

Welcome from Pastors Chris and Loraine

Welcome to Cornerstone Bible College. Our focus is on your journey to discover and fulfil God's purpose for your life. We are wholly committed to the Bible as God's infallible word, and we are dedicated to empowering and equipping you to become effective for God's kingdom. Our goal is to prepare you for leadership and service through education and direct application. At our core is the desire to train students to think and live a biblical world view and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the church, the community and society.

Cornerstone Bible College is a unique learning environment where study, personal transformation and practical application go hand in hand. We believe in a high academic standard with a strong focus in nurturing you to grow in the Word and become relevant in your sphere of influence. We are confident that our lecturers can assist you in achieving a level of proficiency in Biblical studies that will enable you to fulfil the call of God upon your life. Come join us and achieve great things!

Pastors Chris and Loraine
Senior Pastors and Founders
Cornerstone the Church

Statement of Aims

Cornerstone Bible College aims to take students on a journey of discovery that:

- Deepens their faith
- Challenges and furthers their understanding of Scripture
- Equips them to share the Gospel of Christ

College will give you opportunities for discussion and debate as the above aims are realised. A brief summary of each course and subsequent examination information is given in this prospectus.

In addition to completing the academic side of College we will also expect you to be involved in service of some kind at Church. This can be a monthly commitment on the – Welcome Team / Set Up Team / Hospitality Team / Children's Department / Worship Team / TV Department / AV Team/ Sound Department / Office Work – the choice will be yours but it will form part of the requirements for graduation. You will be able to nominate your choice when you register for College.

If you have any questions after reading this prospectus, please contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cornerstone Bible College.

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Welcome and
thank you for
your interest in
Cornerstone Bible
College



Course Structure

The Course is a commitment for 2 years. In each year 10 major topics plus some short courses will be studied (2 per evening) and there will be an examination at the completion of most courses.

Course Content

Year 1

- Biblical Doctrines and Theology
- Hermeneutics
- Old Testament Survey — overview
- New Testament Survey — overview
- Covenant
- Principles of Faith
- Holy Spirit — The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus as God — Glory and Authority
- Psalmody — introduction
- Prayer
- Evangelism and Discipleship

Year 2

- Psalmody 2
- Holy Spirit — Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Divine Healing
- Evangelism and Discipleship
- Basics of Greek and Hebrew - As an online course
- Old Testament 2 — Old Testament to include Types and Shadows of Christ
- New Testament 2 — The Ministry of Jesus
- Old Testament 3 — Study of Old Testament Prophets and Leaders
- New Testament 3 — Study of Epistles
- Leadership
- Prayer Evangelism

The additional weekly study time will be about 4-6 hours

There will be,

- a Certificate awarded on completion of the 1st year
- a Diploma awarded on the completion of both years



Weekly Structure

You will study two courses at each meeting with a short break between the sessions.

With the exception of Psalmody where there is a student manual, you will be expected to take your own notes so please come prepared. You will be expected to do your own research around the topics between the sessions in preparation for your examination and essay.

The tutors will give you a short bullet point summary of the main points to help you focus your revision but this will not be exhaustive!

Study Material

Books recommended for each of the courses are listed in the wallet at the back of this Prospectus. Whether you purchase or download them is your choice but please ensure you have the materials available at the start of each course

Examinations

The Examination Structure will vary depending on the subject being studied but most courses will conclude with a written examination paper and an essay to be completed in the following two weeks. For some courses you may be asked to write a book review in addition to the examination and the essay. Some subjects will not have a written paper. You will be advised at the start of each topic as to what exactly will be expected of you.

Essay topic

At the start of the topic you will be given an essay title. This essay is to be handed in two weeks after the end of the topic. The material for the essay will be covered in the lectures and in your own study time.

Book Review

Some tutors may require a book review from you on the text book associated with their subject. This will be required one to two weeks after the lectures have finished. The tutors requiring this will discuss this with you.

Examination Paper

The written examination will be a mixture of multiple choice and longer answer questions. This you will complete in the final session of the course under examination conditions. It will take about 45 minutes.

Bible College Course Summaries

Biblical Doctrines and Theology

This course is an introduction to Biblical doctrines and theology and will explore such topics as the Attributes of God, the Deity of Christ, the Trinity, Salvation, Judgment, and the Blessed Hope. These foundational doctrines are not only informational, but applicable and inspirational.

Hermeneutics

This course provides a foundational overview of the history, canon, and uniqueness of the Bible. The history of Biblical hermeneutics is outlined and the qualifications, methods, and foundation for interpretation are defined. Definitions, categories, qualifications for each hermeneutic principle are presented. The course focuses on the practical application of each principle.

