

Heritage Baptist School of the Bible



Student Brochure

Equipping the serious Bible
student for the gospel ministry



A Ministry of
Freedom Baptist Church,
Plant City, Florida



HERITAGE BAPTIST SCHOOL of the BIBLE

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FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

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SCHOOL OVERVIEW AND GENERAL INFORMATION

General Overview

Heritage Baptist School of the Bible is a ministry of the Freedom Baptist Church in Plant City, Florida. The vision of HBSB, under the leadership of Pastor Tony Tirse, seeks to equip the serious Bible student with the biblical resources needed to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in the gospel ministry. HBSB is founded on three truths:

1. Spiritual growth comes through the Word of God. (**I Peter 2:2**)
2. Jesus commanded believers to live “by every word” of God. (**Matthew 4:4**)
3. The Great Commission commands every church to teach every member “all things” Christ commanded. (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

Therefore it is the responsibility of every local church to have a plan for teaching all of the Bible to every member, so they can grow spiritually as they learn to live by every Word of God. Not every local church is able to have a facility or is equipped to fulfill this plan. Because of this need, HBSB also accepts students who are members of other churches of like faith and order, subject to our pastor’s approval on an individual basis.

The courses at HBSB are designed to equip a wide scope of believers to better serve Christ in the local church. These range from pastors, missionaries and church planters to Sunday school teachers, Junior church workers and soul winners. To this end, HBSB offers two different programs:

- Doctrinal Studies Certificate – 12 Courses, fulfilling 48 Credit Hours
- Bachelor of Biblical Studies (B.B.S.) – 32 Courses, fulfilling 128 Credit Hours

Course Level & Admission Requirements

HBSB Courses are undergraduate college level classes. Any students with advanced degrees may enroll as well. Current senior high school students may enroll with parent’s written permission, if they are in the second half of their school year, and must be at least 16 years old by the start of their first course at HBSB. All HBSB classes and materials are in English.

Textbooks

Basic textbooks are the King James Bible and the Course Notes Pack for each course. Course Notes Packs are provided for each course and include materials sourced from several doctrinal books, history books, commentaries, etc. The student should acquire their own King James Bible prior to the start of their first semester. Tests are provided at the end of each set of course notes to be returned to HBSB for grading.

Tuition and Fees

The goal of HBSB is to “freely give” (**Matthew 10:8**) as much as possible to our students, as the Lord has given us to be a blessing. To this end, HBSB does not charge a traditional tuition. However, in order to offset the reality of the cost of materials, equipment, supplies and the overall administration of the school, there are some required fees that are kept very low for the sake of the students. HBSB is one of the most affordable Bible schools that we know of. All classroom hours are included in the very affordable course fees. The fees for the school are as follows:

- Application/Enrollment fee: \$50.00 One-time (non-refundable)
- Course fees:
 - a. Doctrinal Studies Certificate: \$200.00 – This is the total course fee.
 - b. Bachelor of Biblical Studies (B.B.S.): \$600.00 – The B.B.S. program is divided into three Course Sections, which takes about three years to complete.
 - c. Payment schedule (B.B.S. only):
 - i. The Student may pay for the whole program up front (\$600.00).
 - ii. The student may pay for the program in three installments of \$200.00 each, for a total course fee of \$600.00. The first Course Section will be sent to the student once it is paid. Subsequent Course Sections will be sent upon completion of the previous one, if paid.
- Certificate/Diploma fee: \$ 50.00 One-time, due before it is awarded.

The total projected cost for each of the two programs are as follows:

- <u>Doctrinal Studies Certificate:</u>	\$50	App/Enroll Fee (non-refundable)
	\$200	Course Fee
	<u>\$50</u>	Cert/Diploma Fee
	\$300	Total program cost
- <u>Bachelor of Biblical Studies (B.B.S.):</u>	\$50	App/Enroll Fee (non-refundable)
	\$600	Course Fee (three course sections)
	<u>\$50</u>	Cert/Diploma Fee
	\$700	Total program cost

Searching Bible colleges across the United States, it will become evident that HBSB is one of the most affordable for the quality and content of the biblical education offered.

