

Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary



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Student Handbook

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Statements

Discrimination Policy

Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, gender, ethnic background, color, nationality, or non-disqualifying handicap for ministerial and educational purposes, admissions policies, and other school-administered programs.

Accessibility

There is an accessible entrance to our facility through the side door facing Sherman Street. Any accommodations necessary for a student's success must be submitted to the office of Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary.

Mission Statement

Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary exists to train Church leaders and workers to effectively fulfill the mandate given by Jesus:

Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV) — **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Also, to fulfill the mandate in Ephesians chapter 4

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV) — **11** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to

and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—**16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

And, furthermore, provide training in Biblical literacy for personal growth and exhortation.

Therefore, we will strive to provide a quality education and opportunities to gain practical experience. The educational process will be accessible in person and virtually.

Purpose

Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary operates independently as a non-profit organization. The purpose of this institution is to raise Christian leaders who will accept the commissions and mandates laid out in scripture. Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary President and Director, Dr. Bruce A. Fletcher does not operate for the purpose of personal gain, but in purity. The Lord has placed a burden in Dr. Fletcher's heart for training and equipping members in Christ's Body for the purpose of ministry. It is time for the Church to rise up and stand firm in this day and age.

A Message from Our Director



Welcome to Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary. I am pleased that you have chosen to further your Christian education with us. Whether you are working for a higher degree or personal growth, you will find our program both thought-provoking and rewarding.

We look forward to this partnership and anticipate great things happening for you and through you.

Dr. Bruce A. Fletcher, President and Founder

Declaration of Faith

1) THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to men, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Tim. 3:15, 17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12).

2) THE ONE TRUE GOD

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed “I AM,” and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association, by simultaneously existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10, 11; Matt. 28:19).

3) MAN: HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION

Men were created good and upright, for God said, “Let us make man in our image and after our likeness.” Man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31; Gen. 3:17; Ro. 5:12-21).

4) THE SALVATION OF MAN

a) Conditions of Salvation

The Grace of God, which brings salvation, has appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, and being

justified by grace, has become heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; Rom. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47).

b) Evidences of Salvation

The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of holiness (1 Thess. 4:7, 2 Tim.1:9).

5) BAPTISM IN WATER

The ordinance of baptism by burial with Christ should be observed (as commanded in the Scriptures) by all that have repented of their sins and in their hearts have believed in Christ as their Savior and Lord. In doing so, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they have also been released to walk with Him in the newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Acts 19:47, 48; Rom. 6:4).

6) THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION)

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing in a memorial to His suffering and death, and prophecy of His second coming, and is enjoined to all believers "until He comes" (John 6:48,51, 53-57; Luke 22:19,20; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 11:25).

7) THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

All believers should ardently expect and earnestly seek the Promise of the Father, which is the baptism in the Holy Spirit. With it comes the infilling of power for life and service,

and the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31). This experience may be distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the New Birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

8) SANCTIFICATION PROCESS

By the power of the Holy Spirit we strive to obey the command, “Be ye holy, for I am holy.” Sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God’s Word (Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24; 1 John 2:6).

9) THE CHURCH

The church is the holy Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer is an integral part of the church, and their names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

10) MINISTRY

Divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a two-fold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edification of the Body of Christ (Mark 16:15, 20; Eph. 4:11-13).

11) DIVINE HEALING

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement of Christ and is the privilege of all believers (Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 16:18; John 5:14).

12) THE BLESSED HOPE

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the Lord, is imminent and is the blessed hope of the church (1 Thess. 4:16; Rom. 6:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51,52).

13) THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the millennial reign of Christ on the earth are scriptural promises and our hope (2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; Rom. 11:25; Rev. 20:1-7).

14) THE LAKE OF FIRE

The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

15) THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

We, as promised in the Scriptures, look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells (2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1).

Code of Conduct

Purpose

Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary is determined to connect people to God on a deeper level through different levels of instruction and learning. We aim to provide a safe space for members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow in every aspect of life. The need for apostolic commissioning is great in the world, and Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary is committed to raising up each student to walk in the purpose that God has for them. All students and faculty are to follow the code of conduct.

Moral Code

In all we do, as the body of Christ, we should seek to honor and glorify the Lord. We ask students to be appropriate in their attitude, attire, and speech. The basic and Godly principles of respect and integrity are vital in participating in this Bible College.

