is NOT to be used on the tests.

NOTE: No material will be mailed out until the amount is paid in full.

LIST OF COURSES

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Explanation:

A Diploma of Christian studies is designed for the student who desires to learn the Bible, but has not been called to preach. Should the student be called to preach or desire to continue his studies, he may apply the courses for the diploma of Christian studies to the requirements for a Bachelor of Divinity.

Requirements:

1. Payment of all tuition and fees.
2. Faithful membership and attendance in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct.
3. Completion of as well as a passing grade of the following courses:
Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Rightly Dividing and Bible Cults.

Time Limit:

This is a one year program.

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

Explanation:

The Bachelor of Divinity degree is designed for men who are called by God to be preachers of the gospel.

Requirements:

1. Payment of all tuition and fees.
2. Faithful membership, attendance and involvement in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct.
3. Completion of as well as a passing grade of all six semester courses.

Time Limit:

Five month limit for each semester and completion within a three year time period. There will be a reinstatement fee if work is not completed within the time allotted.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Explanation:

The Masters program is designed for the preacher who wants to further his education by way of research, writing and systematic teaching.

Requirements:

1. An earned Bachelor of Divinity from either the The Bible Doctrine Institute, the Blue Ridge Bible Institute, the Pensacola Bible Institute, or the Charity Baptist Bible Institute.
2. Payment of all tuition and fees.
3. Faithful membership, attendance and involvement in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct.
4. Two years of local church service including one or more of the following: Jail ministries, nursing home, street ministry, etc.
5. The student must commit to memory Galatians chapter five and Romans chapter ten.
6. Completion and passing grade of TWO theses written in accordance with the standard MLA style of writing. They must not contain pointless harsh and crude comments or unnecessarily word filler. The subject matter will be chosen by the institute.
 - A. Thesis one must be 25,000 words or more and include at least fifteen source references.
 - B. Thesis two must be 50,000 words or more and include at least thirty source references.
 - C. Furthermore these two works must be publisher worthy and the student should be able to defend them to the board of directors.

Time Limit:

This is a two year program. Tuition must be paid again if not completed within the time allotted.

Enrollment: No charge

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Explanation:

The Doctorate program is designed for those who wish to continue their studies by way of extensive research, writing, teaching and involvement in foreign missions.

Requirements:

1. An earned Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology from either the The Bible Doctrine Institute, the Blue Ridge Bible Institute, the Pensacola Bible Institute, or the Charity Baptist Bible Institute.

2. Payment of all tuition and fees.

3. Faithful membership, attendance and involvement in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct.

4. Two years of local church service including one or more of the following: Jail ministries, nursing home, street ministry, etc.

5. The student must commit to memory 1 Timothy six and 1 John four.

6. Completion and passing grade of TWO theses (both 50,000 words with at least thirty source references) written in accordance with the standard MLA style of writing. They must not contain pointless harsh and crude comments or unnecessarily word filler. The subject matter will be chosen by the institute. Furthermore these two works must be publisher worthy and the student should be able to defend them to the board of directors.

7. Attendance of at least one Preachers School hosted by the institute.

8. A minimum of 200 hours Bible teaching. Topics taught must be approved by the institute.

9. A visit to the foreign mission field.

Time Limit:

This is a two year program. Tuition must be paid again if not completed within the time allotted.

Enrollment: No Charge

CODE OF CONDUCT

Faithful Church Membership:

Each student is required to be a faithful member of an independent Bible believing Baptist Church. The name, address and Pastors name must be included along with the student's application for enrollment.

"Faithful church membership" is being defined as follows:

1. Regular in attendance to all services (unless providentially hindered).

2. Submissive obedience to authority of the local church and the Pastor.

3. Consistent tithing.

4. Active in church visitation or other programs of like interest (*Ministerial Students*).

Students are required to notify the institute of any change in church membership, along with a valid reason for the move.

Loyal United States Citizens:

Involvement with any subversive activities against the United States Government is strictly forbidden.

Outward Testimony:

Students are required to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic drinks and illegal drugs.

