

Oxford Baptist Institute

*Her campus, pictured below, is located at
2885B South Lamar Boulevard
Oxford, Mississippi*



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Founded 1975
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Introduction

The Oxford Baptist Institute is owned and operated by South Lamar Baptist Church and it was established for the purpose of studying the Word of God. The main text will always be the Bible. Her central theme is the presentation of the Word of God. This involves preaching, teaching, evangelism, and writing. The search is ongoing for textbooks that defend the old Baptist convictions that are still standing the test of time. The instructors must be believers and preachers of these truths.

OBI is designed to help better prepare both ministerial and non-ministerial students. Anyone interested in a good quality Bible education should consider the information in this catalog. Further help may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Registrar. The address is 2885B South Lamar Boulevard, Oxford, Mississippi 38655, the phone number is 662-234-2327, and our e-mail address is obi@obionline.org.

Oxford Baptist Institute

Founded, August, 1975

HER FOUNDERS

LeRoy Dickinson

President
1975-1984

BA
Baptist Christian College
Shreveport, Louisiana

MBL, DBL, ThM, ThD, DD
Oxford Baptist Institute
Oxford, Mississippi

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for website at this time.*

Charles Mask

Vice President
1975-1977
Assistant to the President
1978-1988

BE, ME, DD
Oxford Baptist Institute
Oxford, Mississippi

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Jim Jones

Dean
1975-1988
Vice President
1988-1991
President
1991-1997

BBL, MBL, DBL
Missionary Baptist Seminary
Little Rock, Arkansas

DD
Oxford Baptist Institute
Oxford, Mississippi

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HISTORY

The Oxford Baptist Institute was established in 1975 under the sponsorship of then University Baptist Church. The name of the church was changed to South Lamar Baptist Church in March 1986. OBI's founders were Dr. LeRoy Dickinson, Reverend Charles Mask, and Dr. Jim Jones. These three men, along with Brother Ray Jones, also served as the first instructors. She began holding classes in a small section of the church educational space and did so until August, 1977 when the first permanent school facility was completed. The new two-story building housed faculty and student dorm space, shower facilities, kitchen and dining area, six classrooms, offices, book store, and library.

Brother Dickinson served faithfully and sacrificially as pastor/president. His accomplishments as first pastor of the sponsoring church and the first president of OBI included the organization of the church, overseeing the building of a parsonage and the first church building in 1971, a new sanctuary in 1974, leading out in the establishment of OBI in 1975, and then the building of the first permanent OBI facility in 1977. He resigned as pastor in May, 1983, but not before seeing many souls won to the Lord in this area. He continued to serve as president until May, 1984. Brother Charles Mask served as vice-president (1975-1977) and later as Assistant to the President (1978-1988). Brother Jim Jones served as dean from 1975-1988. In the early years many sacrifices had to be made and God put willing men here to make them. Many miles were traveled and many hours were spent, very often without compensation.

In February, 1984, University Baptist Church called as her pastor, Brother Wayne Boyles. He assumed the duties of president of OBI in May of that year. Brother Boyles was a student at OBI and received his Doctorate in Theology that same May. In a very short time Brother Boyles proved to be a very loyal, hardworking pastor and president. Continued growth in enrollment and finances was experienced under his very able leadership. The many improvements included a 40 X 48 two-story addition to give much needed space in the kitchen and dining area as well as the upstairs dormitory. The old part of the OBI facility was remodeled, the parking-lot was reshaped and beautifully paved, landscaping was done, the sanctuary was remodeled, and a steeple was raised.

In March of 1985, through the combined efforts of Dr. Wayne Boyles, Pinecrest Baptist Church in Corinth, MS, and her pastor, Brother Carroll Kinley, the first OBI School Rally was held and has since continued to be a very important annual event. Over the years the list of hosts for these annual rallies includes Pinecrest MBC of Corinth, MS; New Union MBC of Red Bay, AL; Trinity MBC of West Memphis, AR; Calvary MBC of Burnsville, MS; Traceland MBC of Verona, MS; Hatley MBC of Amory, MS; Lakeview MBC of Corinth, MS; Mt. Zion MBC of Amory, MS; Grey Road MBC of Memphis, TN; Central MBC of Newport, AR; and sponsoring church, South Lamar MBC of Oxford, MS. Because of the generosity of God's people, these rallies have been extremely successful as a means of raising funds for many needs. One of the earliest benefits was the retirement of the indebtedness on the OBI facility at that time. Others include new computer equipment, a label affixing machine, copier, the new 40 X 48 two-story addition, and the landscaping/parking lot surrounding the OBI building. At this writing our 2004 rally is barely one month passed with Central MBC of Newport, AR, as host. We surpassed our \$25,000 goal for the first time.

When the 1988 Fall Semester began, Dr. Jim Jones and Brother Charles Faust were chosen as vice-president and dean, respectively. Brother Faust was a member of the sponsoring church in 1975 and was the man who made the motion to establish Oxford Baptist Institute. He surrendered to preach in August of 1978 and enrolled at OBI that same month. He received his Doctorate in Bible Languages and, at this writing, has been an instructor for twenty-one years. He is presently serving as executive vice-president and dean.

In May of 1991 Brother Boyles resigned as pastor/president. Brother Boyles, just like his predecessor, Brother Dickinson, served faithfully and sacrificially. Many more souls were won to the

Lord during his time as pastor. In July, 1991, South Lamar Baptist Church called as her pastor OBI's longtime servant, Dr. Jim Jones. He moved on the field August 1. Brother Jones, seeking not to disturb the solid foundations of truth on which this work was established, continued, with God's help, in the old paths. In August 1992 Brother Neal Clark, OBI Instructor for the past seven years, was named Vice-President and Brother Charles Faust was named Executive VP/Dean. Further improvements to the campus included new furniture, new carpet throughout, new flooring in the kitchen and dining area, offices remodeled, and a new building, completed in 1996, which houses a chapel, computer lab, the new OBI Library, rest room facilities, church classrooms on the second floor, and a recreation facility. Half of the cost of the new building was paid by OBI with funds raised at several school rallies and the other half is being paid by South Lamar MBC. At this writing (February 2005) the note on this building should be paid in full by December 2005.

In May, 1997, Dr. Jones resigned as pastor of South Lamar Baptist Church to pastor Broadmoor Missionary Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR. He remained as president of OBI until such time as a new man was called as pastor/president.

All that God provided under the leadership of these three men is viewed with much pride and gratitude. God alone knows the many hours that have been spent alone in travel, in prayer, and in tears by the dedicated men who now hold and have held the reins at South Lamar Baptist Church and Oxford Baptist Institute.

In August 1997, South Lamar called as her pastor, Brother Ron Provence. He also assumed the responsibilities of president of OBI upon the resignation of Dr. Jones. Brother Provence is a graduate of OBI and at this writing (October 2007) he has completed ten years and two months as pastor/president.

The prayerful and financial support of this work--from churches and individuals--has been very generous from the word go. Gratitude is extended for everything that has been made possible through the generosity of God's people. We are especially thankful for His faithfulness to provide South Lamar with men of talent, good health, and willing spirits to undertake the many tasks that they are called upon to perform. He continues to bless and is due all the praise, honor, and glory for everything that has been accomplished.

In March, 2006, OBI added to her staff as Director of Promotions, Anthony Phillips. He served through December, 2006. He was ordained to the full Gospel Ministry on January 15, 2007, after accepting the pastorate of New Prospect MBC, Colt, AR. He worked very diligently as promotions director, and because of his hard work a number of very generous special offerings were received and several churches added OBI to their monthly mission budget. We are very grateful to him for the time he dedicated to this position. He is continuing his studies at OBI and will graduate with a Bachelor of Bible Languages in May, 2009. Should he continue his graduate studies he will receive his Doctor of Bible Languages in 2011. I know your prayers would be appreciated as he serves the Lord and the members of New Prospect as their pastor.

To make an appointment for someone to come to present OBI and her needs please contact President Ron Provence at 662-234-2327. You may also email him at obi@obionline.org.



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Message
from
Ron Provence
President

Dear Friends:

Under the guidance of her sponsor, South Lamar Missionary Baptist Church, Oxford Baptist Institute has enjoyed the blessings from God since 1975. Because of the fine leadership of her former presidents--Dr. LeRoy Dickinson, Dr. Wayne Boyles, and Dr. Jim Jones--OBI has grown in spirit and has never put aside the old landmarks on which she was founded. For this we thank the Lord and give Him all the honor and glory.

