

NORTHWEST ALABAMA BAPTIST INSTITUTE

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STUDENT HANDBOOK



A Ministry Of Heritage Missionary Baptist Church

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Northwest Alabama Baptist Institute will begin its twenty eighth year of operation in the fall of 2024. NABI, has left a very distinctive mark in the North Alabama, North Mississippi and Southern Tennessee area during her brief but distinguished history.

NABI began in 1996 as a ministry of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Tuscumbia, AL under the direction of Dr. Andy E. Lee and Dr. David Gregg. In 2001, the school was moved to Avalon Missionary Baptist Church under the direction of Dr. Johnny Johnston, Dr. Andy E. Lee and Brother Grady Parrish.

In the fall of 2012, the school once again moved and came under the authority of Heritage Baptist Mission, with The Baptist Chapel in Grand Bay, AL being her sponsoring church. Dr. Dell Murphy serves as her president, myself (Dr. Allen Barton) as acting president and Brother Scott Webber as Vice President and Dean of Students.

The privilege that we have to teach Christian workers and local pastors the Truth and to prepare them for a life of service to the Lord is very exciting, and a responsibility we at NABI do not take lightly.

The mission of NABI is simple and has remained unchanged throughout her history. NABI stands fast on the fundamental doctrines that make Missionary Baptist what we are...Scriptural New Testament Churches. The best way we can safeguard these truths is the teaching of the Word of God.

Secondly, we strive to make every possible effort to offer a sound, Bible education to those who desire to have it. While our programs are focused on men who are of the same faith and order, and who have accepted God's call into the ministry, we also offer classes to the lay member who simply desires to be a better worker for the Lord.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of NABI. A solid Bible education is something to be treasured and desired after. NABI is a means in which to accomplish your goals and become the best soldier for the Lord you can possibly be.

Sincerely,

Dr. Allen Barton

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Doctrinal Statement

- 1) We believe that love for one another as Jesus loves the believer manifests our discipleship, proves our love for God and symbolizes our authority as New Testament churches. Love is therefore the great commandment of the LORD Jesus Christ upon which all others are dependent (Matt. 22:35-40; John 15:12; 1 John 4:7-21; 1 John 5:1-3; Rev. 2:4,5).
- 2) We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice (Psalm 119:160; 2 Timothy 3:16,17).
- 3) We believe in the personal triune God...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection (Matt. 28:19).
- 4) We believe in the Genesis account of creation Gen. 1;2).
- 5) We believe that Satan is a fallen angel, the archenemy of God and man, the unholy god of this world, and that his destiny is the eternal lake of fire (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; Matt. 25:41; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-17; Rev. 20:10).
- 6) We believe in the virgin birth and sinless humanity of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22).
- 7) We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (John 10:30; John 1:1,14; 2 Cor. 5:19)
- 8) We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine Administrator for Jesus Christ in His churches (Luke 24:49; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:4,5,8; Acts 2:1-4).
- 9) We believe that miraculous spiritual manifestation gifts were done away when the Bible was completed. Faith, Hope and Love are the vital abiding Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. Chapters 12-14)
- 10) We believe that Man was created in the image of God and lived in innocence until he fell by voluntary transgression from his sinless state, the result being that all mankind are sinners (Gen. 1:26; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12,19).
- 11) We believe that the suffering and death of Jesus Christ was substitutionary for all mankind and is efficacious only to those who believe (Isa. 53:6; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 2:2)
- 12) We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ and the bodily resurrection of His saints (Matt. 28:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:42-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

- 13)We believe in the pre-millennial, personal, bodily return of Christ as the crowning event of the Gentile age. This event will include the resurrection of the righteous to eternal heaven, and the Millennium will be followed by the resurrection of the unrighteous unto eternal punishment in the lake of fire and that the righteous shall enter into the heaven age (John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess.2:8; Rev. 20:4-6; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 21:8).
- 14)We believe that the depraved sinner is saved wholly by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ, and the requisites to regeneration are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 13::3-5; John 3:16-18; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9), and that the Holy Spirit Convicts sinners, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer (John 3:6; John 16:8,9; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:19,20; Eph. 4:30;; Titus 3:5)
- 15)We believe that all who trust Jesus Christ for salvation are eternally secure in Him and shall not perish (John 3:36; John 5:24; John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:35-39; Heb. 10:39; 1 Peter 1:5).
- 16)16.We believe that God deals with believers as His children, that He chastises the disobedient, and that He rewards the obedient (Matt.16:27; Matt. 25:14-23; John 1:12; Heb. 12:5-11; 2 John 8; Rev. 22:12).
- 17)17.We believe that Jesus Christ established His church during His ministry on earth and that it is always a local, visible assembly of scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship to carry out the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, and each church is an independent, self governing body, and no other ecclesiastical body may exercise authority over it. We believe that Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to the New Testament churches only, and that He promised the perpetuity of His Churches (Matt. 4:18-22; Matt. 16:18; Matt.28:19,20; John 1:35-51; Eph. 3:21).
- 18)18.We believe that there are two pictorial ordinances in the Lord's churches: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is the emersion of penitent believers in water, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance, restricted to the members of the church observing the ordinance (Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 8:12,38; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 5:11-13;1 Cor. 11:1,2, 17-20,26).
- 19)We believe that there are two divinely appointed offices in a church, pastors and deacons, to be filled by men whose qualifications are set forth in Titus and Timothy
- 20)20 We believe that all associations, fellowships, and committees are, and properly should be, servants of, and under the control of the churches. (Matt 20:25-28)
- 21).21.We believe in freedom of worship without interference from the government and affirm our belief in civil obedience, unless the laws and regulations of civil government run contrary to the Holy Scriptures (Rom.13:1=7; 1 Peter 2:13-15).

