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## GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS,

My name is Richard Casteel and I am the Senior Pastor of Grace Chapel in Scottsdale, Arizona, and founder of the Arizona Bible Institute.



I am delighted that you are considering the **ARIZONA BIBLE INSTITUTE** for your formal training in the Word of God. ABI's strong Bible curriculum will provide you with a solid base in His Word.

Our curriculum is designed to give you the flavor of various church ministries that are found in the typical local church. These courses will be helpful to you should you decide God has a call on your life for full-time service.

If you are called to full-time service, we anticipate that your local church will be the laboratory in which you will receive practical, hands-on experience in the various ministries. We will interact with your pastoral staff to facilitate specific ministry training while you attend ABI.

Some might want to take our Bible courses simply for personal enrichment. Others may be interested in working as teachers or helpers in a local church. Whatever your personal goals, all are welcome to gather around the Word of God with our fine teaching staff.

I encourage you to take a step of faith and begin the enrollment process at ABI. Contact our church/school office to request an Admissions Packet. Our contact information can be found on the back of this catalog.

God's richest blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Casteel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Arizona Bible Institute is a ministry of Grace Chapel, which is part of The Four-square Church denomination. Our statement of faith thus reflects the doctrinal position of The Foursquare Church in all points.

### **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

We believe the Bible is God-inspired (2 Timothy 3:16,17).

### **THE ETERNAL GODHEAD**

We believe God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

### **THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from perfection (Romans 5:12).

### **THE PLAN OF SALVATION**

We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe on Him (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

### **SALVATION THROUGH GRACE**

We believe that we have no righteousness and must come to God pleading the righteousness of Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

### **REPENTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

We believe that upon sincere repentance, and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (I John 1:9).

### **THE NEW BIRTH**

We believe that the change which takes place in the heart and life at conversion is a very real one (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).

## **DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING**

We believe that it is the will of God that we be sanctified daily, growing constantly in the faith (Hebrews 6:1).

## **BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work (Matt. 28:19). We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolic use of the bread and juice of the vine (I Corinthians 11:24, 25).

## **BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power; and that His in coming is after the same manner as in Bible days (Acts 2:4).

## **THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**

We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit daily (Ephesians 4:30-32).

## **THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon the Christian; and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (I Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22).

## **MODERATION**

We believe that the experience and daily walk of the believer should never lead him into extremes of fanaticism (Philippians 4:5).

## **DIVINE HEALING**

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the physically sick in answer to the prayer of faith (James 5:14-16).

## **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

## **CHURCH RELATIONSHIP**

We believe it is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with the visible Body of Christ (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:25).

## **CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe that rulers should be upheld at all times except in things opposed to the will of God (Romans 13:1-5).

## **THE FINAL JUDGEMENT**

We believe that all shall stand some day before the judgement seat of God, and there receive eternal life or death (2 Corinthians 5:10).

## **HEAVEN**

We believe that Heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17).

## **HELL**

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as the Savior (Revelation 20:10,15).

## **EVANGELISM**

We believe that soul winning is the most important responsibility of the Church (James 5:20).

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by giving of tithes and free-will offerings (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7).

*"In essentials—Unity  
In non-essentials—Liberty  
In all things—Charity"*

The complete Foursquare Declaration of Faith is available at <http://shurl.org/foursquaredeclaration>

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Arizona Bible Institute has accepted the commission to train believers in the Word of God and to prepare them to live fruitful lives unto the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Those called to leadership will be given the flavor of various church ministries in some of the courses and will be encouraged to enter into specific ministry training in the laboratory of their local church.

Our program is condensed into a two-year rotating course of study that is designed to be closed-ended and is not intended for the transfer of credits to other schools.

The course of study at ABI includes exposure to every book of the Bible, as well as other courses deemed beneficial to producing a well-rounded disciple.

Classes are taught weekday evenings over an eleven-week period of time. After a brief intermission period, another eleven-week semester of study begins.

### **Two certificates are available to our students:**

General Bible	65 credits
Ministry Training	75 credits

Our faculty consists of local church leaders, teachers, and pastors.

ABI is under the oversight of an administrative committee from Grace Chapel, which guides the school and assures that the school stays on course with the mission set forth in this declaration.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

New students are required to submit an Application for Admission to the school prior to enrolling for classes. They must also turn in a Pastoral Referral and at least one Personal Recommendation, each to be sent directly to the school, from persons who can speak with certainty about the student's character and Christian walk.

A student may be admitted to the ABI on a "conditional" basis while the following documents are being forwarded to the school:

1. College transcripts of any classes for which a student may desire credit from another institution.
2. The referrals or recommendations as mentioned above.

All fees and charges must be paid in full prior to the start of classes, including all amounts owed to the school bookstore.

## **ACADEMIC CREDITS**

Consideration will be given for work completed at other Bible schools. However, due to the specialized course of study at ABI, we will require that the majority of credits be earned at this school. The Academic Dean will decide each of these cases on an individual basis.

