



SCHOOL *of the* BIBLE

"Able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2

HANDBOOK

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE?

The School of the Bible is a Bible training program that helps believers to expand their understanding of the Bible and to be equipped for ministry in the local church. The school is designed for members and workers in local churches, including deacons, Sunday School teachers, youth and children's workers, Bible study leaders, and many others who simply desire to deepen their Bible knowledge and increase their effectiveness in serving the Lord.

HISTORY

The first School of the Bible began in the early 1990's as a ministry of the Temple Baptist Church in Powell, Tennessee, under the direction of Pastor Clarence Sexton. This first school was named the *Knoxville School of the Bible* and continues to this day providing Bible training not only for members of Temple Baptist Church, but also for many others in the greater Knoxville area and surrounding counties.

In recent years, numerous local churches have also established a School of the Bible to provide helpful training for their people and for those in their community. Each of these schools operates in affiliation with Crown College of the Bible, yet each one is under the authority of a local church and under the direction of its pastor. These affiliate schools take on a regional name that identifies them with the area in which they are located. For instance, some schools are named as follows: Ripley School of the Bible (Ripley, West Virginia); North Atlanta School of the Bible (Acworth, Georgia); Fort Worth School of the Bible (Fort Worth, Texas).

MOTTO

The School of the Bible follows the biblical pattern given in II Timothy 2:2, which says, *"And the things which thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."* The School of the Bible motto is *"able to teach others also."* This theme permeates every course and every lesson. Through prepared materials and instruction, and through personal study of God's Word, students are equipped to be *"able to teach others also."* They are challenged to be filled with the Spirit of God, and to be used of the Lord to commit His Word to others.

DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

All churches that operate a School of the Bible stand in agreement with the Statement of Faith held by Crown College of the Bible as stated in the college catalog.

GOALS

Upon completion of the School of the Bible program, students will be able to:

- 1) Explain the overall structure of the Bible and the themes of each book
- 2) Engage in personal Bible study using proper methods of interpretation
- 3) Speak to others about their faith in Christ and show others the way of salvation
- 4) Provide biblical answers concerning key subjects of Bible doctrine
- 5) Teach others the purpose and mission of the New Testament church
- 6) Employ effective methods in teaching the Word of God to others
- 7) Follow biblical principles in establishing a Christian home that is honoring to Christ

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1) Adult students of all ages are invited to enroll in the School of the Bible. Also, high schoolers who are in their Junior or Senior year are welcomed to participate.

2) No previous educational experience or credential is required of students. Enrollment is open to all who have a desire to learn more of God's Word and to be further trained to serve in God's work.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1) Students must complete all twelve courses offered through the School of the Bible in order to graduate and earn a *Biblical Studies Certificate*.

2) A student is considered to have earned credit for a course by his/her consistent attendance and participation in the class. Each class must meet for a minimum time period of forty (40) minutes, and must hold a minimum of twelve (12) class sessions per semester. A student receives credit for a class when he/she is in attendance not less than ten (10) of the class sessions.



COMMENCEMENT

All students who complete the entire School of the Bible program are invited to participate in the commencement exercises of Crown College of the Bible, held annually the first Monday evening in the month of May. The commencement ceremony is a momentous occasion for all who attend, and School of the Bible graduates are grateful to receive their *Biblical Studies Certificate* at the hand of our President and Founder, Dr. Clarence Sexton.

Every School of the Bible graduate has his/her name individually recognized, and walks in cap and gown to receive the *Biblical Studies Certificate*. Each certificate is inscribed with the insignia of Crown College of the Bible and the name of the School of the Bible from which each student is graduating.

It is the responsibility of each host church to keep accurate records of participating students in the School of the Bible program conducted by their church. By February 15 of each year, churches who host a School of the Bible will verify to Crown College a listing of students who have met the graduation requirements and are eligible to participate in the commencement exercises of the college. A \$25 commencement fee will be charged per participant to account for the cost of the cap, gown, and a beautifully-plaqued *Biblical Studies Certificate*.

While attending the commencement exercises, School of the Bible graduates and their families or friends are invited to tour the Lee Roberson Christian Heritage Center on the campus of Crown College. This includes hundreds of displays highlighting the lives of pastors, missionaries, evangelists, songwriters, educators, authors, singers, and many others who have had a dynamic impact in the cause of Christ worldwide. To tour the Christian Heritage Center is an education in itself, and to learn about the lives of men and women who were mightily used of God is truly inspiring. Guided tours will take place by appointment on Tuesday morning, the day after commencement.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Any student who fully completes the School of the Bible program may transfer twelve (12) Bible elective credit hours into any undergraduate program of study at Crown College of the Bible. Credit is not awarded for transfer to any other college, and credit given only applies to Bible elective courses. An official written record of course completion must be provided by the host church for credit to be extended by Crown College. Students must meet the standard admissions requirements to enroll in a degree program of the college.