Students are also expected to refrain from secular entertainment (i.e. Rock, Pop, Country Western concerts, theaters and dances).

Personal Testimony and Accountability:

Students are expected to exercise general Christian conduct at all times. The courses are taken on the honor system. Even though there is no classroom or instructors present, the Lord sees all that you do (Prov. 15:3) and you will meet your actions either here (Num. 32:23) or at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:12).

Students will be required to have a witness (other than family) sign off on verse memory work and be able to verify their involvement in their extension work.

TUITION and FEES

REGISTRATION FEE

There will be a one time registration fee of \$50.00 for new students. This fee will be added to your first year, first semester tuition and is not refundable. There are no registration fees for the Masters and Doctorate programs.

TUITION

Note: Tuition does NOT cover the cost of the books that must be purchased for some of the courses. All checks should be made out to: The Bible Doctrine Institute.

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Course Semesters - 2

The cost of each semester will be \$200.00 for the CD-Rom version and must be paid in full BEFORE the student will receive any course material. The courses are only offered on CD-Rom. All checks should be made out to: The Bible Doctrine Institute.

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

Course Semesters - 6

The cost of each semester will be \$200.00 for the CD-Rom version and must be paid in full BEFORE the student will receive any course material. The courses are only offered on CD-Rom. All checks should be made out to: The Bible Doctrine Institute.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Two Year Maximum Time Limit

The cost of a Master of Theology Degree will be \$500.00. This must be paid in full BEFORE the student can begin. All checks should be made out to: The Bible Doctrine Institute.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Two Year Maximum Time Limit

The cost of a Doctor of Theology Degree will be \$750.00. This must be paid in full BEFORE the student can begin. All checks should be made out to: The Bible Doctrine Institute.

REINSTATEMENT FEES

A reinstatement fee of \$100.00 is required to enroll back in the Diploma of Christian Studies or Bachelor of Divinity programs. There are no reinstatement fees for the Masters and Doctorate programs, FULL TUITION will be required again if the student fails to complete within the time allotted.

INSTRUCTORS

DR. JAMES A. LINCE - founder of Blue Ridge Bible Institute

Teaches: Acts, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, Revelation, Baptist Missions, Church History, Manuscript Evidence, Preparation and Delivery, Problem Texts

Dr. Lince received Christ on Aug.14, 1975 at the age of 25. Before receiving Christ, Dr. Lince served in Viet-Nam with the United States Marine Corps during 1968-69. He also attended the University of Michigan for two years, studying American History and Physical Education. His life's goal before receiving Christ was to be a Physical Education teacher and coach at High School.

After receiving Christ, Dr. Lince left the University of Michigan and enrolled at Midwestern Baptist College. After two years at Midwestern, he was shocked to discover they rejected the King James Bible and soon left. After that, Dr. Lince sat under Pastor Dr. Herbert Noe and attended the Galilean Baptist Institute for one year. Dr. Noe later told him of Pensacola Bible Institute (PBI). In 1980, Dr. Lince enrolled at PBI. In 1983, Dr. Lince received his Bachelor of Divinity from PBI and two years later, he earned his Master of Theology from PBI. In 1991, Dr. Lince earned his Ph.D from Temple Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Lince had various experiences in the ministry, including three years at the Detroit Rescue Mission, two years at the Atmore Alabama State Prison and one year at Grace Baptist Church in Dyersburg, Tennessee. He also started Victory Baptist Church in Dyersburg Tennessee and ran an ACE day school. Dr. Lince was the Pastor of Bridgeport Baptist Church from 1986-2005.

There is no doubt in the mind of the board of directors or the instructors here at TBDI that Dr. Lince was one of the greatest expository Bible Preachers this country has ever known. His unending service and dedication to the church and this Bible Institute will never be forgotten. Many of us associated with this school would not be the Christians we are today if it had not been for his leadership, encouragement and prayers.

Dr. Lince passed away July 27, 2005.