In August of 1997 South Lamar Baptist called me to be her pastor and to assume the leadership of OBI. Because I am a proud graduate of OBI, it makes God's call to be her president and pastor of her sponsoring church a very special blessing and I deeply desire the prayers of my brothers and sisters in Christ. The standards and Christian conduct of OBI have always been high and they will continue to be so with God's help. When serving the Lord, one should strive to be the best example of a Christian that he or she can be.

One reason for OBI's success is her constant effort to have a close relationship to the students and to the pastors, churches, and individuals who so faithfully support her with their prayers and their finances. Because of this, many students have been able to stay in school to earn their diplomas and other awards.

As you read this catalog, I ask that you prayerfully consider attending OBI. The best way to make your decision is by visiting the school. Whether you are a God-called preacher or a layperson, simply wanting a good Christian education, you will benefit from your studies here. We will be glad to supply any information needed. All you have to do is ask.

May God richly bless you is my prayer.

Prayerfully,
Ron Provence, President

OUR FORMER PRESIDENTS

Dr. LeRoy Dickinson **President 1975-1984**

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Upon leaving Oxford Baptist Institute, Brother Dickinson pastored Bethel MBC in Searcy, AR for fifteen years. Following his ministry in Searcy he went to Columbia, MO, where he served as missionary pastor for Oakland Baptist Mission until early 2008 when, because of health issues, he was forced to move back to Searcy, AR, to be near family. As of this writing he is still serving the churches of the American Baptist Association in the capacity of teacher, supply pastor, etc. As of this writing, May 2008, he expresses his desire to continue to be used of the Lord as long as he is physically able.

Dr. Wayne Boyles **President 1984-1991**

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Since leaving Oxford Baptist Institute Brother Boyles has been with Oakwood Missionary Baptist Church of Spruce Pine, AL. He is currently her pastor and the evangelist for a TV outreach ministry of Oakwood known as "Master of the Wind."

Dr. Jim Jones **President 1991-1997**

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Upon leaving Oxford Baptist Institute Dr. Jones pastored Broadmoor MBC of Pine Bluff, AR, for one year. In 1998 he moved to Texarkana, AR, to work in publications and promotions. Currently he is the adult curriculum editor and pastor of Hooks MBC of Hooks, TX.

FACULTY AND STAFF

DR. RON PROVENCE

PRESIDENT / INSTRUCTOR

Pastor

South Lamar Baptist Church

Oxford, Mississippi

SHARON FOOKS

REGISTRAR

Member

South Lamar Baptist Church

Oxford, Mississippi

DR. CHARLES FAUST

EXECUTIVE VP, DEAN and INSTRUCTOR

Pastor

Traceland Baptist Church

Verona, Mississippi

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Pastor

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Oxford, Mississippi

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Pastor

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church

Batesville, Arkansas

CHRIS PROVENCE

WEBMASTER

Member

South Lamar Baptist Church

Oxford, Mississippi

FACTS ABOUT OXFORD BAPTIST INSTITUTE

WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. The Triune Godhead
 - a. Father
 - b. Son
 - c. Holy Spirit
2. The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ
3. The infallible, verbal inspiration of the Scriptures
4. The Genesis account of creation
5. The Great Commission was given to the churches only.
6. The Deity of Jesus Christ
7. All cooperating bodies—such as associations, conventions, and their boards or committees, etc.—are, and properly should be, servants of the local, visible churches.
8. Jesus Christ established His church during His personal ministry on earth and it is always a local, visible assembly of Scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship to carry out the Great Commission.
9. The Great Commission teaches that there has been a succession of Missionary Baptist Churches from the days of Christ to this present day.
10. Salvation by grace, through repentance and faith, to ALL.
11. Scriptural baptism is immersion of the believer, administered by the authority of a New Testament church; the Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance, restricted to members of the local church.
12. The substitutionary work of Jesus Christ for ALL MANKIND
13. The Divine call to preach
14. Scriptural association of churches in all phases of missions.
15. Literal heaven for all the saved; literal hell for all who reject Christ as Savior.
16. Bodily resurrection and return of Jesus Christ and the bodily resurrection of the saints.
17. Millennial reign of Christ on earth.

SEAL



The Oxford Baptist Institute offers Bible training in three languages: Hebrew, Greek and English. The Bible is the principle text book for all courses taught in her classrooms. The cross is a reminder of the great task ahead and the tremendous price paid for us. The light rays are fed through the open Bible beneath the Cross, our only source of revelation for this day.

COLORS

"BLUE" God gave all the colors within the creation a lovely background of blue. The blue of the heavens covers the infinite expanse of the universe. Likewise, the blue background of the Hebrew word *Elohim* in the seal stands as a reminder of God's infinite love and grace.

"RED" The shed blood of the Son of God is for the remission of the sins of mankind. The red background behind the Greek word for Jesus reminds us of the completed work of redemption of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

"GREEN" The Holy Spirit is an ever present power to the child of God. The living things of the creation display an ever present power in their existence, most of which are green. The green background is a symbol of the activity of the Holy Spirit.

PURPOSE

The unchanging purpose of OBI is to teach and train men and women for service to the Master. There is a program for ministerial students and another for non-ministerial students.

The Word of God is the most precious book in the world. An institution like OBI is a fortress for its defense and preservation. These truths are to be taught in every classroom. The new theology, new lights, new Bibles, and new revelations are all discarded as occult or heresy. The Ancient Landmarks are not to be removed from this institution.

AUTHORITY

The authority to administer the things that are spiritual belongs to the local church. The Oxford Baptist Institute is a teaching ministry of the South Lamar Missionary Baptist Church. This church owns and operates the school and all matters concerning teachers, subjects, and policies belong to the church.

ASSOCIATION

Associations are messengers from local churches of like faith and order in meetings to share a common interest in the mission endeavors of said churches. Associations are not legislative bodies to decide policies by which the local church is to abide but to find means to help each other do what the Bible has already outlined. The Oxford Baptist Institute is in harmony with the principles of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools and she encourages all phases of mission work through the local church.

LOCATION

The Oxford Baptist Institute is located approximately one mile south of Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi on South Lamar Boulevard. The address is 2885B South Lamar Boulevard; Oxford, Mississippi 38655.

FACILITIES

The original two-story facility housing the Oxford Baptist Institute was erected in 1977. A 40 X 48 two-story addition was built in 1986, making a total of 10,726 square feet of space. In this one structure there are six classrooms, four offices, large kitchen and dining area, shower and rest room facilities, faculty and student dorms, and plenty of storage space. The OBI Library was also located in this building until 1996. At that time a new facility was completed to house a new library, computer lab, and chapel.

OWNERSHIP

Oxford Baptist Institute is owned and operated by South Lamar Baptist Church, Oxford, Mississippi. Churches and individuals throughout the fellowship of the American Baptist Association support the Institute with offerings and gifts.

SCHOOL PAPER

The *OBI Bulletin*, a bi-monthly publication, is mailed to subscribers free of charge. It includes financial reports, school news, letters to the editor, editorials, etc.

WEB SITE

Oxford Baptist Institute's home on the web (www.obionline.org) is a place where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors can see what's happening at the school. Visitors to the website can contact us through e-mail, sign our guestbook, and ask to be put on the mailing list to receive the OBI Bulletin, or request more information about OBI. To make the website even more informative and to enhance our online presence, new features are planned.

Webmaster

--Chris Provence,

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The magnitude of a ministry such as this is overwhelming. South Lamar Missionary Baptist Church could not continue the work without the financial support of her sister churches. Such generosity has never ceased to be a source of amazement and constant encouragement. We deeply appreciate the churches outside of the American Baptist Association who send regular monthly support as well.

REGULAR OFFERINGS

Churches and individuals who include OBI in their monthly budget comprise the major support for her operation.

OBI ANNUAL SCHOOL RALLY

This rally is held once a year in the early spring. Should moneys be needed in the general fund for everyday operating expenses, this need is given first consideration. Otherwise, the funds are used for building improvements, maintenance, furniture, office equipment, etc. From the beginning these rallies have been a source of tremendous blessing.

