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INTRODUCTION

Willingdon School of Bible and Ministry (WSBM) exists to equip the people of God – head, heart, and hands – with the Word of God, helping them to know Jesus personally and to carry on His ministry.

Scripture is the very foundation of WSBM for it is the primary way we can know the God revealed therein. Moreover, through Scripture we learn what God cares about most in this world, and how we can best participate with Him, using our unique gifts for life and work in His Kingdom.

We have added the word “Ministry” to the school's title. Along with a continued focus on biblical studies, we also hope to equip the people of God for practical service in areas such as pastoral care and community outreach, for ministry both inside and outside the church family.

The psalmist said, “The entrance of your words gives light” (Ps. 119:130). We invite you into this learning community as we welcome together the light of God's Word into our hearts.



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IMPORTANT UPDATE

In-Person and Hybrid Courses

The WSBM courses this Fall will be either in-person or hybrid, depending on the individual course (see "COURSE DESCRIPTIONS" below).

A hybrid format means that on some evenings, classes will be in-person and on other evenings, classes will be online via Zoom (for students who receive the exemptions ahead of time from their hybrid course instructors, live streaming options will be made available). Class recordings will be provided by WSBM for a limited time to your class only. Your video and voice may appear in the recording if you use your camera/microphone.

Privacy Rights

If you do not wish for other students to see your video or hear your voice (whether live or on the recording), you can turn off your camera and/or mute your microphone.

If you do not wish to share your real name, you can use a pseudonym, provided that your instructor can identify you ahead of time.



course descriptions

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

WSBM 120 New Testament Panorama

October 14 – 16 (Intensive; in-person)
Thursday 7 – 9 PM | Friday 7 – 9 PM | Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM

This foundational course surveys the New Testament from beginning to end, giving an overview of the basic content and key themes of each book. Students will read through the entire New Testament over the course of two months.

WSBM 140 Christian Theology & Living

Mondays | October 4 – November 29 (8 classes; hybrid) | 7 – 9 PM

This foundational course introduces the core theological convictions of our church family (i.e., its lived theology) within the larger theological framework of kingship. Students will (1) develop a healthy approach to doing theology, (2) practice gaining a robust understanding of those who hold different theological convictions, (3) examine all the articles of the MB Confession of Faith and the key biblical texts that define these articles, and (4) reflect on the tangible impact of these convictions on the corporate and individual life of the Church.

WSBM 208 Isaiah: God IS Salvation

Wednesdays | October 6 – November 24 (8 classes; hybrid) | 7 – 9 PM

The name Isaiah means “the LORD saves,” and that phrase summarizes his message. Addressing a people on the brink of being overcome by a more powerful enemy, the prophet Isaiah urged them to trust in God, the one hope of salvation. His message called for both present and future hope, and looked forward to the coming Messiah. This course will focus on the “what,” “when,” “how” and “why” of Isaiah: his content, times, composition and purposes. Students will understand Isaiah’s prophecies in their historical context, learn about Hebrew prophetic writings and poetic composition, and see how the prophet points to the coming Messiah. Furthermore, we will consider the implications of Isaiah’s message for life in God’s kingdom today.

WSBM 302 Solution-Focused Pastoral Counselling

Tuesdays | October 5 – November 23 (8 classes; hybrid) | 7 – 9 PM

Some counselling requires advanced mental health or medical training to deliver. Most Christian counselling, though, lies within the realm of pastoral caregivers — lay and pastors. In most cases, solutions lie within the counselees themselves. The goal is healthy change, sooner rather than later, by helping the counselee see and work on their desired solution, aware of God’s activity already present in his or her life. The Holy Spirit transforms and empowers individuals to change into the person God wants them to be (2 Cor. 5:17). When that is the desire of the person, they are aware of God’s power at work in them. They can formulate the better situation they desire or the person they want to become, and biblically trained pastoral counsellors can help that desired future become present reality. Solution-focused pastoral counselling shifts the emphasis from the problem to the strengths, vision, and practical solutions that lie within the individual. This course will present an understanding of this counselling approach delineated by Dr. Charles Kollar. It will also give basic training in applying theory in practical, short-term sessions that help people get back on track in their marriage, family living and other aspects of living.