COURSE SCHEDULE

Fall Semester

SB101	Personal Evangelism
SB102	Survey of the Old Testament I
SB103	Basic Bible Doctrine I

Spring Semester

SB201	Methods of Bible Study
SB202	Survey of the Old Testament II
SB203	Basic Bible Doctrine II

Fall Semester

SB301	Teaching the Bible
SB302	The Christian Home
SB303	Survey of the New Testament I

Spring Semester

SB401	Survey of the New Testament II
SB402	The New Testament Church
SB403	The Life of Christ

SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Each semester must include a minimum of twelve (12) class sessions, with classes meeting a minimum of forty (40) minutes. A typical School of the Bible will operate one night a week on the following schedule:

<i>7:00 pm - 7:40 pm</i>	<i>First class</i>
<i>7:45 pm - 8:25 pm</i>	<i>Second class</i>
<i>8:30 pm - 9:10 pm</i>	<i>Third class</i>

A five-minute pause between classes provides needed break time for students and teachers. It is the responsibility of the host church to determine the exact schedule for their School of the Bible. The host church will also determine an appropriate meeting location and assign capable teachers for classes.

A typical fall semester will begin at the beginning of September and continue through the first week of December. A typical spring semester will begin in the middle of January and continue through the end of April.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Personal Evangelism – practical instruction in witnessing to unbelievers and leading them to Jesus Christ. Emphasis is laid on key Bible principles relating to evangelism. Students are taught how to use their personal testimony in witnessing and how to present the gospel clearly.

Survey of the Old Testament I – a survey of the Books of Law (Genesis through Deuteronomy) and the Historical Books (Joshua through Esther) of the Old Testament. The main theme of each book is highlighted along with other significant features including key words, key verses, and pictures of Christ.

Basic Bible Doctrine I – clear Bible teaching in the subjects of bibliology (the study of the Bible), theology (the study of God), Christology (the study of Jesus Christ), pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit), and angelology (the study of angels). Bible answers are given to commonly asked questions concerning the Christian faith.

Methods of Bible Study – helpful methods to assist believers in personal Bible study. Students learn principles of biblical interpretation to guide them in understanding different passages of Scripture such as narratives, psalms, proverbs, parables, and prophecy. Students also learn how to use Bible study tools to help them in their study of individual books, chapters, verses, and words.

Survey of the Old Testament II – a survey of the Books of Poetry (Job through the Song of Solomon), the Major Prophets (Isaiah through Daniel), and the Minor Prophets (Hosea through Malachi) of the Old Testament. The main theme of each book is highlighted along with other significant features including key words, key verses, and pictures of Christ.

Basic Bible Doctrine II – clear Bible teaching in the subjects of anthropology (the study of man), hamartiology (the study of sin), soteriology (the study of salvation), ecclesiology (the study of the church), and eschatology (the study of end times). Bible answers are given to commonly asked questions concerning the Christian faith.

Teaching the Bible – practical instruction on teaching the Bible effectively to adults, youth, and children. Biblical methods of teaching are explored and learned. This course is particularly helpful to Sunday School teachers and workers, Bible study leaders, and parents who are teaching the Bible in their homes.



The Christian Home – clear teaching from God’s Word concerning God’s design for the home and for the Christian family. Helpful instruction is given in the areas of marriage and parenting. This course is beneficial also to singles who plan to establish a Christian home some day.

Survey of the New Testament I – a survey of the books of the New Testament (Matthew through Ephesians). The main theme of each book is highlighted along with other significant features including key words, key verses, and pictures of Christ.

Survey of the New Testament II – a survey of the books of the New Testament (Philippians through Revelation). The main theme of each book is highlighted along with other significant features including key words, key verses, and pictures of Christ.

The New Testament Church – a study of the first-century church in the New Testament. Emphasis is laid on the biblical purpose of the church and on the involvement of each member of the body. Key topics are studied such as worship in the church and the prayer life of the church.

The Life of Christ – a detailed look at the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some topics covered are Christ’s virgin birth; His teachings, miracles, and parables; His suffering and death; His resurrection and ascension. Students also learn Bible answers concerning the deity of Jesus Christ.