If a student has been given credit for classes taken at another institution but cannot satisfactorily perform the work in the ABI classes, that student will lose the transferred credits and be required to start over at ABI when they are able to accomplish the required ABI coursework.

## **QUARTER SCHEDULING**

The unit of measure at ABI is the quarter credit, which is the standard for schools operating on the eleven-week quarter semester calendar. We conduct four quarter semesters each school year.

The quarter semester system permits us to divide the classes into smaller increments and to diversify the course of study more readily than the system of two 18-week semesters a year.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Recognizing that all persons are God's creation, ABI is committed to providing equal opportunity and access in its educational and spiritual programs and activities. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, handicaps or disability, age, marital, or veteran status in any of its policies, procedures, or practices.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

All absences and tardies are recorded. Because our courses run for only 11 weeks, we can permit a maximum of only two hours of absence per credit hour. Students exceeding those limits may be required to drop from the class and register at a future date. Multiple tardies are also a cause for concern.

## **MISSED ASSIGNMENTS**

It is the student's responsibility to take the initiative when assignments are late or tests are missed. Each instructor will issue class rules for work missed by valid sickness or emergencies. Usually, work not completed on time will receive a "0". However, in special cases instructors have the latitude to extend grace and may only lower the grade.

## **COURSE GRADING**

The school will utilize the following system of grading:

A	-	Superior
B	-	Excellent
C	-	Average
D	-	Below Average
F	-	Failure
WP	-	Withdraw Passing
WF	-	Withdraw Failing

Grade points will be assigned to course grades as follows:

A	-	4 Grade points
B	-	3 Grade points
C	-	2 Grade points
D	-	1 Grade point
F	-	0 Grade point

The instructor will render to each student a mid-semester grade at the 6 week point. Those in jeopardy of failure at that time may be asked to consult with the Academic Dean.

A final grade will be rendered at the end of the course of study and before the next semester begins.

## **COMPLETION HONORS**

At the end of the course of study, students who maintain a grade point average of 3.65 or higher will be considered as *Completing With Honors*.

Students with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher will be considered as *Completing With Highest Honors*.

## **DISMISSAL**

Attendance at ABI should be considered a privilege and not a right. Students may be required to withdraw from the school or from a particular class for reasons such as unfulfilled financial commitments, failure to meet academic standards, disruptive behavior, or unchristian conduct.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

As stated previously, all fees and charges are to be paid before the start of classes.

Charges include a one-time Application Fee of \$10.00, which must accompany the Application for Admission. This is a non-refundable fee.

In addition to the costs of the textbooks, there is a tuition charge which is calculated by the credit hour taken. Our tuition rates will be kept as low as possible to enable as many students as possible to participate in the school .

The tuition rate for the 2006-2007 school year has been set at \$25.00 per credit hour taken. Other fees and charges will be added as the need arises.

Students withdrawing from a class will be refunded at the following rates:

- Withdrawal prior to start of classes 100%
- Withdrawal during 1st week of class 60%
- Withdrawal during 2nd week of class 30%
- Withdrawal after the 2nd week of class 0%

Unless the school can re-sell the textbook, there will not be a text refund. Texts can be sold to other students who will be taking the class at another time.

## **CLASS PERIODS**

As a general rule, classes will be taught for 50 minutes out of each hour, with a 10-minute break or pass time between classes.

Night classes will meet for 2 or 3 hours, depending upon the number of credit hours of the class. A 2-credit class will usually break for 15 to 20 minutes at the mid-point. A 3-credit class can break for 25 to 30 minutes at mid-point or take more frequent, smaller breaks.

As the school grows, it is anticipated that a full daytime schedule of classes will be offered along with evening classes.

## **ACCREDITATION**

There are private organizations which have set forth certain standards for post-secondary schools in the areas of curriculum, course of study, library, and faculty credentials. Their purpose is to seek to set up academic standards that are helpful in the matter of transferring credits from one school to another.

However, the Arizona Bible Institute has been established to be a closed-ended school of the Bible and is not designed for those who plan to transfer credits to other schools. Other schools may accept the transfer of our credits but ABI can make no guarantees of the transferability of our credits.

ABI is working toward fulfilling the requirements to become a "certified" Bible institute with the Foursquare Church. This is not accreditation, but does indicate that our course of study has been approved by our denomination.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

The Arizona Bible Institute offers two (2) different certificate programs.

1. General Bible Certificate      65 credits
2. Ministry Training Certificate      75 credits

Any qualified student may elect to take classes for their own personal enrichment without having to work towards a specific certificate of completion.