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

Contributions may be made to the *STUDENT RELIEF FUND*, the *JACK S. KELLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND*, and the *OBI PANTRY*. From time to time special needs necessitate other special offerings. We let our readers know about these needs when they arise by means of her monthly publication, *The OBI Bulletin*.

CHARLES W. MASK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Books can be placed in the library "in memory of" or "in honor of" a friend or loved one.

ENDOWMENTS

Such gifts by interested individuals will always be welcomed and appreciated.

BEQUESTS

One may remember OBI in his or her will. The Christian has an unusual opportunity to witness that Christ came first in his life and also in his death. In this way, one may extend his or her Christian stewardship so that God's work may prosper and be a blessing to the coming generation. Legal counsel as to the working and form of a bequest is advisable. In the absence of such counsel, the form on the following page may be used.

(For further information on these or other methods of giving, please write, call, or visit the school at any time.)

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto the Oxford Baptist Institute of Oxford, Mississippi, the sum of _____

dollars (\$_____) and/or the following described property:

_____ to be paid out of my real or personal estate owned by me at my death.”

Signature

Date

Witness

Date

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

CHURCH STUDENT RELATIONSHIP

South Lamar Baptist Church of Oxford, Mississippi, sponsors the Oxford Baptist Institute. OBI is responsible to the church at all times. The utmost care is taken to maintain the closest possible fellowship and cooperation. Church membership of students in the sponsoring church is not required but earnestly solicited. Whether a student is a member of the sponsoring church or of another church, he or she should remember that they are here temporarily and should neither seek to shape the policy nor direct the business of the church with which they unite. Students are not only welcome, but are expected, to take part in the Sunday School, worship, and training services of a Scriptural church.

CHAPEL

Chapel services every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. are an inspirational time for faculty, students, and guests. This is an opportunity for special music and most importantly, challenging messages from men of God.

Each student is given one hour of credit per semester for chapel; required for first through third year only.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Courtesy First
2. Property and facilities should be respected at all times.
3. Food and drinks should be confined to the kitchen area.
4. Each individual is responsible for making his bed and keeping the floor around his bed clean.
5. Lavatory, shower, and bath facilities are to be left clean. Dirty linen and clothes should be properly stored.
6. Lights out on Monday night at 11:00 p.m.
7. No rearrangement of furniture without permission from the office.
8. Kitchen area is to be kept clean at all times.
9. Library is for study and research only.
10. No book is to be taken from the library unless it is properly checked out with the librarian.
11. All teachers will be respected for their positions and will be addressed as Brother, followed by their last name.
12. Use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on church or school property, ANYWHERE.
13. Past-due accounts are not tolerated.
14. Gossip is taboo.

15. **BIBLE CONFERENCES ARE A PART OF THE CLASSROOM WORK. ABSENTEEISM WILL LOWER THE STUDENT'S GRADE.**
16. Final grades, certificates, and awards of any kind will not be given to any student missing the final conference.
17. The student is to be a Christian example at all times. Even when the student is not on school or church property he is a representative of the Oxford Baptist Institute.
18. One should be proud of his call to preach and of Oxford Baptist Institute no matter where he may be.

DRESS CODE

1. Ties must be worn at all times.
2. Coat and tie must be worn to all chapel services and during Bible Conferences.
3. No blue jeans or tennis shoes are to be worn on campus except when using the gymnasium. No shorts are to be worn at anytime.
4. Hair must stay cut above the ears and no full beards or goatees will be permitted.
5. For ladies who attend classes or chapel, proper attire is a modest dress of knee length or longer.

In Scripture special dress was required for celebration, for worship, and to signify consecration or holiness. The dress code for OBI reflects this principle. We dress conservatively to signify that we are soldiers of the cross and that we have a special calling to minister the gospel of Christ to the world. Chapel time is a special time set aside for celebration of our salvation and worship of the One who gave Himself for us. Therefore we impress the idea that our dress is to be such as to give God our very best at all times.

The dress code emphasizes three purposes:

1. Men who have special callings from God demonstrate proper reverence toward the One who saved them, called them, and protects them.
2. Men learn to dress for success in an academic setting. Studies have proven that a correlation exists between dress codes and improved academic achievement. That stricter dress codes have proven to be academically successful is no . Student should look their best and do their best for the Lord.
3. Because visitors frequently visit OBI, it is important that students and instructors present themselves as neatly and professionally as possible. Students and instructors are always “in view of a call” because many times visitors are looking for a pastor. Even if they are not looking the first time they visit, their first impressions are extremely important! Perhaps in the near future, when they are seeking a pastor, they will remember the impressions that were made by the men of OBI. The objective of such a dress code is to present the soldier of Christ in the uniform of the Army of God.

OBI teaches that:

1. A man of God must dress in such a way that he will be a living testimony that will honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:17).
2. A man of God must possess good self-esteem. Dressing as nice as possible helps to build such esteem.
3. A man of God must never be a stumbling block to others; consequently, our dress should never give occasion for stumbling (I Thessalonians 5:22).
4. A man of God must never compromise with the world (Romans 12:1-2), but be separated from it (II Corinthians 6:14-18).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

At this writing, Oxford Baptist Institute is privileged to have available *ninet academic scholarships*. In order to be the recipient of any one of the eight scholarships, the student must meet certain requirements established by the faculty and staff of OBI and approved by the South Lamar Missionary Baptist Church. The funds from each scholarship must be used for school assessed fees and required textbooks for the year in which the scholarship was received. The recipient shall be chosen according to his scholastic average for the year at OBI (must be 95 or above), as well as his character, attitude, attendance, and dress. Any tie will be broken by a voting panel composed of the staff of OBI and, if available, the senior with the highest grade-point average.

To be chosen to receive a scholarship is an honor. For this reason students should be aware of what is involved and the importance of being selected. The moneys for these scholarships are provided, sometimes at great sacrifice, by people who love the cause of Christ and who love helping God-called men further their ministry.

A student is selected to receive a scholarship because he excelled academically and because his character portrayed maturity and stability. This should be prayerfully considered by the scholarship recipient should he feel at any time during the year that he can no longer remain in school. Extra effort should be made to stay in school.

Special circumstances will be taken into consideration. In most cases, however, the student attending school on a scholarship will be expected to repay the scholarship fund in full for text books if he feels that he must drop out before completing the year.

Also, at this writing, Oxford Baptist Institute is privileged to have *two non-academic grants*. The money is to be used to pay school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The ***JACK S. KELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*** is presented in memory of all the work, love, and encouragement that Brother Kelly gave to the Oxford Baptist Institute and the South Lamar Missionary Baptist Church. He was a charter member of South Lamar and a strong promoter of OBI. He loved every phase of both ministries and supported them faithfully. Students who attend classes at OBI will be beneficiaries of his many labors of love. It is with this in mind that the funds for this scholarship are made available by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Faust and Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Baker. Outside contributions are welcomed and encouraged as well.

The recipient of the ***Jack S. Kelly Memorial Scholarship*** will be a student entering his second, third, or fourth year of classroom studies who meets all other qualifications previously stipulated.

The monetary value of this scholarship is \$500.00 per year and must be used for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The ***ORBIE GOINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*** is presented by the Frankfort Missionary Baptist Church of Russellville, AL, in memory of all the love and dedication that Brother Goins demonstrated to God and His church in the years that he served Him.

He was born on July 12, 1944, and died on May 22, 1984, at the age of thirty-nine. He was married to Joyce Bolton, a union which lasted until his death, almost twenty-one years. He was a loving husband and father. He was ordained as a deacon in the Frankfort Church on September 22, 1976. He also served as Sunday School Superintendent, BTC President, teacher for various classes in both departments, and as bus captain. He loved his church and pastor and helped no matter what the situation. He was a friend to many preachers and supported them as well as the schools they attended. He will be greatly missed. In his memory this scholarship is lovingly presented.

The recipient of the *Orbie Goins Memorial Scholarship* will be a student entering his second, third, or fourth year of classroom studies who meets all other qualifications previously stipulated.

The monetary value of this scholarship is \$400.00 per year and must be used for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The *JIM AND ANNIE RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP* was established by Sister Annie Raymond in July 1996 in memory of her husband, Jim. Since then Sister Raymond has also gone to be with the Lord. She gave the school a very generous sum of money to be placed in a savings account. The interest on this money provides funds for the scholarship. Faith Baptist Church of McCrory, AR, was instrumental in OBI's receiving this scholarship.