Administration

Dr. Allen Barton

President

Bro. Scott Webber

Vice President and Dean of students

Bro. Brian Crocker

Registrar

Dr. David Gregg

Chancellor

NORTHWEST ALABAMA BAPTIST INSTITUTE

Northwest Alabama Baptist Institute is a non-profit organization and is chartered by Heritage Missionary Baptist Church located at 907 19th Street Haleyville, AL 35565. NABI is governed by the Board of Trustees of Heritage Missionary Baptist Church.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Each student is responsible for meeting all degree and graduation requirements specified in the catalog for the year of his or her admission.

Attendance at NABI is a privilege and not a right. One forfeits this privilege if he or she does not participate as a student within the standards and ideals of this institution. NABI has the right to insist upon withdrawal if standards are not met.

Northwest Alabama Baptist Institute fellowships with the churches of the American Baptist Association. We are a non-profit school and are supported solely by the Lord's churches.

Each student is to keep a copy of his certificates of completion in case there is any discrepancy in records.

STUDENT GUIDELINES

It is a privilege, not a right, to be a student at Northwest Alabama Baptist Institute. Thus, this school has certain guidelines established according to the guidelines set up by Heritage Missionary Baptist Church. These guidelines are in line with the Doctrinal Statement published in this catalog.

1. All perspective students must have a GED or high school diploma (or be working to receive a high school diploma or GED) to pursue a degree program.
2. Only those preachers who hold to the Doctrinal Statement provided in this catalog and who maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average may be allowed to pursue any of the ministerial degree programs.
3. This Church and School believe that God has only called men to preach the gospel according to I Timothy 3:1-7.
4. Since we are a non-profit and non-secular religious school and are not receiving any funds other than from local churches, we have the right to accept or reject any application.
5. This does not exclude any male or female regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin from enrolling in this school.
6. Women may pursue any of the non-ministerial diplomas that are described in this catalog; however, the ministerial degree programs are reserved for Baptist preachers of like faith and order.
7. The faculty at NABI understand that there are varying opinions and beliefs concerning certain Bible doctrines. While each person is entitled to his or her opinion, that opinion may not be used in a disrespectful or argumentative manner.

8. Any student who leads in a rebellious action against the teachings of this school or encourages others to do so will be asked to withdraw from the school immediately.
9. The State of Alabama has issued to NABI a license to award non-secular religious degrees.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The provisions of this catalog are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract. The trustees and faculty reserve the right to modify, revoke, or add to the regulations of the seminary at any time. If a student drops out of a program and later returns, he is under the regulations of the current catalog.

Northwest Alabama Baptist Institute is a non-profit corporation, organized for the purpose of offering Christian training in Biblical studies, Christian counseling, Theology, and Bible Languages.

We invite you to train in order to be mighty for the Lord at a school for those whom God has called to service.

We are focusing on the specialized needs of the local ministry. Our courses are practical and are designed to enhance the work of the student, preparing today's leaders for tomorrow's work.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

EXAMINATIONS:

Examinations are given approximately every six weeks. Each instructor is at liberty to give daily quizzes, tests, or research themes as he chooses. Any assignment not received the day it is due will lose five points per day until it is submitted to the instructor. There will be a final exam given to every class at the close of the school term. No finals may be taken before the scheduled date.

GRADING SYSTEM AND REQUIREMENTS:

The following standard is used in all courses to determine the grades on all tests, examinations, themes, graded 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	0 GPS

Any student who is not maintaining at least a 2.0 GPA should speak with the class instructor or with the Dean if it is an overall problem.