Application & Registration

Application completion and fees paid for a program are due before starting. Registration is considered complete when all Application/Enrollment forms have been completed, turned in and approved, with Application/Enrollment fee paid. If these are not completed the student will not receive the course materials and instructions.

The Application/Enrollment fee is non-refundable and shall be forfeited after 90 days if the student does not begin a program course. After this time period the student will have to pay the Application/Enrollment fee again in order to be registered.

Spouse Discount

If a married couple decide to enroll together (or one spouse enrolls while the other is currently enrolled at any time), the second spouse will receive a **50% discount** on their Enrollment Fee and Course Fee. There is no discount on the Cert/Diploma Fee.

Refund Policy

Application/Enrollment fees are non-refundable. Once a course (or Course Section) has been paid, the student will have 10 business days to cancel their course for a full refund. After that, the course (or Course Section) will be sent to the student and the fee will not be refunded.

Students may take each course at their own pace, however, if more than twelve (12) months elapse after a student has completed a course, without proceeding to the next one, the student shall be considered to have abandoned their studies. If this is the case, the student will forfeit all course fees and have to re-register and pay all fees again to be enrolled in the course.

Consideration will be given on an individual basis for a student who may have extenuating circumstances. In such a case, the student is to contact the office as soon as possible before the time limit is reached.

Transfer of Credits

At this time HBSB does not accept credits from other schools. This is to maintain the integrity of the programs offered by us. It is possible that in the future, if HBSB adds programs and it is determined that those programs and the students taking them will be benefited from such credit transfers, this policy may be changed.

“Honorary” Degrees and “Life Experience” Credits

Because students seeking to enroll in a Bible college course of study are generally seeking to learn about biblical doctrine or enhance their knowledge of such, HBSB does not grant “honorary” degrees or award “life experience” credits. Though there may be some students who truly have some extraordinary life experience in the gospel ministry, the purpose of enrollment in HBSB is to gain in knowledge or be refreshed in the knowledge of biblical studies.

Accreditation

HBSB is an Independent Baptist, local church, ministry offering Bible-based courses for the purpose of training servants of God to be used in the gospel ministry. As such, HBSB does not desire or seek accreditation from any organizations, whether religious or secular. If a student plans to further their education beyond HBSB, it is their responsibility to check with the prospective school if they will accept credits from HBSB or not.

Sample Program Schedules

The following are typical examples of program schedules. These are subject to change and any final schedule shall be sent to the student prior to starting their courses:

DOCTRINAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

12 Courses (typically completed in 12 to 18 months), 46 credit hours (cr. hr.)

- S001 - Soul Winning & Discipleship (3 cr. hr.)
- H002 - Baptist History (4 cr. hr.)
- B001 - Core Bible Doctrines I: Bibliology (4 cr. hr.)
- B002 - Core Bible Doctrines II: Christology (5 cr. hr.)
- B003 - Core Bible Doctrines III: Pneumatology (4 cr. hr.)
- B004 - Core Bible Doctrines IV: Soteriology (4 cr. hr.)
- B005 - Core Bible Doctrines V: Ecclesiology (5 cr. hr.)
- B006 - Core Bible Doctrines VI: Theology (4 cr. hr.)
- B007 - Core Bible Doctrines VII: Hamartiology (3 cr. hr.)
- B008 - Core Bible Doctrines VIII: Angelology (3 cr. hr.)
- B009 - Core Bible Doctrines IX: Anthropology (3 cr. hr.)
- B010 - Core Bible Doctrines X: Eschatology (4 cr. hr.)

BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (B.B.S.)