WSBM 351 God’s Mission in the 21st Century

Tuesdays | October 5 – November 23 (8 classes) | 7 – 9 PM

This course will provide an important theological framework about how the church of Jesus is on God’s mission to the whole world. Though the mission itself has not changed, even since OT times, the manner in which the church of Jesus carries out that mission has. We will examine some of the current situations in our global outreach which require a different approach and new strategies in the 21st century compared to the methods and practices in previous times. Issues such as refugees, innovations in technology, micro-finance practices, urban missions, reaching marginalized indigenous groups, short-term missions and other relevant areas of change and concern will be examined. The course is intended to provide practical ways in which to engage directly with God’s mission to the world.

WSBM 120 SP Panorama Del Nuevo Testamento

Fecha a ser determinada (Intensivo; en persona)

Este curso es un panorama de los libros del Nuevo Testamento que nos proporcionará una visión general del contenido básico de cada uno de los libros, así como también los temas más prominentes de cada uno de los Libros. Usted aprenderá cómo cada uno de los libros encajan en historia total del Nuevo Testamento. Nuestro deseo es que este curso inculque en usted el deseo de seguir estudiando de por vida el Nuevo Testamento para tener un mayor entendimiento y un amor más profundo por lo que Dios realizó a través de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

WSBM 202 SP Antiguo Testamento Libros Históricos (Josué a Ester)

Martes | Octubre 5 – Noviembre 23 (8 clases; híbrido) | 7 – 9 PM

Un estudio de los libros históricos del Antiguo Testamento, desde Josué hasta Ester, que ayudará al estudiante a entender el desarrollo de la historia del pueblo de Israel, y cómo Dios los usó para preparar el camino para la venida del Mesías.



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POLICIES

General Admission & Registration

1. Admission

Willingdon School of the Bible & Ministry (WSBM) is open to all who have reached the age of 16 (exceptions by permission). Registration is not restricted to those who attend Willingdon Church.

2. Registration

Registration for each term typically opens in August for the Fall term courses (Oct–Nov), in November for the Winter term courses (Jan–Mar), and in February for the Spring term courses (Apr–June). Actual registration dates and deadlines will be posted on the church service bulletin and the website at Willingdon.org/wsbm.

Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis prior to the registration deadline or until the class is full, whichever occurs first.

Students can register online at the WSBM website above (full payment of course fees is required to complete registration). Other registration arrangements must be discussed with the WSBM Administrative Assistant (wsbm@willingdon.org).

3. Credit/Audit

a. **Credit Students:** These are students who are attending classes and are taking the courses for credit. Credit students are required to successfully complete the assignments in the course syllabi to obtain credit for their work.

Students are free to work on the Certificate Program at their own pace.

b. **Audit Students:** These are students who are attending classes but are not taking the courses for credit. These students do not typically submit the work required in the course syllabi.

Church members and attendees who desire to take a course to be equipped, but don't want to work toward the Certificate Program are welcome to attend as audit students.

Students who wish to audit a course pay the same fees as credit students. Audited courses do not count toward graduation or course completion requirements for the Certificate Program.

4. Class Size

Normally there will be a minimum class size of 15 students. Maximum class size may be restricted by classroom availability.

Fees

1. Course Fee

All fees are charged in Canadian funds. The course tuition fee is currently \$125 per course, but is subject to periodic change. This fee includes instruction time and printed student materials, excluding textbooks, and is mandatory for all students (including auditors). Course tuition fees are subject to change.

Textbook costs will be charged in addition to course fees and will vary from course to course. Textbook costs are not covered by student subsidies.