The recipient of the *Jim and Annie Raymond Scholarship* will be a student entering his second, third, or fourth year of classroom studies who meets all other qualifications previously stipulated.

The monetary value of this scholarship is up to \$400.00 per year and must be used to pay school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The *PHIL YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP* is lovingly provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Young in memory of their son, Phil Young. Phil accepted the Lord as his Savior at the age of thirteen and died in a tragic automobile accident at the age of sixteen.

Brother John Young is an OBI graduate with a Bachelor in Theology.

The recipient of the *Phil Young Memorial Scholarship* must be a four-year graduate going into the Masters program who meets all other qualifications previously stipulated.

The monetary value of this scholarship is up to \$500.00 and must be used to pay school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The *CLARK LEASURE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP* was established in May 2002 as the OBI Alumni Scholarship. In June of 2003 we were deeply saddened by the passing of one of our students and our friend, Clark Leasure. It was later decided by a vote of present alumni that the name of the scholarship would be changed to *The Clark Leasure Memorial Scholarship*. The funds for this scholarship are provided by alumni dues and special offerings from anyone desiring to contribute.

The recipient of *The Clark Leasure Memorial Scholarship* is to be a student entering his second, third, fourth, or fifth year of classroom studies who meets all other qualifications previously stipulated in the school's catalog. The monetary value of this scholarship is up to \$500 per year and must be used to pay for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The ***PRESIDENT APPRECIATION SCHOLARSHIP*** was established by South Lamar Baptist Church to show her appreciation for and in honor of the men who serve so selflessly as president of the Oxford Baptist Institute. Since her beginning in 1975 there have been four men who have filled these shoes; Dr. LeRoy Dickinson (1975-1983), Dr. Wayne Boyles (1984-1991), Dr. Jim Jones (1991-1997), and Brother Ron Provence (1997-present).

The recipient of the ***President Appreciation Scholarship*** will be a student entering his second, third, fourth, or fifth year of classroom studies who meets all other qualifications previously stipulated, but he must also have the highest grade of all his peers.

The monetary value of this scholarship is up to \$500.00 per year and must be used to pay for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The ***FRANK GLOVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*** was established in April, 2006, by Crigler MBC of Star City, AR, to honor the memory of a beloved former pastor.

Brother Glover was born February 19, 1920, to Francis Marion "Frank" Glover and Sarah Jane Ward Glover. They lived in the Randall community of Cleveland, AR. He married Mavis Irene Hudson of Blount County, AL, a union that lasted fifty-six years. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry in 1945, by Shady Grove MBC of Glendale, AR, and he served in this capacity for fifty-eight years.

As a meek and gentle man he was dedicated to the high calling of God in the ministry. He was not greedy of filthy lucre, he was not covetous, and he was patient. He is also remembered for his extensive notes and his exceptional ability to remember places, dates, and people's names.

Crigler MBC ask that God bless each recipient of this scholarship with many enjoyable years of serving the Lord.

The recipient of the ***Frank Glover Memorial Scholarship*** will be either a second, third, or fourth year student who has met all other qualifications stipulated in the school's catalog.

The monetary value is up to \$500.00 per year and must be used to pay for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The ***VAN NESS-HUDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*** was established in April, 2006, by Zion MBC of Rison, AR, to honor the memory of two former members of Zion: Jimmy Fred Hudson and Mary Frances Greer Van Ness.

Brother Hudson was born April 20, 1938, and was called home to be with the Lord on February 11, 1997. He answered God's call to preach in 1974, and was ordained in December of that same year. Brother Hudson guided Zion to build the building in which they now meet.

Sister Van Ness was born July 31, 1932, and was called home to be with the Lord on October 23, 1997. She was known around the MBS at Little Rock as second mother to all preacher boys. While at East Union MBC of Hensley, AR, there were very few weeks that past without a seminary student receiving help from Mrs. Frances—a meal, words of encouragement, or repair on a shirt. One young preacher and his wife lived in her home for three weeks as he recovered from a broken hand.

The monetary value is up to \$600 per year and must be used to pay for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The recipient of the *Van Ness-Hudson Memorial Scholarship* will be either a second, third, or fourth year student who meets all other qualifications stipulated in the school's catalog.

Zion MBC expresses their wishes that God bless the recipients of the Van Ness-Hudson Memorial Scholarship as the Lord is allowed to lead in each life.

The ***JOE WEHUNT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*** was established in 2009 by New Bethel MBC of Ola, AR (Steven McGehee, Pastor) Although others expressed interest in contributing to the endeavor, New Bethel is the primary guarantor of the funds.

Bro. Joe Wehunt was born April 16, 1930, to Edward Gayle and Addie Pearl Wehunt. He surrendered to the ministry in 1945 and was ordained the same day as his father in 1947. During his fifty-seven years of ministry his aim was always to bring honor and glory to God. Using the skills God had given him in electrical and air conditioning, he always sought to help the churches and missions of the American Baptist Association. To save them money he would donate his labor in the installation and repair of anything having to do with electrical, air, heat, and refrigeration.

But his true love was soul winning. He served as pastor for more than a dozen churches throughout Arkansas and Mississippi, and he was always able to win people to the Lord who had often been labeled as unreachable. Because of his honesty and loyalty to God, he was always considered by those he met to be a genuine friend and a genuine man of God.

After he was no longer able to pastor he did not cease to witness. In his later years he had to undergo dialysis treatments, and each time he visited the treatment center he told others about the Lord. I have had many individuals contact me to tell me of how he had led them to Christ..

He never attained a lot of wealth or worldly possessions. However, because of his love for God and his concern for the lost souls of mankind, I am confident that he earned many crowns to lay at the feet of Jesus. He was always a friend to those with whom he came in contact, and to those whom he knew.

Bro. Joe went to be with the Lord and those who preceded him on March 27, 2009. His favorite verse of Scripture was Romans 8:28, and his favorite saying was "To God Be the Glory."
--Pastor James Wehunt (Son)

The ***RAY AND VERSA JONES GRANT*** is provided by Clarendon MBC of Clarendon, AR, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Jones. Dr. Jones was a faculty member when OBI was established in 1975.

The criterion for being the recipient of *The Ray and Versa Jones Grant* is as follows: He must be married with a family, and he must be a ministerial student. From those who meet these qualifications the president and vice-president will choose the student they feel has the greatest need. A different student can be chosen for each semester.

The monetary value of the grant is \$300.00 per semester.

The ***FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FRESHMAN STUDENT GRANT*** was established in August, 2006, by First Missionary Baptist Church of Hodges, Alabama, Marty Guidry, pastor. The monetary value is \$500 per year. Any prospective, first-year student desiring to apply will need to contact the school to request an application. Serious applicants only, please. The completed application, accompanied by letters of recommendation—from individuals such as pastor, Sunday School teacher, or high-school principal, giving testimony, to the best of their ability, as to the character, dependability, and intentions of the applicant—must be returned to the school no later than July 15. Each applicant will be notified via letter as to the results.

If you have the desire to enter school, but cannot do so without financial assistance, this grant will give you a better chance to fulfill your desire.

The monetary value of this grant is \$500.00 per year and must be used to pay for school assessed fees and the cost of required textbooks.

The ***PRESIDENT'S TROPHY*** is presented each year during commencement to the "**Most Outstanding Student**" for that year. This is decided by a vote of the faculty and student body. In the event of a tie, it is broken by the president.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Each student must pay a \$75.00 registration fee at the time of enrollment. This fee is not refundable unless the student's application is rejected by the school.

PLEASE NOTE: Entrance is a privilege, not a right.

DORMITORY

Fee is \$100.00 per semester. This fee is waived if the student agrees to take responsibility for doing one of three available jobs.

TUITION

Any student who is an active member of an ABA church or mission will not be charged tuition. OBI is supported by offerings from many of these churches.

All other students will pay \$10.00 per semester hour. This amount must be paid in advance. Exceptions can be handled through the registrar's office prior to enrolling.

AUDITING

The registration fee for an audit student is \$75.00. Any audit student who is not a member of an ABA church must also pay a fee of \$20.00 per course.

