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BIBLE COLLEGE

Equipping Leaders to Serve
Ephesians 4:7-16



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FROM THE PRESIDENT & FOUNDER



Greetings:

We are so glad that you have inquired about our school, Seraphim Ministries International Bible College (SMIBC). This catalogue was created to introduce to you what this amazingly affordable college has to offer.

In 2005, we started SMIBC as a non-degree bible institute, utilizing Evangelical Training Association (ETA). After researching many seminaries, colleges and institutes we were able to design several ministry related degree-offering programs that will meet a variety of ministry needs.

We are now available to offer students courses built upon carefully and prayerfully designed programs that cover a great deal of ministry needs. Browse through this catalogue and get to know us better. We look forward to helping you fulfill your educational goals and spiritual calling.

In Christ's Service,

Yolie Massenburg

Dr. Yolie Massenburg

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. God is the infinite personal Spirit, who has revealed Himself as a Trinity in unity, existing eternally as Father, Son, and Spirit—three persons and yet but one God.
2. The Bible, including both the Old and the New Testaments, is a divine revelation, the original autographs of which were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that the words were kept from error.
3. Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, which is to say, He Himself is God; He took upon Him our nature, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born to a virgin name Mary; He died upon the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the world; He arose from the dead in the body in which He was crucified; He ascended into heaven in that body glorified, where He is now, our interceding high priest; He will come again personally and visibly to set up His kingdom and to judge the quick and the dead.
4. Man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin, and in that sense is lost; this is true of all men, and except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God; salvation is by grace through faith in Christ who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24); the retribution of the wicked and unbelieving and the reward of the righteous are everlasting; and as the reward is conscious, so is the retribution.
5. The church is an elect company of believers baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body, each believer living his life in the power of the Holy Spirit; its mission being to witness concerning its Head, Jesus Christ, and teach and preach the gospel among all nations.
6. The entire program of Christian training is evangelical. It finds its reason for being, and its goal, in bringing the individual to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, in helping the Christian grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and in equipping Christians for more effective service. See Catalog for detail of Faith and Scriptures.

FACULTY Continued



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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Main Campus: SMI Bible College, 108 N. 7th Avenue,
Hopewell, VA 23860, (804) 458-7482

Chester Campus: Aspired Community Church, 11925 Cen-
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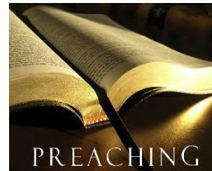
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Equipping Leaders to Serve

Committed for a lifetime of productive service...

Our bible institute is devoted to the purpose of training already-committed Believers for a lifetime of productive service to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Our courses are Bible-centered and our commitment is to provide spiritual growth for ministers, thereby preparing them for the work of the ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Equipping of the saints for the work of ministry...

Seraphim Ministries International Bible College was founded upon the goal to “equip the saints to do the work of the ministry,” as well as honor and recognize ministers for their labors with the main GOAL to DUPLICATE ourselves and the materials for the training of ministers, just as Jesus commanded us in Matthew 28:19-20, and as did the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2

So that the minister would live LIFE...

LIFE means Life In-Christ Fruitful Evangelism. We believe the quality of preparation for our students is far beyond that of most bible institute mainly because our materials deal with the personal growth of the minister, rather than just knowledge about the ministry, or just the message. In other words, our main objective is to prepare the minister so that he or she would live life In-Christ by reproducing themselves, rather than just preach it. This is the heart of SMIBC.

As part of this process, the accessibility of the curriculum is of utmost importance. Therefore, SMIBC makes courses available in several ways allowing you to choose the option that works best for you. These options are: On campus classes conducted in Petersburg, Virginia; satellite campuses are located in a variety of locales, (contact us about possible locations near you) and Distance Learning program. We offer a self-paced program that allows you to work within your schedule. We look forward to serving you.