2. Manner of Payment

To complete the course registration, the payment of course fees is required. Upon the successful completion of registration, the payment receipt will be sent via email.

Other financial arrangements must be discussed with the WSBM Administrative Assistant (wsbm@willington.org). Payment can be made in the following ways:

- To pay with debit card, visit the Church Office during office hours or the Resource Centre during weekend services.
- To pay by cheque, make the cheque payable to Willington Church. Mail in or drop it in the Church Office mail slot in a sealed envelope addressed to WSBM.
- To pay with cash, visit the Church Office or drop a sealed envelope in the Church Office mail slot addressed to WSBM. Do not mail cash.

3. Outstanding Account

The School maintains an account for each student. Students will not be permitted to register for courses if they have fees owing from a previous term. Any fee submitted will be used to clear the outstanding account first.

4. Refund

A full refund is available if a written request to withdraw from the course has been submitted to the WSBM Administrative Assistant one week prior to the start date of the class. You must receive a confirmation from the Admin. Assistant in order to receive a refund.

5. Tax Receipts

Since WSBM is not an accredited institution but a ministry of Willington Church, fees paid for courses are not eligible for income tax receipt purposes.

6. Student Financial Assistance

- Circumstances in life sometimes present financial stress into our lives, such as unemployment, limited pensions, illnesses, and so on. If a student is genuinely in a difficult or challenging situation but still desires to take a course, please contact wsbm@willingdon.org in confidence, stating the need.
- Student financial assistance can only be granted to a student in consultation with the WSBM Core Team and using the prescribed process.
- Subsidy will normally only be available for tuition costs. Textbooks must be purchased or borrowed from the Willingdon Church Library.

Academic Information

1. Course Workload

In addition to 2 lecture hours per course per week, credit students are expected to budget approx. 4 hours out of class per course per week. The minimum writing length (all the assignments combined) is 10–14 pages (double-spaced), which is 2,500–3,500 words (approx. 30 hours). These are exciting but also serious courses designed to call forth your best efforts.

2. Accreditation

WSBM is not officially accredited with any outside organization. The school exists to advance life-long learning and ministry investment.

3. Credit Transfer

Students seeking credit transfer to Columbia Bible College (or any other educational institution) must themselves initiate direct communication with the institution.

4. Course Attendance

Students are expected to attend all the scheduled classes. If, for some reason, students need to miss classes, they will need to contact the instructor ahead of time. Students will be required to catch up on missed classes by listening to the recording. Students are responsible to obtain any missing materials or notes from other students in the class. Arrangements must be made with the instructor prior to missing an exam.

5. Classroom Etiquette

Students are expected to remember that they are in an academic classroom. It is inappropriate to engage in conversations with classmates during class. Cell phones must be turned off. iPods/ Tablets/Smart phones are permitted if Bible software and word-processing programs are being used. Otherwise, please do not surf the net or check emails during class. Only students who have registered for a course are to be in attendance. The only exception is an “approved audit.” If the class is conducted via Zoom, students should turn the video on unless there is a good reason not to.

6. Extension Policy

The deadline for an assignment is considered to be part of the course requirements. Due to the additional workload for the instructor in grading late papers, and due to the school's intention to be fair to students who, often with considerable effort, submit their work on time, extensions for course work will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. A written request with reasons for extension should be directed to the instructor. If granted, the extension deadlines will be clearly established and will be final.

Extensions for course work are granted in cases where the student demonstrates there was an unforeseeable and unavoidable emergency. Emergencies considered as grounds for an extension typically include:

- Personal sickness or injury which prevents one from working
- Sickness, injury or death in the family which requires the student's attention
- Emotional or psychological crisis for which the student has sought professional help
- Unexpected increase in job responsibilities

7. Grade Changes

Students who wish to appeal for re-marking of their assignments must send a written request with reasons to the Instructor within one week of receipt of returned assignments. Students are advised to safe-keep all marked and returned assignments until a report card is issued.