STUDENT NOTEBOOKS

A beautifully-prepared *Student Notebook* has been designed for each of the twelve courses in the School of the Bible. The Student Notebooks contain the following:

- 1) A weekly instructional schedule
- 2) A listing of recommended textbooks and reading assignments for each class
- 3) Notes for each week’s lesson
- 4) Designated space for the students to write additional notes as the lesson is taught
- 5) Scripture memory charts and other charts that are needed to accompany each lesson
- 6) A listing of other recommended books and resources

Student Notebooks are available through Crown Christian Publications (1-877-AT-CROWN) at a reasonable price. All churches who host a School of the Bible and order *Student Notebooks* will also receive additional material and recommendations to aid the teacher in preparation for each class.



TEXTBOOKS

For each of the twelve courses in the School of the Bible, a textbook is recommended in addition to the Student Notebook. Textbook acquisition is not mandated, but is strongly recommended to provide the student supplemental reading and instruction, and also to aid the student in building a personal Bible resource library. The following textbooks are recommended and are available through the Crown Bookshop (1-877-MY-CROWN):

- SB101 Personal Evangelism
Following Christ and Fishing for Men by Clarence Sexton
- SB102 Survey of the Old Testament I
Exploring the Scriptures by John Phillips
- SB103 Basic Bible Doctrine I
Elemental Theology by Emery Bancroft
- SB201 Methods of Bible Study
How to Study the Bible by R.A. Torrey
Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible by James Strong
- SB202 Survey of the Old Testament II
Exploring the Scriptures by John Phillips
- SB203 Basic Bible Doctrine II
Elemental Theology by Emery Bancroft
- SB301 Teaching the Bible
The Seven Laws of Teaching by John Milton Gregory
- SB302 The Christian Home
The Christian Home by Clarence Sexton
- SB303 Survey of the New Testament I
Exploring the Scriptures by John Phillips
- SB401 Survey of the New Testament II
Exploring the Scriptures by John Phillips
- SB402 The New Testament Church
Becoming a First Century Church by Clarence Sexton
- SB403 The Life of Christ
The Life of Christ by James Stalker



COST

There is no cost for a host church to organize and establish a School of the Bible as a ministry of that local church and in conjunction with Crown College of the Bible. The only costs incurred by a host church are the following:

- 1) Operational expenses (facilities, utilities, etc. provided for school operation)
- 2) The cost for *Student Notebooks* ordered through Crown Christian Publications (this cost can be recovered through student tuition)
- 3) Textbook costs vary per class (this cost can be passed on as an additional cost to the students who order the textbooks)
- 3) The commencement fee for each graduate who participates in the Crown College commencement exercises (\$25 per person; this cost can be paid by each student or by the host church)

It is highly recommended that each School of the Bible charge a minimal tuition to students in order to cover operational expenses and the cost of ordering *Student Notebooks* for each class member. An average tuition rate is \$25 per class or \$60 for enrolling in all three classes offered in a semester. Each host church will determine its own tuition rate; the previous example is provided to make churches aware of an average tuition cost. Host churches may also decide to provide scholarships for qualifying individuals.

HOW TO REGISTER AS A HOST CHURCH FOR THE SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

Churches all over America and around the world are establishing a School of the Bible as a means of providing structured Bible training for their people and for others in their surrounding area. To register officially as a host church and to begin a School of the Bible in conjunction with Crown College, the pastor or his designated representative must simply complete the School of the Bible Registration Form included, and submit it to the Director of the School of the Bible, Tim Tomlinson.

Tim Tomlinson
Crown College of the Bible
2307 W. Beaver Creek Dr.
Powell, TN 37849
tim.tomlinson@thecrowncollege.com

(or)

Fax (865) 938-8188
Please include on cover sheet: Attn: Tim Tomlinson



SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor's Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Name of Host Church: _____

Church Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Church Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE INFORMATION

Proposed Name of the School of the Bible: “_____ School of the Bible”
(Each School of the Bible bears a regional name: i.e. “Knoxville” School of the Bible)

Anticipated Start Date: Fall Spring 20_____

PASTOR'S AGREEMENT

- Our church is in essential agreement with the Statement of Faith of Crown College of the Bible (as stated in the college catalog).
- We will not recommend students to participate in the Crown College commencement who have not satisfactorily completed the graduation requirements of the School of the Bible.
- I understand that our church is responsible to keep all records for students enrolled in our School of the Bible, and that Crown College is not obligated to keep or provide records for our students.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail this completed form to:

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Or fax this completed form to:

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