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2018-2019 CATALOG



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**PREPARING THE NEXT
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GRACE BIBLE SCHOOL



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GRACE BIBLE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Grace Bible School (GBS) seeks to provide a means by which fully committed servants of Jesus Christ are able to become fully prepared servants of Christ. GBS does not intend to “create” servants of Christ, but rather to fully equip those who are already servants of Christ.

In addition, GBS does not encourage students to prepare for a job or a position with any particular organization other than the local church.

GBS is uniquely local church oriented as in the model of the first century church. That is, the local church is the body of Christ and is ordained to evangelize, disciple, equip, and send out its members for the building up of itself.

GBS only desires to assist the local church in these responsibilities. Therefore, the care and oversight of each student remains the responsibility of their local church, and not of the Bible School.

MISSION

Grace Bible School exists to assist the local church in guiding servants of God to (1) develop the spiritual gifts that are within each student and to make their calling more sure; (2) to prepare them to fulfill the calling from God in their lives; and, (3) to encourage them to live their entire lives by faith and in total dependence upon God as they serve Him.

PURPOSE

1. To provide the necessary Bible knowledge and teaching to students who have decided to serve the Lord in full-time capacity, and to train them to be able and skillful in teaching it to others.
2. To develop personal discipline in the students conduct and practice, impart important life skills, and promote godly character in order for them to become effective and efficient servants and workers for the Lord.
3. To provide other knowledge and skills such as in the areas of English Proficiency, Music, and Community Development which are already proven tools to aid in doing ministry or church planting in Cambodia.
4. To expose the students to various ministry activities inside and outside the church in order to give them hands-on experience and training in doing them.
5. To be a local church partner in terms of training their students, as well as their workers and leaders to meet the need of the church.
6. To provide a venue for the conduct of seminars, conferences and short course training among the partner churches.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **God** is the creator of heaven and earth and of all living creatures on earth and in heaven. God has revealed Himself in the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit co-equal in being, co-equal in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. God the Father is the first person of the trinity.

2. **Jesus Christ** is God, was born of a virgin, lived a perfect and sinless life, died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice, rose bodily, ascended to heaven to the right hand of the Father; where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. He is fully God and fully man inseparably united in one person forever. Jesus Christ will return again in bodily form to judge the world and set up the Kingdom of God forever. Jesus Christ is the second person of the trinity.

3. **The Holy Spirit** is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He is the supernatural agent of regeneration, and baptizes and seals all believers into the body of Christ. He is the Divine Teacher who guides all believers into all truth. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity.

4. **Man** was created in the image of God by a direct act of God and did not come into being as the result of evolution. Man was created to glorify God, worship and serve Him, and have fellowship with Him. Man fell through sin by disobeying God, thus incurring both physical and spiritual death, which alienated him from God. Man's nature was thus corrupted and he is utterly lost, "dead in trespasses and sins," and totally incapable of saving himself and coming back into right relationship with God by his own merit or effort.

5. **Satan** is the author of sin and the great deceiver of the world. Satan is a real spirit being, not simply the symbol of evil. He is a fallen angel who, under the sovereign permission of God, has been given temporary rule over the earth and the world system. He is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and, he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire known as Hell.

6. **The Bible** consisting of the Old and New Testaments was verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures as originally given, and is the inerrant and authoritative Word of God. It is the power of God for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

7. **Salvation and Eternal life** were provided by our Lord's shed blood on the cross and His substitutionary death. Salvation is a free gift to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives, and is through grace alone. Salvation is only appropriated by a person placing his faith in the finished work of Christ. Repentance is a turning toward God and away from sin and is a part of, but not separate from, believing faith. Those who receive Jesus Christ by faith are born again, have their sins forgiven, become children of God, are a new creation in Christ, and "are sealed by the Holy spirit unto the day of redemption", being kept by the power of God.

8. **The universal Church** consists only of those who are born again and are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ at the time of regeneration. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head, Builder, Owner, and Nourisher of the Church.

9. **The local Church** is established for worship, edification of the believer, fellowship, witnessing to the world and making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the primary organism used by God to carry out the "Great Commission" and receives its power and authority for this work from Christ himself.

10. **Spiritual Gifts** are given to each member of the Body of Christ for the good of the Body according to the will of God. We also believe that Jesus Christ gave gifted men to the church for the equipping of the saint to do the work of the ministry. We believe that the sign gifts were primarily designed to authenticate God's apostolic messengers and to conform their message (2 Corinthians 12:12). However, as the church was established and as the New Testament Scripture were completed, these sign gifts ended (Hebrews 2:3-4, Romans 10:17).

11. **Ordinances of the church** recognized by Scripture are water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Water baptism by immersion is an act of obedience following salvation which symbolically pictures the believer's death to sin, burial of the old life, and resurrection to new life. The Lord's Supper celebrates fellowship and communion with Christ, symbolically commemorates His death, and anticipates His second coming.