TEXTBOOKS

Total cost of textbooks will vary for each year's level of study. Some of the books will be used two or three years. This will limit the number of books a student will have to purchase.

Textbooks usually cost between \$75.00 and \$150.00 per year and are available through the school bookstore. Payment is expected at the time of purchase unless other payment arrangements are absolutely necessary. Unpaid or past-due accounts are a shame to a Christian. Studies at OBI may be terminated for those who show no interest in their debts to the school.

REFUNDS

Refunds apply only to those who pay tuition. In the fall a refund will be prorated any time prior to September 20. Following that date no refund will be given. In the spring a refund will be prorated any time prior to February 15. Following that date no refund will be given.

STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Any student who has a financial need may talk confidentially with the president. He may then receive help from the Student Relief Fund. This fund is supported by churches and individuals who wish to go one step farther toward making it possible for young preachers to stay in school who might otherwise have to withdraw for financial reasons. This has proven, over the years, to be a very worthwhile project. Many students have benefited from the generosity of God's people through the Student Relief Fund.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Oxford is a college town, home of the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). Her population is about 25,000, including college students. She has a variety of small and light industrial plants and other business establishments. Within a short driving distance in all directions there are other small towns of equal or larger size: Tupelo, Batesville, Clarksdale, Grenada, Memphis, etc. Employment opportunities are as good here as most anywhere else. While employment cannot be guaranteed to students, if God wants an individual trained at OBI, He is able to provide the opportunities and means with which to fulfill His will.

ENTRANCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Registration for the fall term is held on the second Monday of August each year. Registration for the spring term is always on the first Monday after New Year's Day. Contact the registrar's office for early registration. Information may be obtained by writing Oxford Baptist Institute; 2885B South Lamar Boulevard; Oxford, Mississippi 38655. Phone: 662-234-2327.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

An individual wishing to enroll at OBI must be able to read and write, be clean in character, be willing to be taught, and conduct himself within the guidelines of the school.

If a student wants to work toward a diploma in Theology or Languages, he must have a high school diploma or a GED. Copy of GED certificate must be in the student's file at OBI before he will be allowed to enroll for the second year.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Credits may be accepted from other schools depending on the type of course, type of school, and the correlation between it and the Bible courses offered at OBI. Some credits may be accepted as elective only.

OBI is an active member of the American Baptist Association of Theological Schools and will accept most credits from other such schools. Each student must furnish OBI with transcripts from other colleges or seminaries attended before credits can be evaluated.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

EXAMS

Exams are given every six weeks. Each instructor is at liberty to give daily quizzes, tests, or research themes to his class when he chooses. Any assignment not received the day it is due will lose five points per day until it is submitted to the instructor.

Final exams are given to every class at the close of the school term. No final may be taken before its scheduled time.

GRADING SYSTEM AND REQUIREMENTS

The following standard is used in all courses in determining the grades on all tests, exams, themes, graded daily work, and final grades.

95 - 100	A	Excellent 4.0	GPA
85 - 94	B	Good 3.0+	GPA
75 - 84	C	Average 2.0+	GPA
70 - 74	D	Below Average 1.5+	GPA
0 - 69	F	Failure	

Any student who is not maintaining at least a 2.0 grade point average should speak with that particular instructor if it is just one class or with the dean if it is an overall problem.

THESIS REQUIREMENTS

All bachelor and master theses must have a Bible subject. This subject must be submitted to the dean by October 1 of the graduate year. Upon approval by the dean and the president, the student then has until April 1 to complete his thesis and submit it for grading. All theses must be in correct form as taught in Techniques of Thesis Writing 202b in the curriculum of OBI. The proper number of required words is a must. All theses will be approved by the South Lamar Baptist Church as recommended by the president and dean. Of course, the clock hours and grade point requirements must be met, as well as quality Christian character and attitude. The length of a bachelor thesis is 15,000 words and the

master thesis is 25,000 words. In addition to Scripture quotations or references, at least eight different sources must be quoted or referenced in the bachelor thesis and at least twelve in the master thesis. Progress reports must be made to the dean periodically.

SPECIAL NOTE: Students will not be permitted to duplicate subjects or subject matter in another thesis program. Each subject and subject matter must differ from the thesis previously written.

Thesis requirements for the doctoral program are located under the **DOCTORAL PROGRAMS** section which follows in this catalog.

POLICY ON ATTENDANCE / ABSENTEEISM

Faithful attendance is a mark of character lacking in many Christians of our day, including those in the ministry. A student who considers it unnecessary to attend all his classes will soon see his grades going down and his work below average.

Attendance is marked in points at OBI. Those who are present receive one hundred points for the attendance grade. For those who are absent, a zero will be averaged into the daily grade. These are averaged together with the homework and daily class work and this becomes the recorded daily grade.

A class period is one hour and twenty minutes. Each subject requires two class periods per week.

Because of prior abuse of absences, the following policy has been adopted and will be strictly followed by each faculty member.

1. Make-up work may be obtained by the student from each instructor for which he will be allowed up to ninety points as part of the daily grade. It is the responsibility of the student to request make-up work. The instructor will not give it of his own accord. If no make-up is completed, the daily grade will be zero.

2. Missing six class periods in any subject, for any reason*, will result in his/her grade being lowered one letter from any possible score.

3. Missing eight class periods in any subject, for any reason*, will result in failure in that subject and no credit will be given for any work completed in that particular class.

****Extreme circumstances may arise that could override this policy. The student will be required to meet with the administration to determine the validity of his/her claim.***

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If one finds it necessary to withdraw from a class, or all classes, he must complete a withdrawal form. Any student who fails to withdraw properly will receive a failing grade in each course. This grade will be recorded on his permanent transcript.

No student will be allowed to drop a course if he is passing and simply wants to drop it because he thinks it is too difficult.

STUDENT GRADES

The instructor will furnish any student, upon request, a progress report for the work he is doing in a particular subject. Grade cards are distributed to each student at the close of each semester. All grades are recorded on the student's transcript and become a permanent part of his records. A student may view his transcript only in the presence of an authorized staff member. The records must not leave the office of the school.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are permanent records of every student who enrolls in OBI. The records belong to the school and can only be seen by certain members of the administration. The student may obtain a copy of his transcript by making a written request to the registrar. The first copy will be free. All others will cost \$2.00 per copy.

MAKE-UP WORK

1. Each assignment, whether weekly or semester, will be given a due date.
2. Exceptions to this due date will be considered by the instructor only in the event of the illness or death of a family member or church member or the illness of the student.
3. Any assignment submitted past the due date, without meeting the above exceptions, may be refused by the instructor, or the grade will be lowered.
4. Since make-up work is the responsibility of the student, HE must request his instructor to assign the make-up work within two weeks after being absent.

PROBATION

ACADEMIC

Any student who does not maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better during a given semester will be placed on academic probation for one semester during which he shall have opportunity to raise his grade point average. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from classes. Re-admittance will be gained only by approval of the dean.

DISCIPLINARY

Conduct unbecoming to Christian character shall be grounds for dismissal from the school. Re-admission will be gained only by full consent of the administration.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students satisfactorily completing any course will receive a Certificate of Merit stating such.

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed courses of study as outlined in the curriculum requirements for the various fields of study, the student is entitled to graduation subject to the following conditions:

SPIRITUAL

Candidates for graduation must manifest exemplary and consistent Christian character and moral worthiness. A student whose conduct has proven to be less than Christian-like may be adjudged by the faculty as not being worthy of graduation, even if he has met all other requirements.

FINANCIAL

All candidates for graduation must satisfactorily settle all financial accounts with the school prior to graduation day; otherwise no diplomas will be awarded.

ACADEMIC

Graduation requires an average grade of "C" (75 or higher); an expressed and demonstrated personal adherence and belief in the doctrines outlined in the Statement of Doctrines of this school; participation, unless excused by the president for cause, in all the graduation exercises of his class; and approved by the dean on any required thesis.

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

1st period.....	8:00 a.m.-9:20 a.m.
2nd period.....	9:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.
3rd period.....	11:00 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Lunch.....	12:20 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
4th period.....	1:30 p.m.-2:50 p.m.
5th period.....	3:00 p.m.-4:20 p.m.
6th period.....	4:30 p.m.-5:50 p.m.
Supper.....	5:50 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
7th period.....	7:00 p.m.-9:40 p.m.