32 Courses (typically completed in 36 to 42 months), 128 credit hours (cr. hr.)

Course Section One

- S001 - Soul Winning & Discipleship (3 cr. hr.)
- H002 - Baptist History (4 cr. hr.)
- B001 - Core Bible Doctrines I: Bibliology (4 cr. hr.)
- B002 - Core Bible Doctrines II: Christology (5 cr. hr.)
- B003 - Core Bible Doctrines III: Pneumatology (4 cr. hr.)
- B004 - Core Bible Doctrines IV: Soteriology (4 cr. hr.)
- B005 - Core Bible Doctrines V: Ecclesiology (5 cr. hr.)
- B006 - Core Bible Doctrines VI: Theology (4 cr. hr.)
- B007 - Core Bible Doctrines VII: Hamartiology (3 cr. hr.)
- B008 - Core Bible Doctrines VIII: Angelology (3 cr. hr.)
- B009 - Core Bible Doctrines IX: Anthropology (3 cr. hr.)
- B010 - Core Bible Doctrines X: Eschatology (4 cr. hr.)

Course Section Two

- G001 - The Beginning & The Hebrew Fathers (5 cr. hr.)
- G002 - The Exodus & The Promised Land (5 cr. hr.)
- R001 - Christ in the Old Testament (3 cr. hr.)
- R002 - Life of Christ / The Gospels (3 cr. hr.)
- N001 - New Testament Epistles I: Romans (5 cr. hr.)
- N002 - New Testament Epistles II: I Corinthians (5 cr. hr.)
- N003 - New Testament Epistles III: II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians (5 cr. hr.)
- N004 - New Testament Epistles IV: Philippians, Colossians (4 cr. hr.)
- N005 - New Testament Epistles V: I & II Thessalonians (4 cr. hr.)
- N006 - New Testament Epistles VI: Hebrews (5 cr. hr.)

Course Section Three

- N007 - New Testament Epistles VII: I, II, & III John (5 cr. hr.)
- N008 - The Pastoral Epistles: I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus (6 cr. hr.)
- R003 - Consummation of Christ: Revelation (6 cr. hr.)
- D001 - The Fruit of the Spirit (4 cr. hr.)
- D002 - Church Ordinances (5 cr. hr.)
- D003 - The Church that Jesus Built I (4 cr. hr.)
- D004 - The Church that Jesus Built II (4 cr. hr.)
- P001 - Principles of Preaching (3 cr. hr.)
- P002 - Missions and Church Planting (3 cr. hr.)
- P003 - Church Administration (2 cr. hr.)

The prerequisite for the B.B.S. program is the completion of the Doctrinal Studies Certificate program. Once a student has successfully completed the Doctrinal Studies Certificate program, and passed all courses, and paid all fees, the student may pay the course fee for the B.B.S. and begin as soon as the course materials are received.

Students may take the courses at their own pace. However, all course lectures and notes should be completed before taking any of the tests. These courses are not designed to be taken as fast as possible to “just get a certificate.” If HBSB determines that a student is completing courses too rapidly for a reasonable quality education, HBSB reserves the right to extend the amount of time to grade a course in order to correct this action. If a student consistently completes the courses too rapidly (at HBSB’s discretion), the student may be counseled by HBSB regarding this issue before being allowed to graduate.

Access to Course Materials

Once the application process is completed and course fees are paid, the student will receive course materials in the form of either a USB shipped to the student or web links provided to the student with the relevant information and instructions. Sometimes it will be a combination of these.

Students will need a computer and access to the internet to access the materials and to complete certain requirements such as writing assignments and taking tests.

Assignments and Tests

Some courses require written essays and other written assignments. Most courses will have tests at the end of each. Tests may be turned in to HBSB in the following ways:

- Any writing assignments or tests may be mailed to HBSB by post office:
Heritage Baptist School of the Bible
8702 Franklin Rd
Plant City, FL 33565
- Writing assignments may be emailed to freedombbc@proton.me in .doc or .pdf format.
- Tests may be scanned and emailed as well.

HBSB does not accept hand-written assignments. All written assignments, essays, and tests must be typed on a word processor and either emailed to the email address above, or printed and mailed by post to the address above. No exceptions will be made.