THESIS REQUIREMENTS:

All Associates, Bachelor and Master Theses must have a Bible subject approved by the President and by the Dean of Students. This subject must be submitted for approval to the Dean by an assigned date of the graduate year. Upon approval by the Dean and President, the student then has until one month prior to graduation to complete the thesis and submit it for grading. All theses must be in correct form as given in the Composition Course in the curriculum at NABI. All theses must be approved by Heritage Missionary Baptist Mission.

The length of an Associates Thesis is 5000 words and at least 6 resources. The length of a Bachelor Thesis is 15,000 words and at least 12 resources. The length of a Master Thesis is 25,000 words with 25 resources. Progress reports must be made to the Dean periodically.

SPECIAL NOTE

Students will not be permitted to duplicate subjects or subject matter from one thesis program to another. Each subject and subject matter must be different from the thesis previously written.

DISMISSAL

Any student who conducts himself in a manner unbecoming to a Christian will be dismissed. This will be determined by Heritage Missionary Baptist Church.

AUDITING FEES

Students enrolled in regular courses of study who wish to attend other classes but not for credit may audit a course or courses. The student's attendance record will be kept, but no test will be taken or grade given for the course. The same fees are charged for auditing as for credit, and all admission and registration procedures must be followed.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

An incomplete grade will not be posted to the student's permanent transcript. Any incomplete course that is not completed two weeks after the semester ends will result in a depreciated grade.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If a student finds it necessary to withdraw from a class or all classes, a withdrawal form must be submitted. Any student who fails to withdraw properly will receive a failing grade in each course he drops. This grade will be recorded on the student's permanent transcript. No student will be allowed to drop a course if he or she is passing and simply wants to drop because he or she thinks the class is too difficult or desires a different teacher.

APPLICATION FEE

No application fee will be charged for classes.

REGULAR FEES

There will be a \$15.00 tuition fee per course for preachers, pastors, and members of any American Baptist Church and a \$20.00 charge per course for all non-ABA preachers, pastors, and church members.

Any exceptions to these rules are handled at the discretion of the NABI President, Dean, and/or Board of Trustees who have the approval of the sponsoring church.

REFUND POLICY

Prior to first scheduled class – 100 % Refund

Within first two weeks – 100% Refund

Thereafter – No Refund is available

Special Circumstances will be considered.

MANDATORY PARTICIPATION

All students and teachers must make a point to be at all lectures, Bible Conferences, and school closings unless the president feels you are providentially hindered. This is part of the student's final grade.

Class attendance is required. If you miss a class, are late, or leave early, your daily grade will be zero. Makeup work is required. The student is responsible to ask the instructor(s) for makeup work. Each absence must be approved or denied by the President. After the 3rd unapproved absence, the student may be dismissed from seminary with a failing grade.

It is also required that the student be on time for classes. Four unexcused tardies will result in an unexcused absence and a 0 grade for class time.

ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

An Associates Degree will be awarded to any non pastoral student who completes 60 Semester hours including select required courses and who completes a 5,000 word Thesis and maintains a GPA of at least 2.5.

BACHELOR PROGRAM

A Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Bible Languages Degree will be awarded to those students who have satisfactorily completed their required courses of 120 semester hours at NABI or a sister school with a grade point average of at least 2.50.

MASTER PROGRAM

A Master of Biblical Languages or a Master of Theology Degree will be awarded to those students who have earned a Bachelor level degree and have satisfactorily completed 150 semester hours, in addition to all other requirements.

The student must have finished his Bachelor program at NABI or a sister school with a grade point average of 3.0 or better to qualify for the Master program. The student must have also maintained an average of 3.0 or better during the Master program.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Doctoral program at NABI is designed for students who have satisfactorily completed the Master program. In order to qualify as a doctoral candidate, one must be nominated by the faculty and approved by Heritage Missionary Baptist Church. The candidate must be a pastor of a church of like faith and order with the American Baptist Association. In addition, the student must have satisfactorily completed the Master Program at NABI or at a sister school with a grade point average of at least 3.5.

The student must do extensive research under the guidance of the faculty and submit an acceptable thesis of at least 50,000 words. The student must draw from and quote no less than 25 references. Quotes in any thesis will not be allowed if they become excessively long to fill the required number of words. End notes and references will not be counted as part of the word requirement for a thesis.

Biblical Languages Degree

Any student that desires a Bachelors Degree in Languages (BBL) must first complete all the requirements for a Bachelors of Theology Degree. If these requirements have been met, then the student must complete an additional 6 hours (1 year) of Greek and 12 hours (2 years) of Hebrew.

Any student that desires a Masters Degree in Languages (MBL) must first complete all the requirements for a Masters Degree in Theology (ThM). If these requirements have been met, then the student must complete an additional 6 hours (1 year) of Greek and 6 hours (1 year) of Hebrew.

The same guidelines set forth for the Doctor of Theology Degree (see page 16) apply for the Doctor of Biblical Languages degree, (DBL) with the exception of the thesis. Rather than a thesis, work must be done in the field of study.