SMIBC STAFF



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Bishop Claudine Lee, MS, BS

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY, DIVINITY OR THEOLOGY

Before entering into any doctoral program a potential scholar must have submitted and successfully completed the following:

- Must have an Earned Master's Degree
- Completed All Core Courses
- Pass Entrance Exam by 75%
- Submit three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Complete Pastor-Teach Program for 1 year or 3 Student-Teaching Courses

1. If accepted into a program, all requirements described above must be completed at SMIBC or other Christian School.
2. Students must complete all academic requirements (September – June) 44 credit hours
3. Candidates must teach for one year in one (or 3 courses) of SMIBC programs (September – August) 12-20 credit hours or 3-5 courses (determined after advisement).

Note 1: If Student has not completed Core Courses he/she must complete those courses in addition to required courses, i.e. Old & New Testament, (2) Theology Course (2) Spiritual Growth Course (1) Christians Counselling (2) Ministry Leadership Course and How to Write a Research Paper Course.

Note 2: In order to receive a Doctorate in Ministry, Divinity, or Theology, a student must have a minimum of sixty (60) hours, have an earned Master's Degree and completed the Core Courses.

Note 3: A dissertation/defense are required for this degree, please see the dissertation package. (8 Credit Hours)

Note 4: Students have up to ten (10) years to complete their studies.

Total of 60 Hours



The name Seraphim was adopted based on Isaiah 6, whereby the seraphim purged the prophet Isaiah's lips with hot coal from the altar as a form of atonement for Isaiah's sins, so that he may be the mouthpiece for God, speaking to a harden-hearted people. Dr. Yolie Massenburg believes that all Believers have a divine purpose in Christ and in order to walk out each one's mission learning the Word of God is essential. Like the hot coal the Word of God purges, proving what is needed to equip Leaders/Believers for work in ministry.

Seraphim Ministries International Bible Institute (now Bible College) was established September 2005 in Petersburg, Virginia. SMIBC existed as a non-degree granting school of adult education, primarily for lay people and ministers, designed to provide advanced training and equipping in biblical and doctrinal studies, ministry skills and leadership skills so they may be prepared to do the "work of the ministry." Establishing Bible classes for individuals interested in spiritual growth, Bible application and works in ministry.

In August 2012, Seraphim Ministries International Bible Institute acquired accreditation through the World-Wide Accrediting Commission located in Richmond, Virginia. Officially, Seraphim Ministries International Bible Institute is established as a degree offering institute where Bachelor, Master and Doctorate Degrees can be obtained by students after course work is completed.

SMIBC also offer workshops and leadership seminars to better equip men and women in ministry and discipleship. SMIBC is exempt is a religious institute exempt from state regulation and oversight in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ABOUT ACREDITATION

Seraphim Ministries International Bible College (SMIBC) is a 501c3 not-for-profit religious institute and is affiliated with no denomination.

Our accreditation is with the World Wide Accrediting Commission (WWAC) of Richmond, Virginia. The WWAC is an accrediting commission which holds as its primary objective the encouragement and maintenance of sound scholarship and the highest academic achievement in the areas of private education.

Quality education is the goal at all times. Its purpose is the establishment of quality education in private schools, colleges, and theological seminaries. It is a non-governmental body and makes no claim to be connected with the government.

The purpose of accreditation is to:

1. Certify that an institution has met established standards of excellence,
2. Assist prospective students in identifying reputable institutions which offer degree programs that will meet their needs and goals.
3. Allow institutions to evaluate the acceptability of transfer credits into their own curricular programs.

Applicants for admission to SMIBC are considered without regard to sex, age, color, or national origin. Each prospective student will be assessed according to his or her academic background.



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All degrees of Seraphim Ministries International Bible College are of an ecclesiastical nature, and whether granted or conferred, are in the restricted area of religion with the special purpose of preparing persons to work in the area of religion, whether educational or ministerial; they are not designed to be used in general academic circles.

Transferability of credits earned at Seraphim Ministries International Bible College and transferred to another institution is at the discretion of the receiving institution. The degree programs of this bible institute are designed solely for religious vocations.

MASTER OF MINISTRY/DIVINITY/ THEOLOGY

Requirements:

Student-Teaching Practicum (4 credits, must teach Bachelor's Level Courses)

The Master's Level is a high intense program that requires students to keep up with the reading assignments, homework, and in classroom participation. This program totals 60 credit hours. Students must have a Bachelor's Degree in any subject. In addition, you must complete the required core courses that are not part of the accelerated program (see page 16).