TUESDAY

Breakfast.....	6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.
1st period.....	8:00 a.m.-9:20 a.m.
2nd period.....	9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Chapel.....	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
3rd period.....	11:10 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Lunch.....	12:20 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
4th period.....	1:30 p.m.-2:50 p.m.
5th period.....	3:00 p.m.-4:20 p.m.
6th period.....	4:30 p.m.-5:50 p.m.

This schedule has proven very effective--both the students and faculty members are free the remainder of the week for pastoral work or a secular job.

EXPLANATION OF COURSE NUMBERS

Numbers are used to identify each course as to year, department, credits, and semester it is offered.

Examples are: 103a, 413b, 523a, 153a, 133a

1st Number: 1-2-3-4-5 Indicates year that course should be taken.

2nd Number: 0-1-2-3-5 Indicates which students are required to take this course.

0 -All

1 - Language majors only. Elective to all others.

2 -Theology majors only. Elective to all others.

3 -Music majors only. Elective to all others.

5 -Elective for all.

3rd Number: Indicates number of semester hours.

Letters: a - fall semester b - spring semester

FIELDS OF STUDY

MUSIC (AYM)

This two-year program is designed for a beginner or one who knows music but desires to enhance his knowledge and earn a diploma. Those who successfully complete this course of study will be awarded an Associate of Youth and Music.

EVANGELISM (BCE)

This three-year program is designed for non-ministerial students, Sunday School teachers, lay workers, and preachers who do not have a high school diploma or a GED. Those who successfully complete this course of study will be awarded a Bible Certificate of Evangelism.

BIBLE THEOLOGY (ThB, ThM, ThD)

The Department of Theology offers six and one-half years of study. The ThB takes four years, an additional one year for the ThM, and another year and a half for the ThD.

BIBLE LANGUAGES (BBL, MBL, DBL)

The student who is interested in the languages of the Bible will enjoy studying Hebrew and Greek. Again, six and one-half years of study are offered. The BBL takes four years, an additional one year for the MBL, and another year and a half for the DBL.

ASSOCIATE OF YOUTH AND MUSIC

The student who satisfactorily completes the sixty-four hours of prescribed work with a grade point average of 2.0 or better will be awarded an Associate of Youth and Music.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

English 103a	3
Bible Analysis 103a	3
Evangelism 103a	3
Beginning Music 133a	3
Choir/Voice/Sight Reading 133a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

English 103b	3
Bible Analysis 103b	3
Evangelism 103b	3
Advanced Music 133b	3
Choral Conducting 133b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Youth Ministry 233a	3
Book of Acts 203a	3
Counseling 423a	3
Bible Customs 303a	3
Sermonizing 103a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Family & Life Relationships 203b	3
Speech 103b	3
Bible Geography 303a	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

BIBLE CERTIFICATE OF EVANGELISM (BCE)

The student who satisfactorily completes the following ninety-six hours of prescribed courses will be awarded a Bible Certificate of Evangelism. Ministerial students who do not have a high school diploma or a GED, or non-ministerial students who wish to acquire a good Bible education, will find this three-year program of great value.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

English 103a	3
Bible Analysis 103a	3
Evangelism 103a	3
Sermonizing 103a *	3
Minist. Pract. 103a *	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

English 103b	3
Bible Analysis 103b	3
Evangelism 103b	3
Missions 103b	3
Speech 103b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Bible by Ages 203a	3
Theology I 303a	3
OT Survey 203a	3
Church History 203a	3
Book of Acts 203a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Bible by Ages 203b	3
Theology I 303b	3
NT Survey 203b	3
Family & Life Relationships 203b	3
**Elective	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Psalms 403a	3
Minor Prophets 403a	3
Bible Customs 303a	3
Theology II 403a	3
General Epistles 303a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Daniel 403b	3
Major Prophets 403b	3
Bible Geography 303b	3
Theology II 403b	3
Pauline Epistles 303b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

***Non-ministerial students may make substitutions for these courses.**

**** Any music class may be taken as an elective.**

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (ThB)

The student who satisfactorily completes the 126 semester hours of prescribed work with a grade point average of 2.0 or better will be awarded the Bachelor of Theology. However, a student wishing to enter the Master program must maintain a 2.5 grade point average or better in the Bachelor program.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

English 103a	3
Bible Analysis 103a	3
Evangelism 103a	3
Sermonizing 103a	3
Minist. Pract. 103a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

English 103b	3
Bible Analysis 103b	3
Evangelism 103b	3
Speech 103b	3
Missions 103b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Bible by Ages 203a	3
Greek 203a	3
OT Survey 203a	3
Church History 203a	3
Book of Acts 203a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Bible by Ages 203b	3
Greek 203b	3
NT Survey 203b	3
Family & Life Relationships 203b	3
Tech of Thesis Writing 203b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Greek 303a	3
Hebrew 303a	3
Bible Customs 303a	3
Theology I 303a	3
General Epistles 303a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Greek 303b	3
Hebrew 303b	3
Bible Geography 303b	3
Theology I 303b	3
Pauline Epistles 303b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

FOURTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Psalms 403a	3
Minor Prophets 403a	3
Theology II 403a	3
English 423a	3
Counseling 423a	<u>3</u>
	15

SPRING SEMESTER

Book of Daniel 403b	3
Major Prophets 403b	3
Theology II 403b	3
15,000 Word Thesis	<u>6</u>
	15

Any music class may be taken as an elective.

BACHELOR OF BIBLE LANGUAGES (BBL)

The student who satisfactorily completes the 126 semester hours of prescribed work with a grade point average of 2.0 or better will be awarded the Bachelor of Bible Languages. However, a student wishing to enter the Master program must maintain a 3.5 GPA or better in the Bachelor program.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

English 103a	3
Bible Analysis 103a	3
Evangelism 103a	3
Sermonizing 103a	3
Minist. Pract. 103a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

English 103b	3
Bible Analysis 103b	3
Evangelism 103b	3
Missions 103b	3
Speech 103b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Bible by Ages 203a	3
Greek 203a	3
OT Survey 203a	3
Church History 203a	3
Book of Acts 203a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Bible by Ages 203b	3
Greek 203b	3
NT Survey 203b	3
Family & Life Relationships 203b	3
Tech of Thesis Writing 203b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Greek 303a	3
Hebrew 303a	3
Bible Customs 303a	3
Theology I 303a	3
General Epistles 303a	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Greek 303b	3
Hebrew 303b	3
Bible Geography 303b	3
Theology I 303b	3
Pauline Epistles 303b	3
Chapel	<u>1</u>
	16

FOURTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

Greek 413a	3
Hebrew 413a	3
Psalms 403a	3
Theology II 403a	3
Minor Prophets 403a	<u>3</u>
	15

SPRING SEMESTER

Greek 413b	3
Hebrew 413b	3
Book of Daniel 403b	3
Theology II 403b	3
Major Prophets 403b	<u>3</u>
	15

Any music class may be taken as an elective.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (ThM)

The student, who has completed the 126 prescribed semester hours of study in the Bachelor program with a 2.5 GPA or better, will then be admitted to do work in the Master program. Upon completion of the following prescribed courses with a 3.0 GPA, or better, the student will be awarded the Master of Theology. If the student wishes to advance into the Doctoral program, he must maintain a 3.5 GPA or better in the Master program.

FALL SEMESTER

Revelation I 503a	3
Theology III 523a	3
Pentateuch 503a	3
Christology 523a	3
Book of John 503a	<u>3</u>
	15

SPRING SEMESTER

Revelation II 503b	3
Theology III 523b	3
25,000 Word Thesis	<u>9</u>
	15

Any music class may be taken as an elective.

A total of 155 semester hours is required to complete the Master of Theology.

MASTER OF BIBLE LANGUAGES (MBL)

The student who has completed the 126 prescribed semester hours of study in the Bachelor program with a 2.5 GPA or better will then be admitted to work in the Master program. Upon completion of the following prescribed courses with a 3.0 GPA average or better, the student will be awarded the Master of Bible Languages. If the student wishes to advance into the Doctoral program, he must maintain a 3.5 GPA or better in the Master program.

