

STUDENT HANDBOOK



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The Southeast Louisiana Bible Institute (**SLBI**) was organized to bring specific and intensive training in ministry and service to Christ and His church to southeast Louisiana and the surrounding region. The simple biblical fact is we are given the same responsibility through God's word that the Apostle Paul gave as God's charge to the evangelist and preacher Timothy-

"You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." - **2 Timothy 2.1-2**

Understanding this commission from God's word has moved us to begin, in a very humble way, SLBI- a means by which we can entrust the precious message of Christ Jesus to others who through their commitment, desire, and training will have qualified themselves to teach others.

This school was made possible by the gracious actions of those men and women of the McDonough Bible Institute located in McDonough, Georgia.

It is our purpose through Southeast Louisiana Bible Institute to enhance the ministries of those men already involved in full-time supported or vocational supported ministry; to train men to begin a full time supported or vocational supported ministry; and, to promote the Scriptural maturity of those men and women seeking to become more involved in the spiritual life of their individual congregations.

SBLI offers an intensive and yet achievable 20 month program designed to equip workers for service in the Lord's church. For those looking for enhancement of an already active ministry the "twice-a-month" class schedule allows time for: ministry, family, and work while pursuing an Associate of Biblical Studies.

This training program will also prepare men who are beginning their ministry to move directly into the pulpit and it will allow our young men to get the training they need and get their "feet wet" for their future ministry.

Finally, this program of 20 very specific textual, growth, and ministry courses will aid in the promotion of the spiritual maturity of godly men and women to better equip them in service to Christ and His church.

SBLI also offers a continuation for biblical studies in the form of a 30 course (20 course plus 10 more courses) Advanced Certificate of Biblical Studies. And SBLI additionally offers a 40 course Bachelor of Biblical Studies program.

This handbook is designed to answer basic questions that a student of SLBI might have concerning personal character, academics, and a code of conduct.

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YOUR Responsibility to SLBI:

As students at SLBI, your responsibility to this school is to: faithfulness, effort and attitude. Your success in these matters will be determined in a large part by your ability to be a self-starter.

- **Faithfulness** to the covenant you entered into with God the Father through God the Son. **Faithfulness** to the word of God as the truth. **Faithfulness** to your promise in Christ to exhibit a Christ-like nature in all matters.
- Making every **effort** necessary to meet all requirements of faithfulness. Putting forth all spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional **effort** needed to accomplish all the goals set both SLBI and personal.
- The primary **attitude** must be that of a servant. "Your **attitude** should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." It is an **attitude** of good stewardship in all the blessings and individual gifts God has given each of you.

OUR Commitment to the STUDENTS:

I. A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

The only emphasis of SLBI is the training of men and women in the foundations of faith as established in God's word, the Bible, and God's word only. We commit to our students a desire to ground them in the principles that are sound doctrine. The foundation of this commitment to biblical teaching is that there is instruction, correction and training that leads to understanding and to a knowledge of and an acknowledgement that- there is truth, the truth of God's word.

II. PRAYER

We at SLBI will raise up the concerns, needs and obligations of our students in prayer. Our attitude will be one of constant prayer for all involved in this work. It is our commitment to be "always wrestling in prayer for you". We are well aware of the limitations of our abilities and your capabilities and that both are only realized under biblical principles such as those expressed as- "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

III. RELATIONSHIP

As a school set to become a community of geographically diverse believers, SLBI strives to be a family in which training and discipleship are developed into relationships. We desire that all involved: instructors, administrators, and locally fully supported preachers all come together in the classroom to be mentors and models to our students, as well as continual students themselves. Our goal is to demonstrate to our students the ministry of ministry through the equipping of disciples for service in the kingdom by building relationships with God, with each other and with the lost.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Southeast Louisiana Bible Institute does not discriminate on the basis of race or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, or any other school-administered programs.

INSTITUTE POLICIES

Academic

- All curriculum and standards for that curriculum is set by McDonough Bible Institute, 400 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, Georgia.
- Students are expected to enroll in the courses offered, for the time offered and in the order they are offered. An individual must receive permission granted thirty days in advance of the next course scheduled from MBI to make changes to their course schedule.
- A separate course track will be established for male and female students as concerning specific "preaching" courses.
- Babies up to six months of age will be allowed in the classroom. Nursing mothers must accommodate their child in a separate and private room provided for them by the school. There are no accommodations for day care at the school.
- All course registration must be completed; all course fees must be paid; and, all course books must be purchased prior to the beginning time of each course on the first day of class.
- All grades will be determined by MBI and the individual course instructor. All final grades will be determined by a percentage of all or any one of the following (as determined by the instructor in his syllabus): reports (written and oral), exams, notebooks, memory work, class participation, class attendance, and/or readings. All classes will be determined on a pass or fail system. No "incompletes" or "incomplete grade" will be given.
- Every student enrolled in each course for credit or audit is expected to attend every class for which they are registered. All students are expected to be present on time for each class as it begins and for returning on time at each break.
- All class work is to be turned in at the beginning of each class (either Friday or Saturday) as determined by the instructor.
- Transfer of credit courses from other institutions is at the sole discretion of the Academic Dean of MBI. The proper forms must be submitted no later than six months prior to graduation.
- Course schedules consist of two weekends per calendar month per course. Each weekend of each course consists of two (2) hours Friday and six (6) hours Saturday with at least one intervening weekend off then two (2) hours Friday and six (6) hours Saturday.

Calendar

- Each school year begins the second Friday in January and continues for 10 months until the tenth course for that calendar year is completed in October.
- Major national holidays and regional holidays during the school year (Jan ~ Oct) will be avoided for monthly course scheduling.
- As a part of a course requirement or as part of the mission of the Institute additional weekend activities in the form of Christian Service projects may be placed on the school calendar.

Personal Code of Conduct

- A dress code for all students has been established to reflect the faithfulness, effort and attitude of SLBI students. This dress code applies to audit as well as credit students.
 - **Male students** are to wear appropriate shirts. No suggestive, vulgar, or otherwise offensive writing or logos are to be worn on shirts or t-shirts (no tank tops). Shoes must be worn at all times in class and of a style that covers a majority of the foot. Shorts, cargo shorts and denim/blue jeans can be worn but all pants must be free of holes. Within reason casual or sportswear can be worn. At all times male students must keep their backsides covered and their personal underwear preference kept from public view (that includes when sitting). Belts are not required but highly advised as a means to meet dress code standards. Dress as you would for teaching a Bible class and no violation of the dress code should occur.
 - **Female students** are to wear appropriate and modest apparel. Dresses are always appropriate as long as they remain no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee. Female students may wear pants but hip-huggers and extremely low-rise pants are not allowed. Tops are to contain significant amounts of material to cover modestly and not be see-through. No halter tops, or spaghetti straps or low-neck tops are allowed in class. Flip-flops are the only foot wear not allowed in class.
- The personal behavior and demeanor of each student reflects directly upon the character and nature of Christ.
- **NO:** vulgarity, course joking, cheating, stealing, physical violence will be tolerated. Most will result in the removal of the student from SLBI for that course and the forfeiture of any and all course fees paid.
- There is no tobacco use allowed on school/church property.
- **NO WEAPONS ALLOWED IN CLASS.**
- Being in weekly attendance at a local congregation of the Lord's church is required.