8. Report Cards

Report cards are issued (usually by email) in a reasonable amount of time following the completion of each course. Due to faculty schedules, there may be delays in the time frame for issuing grade reports.

Students are responsible to appeal any error in grades and to bring to the WSBM Administrative Assistant's attention within one month following the issued report card. Grade changes are allowable for computational recording errors and must be corrected no later than one month after the date the report card was issued.

9. Course Withdrawal Policy

Students who undergo extreme hardship which was not of their causing, was beyond their ability to control, and prevented them from completing course requirements even if given an extension, may appeal for a Withdrawal from the course. If granted, a credit amount equal to the course fee will be recorded and applied towards the same course in the future. There are no refunds for textbooks.

10. Assignment Format (Citation & Style)

The default format for documentation of sources used and format of presentation for all the papers is MLA Style. The format guide is available at Willingdon.org/wsbm.

11. Academic Integrity

All students at WSBM are expected to hold to uncompromised academic integrity.

Plagiarism, whether intended or accidental, is an academic offense. In academic work, students are certainly expected to refer to and evaluate other people's works. Plagiarism unfortunately occurs when students' assignments fail to give credit to those from whom the students got certain ideas. In other words, students submitted the idea of another without reference to him/her (effectively claiming the credit that is due someone else and getting a grade for someone else's effort).

Therefore, whether students (1) directly quotes a source (i.e., "word for word" in its entirety or in its part), or (2) paraphrase in their own words the idea of another, they must keep track and provide a clear reference to the original source that they are indebted to (e.g., via footnotes).

Again, whether it was intended or not, plagiarism is a serious academic offense. Students are therefore expected to develop and exercise proper citation, a skill that is truly critical in academic work (please refer to the format guide at Willingdon.org/wsbm).

Using unauthorized aids of any sort in exams or assignments, completing work in unauthorized collaboration with others, or the unauthorized use of class recordings are all breaches of academic integrity.

The penalty for a lack of academic integrity may include a failing grade either in the assignment, examination or course, depending on the severity of the offense.

12. Academic Standards

Students must achieve at least a 60% grade to successfully complete a course. In order to graduate with the Certificate, any course taken and not completed must be repeated. Registration policies and procedures apply.

Students may appeal to the instructor if a course is not successfully completed, and at the discretion of the instructor, students may be granted the opportunity to re-submit a particular assignment.

13. Graduation Requirements and Procedures

The graduation ceremony date (typically May of each year) will be determined by the number of the potential graduates each year.

To be included in the graduation ceremony, students must do the following:

- Successfully complete all the courses of the study program. All final assignments must be completed and submitted at least 30 days prior to the ceremony.
- Settle all financial obligations with the School.

Privacy Policy

WSBM respects the privacy of all personal information relative to students. In our commitment to the privacy of personal information entrusted to us, we seek to be transparent and accountable with respect to the collection, use, disclosure and security of all personal information.

Personal information is collected solely for the purpose of providing necessary services in accordance with our mandate and to meet administrative requirements. The primary purposes for which personal information is collected are:

- Provision of educational services such as the offering of and promotion of courses and seminars.
- Management and development of student and constituency relationships in respect to our mandate.

WSBM does not sell, rent, loan or otherwise make available the personal information of its students. Disclosure of information to third parties is only made when necessary for the provision of services or compliance with legal requirements such as returns and reports to specific government agencies.

All personal information collected is kept in confidence. Employees are authorized to access only that information specific to their need in dealing with the execution of their official responsibilities.

