

Thank You For Your Interest

School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study

Thank you for your interest in the **School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study**. The advanced level of study, introduced in Spring 2005, will bring together classroom learning and practical ministry skills to provide a two-year course of study to give students the opportunity to study where they feel the greatest need and interest. The West Virginia Baptist Convention **School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study** is open to all persons, though current students enrolled in the School of Christian Studies may wish to preserve their time and energy and complete the basic courses in the School of Christian Studies first. Anyone may take courses and it is not necessary to be a teacher, youth worker or pastor to benefit from this advanced level of study. Classes are led by qualified instructors who must meet certain criteria in order to teach. Our instructors have experience in the classes they are leading and have great knowledge of the day to day ministry of the church.

At this time, there is one program of study in the **School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study** and that is the 2-year Advanced Level of Study Program. If a certificate of completion is not desired, you may wish to audit the program for a reduced rate. Eight of the Advanced Level Courses will be taught every two years on an ongoing basis. Once 8 courses are completed, a certificate of completion will be given. 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.

The **School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study** carries no college or seminary credit, but it does provide creditable and recognizable training within the convention family.

Fees: Fees for the **School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study** are very affordable and a reduced rate is available for those who do not wish to receive credit. Each class will be \$32.00/single or \$42.00/couple, plus the cost of the textbook and shipping fee. Textbook and shipping costs will be

published in the mailing sent out one month prior to each class. If you wish only to audit the course, you may pay a fee of \$25.00/single or \$35.00/couple and purchasing a textbook and completing assignments is not required. If you later decide you want to receive credit for the class, you may take it when it becomes available again and you must pay the full cost and complete all assignments.

Classes: Classes will be in a one-day format, with four classes being taught every year, for a total of eight classes in the two-year program. The classes will take place at our West Virginia Baptist Conference Center in Ripley, West Virginia. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with class starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, along with snacks upon your arrival in the morning. Break times will be designated by the instructor.

If you wish to be take part in this advanced level of study, please complete the admission application and mail to: School of Christian Studies Advanced, P.O. Box 1019, Parkersburg, WV 26102. Mailing in the completed form will put you on our mailing list to receive all correspondence related to the **School of Christian Studies Advanced Level of Study**.

If you have any questions, please call 800.879.9822 or e-mail snyder@wvbc.org. I am in the office Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

God Bless,

Donna Snyder
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