1. The student must translate 25 chapters of the Old Testament into English from the Hebrew text.
2. The student must footnote at least 15 verses with notes of information drawn from other sources.
3. Must draw from at least 10 sources.
4. Monthly progress reports must be made to the Hebrew instructor.
5. The student must receive a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to progress to translating the Greek.
6. The same information above applies to the assigned chapters of Greek translation.
7. The student must receive a GPA of 3.5 or better in order to receive his Doctorate Degree.

Christian Education Diploma

(Associates Degree ABE)

First Year

Fall Semester

- 3 – Family Life 101
- 3 – Bible Analysis
- 3 – Systematic Theology 101
- 3 – Ministerial Practicalities/Ladies Ministries
- 3 – Comparative Religions 101

15 Credit Hours

Spring Semester

- 3 – Family Life 102
- 3—Biblical Missions
- 3 – Systematic Theology 102
- 3 – Teaching Techniques
- 3 – Comparative Religions 102

15 Credit Hours

Second Year

Fall Semester

- 3 – Evangelism 201
- 3 – English 201
- 3 – Bible & World History
- 3 – Manners and Customs
- 3 – Systematic Theology 201

15 Credit Hours

Spring Semester

- 3 – Evangelism 202
- 3 – English 202
- 3 – Bible Geography
- 3 – Harmony of the Gospels
- 3 – Systematic Theology 202

15 Credit Hours

(Bachelors Degree BBE)

Third Year

Fall Semester

- 3 - Book of Hebrews
- 3 – Church History 301
- 3 – Church Epistles 301
- 3 – Systematic Theology 301
- 3—The Tabernacle

15 Credit Hours

Spring Semester

- 3 - Book of Acts
- 3 – Church History 302
- 3 – Church Epistles 302
- 3 – Systematic Theology 302
- 3—Book of Romans

15 Credit Hours

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

3 – OT Prophets 401

3 – Eschatology

3 – Book of Romans

3 – Systematic Theology 401

3 – Pentateuch

15 Credit Hours

Spring Semester

3 – OT Prophets 402

3 – Book of Daniel

3 – Church History In America

3 – Systematic Theology 402

3 – The Tabernacle

15 Credit Hours

Additional Elective (E) Courses

3 – OT Survey

3 – NT Survey

3 - Speech

Note: Due to the need to accommodate all of our students at any given time, these classes may be substituted or omitted at any time in any given semester.

Ministerial Degrees

First Year

Fall Semester

3—English I-B
3—Bible Analysis
3—Systematic Theology I-A
3—Book of Acts
3—Sermonizing/Speech

15 Credit Hours

Spring Semester

3—English I-B
3—Defense of the Faith
3—Systematic Theology I-B
3—Book of Romans
3—Ministerial Practicalities

15 Credit Hours

Second Year

3—Greek 201
3—Bible History
3—Church History 201
3—Evangelism 201
3—Systematic Theology 201

15 Credit Hours

3—Greek 202
3—Bible Geography
3—Church History 202
3—Evangelism 202
3—Systematic Theology 202

15 Credit Hours

Third Year

3—Church Epistles 301
3—OT Prophets 301
3—Greek 301
3—Systematic Theology 301
3—Biblical Missions

15 Credit Hours

3—Church Epistles 302
3—OT Prophets 302
3—Greek 302
3—Systematic Theology 302
3—Manners and Customs

15 Credit Hours

Fourth Year

(Bachelors Degree BTh)

Fall Semester

3—English Composition 401
3—Systematic Theology 401
3—New Testament Survey
3—Book of Hebrews
3—Comparative Religions
15 Credit Hours

Spring Semester

3—English Composition 402
3—Systematic Theology 402
3—Old Testament Survey
3—Family Life
3—Pastoral Epistles
15 Credit Hours

Fifth Year

(Masters Degree ThM)

3—Eschatology
3—Book of Isaiah
3—Poetical Books
3—American Baptist History
3—The Pentateuch
15 Credit Hours

3—Book of Revelation
3—Book of Daniel
3—The Tabernacle
3—Biblical Counseling
3—Books of Joshua—Esther
15 Credit Hours

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NABI and Language Studies

The KJB (AV) is the definitive Word of God for English speaking Peoples. It is considered the final authority and is used in all references at or by NABI. This should not be interpreted as an indication that word studies in Hebrew and Greek are not profitable. They can deepen and broaden our understanding of Biblical teachings and should be used by those desirous of expanding and enriching their grasp and comprehension of the scriptures. Word studies should never be used to “correct” the KJB or to produce any doubt about its absolute reliability.

This statement was adapted from the book “Missions” by Roy Dearmore and embodies exactly how we feel, teach, and preach at NABI.