WSBM seeks to maintain accurate and current personal information. The collection, storing and use of all personal information fall under specific protocols for purposes of security.



statement of faith

STATEMENT OF FAITH

(Based on the MB Confession of Faith)

1. God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- a. We believe in God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of this universe, who in His infinite wisdom and love planned the redemption of mankind and accomplished it through Jesus Christ.
- b. We believe in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, was crucified for our sins, rose from the dead and was exalted to the right hand of God.
- c. We believe in the Holy Spirit who effects redemption in the lives of those who believe in Christ. He convicts, guides, teaches, rebukes, indwells, empowers, comforts, intercedes, unites believers into one body, and glorifies Christ.

Gen. 1; Deut. 6:4-6; Ps. 139; Is. 40; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1, 18; 4:24; 15:26; Rom. 8:1-17, 26-27; 2 Cor. 3:17; 5:19; 13:14; Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Tim. 3:16; 6:15-16; Heb. 11:6; Jude 25.

2. The Revelation of God

We believe that God has made His power and deity known in creation. He revealed Himself also in word and deed in the Old Testament. He revealed Himself supremely and finally in the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. We believe that all Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are inspired by God as men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit. We accept the entire Bible to be without error in the original writings, the infallible Word of God and the final, complete and authoritative guide for the faith and life of Christian discipleship.

Ps. 19; 119:105; Lk. 24:27, 44; Rom. 1:18-23; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:16-21; Heb. 1:1-2; 8:5-13.

3. Man and Sin

We believe that man was created in the image of God, sinless and in fellowship with God, with a free will to make moral choices. By sinning he brought death upon the whole human race. As a consequence all people are sinful by nature, guilty before God and in need of forgiveness and restoration.

Gen. 1:27; 3:1-19; Mt. 19:13-15; Rom. 3:10-18; 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3.

4. Salvation by Grace

We believe that there is one God and Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ, who by His substitutionary death has redeemed humanity from the power of sin, death and eternal punishment. We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, and by faith alone. Those who repent receive forgiveness of sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit are born into the family of God, and, as faithful disciples, joyfully obey God's Word.

Acts 2:42, 46; Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-9; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 4:12; 9:15-28; 1 Jn. 1:9.

5. The Christian Life

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer and transforms every believer into the image of Christ and enables the believer to witness to their Lord in daily life. The Christian lives in fellowship with God and other believers and joins a local church at baptism. Every believer contributes to the building of the body of Christ with their material and spiritual gifts. By the means of grace provided by Christ, the believer seeks to grow to maturity as this is expressed particularly in the "fruit of the Spirit." Since every believer's body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" he

or she refrains from those things which harm the body and the mind. In striving for perfection the believers recognize their complete dependence on God and are constantly in need of His forgiving and cleansing grace.

Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 12:26; 15:4-5; Rom. 6; 8:9-16; 12; 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 2:1-4; 4:1-16; Tit. 2:11-14; Heb. 12:14; 1 Jn. 3:17-18.

6. The Church of Christ

We believe that the church was established through Christ's redemptive work in history, and that it is comprised of all who put their faith in Him and who are baptized by the Spirit into one body, regardless of nation, race or social class. Despite the diversity in congregations and denominations, the Holy Spirit creates unity among all the people of God. The local church is an association of baptized believers.

Mt. 18:15-35; Jn. 13:1-17; Jn. 17-21; Acts 2:38-44; 15:1-28; 1 Cor. 12-14; 2 Cor. 2:6-8; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:10-22; 5:21, 25-27; 1 Thes. 5:11, 14; 2 Thes. 3:6, 14-15; Rev. 5:9.

7. The Mission of the Church

We believe that the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation," and that the command to make disciples of all nations is the primary task of the church. Every member of the church is called to participate in the mission of the church as he/she is enabled by God's grace.

Mt. 2:23; 11:5; 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

8. The Christian Ministries

We believe that God through the Holy Spirit has endowed all His children with gifts for Christian ministries. All are called to use their gifts to build up the body of Christ and to glorify the Lord. Some members of the church are called to lead, to preach, to teach and to care for the church. For this reason, God gives some to be Elders and Pastors. The church commissions or ordains people for such ministries and loves, respects, and supports those who serve faithfully. Those in leadership are to live exemplary Christian lives.