HBSB Course Grading Policy

The Course Grading Policy of HBSB is calculated as a percentage number grade which corresponds to a letter grade and grade point average as follows:

%	93 - 100	=	A (4.0 GPA)
%	85 - 92	=	B (3.0 GPA)
%	77 - 84	=	C (2.0 GPA)
%	69 – 76	=	D (1.0 GPA)
%	<69	=	FAIL

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate from HBSB. Each course requires a minimum “D” (1.0 GPA) to pass, however, an overall GPA of 2.0 is required to pass either program and graduate.

At graduation, if a student has accumulated a GPA of 3.5 or above, the student will be recognized as graduating “With Honors” and this will be indicated on the student’s transcript.

HBSB Statement of Faith

The HBSB Statement of Faith is the same as that of Freedom Baptist Church. Any disagreement with this Statement of Faith should be between the student and God, our Statement of Faith is not open to discussion for modification by anyone outside of our church’s membership. Honest questions are welcomed, but any discord or disruption by any student regarding the Statement of faith will be grounds for immediate dismissal and forfeiture of any fees paid. Our Statement of Faith is as follows:

Freedom Baptist Church – Doctrinal Statement (STATEMENT OF FAITH or WHAT WE BELIEVE)

1. We believe that the Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, are inspired of God, without error, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. We believe that God has preserved the Bible for the English speaking people in the AV 1611 KJB. (Mat. 4:4, 24:35; Ps. 12:6-7)
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Isa. 43:10-11, 44:6; Mat. 3:16-17; I John. 5:7)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man. (Isa. 7:14; Micah 5:2; Mat. 1:22-25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1; Col. 1:16-17)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are now sinners by birth and by choice, positively inclined to evil, and are therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse. (Gen. 1:27, 2:17, 3:6; Rom. 3:10, 23, 5:12, 6:23; Ps. 51:5)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe on Him as personal Saviour are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. (I Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 4:10; I Pet. 3:18; John 3:16-17; Heb. 9:22)
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, His bodily ascension into heaven and His bodily presence there for us as High Priest and Advocate. (Mat. 28:6; Acts 1:9; I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14; I John 2:1)
7. We believe in "the blessed hope," the personal, bodily and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This return will be in two “phases”, first, the catching away of those that sleep in the Lord and those that are alive to meet Him in the air (commonly called the rapture), then after the seven years tribulation, at the climax of Armageddon He will physically set foot on the Mount of Olives thereby ushering in His 1,000 year kingdom (commonly called the

Millennial Reign). (I Thes. 4:15-18; I Cor. 15:51-52; Titus 2:13)

8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and are thereby children of God and are eternally saved and secure. (John 1:12, 3:3, 6, 16, 36, 10:27-30; Rom. 10:13; I Pet. 1 :4-5)

9. We believe that Satan is literal and personal, the agent of the fall, the archenemy of God, the prince and power of this world, and that he shall be judged and eternally punished in the lake of fire. (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-19; Eph. 6:12; I Pet. 5:8; Rev. 20:10)

10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell; that the spirits of the saved at death ascend immediately to the presence and everlasting joy of the Lord Jesus Christ and that the spirits of the unsaved at death descend immediately into hell where they are kept under punishment until the final day of judgment, at which time their bodies shall be raised from the grave, they shall be judged according to their works, and cast into the lake of fire- the place of final and everlasting punishment. (Luke 16:19-31; John 11:25; Rev. 20:12-22:5)

11. We believe that immersion is the only form of baptism revealed and commanded in the Scriptures, that it has NO saving power, but is only for those who are already saved; and that the new birth, which comes through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is the scriptural prerequisite to baptism; therefore only those who are old enough to believe for themselves may be baptized. (Mat. 3:16-17; 28:18-20; Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38, 41, 8:35-39)

12. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of the death of Christ and that only those who have been saved through faith in His atoning blood, have been baptized and are walking in obedient fellowship with Him ought to partake of it. We believe that only the members of the local church administering this ordinance are authorized to partake in it, this is commonly known as "closed" communion. (Mat. 18:15-20; Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 5:1-13, 11:23-34)

