

## **Evangelical Training Association's Doctrinal Statement**

God is the infinite personal Spirit, who has revealed Himself as a Trinity in unity, existing eternally as Father, Son, and Spirit—three persons and yet but one God.

The Bible, including both the Old and the New Testaments, is a divine revelation, the original autographs of which were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that the words were kept from error.

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, which is to say, He is Himself very God; He took upon Himself our nature, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; He died upon the cross as a substitution sacrifice for the sins of the world; He arose from the dead in the body in which He was crucified; He ascended into heaven in that body glorified, where He is now, our interceding high priest; He will come again personally and visibly to set up His kingdom and to judge the quick and the dead.

Man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin, and in that sense is lost; this is true of all men, and except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God; salvation is by grace through faith in Christ who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree; the retribution of the wicked and unbelieving and the reward of the righteous are everlasting; and as the reward is conscious, so is the retribution.

The church is an elect company of believers baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body, each believer living his life in the power of the Holy Spirit; its mission being to witness concerning its Head, Jesus Christ, and teach and preach the gospel among all nations.

The entire program of Christian training is evangelical. It finds its reason for being, and its goal, in bringing the individual to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, in helping the Christian grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and in equipping Christians for more effective service.

When signing the application you are signifying that you agree with the above statements.



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## History

The deacon board of Zion Hill Baptist Church presented to the congregation a proposal for a bible institute to be started in the fall of 2007. Zion Hill Baptist Church voted on April 22, 2007 to allow the formation of Grace Bible Institute using its facilities.

A Board of Directors, to be appointed, from the community would govern the institute. Guidelines from the Evangelical Training Association and curriculum published by the association would be used by Grace Bible Institute.

## Purpose

Grace Bible Institute is a school of continuing adult education, primarily for lay people, designed to provide advanced training and equipping in Biblical and doctrinal studies, ministry skills and leadership skills so they may be prepared to do the "work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:12).

## Board of Directors 2007-2008

**Mrs. Corine Clark** – Zion Hill Baptist Church  
**Mr. John Dooly** – Zion Hill Baptist Church  
**Dr. James Ferguson** – Ivy Creek Baptist  
**Dr. Kary E. Harris** – Union Baptist Church  
**Mr. Ben Hartley** – Zion Hill Baptist Church  
**Mrs. Brenda Whiting** - Zion Hill Baptist Church

The Board of Directors and Staff of Grace Bible Institute support the Doctrinal Statements of The Evangelical Training Association,

The staff and Board of Directors will not influence students to change church membership. It is Grace Bible Institute goal to train and equip men and women to serve the Lord in their community and home church.

## Leadership in Church Ministries Certificate

The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and final certificate level.

This certificate requires the completion of the Foundation Certificate, Standard Certificate and the Advanced Certificate. With two (2) additional required courses and two (2) electives.

The required courses are:

Effectively Leading  
Perspectives From Church History

The elective courses: Can be chosen from those offered and not taken as an elective or requirement in one of the other three (3) certificates.

## Supplies

Class supplies needed:

A reference Bible with concordance,  
3-ring binder for handouts,  
Notebook, pen, pencil & highlighter

## Course Cards & Certificates

After each course you will receive a card indicating completion of the course.

After four courses you will receive a certificate if the 4 courses meet the requirements of the certificate.

A record of your attendance and course work will be maintained by the dean.

## Celebration

A service will be held in May to celebrate the accomplishments of our students each year. ETA certificates will be presented to those completing the Evangelical Training Associations standards. Grace Bible Institute will also present certificates.

The Outstanding Men's and Women's Awards will be presented in honor of Mr. Glenn C. Jones and Mrs. Mattie C. Kilgore.

## Advanced Church Ministries Certificate

The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) of four (4) certificate levels.

This certificate requires the completion of the Foundation Certificate and Standard Certificate. With one (1) additional required course and three (3) electives; the three (3) BIBLE SURVEY COURSES must have been completed at the Foundation or Standard Certificate levels.