Is. 6:1-10; Jer. 3:15; Acts 6:1-6; 20:28; 1 Cor. 12:1-31; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:1-10; 5:17-22; Tit. 1:5-9; 3:10; 1 Pet. 5:1-5.

9. Christian Baptism

We believe that Christians should be baptized in water upon confession of their faith in Christ. We practice baptism by immersion, although we receive into fellowship those who have been baptized on confession of their faith by another mode. By baptism a believer enters into the fellowship of the local church and commits him/herself to a life of discipleship and service.

Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:2-6; Col. 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 3:21.

10. The Lord's Supper

In preparation for the fellowship of the Lord's Supper, all believers examine themselves. All those who understand its meaning, confess Jesus Christ as Lord in word and life, are accountable to their congregation and are living in the right relationship with God and others are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Mt. 16:24; 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-32; Rev. 3:20.

11. Marriage and the Home

We believe that God instituted marriage. Marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. Believers who marry should have a common Christian commitment; a believer should not marry an unbeliever. We believe that divorce, and all sex outside of marriage constitutes a violation of God's intention for marriage. Christian parents should nurture their children through exemplary living, prayer, worship, instruction in God's Word, and godly discipline.

Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-24; Prov. 5:18-19; Mal. 2:13-16; Mt. 5:31-32; 19:4-9; 1 Cor. 7:10-11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:22-23; 6:4; Heb. 13:4.

12. The Lord's Day and Work

We believe that God has called us to work and that work is honourable. However, the Christian also needs to have time for worship, instruction in the faith and fellowship. Therefore, following the example of the New Testament Church, we set aside one day a week for spiritual upbuilding and limit our labours on that day to work of necessity and deeds of mercy.

Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-10; Mt. 6:33; Lk. 24:1-36; Acts 2:1; 20:7; Rom. 14:5-6; Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Heb. 10:23-25.

13. Christian Integrity

Christians are obligated to speak the truth at all times. As a witness to our integrity we affirm that we will tell the truth at all times in keeping with what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Also, we avoid holding membership in lodges and secret societies which may require an oath, or may otherwise conflict with allegiance to Christ and His church, but seek rather to foster fellowship among believers.

Mt. 5:33-37; 23:1-12; Jn. 18:19-23; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:6-13; Jas 5:12.

14. The State

We believe that God has instituted the state. Our chief concern and primary allegiance, however, is to Christ's kingdom. We pray for our government, respect those in authority, pay taxes, obey all laws not in conflict with the Word of God, and witness against corruption and injustice in society.

Mt. 22:17-21; Acts 4:19; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-6; 1 Pet. 2:13-14.

15. Love and Peace

We believe that Christians should live by the law of love and practice forgiveness of enemies as taught and exemplified by Jesus. We seek to be agents of reconciliation; our bond with other followers of Jesus transcends all racial, social, and national barriers. We view violence as contradictory to the new nature of the Christian. In times of national conscription or war, we will teach and encourage alternate service where possible.

Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 5:17-28, 38-45; Rom. 12:19-21; 13:8-10; 1 Pet. 2:19-23.

16. Christ's Final Triumph

We believe that God will some day bring His purposes to a final consummation. We believe that Christ will return visibly, personally, and bodily. When Christ returns the dead in Christ will be raised bodily and together with the living believers they will be bodily transformed and they shall be forever with the Lord. In the end all evil powers will be defeated and whereas the ungodly shall suffer eternal punishment, the saints shall enjoy eternal bliss in the presence of God.

Is. 2:4; 61:1-11; Mt. 25:13, 31-46; Mk. 9:43-48; Lk. 16:22-23; Jn. 5:25-29; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:21-58; Phil. 1:21-24; 1 Thes. 4:16-17; Tit. 2:11-14; 2 Pet. 3:3-13; Rev. 1:15, 20-22.