13. We believe that a New Testament church is a body of baptized believers, organized for the worship and service of God, and the spread of the Gospel in all the world. The only two Scriptural offices of the church are that of pastor and deacons and must be filled only by men. (Mat. 16:16-18, 18:20; 28:19-20; Acts 2:46-47; I Cor. 14:34-35; Eph. 1:22-23; I Tim. 3:1-13, 2:11-12)

14. We believe that all the saved are called into a life of separation. This separation is in at least three areas: moral, personal, and ecclesiastical. (Rom. 12:1-2; I Cor. 6:19-20; II Cor. 6:14-17; Eph. 5:11; Titus 2:14; I Pet. 1:15-16; I John 2:15-17)

15. We believe that the healing and tongues movement of today is unscriptural and contrary to sound doctrine, and those who believe and practice these are in error. (I Cor. 14:6, 22-23, 40; II Cor. 11:14)

16. We believe that we are living in the days of apostasy where many will not endure sound doctrine; that it is vital to stay on the "old paths" of Scripture no matter how much pressure is felt to compromise the Word or sound doctrine with the things of the world. The ecumenical and "contemporary Christian" movements of today are unscriptural and contrary to sound doctrine, and those who believe and practice these are in error. (I Tim. 4:1-2; II Tim. 1:12, 3: 1-14, 4:1-5; II

Cor. 1:14-17; I John 2:15-17)

Code of Conduct

Each student is expected to act in a manner that reflects biblical values and to develop personal character traits that show maturity. Further, as a community of Christians, students should encourage and support others to live in a manner that pleases God. There is no greater source for direction and encouragement than the Bible. HBSB places God's Word in the highest regard, and every student is urged to spend personal time in it regularly.

God deserves reverence and respect, and our lifestyle and worship should reflect the honor we owe Him. We are also commanded to show respect to those God has given to be in authority. Further, each person should be mindful about how he treats other people and their property. Christians are to actively seek opportunities to show kindness to others. Common courtesy and politeness are qualities to be developed. God's great love for us is reflected when we act with genuine care and concern for others. The Bible teaches that this is the hallmark of a true disciple. (Eph. 5:2, Luke 10:25–37, Jude 22, I John 4:7–8, John 13:34–35)

It is necessary that each student deal truthfully with others and maintain a reputation for choosing to do what is right. Without these traits, it is not possible to properly interact with other people or with God. Christians are to exercise control over their emotions and desires so that behavior is appropriate and right. This is accomplished as the Holy Spirit is allowed to guide every decision and direct each action. Christian men and women are expected to maintain the highest moral standards as a reflection of God's holiness and as a protection against the effects of sin. While much of today's culture has abandoned these precepts, the biblical principles for behavior and dress are essential. (I Tim. 2:9, I Cor. 6:19–20, I Pet. 3:3–4, I Tim. 4:12)

The ability to work hard is important for professional life and is a characteristic that the Bible encourages. Being available and willing to work with intelligent effort is necessary to further gospel endeavors and contribute as a citizen. The Bible teaches that each person must give account for his actions; taking personal responsibility for one's life is the beginning of real stewardship. Making it your duty to be reliable, so that others can depend upon you, is a mark of true maturity. Beyond a polite gesture of gratitude, thankfulness displays a spirit of contentment along with the realization that God is the ultimate source of all good things and that He often uses people as the instruments of His blessing.

Mature and educated individuals know how to speak and act in an expected way according to what is appropriate for the setting. HBSB provides opportunities to learn and practice these skills. Each student accepts the responsibility to actively uphold the Code of Conduct and to refrain from any action that would be detrimental to spiritual growth, the safety or well-being of others, or that would impair the ability of others to follow the Code of Conduct. For this reason, students who participate in immoral or illegal activities or activities of disrepute or who build a reputation for involvement in these activities will be subject to discipline including but not limited to grade-reduction, suspension, or dismissal.

Thank you for your interest in HBSB, may God bless you as you seek to serve Him.

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