Respect

God is at the forefront of everything that happens at Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary. We ask all students and faculty to respect the Presence of God not only on campus, but everywhere they go. We have a charge to love each other and a large part of that is respect. Students are to speak courteously to teachers, colleagues, and staff. Teachers and staff are to treat each student with respect and to guide them in their studies. Disruptive behavior during class such as talking during instruction, interrupting the teacher, and being a distraction will not be tolerated in the classroom.

Technology

Technology is a wonderful asset to getting the gospel message spread abroad. We want to use technology in a way that honors God. Since a large part of this education

experience is virtual, all students are expected to maintain all the same values in person and online. There is no tolerance for cyberbullying, foul language (verbally or typed), or rude disturbances in the virtual classroom.

Academic Integrity

Spirit Life Bible College values Godly integrity and honesty in everything we do. In an academic setting, plagiarism is not tolerated. Using someone else's ideas, words, or work without citing the source is considered plagiarism. Any student who improperly cites or plagiarizes will be subject to disciplinary action including dismissal from Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary.

Staff and Administration

Director of College

Dr. Bruce A. Fletcher

Dr. Fletcher was born in Newport, VT in 1956. He began his ministry career as a Church Planter at the age of 30. His passion for God and heart for people has led him to plant several Churches as well as Christian Schools including colleges to equip people for ministry.

Dr. Fletcher holds a BA in Biblical Counseling, MA in Theology and a PhD in Theology. His international work has given him indispensable insight which is highlighted in his roles as Senior Pastor of Bethel Christian Church and CEO of ACTS Ministries International, Inc.

Dr. Fletcher is the founder of Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary and will be acting as the instructor for the first two years of the Bible College.

Executive Pastor

Pastor Lisa Fletcher

Pastor Lisa Fletcher is the Executive Pastor of Bethel Christian Church. She serves as the office hour coordinator for Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary.

Administrative Assistant

Gabriella Robertson

Gabriella Robertson is the administrative assistant at Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary. For any questions or concerns concerning Spirit Life Bible College you may contact her by emailing spiritlifebc@bccwh.org.

Media Director

Hazel A. Gundran-Madelon

Hazel Madelon is the Media Director for Bethel Christian Church. She is in charge of the livestream classroom for Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary to our virtual platforms.

Provided Facilities

Classroom

The main campus of Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary is at Bethel Christian Church. The classroom is located in the front of the building, the second door on the left when you walk in.

Library

The Library is located in the rear of the sanctuary. Students may check out a book or DVD while they are in the building and return it when they are leaving the building. Library books are not permitted to be taken off campus.

Study Rooms

There are places in the building that students are welcome to use as study areas for individuals and small groups. The children's church room, youth room and classroom are all available to students Tuesday- Friday from 10 am- 4pm. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure the study rooms are left in the same condition that they were when the student entered.

Bathrooms

There is one woman's bathroom and a men's bathroom in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall. The accessible bathroom is located next to the sanctuary.

Hours of Service

The staff at Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary is here to aid you in any way that we can. Feel free to call or schedule an appointment during the day on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am- 4 pm.

Saturday-Monday- Closed

Tuesday - Thursday

9 am- 4 pm

Safety Procedures

In the event of a fire or crisis emergency, there are four doors to exit the building. There is a first aid station located in the fellowship hall.

Disciplinary Action

Any student who violates the student code of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary. Each violation is subject to be reviewed on a case by case basis in accordance with the code of conduct for Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary.

Grade Breakdown

The main purpose of Spirit Life Bible College and Seminary is for students to gain an understanding of each topic presented. Grading is a tool for students and teachers to evaluate the understanding of the student and the instruction of the teacher.

Letter Grade	% Equivalent
A	100-94
B	93-87
C	86-79
D	78-71
F	70<
I	Incomplete
W	Withdraw

Grade Interpretation	GPA
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0

Writing Requirements

All students must be able to write on a college level. All submitted essays are to be in MLA format in Arial or Times New Roman with a 12 point font. For graduate students, essays must be formatted in Chicago style. Appropriate citations are key in order to avoid plagiarism. Short essays are a minimum of 2 paragraphs and long essays are 1-5 pages.