## SCHEDULE OF COURSE OFFERINGS

### YEAR 1

#### Quarter 1: (Fall)

Systematic Theology I	2 credits	TH 110
Bible Research	2 credits	RE 111
Acts & Journeys of Paul	2 credits	BI 112
Pentateuch I	3 credits	BI 113

#### Quarter II: (Winter)

Systematic Theology II	2 credits	TH 120
General Epistles	2 credits	BI 121
Pentateuch II	3 credits	BI 122
World Religions	2 credits	RE 123

#### Quarter III: (Spring)

Minor Prophets I	2 credits	BI 130
Evangelism & Discipleship	2 credits	RE 131
Historical Books I	3 credits	BI 132
Corinthians-Thessalonians I	2 credits	BI 133

#### Quarter IV: (Summer)

Minor Prophets II	2 credits	BI 140
Synoptic Gospels	2 credits	BI 141
Corinthians-Thessalonians II	2 credits	BI 142
Historical Books II	3 credits	BI 143

## **SCHEDULE OF COURSE OFFERINGS**

### **YEAR 2**

#### Quarter 1: (Fall)

Systematic Theology III	2 credits	TH 210
Hebrews	2 credits	BI 211
Romans & Galatians	3 credits	BI 212
Introduction to Homiletics	3 credits	RE 213 *

#### Quarter II: (Winter)

Systematic Theology IV	2 credits	TH 220
Church Administration	2 credits	RE 221 *
Johannine Literature	3 credits	BI 222
Prison-Pastoral Epistles I	2 credits	BI 223

#### Quarter III: (Spring)

Biblical Counseling	2 credits	RE 230 *
Prison-Pastoral Epistles II	2 credits	BI 233
Major Prophets I	3 credits	BI 232
Poetic & Wisdom Books I	2 credits	BI 233

#### Quarter IV: (Summer)

Apocalyptic Books	3 credits	BI 240
Church Ministries	3 credits	RE 241 *
Major Prophets II	3 credits	BI 242
Poetic & Wisdom Books II	2 credits	BI 243

\* Required courses for those who take the Ministry Training Certificate Program.

Students in the Ministry Training Program will be given hands-on ministry experience in their local churches. Upon completion of the course of study, qualified students may apply for a Ministerial License from the Foursquare Church by completing the required Foursquare Polity Training module. This additional module acquaints the candidate with Foursquare doctrine and polity and is followed by an interview with a group of Arizona Foursquare District leaders who will evaluate the student's readiness for ministry work.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### Theology Courses

- TH 110: Systematic Theology I: An overview of Bible doctrines, including Theology (God), Christology (Jesus), Anthropology (Man), and Hamartiology (Sin).
- TH 120: Systematic Theology II: An overview of Bible doctrines, Including Pneumatology (Holy Spirit) and Angelology (Angels).
- TH 210: Systematic Theology III: An overview of Bible doctrines, including Soteriology (Salvation) and Ecclesiology (The Church).
- TH 220: Systematic Theology IV: An overview of Bible doctrines, including Divine Healing and Eschatology (Last Things).

### Religion Courses

- RE 111: Bible Research: A class on learning and practicing the study of the Bible. A balance between academics and revelation.
- RE 123: World Religions: An overview of the great religions of the world.
- RE 131: Evangelism & Discipleship: A challenging look at our individual responsibility to be witnesses for Jesus and to disciple those we lead to the Lord.
- RE 213: Introduction to Homiletics: A class on sermon preparation and presentation. Required for ministerial candidates.
- RE 221: Church Administration: This class will examine the many facets of administrating a local church. Required for ministerial candidates.

## Religion Courses

- RE 230: Biblical Counseling: This class will be an introduction into biblical based counseling. Required for ministerial candidates.
- RE 241: Church Ministries: A required class for ministerial candidates which covers the various ministry possibilities within the church and community.

## Bible Courses

- BI 112: Acts and the Journeys of Paul: A study of the Book of Acts with insights into the life of the Apostle Paul.
- BI 113 & 122: Pentateuch I & II: An overview of the first five (5) books of the Old Testament.
- BI 121: General Epistles: A study of the New Testament epistles of James, Jude, and I & II Peter.
- BI 130 & 140: Minor Prophets I & II: An overview of the prophetic books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- BI 132 & 143: Historical Books I & II: An overview of the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.
- BI 133 & 142: Corinthians & Thessalonians I & II: A study of the NT books of I & II Corinthians and I & II Thessalonians.
- BI 141: Synoptic Gospels: A study of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

## Bible Courses

- BI 211: Hebrews: A study of the NT book of Hebrews.
- BI 212: Romans & Galatians: A study of the NT epistles of Romans and Galatians.
- BI 222: Johannine Literature: A study of the Gospel of John and the epistles of I, II, and III John.
- BI 223 & 231: Prison-Pastoral Epistles I & II: A study of the epistles of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon.
- BI 232 & 242: Major Prophets I & II: A study of the prophetic books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Ezekiel.
- BI 233 & 243: Poetic & wisdom Books I & II: An overview of the OT books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.
- BI 240: Apocalyptic Books: A study of the end time books of Daniel and Revelation.



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