FALL SEMESTER

Greek 513a	3
Hebrew 513a	3
Book of John 503a	3
Pentateuch 503a	3
Revelation I 503a	<u>3</u>
	15

SPRING SEMESTER

Greek 513b	3
Hebrew 513b	3
Revelation II 503b	3
Book of Hebrews 513b	3
Isaiah 513b	<u>3</u>
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Any music class may be taken as an elective.

A total of 155 semester hours is required to complete the Master of Bible Languages.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

General Information

Every student who attends OBI may not be permitted to enter the Doctoral program. This level of studies is reserved for those students who have excelled in the Bachelor and Master programs. He is required to maintain a certain grade point average, hold high Christian morals, demonstrate good leadership qualities, possess a cooperative attitude towards the school, and hold his calling in high esteem. More specific qualifications are listed below.

A student will not be considered for admittance into the Doctoral program of the Oxford Baptist Institute unless he has had pastoral experience. He must also be presently pastoring an ABA church, or, if he is between pastorates, must hold membership in an ABA church.

ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

- A. The student must be nominated by the administration and approved by South Lamar Baptist Church.
- B. A faculty survey is made of each student before he will be considered.
- C. Upon approval the candidate will be notified in writing.
- D. The student must submit his acceptance or rejection in writing within six months of the date of written notification.
- E. If the candidate accepts the invitation to enter the Doctoral program, he must visit the school for further instructions.
- F. If a student, who has been approved as a Doctoral candidate and invited to participate, declines the invitation or is unable to enter the program within the allotted time, he must then wait one year to submit another request for approval by the administration and South Lamar Baptist Church.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A. No student will be considered for the Doctoral program unless he has first met the following qualifications.
 1. He has earned his Master at OBI with a 3.5 GPA or better; or he has earned his Master from a sister school, also with a 3.5 GPA or better.
 2. He has been approved by the administration.
 3. His submitted request to South Lamar Baptist Church has been approved.
- B. The student must then submit his chosen subject and theses outline to the dean.
 1. The outline must follow form and style as required by Techniques of Thesis Writing 203b taught at OBI.
 2. Upon approval by the administration of the subject matter and outline, work and begin.

TIME

- A. From the date of acceptance into the program, the student must have all required work submitted to the dean for grading within eighteen months.
- B. Failure to do so will terminate his acceptance.

ATTENDANCE

- A. The student must spend one class week per month at OBI for research, progress check, information, and updating of his work.
- B. The student must report to the dean upon each monthly visit.

Doctor of Bible Language Majors (DBL)

TRANSLATING

A. Hebrew – Fall Semester

1. The student must translate twenty-five chapters of the Old Testament into English from the Hebrew text.
2. Each student will be assigned a different text to translate.
3. The student must footnote at least twenty verses and add notes of information drawn from other translators or commentators.
4. At least ten sources must be used in the twenty-five chapters.
5. Monthly progress reports must be made to the Hebrew instructor.
6. The student must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better in order to advance to translating the Greek.

B. Greek – Spring Semester

1. The same information in division “A” above applies here to the Greek translation of assigned chapters in the New Testament.
2. Again, the student must receive a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to advance to write his thesis.

THESIS

A. Subject

1. The Subject must be approved by the administration before the student begins writing.
2. After the subject has been approved the student must submit an outline in typed form for approval. When the outline has been approved the student may begin writing.
3. The student must write one commentary on each of twenty different verses, adding notes of information from other sources.

B. Length – 50,000 words

C. Sources

1. At least thirty different sources must be quoted or referenced in the thesis.
2. These are in addition to Scripture quotations or references.

D. All form and style must agree with what is taught in Techniques of Thesis Writing 203b at OBI.

E. Monthly progress visits must be made to the dean.

F. The student must receive a GPA of 3.5 on his thesis in order to be awarded the Doctor of Bible Languages (DBL).

Doctor of Theology Majors (ThD)

LECTURES

- A. Lecturing will be a part of this program. Each student will be assigned subject matter for six lectures. There may be one subject for all six lectures or a different subject for each of the six lectures. The outline must be in a three-level outline form, typed, and submitted before each lecture is given. If chosen by the administration, the lectures will be cataloged to be placed in the OBI library.
- B. The student must receive a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to advance to “Word Research.”

WORD RESEARCH

- A. Each student will be assigned twenty-five words or theological terms to research. Each word or term must have two or more references to support the comments made by the student. Each term or word must have one or more typewritten page(s) of research material. All of this must conform to the form and style in Techniques of Thesis Writing 202b taught at OBI.
- B. The student must receive a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to advance to write his thesis.

THESIS

- A. For thesis writing the same information applies to the Theology student that applies to the Language student (see page 34).
- B. The student must receive a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to be awarded the Doctor of Theology (ThD).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

LANGUAGE

ENGLISH 103 a/b (six semester hours)

This course is a basic grammar course. Essential rules, definitions, and applications of grammar are taught. The student receives instruction in developing good sentence structure. Parts of speech and their uses are studied intensively. Spelling tests on various words from the Bible are given regularly.

ENGLISH 423a (three semester hours)

This course is designed to help develop the student's writing abilities. He will learn paragraphing, exposition, and outlining. The research paper's overall view will be studied with the purpose in mind to improve writing style.

GREEK 203 a/b (six semester hours)

This course introduces the student to the alphabet and rudiments of the Greek grammar. In this introductory study the student will learn the formation of verb inflections, noun declensions, and other idioms of the Bible language.

Prerequisite: English 103a/b

GREEK 303 a/b (six semester hours)

This second year of the Greek language will lead the student into some translations of the Scriptures. He will also enter into advanced study and usage of the verb, noun, adjective, and participle forms found in the Scriptures.

Prerequisite: Greek 203a/b

GREEK 413a/b (six semester hours)

By the time the student reaches third-year Greek he should be ready for some more complex studies of the language. Here he will be using the syntax rules of grammar as he translates from the Bible.

Prerequisite: Greek 303a/b

GREEK 513a/b (six semester hours)

The final year of study in the Greek language will be one of research and translation. This will cause the student to use the idioms, rudiments, grammar syntax, and rules of interpretation in order for him to arrive at the truth of the translation.

Prerequisite: Greek 413a/b

HEBREW 303a (three semester hours)

This course is designed for the student who enters the Bible Language department and desires to strive for the BBL, MBL, and DBL. The alphabet and all rules of Hebrew grammar must be learned. Vocabulary words are taught only with their pronunciations and these must be memorized.

Prerequisite: English 103a/b or equivalent

HEBREW 303b (three semester hours)

The student is introduced to the Hebrew verb and its detailed mechanics. Written exercises are required. The Hebrew verb must be mastered.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 303a

HEBREW 413a (three semester hours)

At the beginning of the student's second year in Hebrew, a complete review is given rapidly of the previous year's study. Then the student is required to purchase a Hebrew lexicon. He will begin reading and translating the Hebrew Text. The student is required to identify and locate fully all verb forms.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 303a/b

HEBREW 413b (three semester hours)

This is a continuation of the exegesis of the Hebrew Text. Specific reasons are given as to why a passage of Scripture is translated in a particular manner.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 303a/b, Hebrew 413a

HEBREW 513a (three semester hours)

After a thorough but brief review of grammar principles, the student continues the exegesis of the Hebrew Text. The first ten chapters of Genesis should be completed by the end of the first semester.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 303a/b, Hebrew 413a/b

HEBREW 513b (three semester hours)

The student is introduced to more difficult passages of the Old Testament. The latter part of Genesis, some prophecy of Zechariah, and some Psalms are studied.

Prerequisite: Hebrew 303a/b, Hebrew 413a/b, Hebrew 513a

THEOLOGY

THEOLOGY I 303a/b (six semester hours)

This course will introduce the student to a more thorough, systematic study of some of the key doctrines of the Bible. Using principles learned in Bible Analysis, Greek, Hebrew, and related studies, the student will explore the biblical teachings concerning Bibliology (Study of the Bible), Theology Proper (Study of God), Christology (Study of Christ), and Pneumatology (Study of the Holy Spirit). These studies involve a great deal of research, and the writing of a theses for each semester of study.

THEOLOGY II 403a/b (six semester hours)

This course will continue the line of study began in Theology I. Subjects to be considered will include Anthropology (Study of Man), Hamartiology (Study of Sin), Soteriology (Study of Salvation), and Ecclesiology (Study of the Church). These studies involve a great deal of research, and the writing of a theses for each semester of study.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology I 303a/b

THEOLOGY III 523a/b (six semester hours)

This course, for graduate students, will explore the subjects of Angiology (Study of Angels), Demonology (Study of Demons), and Eschatology (Study of Last Things). These studies involve a great deal of research, and the writing of a theses for each semester of study.