Old Testament

During the three Old Testament Courses the student will;

- Gain an overall understanding of the Old Testament books, their history, themes, contents and meaning to us as New Testament believers.
- Study the foundational principles and patterns revealed in the books in the Old Testament. The student will analyse such topics as: How does a Holy God deal with sinful mankind? How does God deal with His people, the nation of Israel, with other nations? How do we find Jesus Christ in the Old Testament? How do we as New Testament believers relate to, and apply the Old Testament principles in our everyday lives?
- Look at the lives of various Old Testament characters considering the history and background, and their lifestyle and relationship to God and others.

New Testament

During the three New Testament Courses the student will:

- Explore each book of the New Testament observing the distinctive characteristics and special emphasis by the writer to his audience in order to provide a solid biblical foundation of the New Testament.
- Study the primary components of Jesus' Ministry seeking to gain an understanding of what his followers understood as they listened to Him.
- Gain a perspective of issues facing the early church and applying it to our own situation in 21st Century.

Covenant

We explore what covenant (especially The Blood Covenant) is and the totality of God's commitment to His People through Covenant.

Principles of Faith

This course will give the student a general overview of faith; what it is, how we get it, and how we can incorporate faith into our daily lives. The course will give the student the tools and resources needed to be able to apply the principles of faith in order to step up to live a faith-filled, power-filled, humble life which will encourage others.

The Holy Spirit

There will be two courses studying The Holy Spirit. The first will reveal the Holy Spirit as a real Person and discover His ministry to the believer and unbeliever, and provide an overview of His gifts to the church. The second will give the student a thorough understanding of the Holy Spirit's present day ministry in and through the church relating to His Gifts. The student will learn what His gifts are, their purpose, and how they are to operate in his/her life. Both courses have a practical element that will empower and inspire the student to realise their full potential in Christ.

Glory and Authority

God's glory speaks primarily of the nature and acts of God in self-manifestation. That is, what He essentially is and does, as exhibited in whatever way He chooses to reveal Himself. It also denotes a supernatural demonstration of the splendour, brightness and perfection of His character, and especially His righteousness. Therefore, 'glory' refers to the very essence of God – the divine power and substance that makes Him "God Almighty!" What God essentially is and does, in whatever and whichever way He chooses to reveal Himself, is His "glory." Likewise, wherever God's glory is manifest, in whatever circumstances He chooses to reveal Himself, that's where God will exhibit and demonstrate His authority

Prayer

The Prayer course aims be very practical and answer the following questions:-

- what is prayer?
- why pray?
- when to pray?
- how to pray?
- where to pray?
- Who to pray to?

In order to achieve a more intimate relationship with God and to grasp and appreciate the full power of Prayer as demonstrated by Jesus.

Psalmody

Psalmody encourages students in a Lifestyle of Praise and Worship. You will learn what praise and worship are and how your life can be totally transformed by them.

Healing

The purpose of this course is to teach what the scriptures reveal about divine healing – that it is God's will and how it was provided for all in the atonement of Christ. This course will also stir a desire in the student to reach out in order to bring healing to those around them.

Evangelism and Discipleship

God's original mandate to Mankind in Genesis is to go forth and multiply and this course will inspire and equip you to stay eternity focused to help bring in a harvest of souls that will populate heaven. The student will learn the mechanics of soul winning, as well as prophetic Evangelism; whilst also fulfilling the Great Commission in making disciples of all nations.

Hebrew and Greek

“Without some knowledge of Greek, you cannot understand the critical commentaries on the Scriptures, and a commentary that is not critical is of doubtful value” – George Ricker Berry and I am sure this applies to Hebrew as well! It would be unwise and inadvisable to assume that any Greek or Hebrew word can be translated throughout the Bible using the same English word. Furthermore, it is important to have some understanding of the ancient culture and traditions into which our Bible heroes were born. The Apostle Paul wrote much of the New Testament, and his depth of thinking and depth of feeling is expressed so beautifully in the original text. His mastery of the Greek language literally parts the clouds and allows the brilliance of Christ to shine through almost every verse. Many times the intensity of Paul’s devotion to Christ and the sheer force of his commitment challenges the reader to seek more insight and dig deeper. This kind of supreme inspiration could only originate in God Himself!

Leadership

In this course you will explore what it means to be a leader of self, teams and the church. What you learn will help you in your leadership journey as an individual, in the corporate world as well as in the church. Its foundations will, of course, be Christian and Biblical. Combining a mixture of exercises as well as teaching, you will by the end of the course understand more about your talent, strengths and areas to develop on your leadership journey and how this can help you be a blessing to you, your friends and family, your community and your church.

Short Courses

Various short courses will be included at the end of each year. These will allow for extra discussion and student input.