The required course: *The Triune God*

The three (3) electives: Those courses offered that were not taken as electives in a previous certificate level.

### Cost

Textbook: \$15 (textbook required) \*

Tuition: \$25 \*

Textbook and tuition fees must accompany application. To ensure that textbooks will be received from ETA timely.

### Scholarships

Will be available when funds are received for that purpose.

### Schedule

Two classes will be offered on Sunday night from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Meeting for 10 sessions.

Depending upon response more choices of days and courses can be offered; and availability of staff.

### Course Requirements

Read the textbook, complete handouts, take test when given by instructor and complete projects when assigned by instructor. Instructors will work with individuals to ensure a successful experience while attending Grace Bible Institute.

## Staff

Members of the staff of Grace Bible Institute exhibit a love of the Lord and have many years of experience in teaching. All have an abiding desire that the unsaved should come to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

And by giving of their time and talents to teaching the curriculum designed and published by the Evangelical Training Association hope to further His work here on earth!

### Dr. James Ferguson, A. A., B. A., M. R. Ed., D. D.

Pastor Ivy Creek Baptist  
Georgia Baptist College  
Baptist University – Atlanta  
Emmanuel Baptist College  
51 years experience

### Dr. Kary E. Harris, B. T., M. T., D. D.

Pastor Union Baptist  
Anchor Theological Seminary  
Emmanuel Bible College Theological Seminary  
30 years experience

### Danny Newbern, A. A., B. S., C.P.E. -

Chancellor  
Pastor Zion Hill Baptist Church  
Toccoa Falls College  
Georgia Baptist Healthcare System  
22 years experience

### Caroline Newbern, B. A., M. Ed. –

Dean of Women  
Toccoa Falls College,  
North Georgia College and State University  
20 years experience

### Michael Whiting, A. A., B. S., M. Ed., Ed. S. – Dean

Truett-McConnell College  
Union University  
Georgia State University  
33 years experience

## **Foundational Church Ministries Certificate**

The first (1<sup>st</sup>) of four (4) certificate levels offered.

This certificate requires two (2) required course and two (2) electives.

The required two (2) courses:

Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity  
Understanding People

The two (2) electives:

Old Testament Survey 1 \*  
Old Testament Survey 2  
New Testament Survey  
Others as offered.

\* The Old and New Testament Survey courses need to be completed during the first two (2) certificate levels (Foundational & Standard).

For complete course descriptions go to the Evangelical Training Association's website; choose catalog, then click on the name of the course to read the description.

<https://www.etaworld.org/>

Or you may check out the course descriptions kept in the office.

### **The Glenn C. Jones Men's Award**

Awarded to the outstanding male student demonstrating the character and strength to further the Lord's work.

There will be three areas that the directors will use to determine this award: academic, personal, and ministry.

## **Standard Church Ministries Certificate**

The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) of four (4) certificate levels offered.

This certificate requires one (1) required course and three (3) electives.

The required course (1): You and Your Bible

The three (3) electives: Old Testament Survey 1 \*  
Old Testament Survey 2  
New Testament Survey  
Others as offered.

\*The Old and New Testament Survey courses need to be completed during the first two (2) certificate levels (Foundational & Standard).

### **Attendance**

Attendance is a vital part of each course. Interaction with the instructor and fellow students will enrich your total experience when taking course work at Grace Bible Institute.

### **Course work is based on the Continuing Education Unit (CEU)**

**10 class hours = 1 unit      1 unit = 1 course**

To meet the course requirement one must attend eight (8) of the ten (10) classes. If more than two (2) are missed the student must make arrangements with the instructor to make up the missed classes.

### **The Mattie C. Kilgore Women's Award**

Awarded to the outstanding female student demonstrating the character and strength to further the Lord's work.

There will be three areas that the directors will use to determine this award: academic, personal and ministry.