

Letter from Our Director

School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study



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Of the 115 graduates of the West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies, many of our students so hunger to keep learning that they take the current courses over and over again. Teachers frequently hear, "I wish we had more time to dig deeper than the allotted time for this course allows!" All of us who are engaged in any form of regular ministry learn very quickly that we can never know enough. In fact, one definition of a "disciple" is a "life long learner, who sits at the feet of the Master." Our instructors do not presume to be "masters," but those who teach often describe their teaching as learning alongside the student, at the feet of the Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the spirit of this, the deans and advisory team of the School of Christian Studies have initiated the first series of Advanced Level courses. It was agreed that eight of these will be offered every two years on an ongoing basis. Since the basic disciplines are covered at the basic level of the School of Christian Studies, like most advanced levels of study, these courses will give students the opportunity to study where they feel the greatest need and interest. In accord with this philosophy, the selection of courses to be offered will be driven by:

- 1.) requests of students and*
- 2.) disciplines needed for well-rounded ministry as determined by the deans and director with input by leading pastors and potential presenters.*

If, after looking at the enclosed material, you are interested in becoming involved in the School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study, please complete the application for admission and return it in the enclosed envelope. This will enroll you in the program and put you on the mailing list to receive any material concerning this advanced level of study.

Thank you for your continued interest in expanding your spiritual maturity, biblical knowledge and ministry skills.

May God Bless You as You Continue to Serve Him,

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