

The Rural Institute for Theological Education (RITE), is one of the ministries of The Goshen Baptist Association. RITE offers non-credit and accredited Theological and Biblical studies to all persons who feel a “calling” to experience a deeper understanding of their Christian faith.

All courses are taught in classrooms that are provided by local churches. RITE enlists qualified local Instructors, organizes the courses and enrolls the students.

NON-CREDIT COURSES

Neither of the following two Course are offered Spring 2010

The Bible: God In Action

The course involves highly interactive discussions and participant assignments and presentations. The focus is on the meaning of the major events of the Bible. The class emphasis is on a personal understanding of the biblical message. *The Learning Bible, Contemporary English Version* is the text. The 15-session course costs \$45, which will pay for the text and all other materials.

Basic Christian Belief & Behavior

This course examines some of the “Basic Beliefs” that are a part of being followers of Jesus, the Christ. The students will try to determine if a follower of Jesus, who has a particular “belief”, also must have a particular behavior. In other words, for Christians, are “What you believe” and “How you behave” connected? The 15-session course costs \$45, which will pay for the texts and all other materials.

The School of Christian Ministry – from the ***Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond*** has a number of continuing education courses, provided on-line, over the Internet, designed to give people an opportunity to better prepare themselves for Christian service in a congregational setting. These courses provide

theological education to support the faith and commitment of congregational leaders and train them to express their faith through their leadership in the church.

The **School of Christian Ministry** Congregational Leadership Certificate Programs offers concentrations in the following ministry areas: Preschool/Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Small Group Leadership, and Music and Worship Leadership.

For More Information: 888-339-2877 (toll free), scmassist@btsr.edu, www.btsr.edu/scm

ACCREDITED COURSES

RITE, in cooperation with the **John Leland Seminary**, offers a **Diploma In Theology** which is conferred by Leland Seminary. In addition, these undergraduate college accredited courses are transferable toward the completion of an Associate or Bachelor college degree. All courses are three credit (3) hours. Each semester includes 15 class sessions. Tuition is \$375 per course, plus Student Fees and Textbooks. Some scholarship assistance is available. Students may take courses for undergraduate credit or may audit them without receiving college credits. Tuition for Auditing is ½ of the class tuition (\$187.50), plus Textbooks.

BS 111 Introduction to the New Testament

– This course is a comprehensive study of the Christian New Testament. The course includes the application of critical methodology to the Biblical text in order to discover the basic meaning and message of the New Testament. Attention is given to the secular and religious history of the period, as well as to the life and teachings of Jesus, the letters of Paul, and the origins of the Christian Church –Professor Herman

Williams & Fred Sales – Beginning **Monday January 25, 2010** at Rising Sun Baptist Church.

TP 202 Voices of Faith – This course is a study of the **writings** of Christian leaders in recent Christian History. These writings will be studied, not only for historical understanding, but for strengthening and expanding each person’s Christian Faith. Committed Christians who are gifted communicators and writers help ordinary folk like us to better understand our own faith. With that better understanding, personal faith is enriched and daily Christian living is enhanced. – Professor – Herman Williams – Beginning **Tuesday January 26, 2010** at Mineral Baptist Church.

BS 145 Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels

– This course is a study of the life and teachings of Jesus through a careful examination of the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The historical, cultural and literary study of these gospels is the perspective of the classes. The three “Synoptic” gospels, which “see together” the life of Jesus of Nazareth each have their own distinctive witness. Understanding the message of each of these three “witnesses to Jesus” is the primary goal of the course – Professor Woody Jenkins – Beginning **Thursday January 28, 2010** at Mineral Baptist Church.

All classes are from 7:00 to 9:30 pm (the equivalent of three 50 minute college class sessions)

Cost: Application Fee for all new students, \$25; For Credit Tuition (per course) \$375, plus Activity Fee each semester, \$35. For Auditing Tuition (per course) \$187.50 – no Activity Fee. Cost of textbooks varies for each course.

To register or for additional information contact:

Herman Williams at 540-894-5509
or Email HermanJWJr@aol.com, or
Penny Jenkins at 804-556-4487
or Email vpennyjenks@hotmail.com

Or complete and send the form below to:

RITE
Goshen Baptist Ministry Center
P.O. Box 296
Mineral, VA 23117

Please contact me to talk further about the course(s) I have indicated below:

- Introduction to New Testament
- Voices of Faith – Theology II
- Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels

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DIPLOMA in THEOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Each course is 3 college credit hours

BIBLICAL STUDIES (15 hours)

BS 111 Introduction to New Testament

BS 112 Introduction to Old Testament

PLUS – choose three of the following:

BS 135 Studies in the Prophets

BS 145 Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels

BS 155 Life and Letters of Paul

BS 170 Johannine Literature

THEOLOGICAL PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

(12 hours)

TP 201 Christian Theology I

TP 202 Christian Theology II

PH 245 Philosophy of Religion

PH 265 Christian Ethics

HISTORICAL CULTURAL STUDIES (6 hours)

HC 301 Church History

HC 321 Baptist Beliefs and History

MINISTRY STUDIES (15 hours)

MS 415 Preaching and Communication

MS 430 Christian Education

MS 445 Worship and Music

MS 465 Formation for Ministry

PLUS – choose one of the following:

MS 412 Spiritual Formation

MS 425 Church Administration

MS 455 Pastoral Care & Counseling

48 Total Required Hours

A student can take two courses each semester (two evenings a week) and complete a *Diploma in Theology* in only four years!

Diploma in Theology from John Leland Seminary

Sponsored by the *Rural Institute for Theological Education* (RITE) which was established in 2003 as a ministry of the Goshen Baptist Association – serving the people and churches of Central Virginia

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