12. **Every Christian** should live for Christ and not for himself and should, by the power of the indwelling Spirit, allow Christ to live His life through him to God's glory. By ever increasing obedience to the Word of God, each believer should mature and progressively become more like Jesus. Under the authority of the local church, each believer should be personally involved in making disciples to fulfill the great commission; perform good works and bear fruit to the glory of God.

13. **Prayer** is the great resource of the believer and of the church in communicating with God to present our praise, thanksgiving, confession, and our petitions and intercessions for ourselves and others.

14. **The return of the Lord Jesus Christ** is imminent. He will return in bodily form and will be visible to the believers in the rapture of the Church, and to all mankind in His second coming to set up the Kingdom of God on earth. The saved will be raised

to everlasting life and blessedness in Heaven, and the unsaved will be raised to everlasting and conscious punishment in Hell.



FACULTY AND STAFF

Pastor Phillip Cil Nierras: General Director, Teacher

Bachelor of Religious Education: Leyte Baptist Seminary, Philippines
Bachelor of Science in Food Technology: Visayas State College of Agriculture, Phils.
Master in Agriculture Development- Major in Language Teaching: Visayas State University, Philippines
Master in Religious Education (on-going): Asia Biblical Theological Seminary of Cornerstone University, Thailand

Mrs. Armie Nierras: Dean of Women, Teacher

Bachelor of Religious Education
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Philippines

Miss Jahzeel Narciso: Teacher

Bachelor of Religious Education
Leyte Baptist Seminary
Philippines

Pastor Hong Peter: Teacher

Diploma in Christian Theological Studies
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Mr. Phao Den: Office Manager, Teacher

Bachelor in English: Pannasastra University, Cambodia
Certificate of Bible Training: Bible Training Center for Pastors (BTCP), Cambodia

Miss Maivi Vega, Visiting Teacher

Bachelor of Religious Education
Doane Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute, Philippines

Pastor Von Bastes: Visiting Teacher

Music: University of the Philippines
Mission and Biblical Studies: Jesus Young Followers School of Missions, Philippines

Mr. Jack Weertman: Visiting Teacher

Director, Pathway to Hope

DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED

We offer the following degrees and certificates:

- Basic Bible Course Certificate (BBC). This is a one-year program.
- Associate of Religious Education (ARE). This is a two-year degree program.
- Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE): This is a four-year degree program.

We also offer individual courses for students who are not pursuing a degree but want to further their personal spiritual life and biblical knowledge. Contact us for course availability.

ADMISSION POLICY

1. Candidates must be a baptized Christian for 1 year or more and be involved in the ministries of their local church.
2. Candidates must be able to describe a definite call from God for lifetime Christian service and their decision to live by faith alone in God.
3. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Bible School.
4. Candidates for the BBC certificate one-year program must have a secondary school certificate.
5. Candidates for the Associate Degree program must have completed grade 12 or have a secondary school certificate plus BBC grade of at least 70%.
6. Candidates for the Bachelors Degree program must have completed grade 12, have a high school certificate, and BBC and ARE grade of at least 70%.
7. Candidates desiring to transfer from another Bible School will be evaluated based upon the course work completed at the previous Bible School and credit given based upon whether or not those courses correspond to Grace Bible School's courses.
8. Students must be recommended to the school by their home church pastor and must provide two more recommendations from Christian leaders.



9. Candidates must provide a history of ministries they have been involved with at their home church.
10. Candidates must be sent to the Bible School by their home church, and the home church must agree to be responsible for the activities and discipline of the student. (Acts 13:1-4) All personal problems or disciplinary problems that the student may have will be referred back to the home church.
11. Candidates must complete the required application form.
12. Candidates must agree to abide by the Doctrinal Statement of the Bible School. They may hold alternative doctrinal views in the non-essentials, but they may not assert them while attending the Bible School.
13. Candidates must complete the required entrance examinations.
14. Candidates are responsible for all Bible school fees, and payment is required prior to the start of classes unless a payment plan is arranged ahead of time with the school.



Bachelor of Religious Education Curriculum: 166 Credit Hours

| YEAR 1: Semester 1 | Credits | YEAR 1: Semester 2 | Credits |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Understanding the Bible | 2 | Theology Proper | 3 |
| Personal Spiritual Life | 3 | Methods of Bible Study | 3 |
| Old Testament Survey | 3 | The Pentateuch | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | 3 | The Gospels | 3 |
| Personal Evangelism | 3 | Discipleship | 3 |
| Music Theory | 3 | Voice and Sight Reading | 3 |
| English 1 | 3 | English 2 | 3 |
| Total Credits | 20 | Total Credits | 21 |