DR. DAVID L. PEACOCK - President

Teaches: 1 Corinthians, 1, 2, 3 John, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

The President of The Bible Doctrine Institute is Dr. David L. Peacock.

Dr. David Peacock trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of 7, when he was led to the Lord by his father, a Baptist Pastor and Evangelist.

He is the Pastor of the Bible Believers Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. In March of 1992 Dr. Peacock founded the Bible Believers Baptist Church. In April of 1996, the Lord led him to leave the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office as a Captain, after 17 years of service, to continue his full-time pastoring of the church.

Dr. Peacock earned his Bachelor of Divinity Degrees from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute and the Charity Baptist Bible Institute and Seminary. He earned his Master of Theology Degree in May of 1998 and his Doctor of Theology Degree in January of 2000, both from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute.

Dr. Peacock served as the vice-president of BRBI while Dr. Lince was living and helped establish Bible institutes with Dr. Lince in the Philippines and Romania. It is Dr. Peacock's desire to carry on with what Dr. Lince started.

PASTOR MIKE WHEELER - Vice President

Teaches: Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Peter, Local Church, Old & New Testament Survey

Pastor Mike Wheeler serves as the Vice President of the institute.

Pastor Wheeler was saved around the age of 15 and was called to preach in November of 1989.

He graduated from the Pensacola Bible Institute with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1993 and pastored the First Baptist Church of Erie, Kansas from 1993 to 1998. He was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by Bible Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida in 1995 and earned his Master of Theology Degree from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute in 1999.

He hosted the International Sunday School Hour, a local radio broadcast in North Carolina for 5 years, has taught classes at the annual Preachers school hosted by BRBI and is currently the pastor of Bridgeport Baptist Church in Valdese, North Carolina.

DR. VINCE MASSA

Teaches: John, 2 Corinthians

Dr. Vince Massa was saved in February 1973. In 1977 he surrendered to Preach and began attending Midwestern Baptist College of Pontiac, Michigan. He graduated in 1981 with a B.R.E. Degree.

From 1981 to 1983 Dr. Massa served as an assistant Pastor and began the Calvary Baptist Church in Gobbles, Michigan. In 1983 he began the Landmark Baptist Church, of which he is currently the Pastor. Dr. Massa also pastored the Bible Baptist Church in Queens, New York from 1996-1999.

He is the President and Founder of Frontline Bible Institute in Stamford, Connecticut and for 10 years has conducted a prison ministry in the state of Connecticut, which is reaching men with the Gospel and training men to preach.

In November of 1999 he received a Master of Theology degree and in January of 2000 he received a Doctor of Theology degree both from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute

DR. GREG ESTEP

Teaches: Daniel, Matthew, Rightly Dividing

Dr. Greg Estep was the pastor of the Charity Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, for over 25 years. He is the founder and president emeritus of Charity Baptist Bible Institute and Seminary.

Dr. Estep holds earned degrees from Ohio State University in English and a Master and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Galilean Baptist Seminary in Westlake, Louisiana.

Rev. BRAD GROSS

Teaches: Bible Cults

Rev. Brad Gross trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour in 1984.

He is a Chemist Administrator for the State of Florida, the Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent of Bible Believers Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Natural Science from the University of North Florida in 1977. He attended two years of Bible School at the Charity Baptist Bible Institute and Seminary, during which time he was called to preach. He completed his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute in January of 1999 and also earned a Master of Theology Degree in January of 2000. In January of 1999 he was ordained to the Ministry by Bible Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

He is responsible for the computer layout and design of several Christian books and the reformatting of the Blue Ridge Bible Institute.

DR. DAVID E. WALKER

Teaches: Genesis

Dr. David Walker trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour when he was a child and was called to preach in his teen years.

He graduated from the Pensacola Bible Institute in 1995 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree and has served as a youth pastor, associate pastor and now pastors Calvary Baptist Church in Monticello, Florida.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 2001, earned his Master of Theology degree in 2003 and his Doctorate of Theology in 2004 both from BRBI.

TBDI is not an accredited institute by the State of Florida.