PSALMS 403a (three semester hours)

In this course the student will be led into an analytical study of the Psalms. In his/her research of the 150 Psalms, the occasion for which the Psalms was written will be found and the heart throb of the Psalmist and his people will be felt. Much joy will come to those who search the depths of these writings.

MINOR PROPHETS 403a (three semester hours)

A look into the shorter writings of the prophets of God will build a valuable foundation for the student to approach the workings of God in the New Testament. These prophets write to Israel and Gentile powers alike. They are minor in the language of the people today but not to God.

MAJOR PROPHETS 403b (three semester hours)

Like the study of the Minor Prophets, this course will broaden the student's understanding of God's dealings with the people of the world. The prophets were God's messengers of that day and their messages are recorded for our study.

BOOK OF DANIEL 403b (three semester hours)

God gave the world His plan for the ages. He selected a Jewish lad in captivity to be the expounder of this great truth. The truth is both practical in interpretation and application. This book is flowing with history, prophecy, and present scenes of the course of human events.

PENTATEUCH 503a (three semester hours)

In this course the student will research the first five books of the Old Testament. His studies will deal with the covenant relations that God has with man, with His people, and with His special messengers. These subjects will be the topics of discussion in the classroom.

REVELATION I 503a (three semester hours)

This course surveys the letters of Jesus to the seven churches of Asia. Their meanings and warnings are analyzed for a better understanding of the church age and the end times to come.

REVELATION II 503b (three semester hours)

Understanding the rapture, tribulation, and the final earthly conflicts, along with the comforting study of the millennium and heaven age, makes this an exciting course indeed.

BOOK OF ISAIAH 513b (three semester hours)

Much like the book of Daniel, Isaiah forecasts the future by using the past and present of his day. His ministry to the Jews was one of the most difficult in Old Testament times. His promises of the future state of Israel give them a new ray of hope. This is an especially needful study for our day.

BOOK OF HEBREWS 513b (three semester hours)

To better understand the mediatory work of Jesus Christ, the student will be led through the types, object lessons, and priestly work as the Hebrew writer explains its meaning and purpose. This course will require some research and application of Old Testament types.

BOOK OF JOHN 503a (three semester hours)

The student will engage in the study of the life of Christ by examining the Biblical language, Jewish religious traditions, and the customs of the Hebrew people. The objective is for the student to gain a more concise understanding of who Jesus really is and why the Jews responded to Him in the manner in which they did.

HISTORY

BIBLE BY AGES 203a/b (six semester hours)

The Bible by Ages course is a study of the Bible from the viewpoint of different ages or periods of time. A study of this nature will organize the Bible material into specific times for a better understanding of the movements of God upon the plan for Israel, the plan for the church, and the plan for the Gentile people.

CHURCH HISTORY 203a (three semester hours)

Students of the Scriptures would be familiar with the historical facts that support the claims and promises of the Scriptures. The study of Church History will bring to life a wealth of information that is hidden among age-old records of antiquity.

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY 203a (three semester hours)

Each student should have an outline view of the events and their order for a better understanding of the Bible. Many events are interrelated and knowledge of these will help the pupil organize the subjects for a true application of the material.

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 203b (three semester hours)

This is identical to Old Testament Survey except that it will deal with the New Testament.

BIBLE CUSTOMS 303a (three semester hours)

Many of the truths of the Bible are hidden from us because of a lack of understanding of the culture and customs of the east. This course will deal with those customs that were common to the writers of the Scriptures. Some of these customs are still in use today.

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY 303b (three semester hours)

Geography, by definition, is a study that involves writings about the earth. This would naturally include a study in the areas of geology, history, and archaeology. The purpose of this course is to help the student gain a better understanding of the places and events in Scripture so as to enable him/her to more fully appreciate, understand, and interpret the Scriptures.

GENERAL EPISTLES 303a (three semester hours)

This course is approached from historical background, then becomes an outlined study that covers every verse, thought, and idea set forth by the writers.

PAULINE EPISTLES 303b (three semester hours)

The Pauline epistles are studied from the same approach as the general epistles. This is a strong doctrinal study of the local church truths as set forth by one of the church's greatest teachers. A better understanding of the foundation of the church will be gained by this study.

EVANGELISM

BIBLE ANALYSIS 103a/b (six semester hours)

A proper understanding of the rules for interpreting the Scriptures will guide the student into a more valuable use of his acquired knowledge of the Bible. The simple analysis method is a must for the beginner in Bible studies. This approach will open understanding of many of the difficult passages and put new meaning to many of the simple passages.

EVANGELISM 103a/b (six semester hours)

The student will be inspired to put his newfound knowledge into practice in fields that are white unto harvest. Learning in the classroom the value of personal work and using it in the field is the focus of this study. The pastor who is alive and active in the field will be alive in the pulpit. Practical work is a basic part of this course.

MISSIONS 103b (three semester hours)

Since mission work is the lifeline to the lost, preachers must be taught and encouraged to do mission work. Men are different but the Biblical way for missions will work for every man and in every location. This course deals with the New Testament plan of Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 20:20-21.

BOOK OF ACTS 203a (three semester hours)

While studying the book of Acts, the student will find the church in action. The study will cover the church in her waiting, worshipping, witnessing, winnowing, working, wondering, winning, westward movement, and withstanding.

COMMUNICATION

SERMONIZING 103a (three semester hours)

This course is designed for the preacher in the first year. This is the basis for homiletics. The student is introduced to the mechanics of outlining a sermon. Minute details of sermon preparation are taught. The student is expected to preach when asked without previous notice. The different types of sermons are mastered.

SPEECH 103b (three semester hours)

Learning to speak in public is a valuable aid to the Christian worker or preacher. This course will give the student a good understanding of the principles of public speaking and the importance of maintaining good speaking health..

MINISTERIAL PRACTICALITIES 103a (three semester hours)

Every preacher should be aware of some of the everyday realities of life. Learning how to handle himself, his time, his finances, his duties, and the people he is to lead, will be of great value to his ministry. This course deals with such matters.

TECHNIQUES OF THESIS WRITING 203b (three semester hours)

This is a one-semester course designed to introduce the student to formal writing. Paragraphing is studied along with the correct form for writing theses which will be required of some students, depending on the field of study he/she pursues.

PASTORAL COUNSELING 423a

This class will promote confidence in counseling based upon inerrancy of Scripture, sufficiency of Christ, and guidance of God's Holy Spirit in dealing with the problems of man that are the result of sin. The student is encouraged to hunger after knowledge of God's Word to apply it to counseling, and to sharpen his abilities to deal with his "flock" more effectively in his role as pastor. Confidence in counseling will come from a purely Biblical perspective as opposed to a secular approach.

FAMILY AND LIFE RELATIONSHIPS 203b

This class examines interactions people have on a daily basis. The Bible reveals that the manner in which an individual handles relationships will play a big part in how others identify that person's character, and will also be a great indicator of the possible success or failure of a God-called man's ministry.

The following will be examined according to Scripture.

One's Relationship with God / One's Relationship with Family

One's Relationship with the Church / One's Relationship with Others

For any individual who is truly sincere in wanting to improve his ability to relate in all aspects of life, this study will be of great benefit.

YOUTH & MUSIC

BEGINNING MUSIC 133a (three semester hours)

This course is designed for the student who knows nothing about music. The staff, notes, and dynamic markings are introduced and put into practice.

ADVANCED MUSIC 133b (three semester hours)

This course delves into the appreciation of music. Counting, key signatures, and time signatures are studied and practiced until they become second nature to the student.

CHOIR/VOICE/SIGHT READING 133a (three semester hours)

The combination of proper breathing, posture, and singing bring about pretty music. This course is designed to help make a choir an effective evangelistic tool.

CHORAL CONDUCTING 133b (three semester hours)

The student learns how to properly teach and lead a choir and congregation into an effective Christ-honoring music program.

YOUTH MINISTRY 233a (three semester hours)

Students will be introduced to the vast responsibilities of working in a youth program both as a leader and pastor.

Notes