| YEAR 2: Semester 1 | Credits | YEAR 2: Semester 2 | Credits |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Homiletics (M)/Women in Min. | 3 | World Religions and Cults | 3 |
| Christology | 3 | Pneumatology | 3 |
| Teaching Principles & Methods | 3 | Spiritual Leadership | 3 |
| Biblical Hermeneutics | 3 | Missions and Acts | 3 |
| Old Testament History Books | 3 | Major Prophets | 3 |
| Musical Instruments 1 | 3 | Choir Teaching & Worship Leading | 3 |
| English 3 | 3 | English 4 | 3 |
| Total Credits | 21 | Total Credits | 21 |

| YEAR 3: Semester 1 | Credits | YEAR 3: Semester 2 | Credits |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Pastoral Epistles | 3 | Christian Education and Ministry of Youth | 3 |
| Bibliology and Anthropology | 3 | Ecclesiology and Eschatology | 3 |
| Church Ministry and Education | 3 | Travel and Prison Epistles | 3 |
| Church History | 3 | Daniel and Revelation | 3 |
| Minor Prophets | 3 | Old Testament Poets | 3 |
| Romans and Galatians | 3 | Bible Geography, Manners and Customs | 3 |
| English 5 | 3 | English 6 | 3 |
| Total Credits | 21 | Total Credits | 21 |

| YEAR 4: Semester 1 | Credits | YEAR 4: Semester 2 | Credits |
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| Hamartiology and Soteriology | 3 | Angelology and Demonology | 3 |
| Seminar on Special Project or Thesis Writing | 2 | Expository Preaching (M) / Christian Education of Children 2 (W) | 3 |
| Pastoral Ministries (Men) | 3 | Church Administration (Men)/ Musical Instrument 2 (Women) | 3 |
| Morality and Ethics | 3 | Biblical Counseling | 3 |
| General Epistles | 3 | Mission Strategies and Church Planting | 3 |
| School Mgmt. & Supervision | 3 | Special Project or Undergraduate Thesis | 3 |
| Christian Educ. of Children 1(W) | 3 | English 8 | 3 |
| English 7 | 3 | Total Credits | 21 |
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SCHOOL TUITION AND OTHER COSTS

Grace Bible School offers a high-level systematic curriculum, a strong and nurturing faculty, and we are uniquely local church oriented. Education is an investment, and investments cost something. Our tuition, housing, and other costs are kept as low as possible without sacrificing quality. The parents and family members of the student usually help with expenses, and their home church is expected to help. Our students are sent by their home church and their education will benefit their home church for years to come. Therefore, most of our students should receive some financial help from their home church.

Tuition:

Tuition is due before the start of classes. Tuition is \$100 per semester, regardless of degree pursued. Tuition for part-time students is \$5 per credit hour.

Student Dormitory Fee:

Student dormitories are available for students who do not live with family members or a church member within commuting distance to the school. Students who do not live with family members are required to live in our student dormitories and may not live on their own in a rented room or other living arrangement (except for married students). We require this for the students' safety. Students who live in our dormitories also have an enriching and rewarding time with other students and our dorm leaders.

The Dormitory Fee is \$25 per semester.

Food and Meals:

Students who live in the student dormitories are provided 3 meals per day for \$25 per month.

Books:

Our students will be studying a high quality curriculum and their textbooks will be used for years beyond the classroom—in their ministries and for their personal spiritual life.

Books are sold below our cost and must be purchased before the start of classes. The cost is \$20 per semester.

Uniforms:

We not only teach our students academics, but we also teach them to dress modestly and professionally. We require all students to wear uniforms. The cost is \$35 per year and they are available for purchase, at our cost, at the start of the school year from the Registrar's Office.

Financial Assistance:

We understand that some families and churches may not have enough funds to pay for all their student's expenses. If, after all resources of support are exhausted, a student still does not have adequate financial support to pay for school expenses, he/she may apply to be accepted into our **Work Study Program**.

The **Work Study Program** provides part-time jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. Students will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and as funds allow. Acceptance into the program is not guaranteed and students need to re-apply every semester. Students are urged, however, to scrutinize their own financial resources to determine the possibility of receiving financial help from family, friends, church, and their local community before applying for assistance. See the Finance Department for an application. It must be received between September 1st and 28th to be considered for the first semester.

SCHEDULE 2018-2019

September 3rd to 28th: Application submission and deadline

October 4th and 5th: Registrar will call to confirm receipt of application.

October 16th to 19th: Test, Interview and Enrolment

October 22nd to 23rd : Admission, Orientation, and Move to the Dormitory

October 24th: First Semester Classes Begin

April 2nd to 5th: First Semester Exam

April 22nd: Second Semester Classes Begin

August 13th to 16th: Second Semester Exam

Holiday Observances:

- Grace Bible School observes all Cambodian public holidays.
- The campus is closed from December 10, 2018 to January 1, 2019 so that all students can return home for observance of Christmas at their home church.
- After the 1st Semester exam, students have 2 weeks off, which includes Khmer New Year.
- After the 2nd Semester exam, students have 2 months off.

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