Note 1: If a Student has not completed Core Courses he/she must complete those courses in addition to required courses, i.e. Old & New Testament, (2) Theology Course (2) Spiritual Growth Course (1) Christians Counselling (2) Ministry Leadership Course and How to Write a Research Paper Course.

Note 2: In order to receive a Master's degree in Ministry/Divinity/Theology must have a total of 60 hours.

Note 3: In addition to the above prescribed course of study, in order to receive a Master's degree, the student is required to submit a thesis, in APA form consisting of ten (10) outside sources. The thesis must have minimum of seventy-five (75) and a maximum of ninety (90) typewritten (double-spaced) pages (the topic for the thesis MUST be pre-approved by the Academic Dean of SMIBC) or, submit an equivalent project that has been pre-approved by the Academic Dean. (Final Project 4 Credit Hours)

Total of 60 Hours

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

Core Courses:

Old Testament

New Testament

(2) Theology Course

(2) Spiritual Growth Course

(1) Christians Counselling

(2) Christian Education Courses

(2) Ministry Leadership Course

WR 0201 How to Write a Research Paper Course

WR 0301 Principles of Writing

(1) Elective

Ministry Practicum

These programs are designed to allow students to earn a degree in a shorter period of time than if they enrolled in a traditional program.

The Bachelor's Level high program is a normal paced program that requires students to maintain reading assignments, homework, and in classroom participation. This program totals 60 credit hours. Students must have at least an Associate Degree or 30 credit hours toward a Bachelor's Degree. In addition, you must complete the required core courses. (see above). Students with ministry experience are also permitted into this program.

Note 1: If the student has not taken all of the thirty (30) hours of general studies courses and the practicum, he or she must take the ones missing in addition to the above required courses.

Note 2: A Bachelor's degree in Ministry requires 120 hours.

Note 3: In addition to the above prescribed course of study, in order to receive a Bachelor Degree in Ministry, the student is required to submit a research paper, in APA form consisting of five (5) outside sources. The thesis must have minimum of twenty-five (25) and a maximum of thirty (30) typewritten (double-spaced) pages.

The topic for the thesis MUST be pre-approved by the Academic

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSION POLICY

APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION are considered without regard to sex, age, color, national or ethnic origin. All individuals who desire to increase their knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ are accepted. Each prospective student will be assessed according to academic background and life experience, including military service. An individualized program of study is then set up to meet his or her personal training needs.

APPLICATION POLICIES

Applicants for admission to Seraphim Ministries International Bible College are considered without regard to sex, age, color, or national origin. Each prospective student will be assessed according to his or her academic background.

An application must be made on the official form furnished by the admissions office. A copy is available in this catalogue. Once the admissions office receives an application, along with the appropriate fees and official transcripts of all earned credit, the applicant will be evaluated to determine his or her academic needs by the Academic Dean of SMIBC. The Admissions Office will then notify the student by mail, regarding acceptance and credits needed for a degree. Once applicants have received official notice that they have been accepted as students, and their evaluation is complete; they may begin registering courses. Courses may be taken at SMIBC or any Facilitator location.

DISMISSAL & RE-ADMISSION POLICIES

SMIBC reserves the right at any time to place on probation, suspend, or dismiss a student whose academic standing, financial obligations, progress, or conduct is not deemed as satisfactory by the administration. If a student has been "inactive" for a period of one year or longer, he or she will no longer fall under the "grandfather" clause for subsequent degree plans. All curriculum and financial degree plans will be established as per the current guidelines for the current year; however, the application fee will be waived. Re-admission is not to be expected after a dismissal. However, a student is free to re-apply through the office of admissions for student status at any time. His or her re-admission will be subject to the written approval of the president.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENTS

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REPEATING A COURSE

Students may request and obtain permission to retake an exam if the grade was below a "C". If students receive a failing grade for the course, they must retake

SMIBC Degree Programs

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

- Th 3043 Old Testament Survey
- TH 3053 New Testament Survey
- TH 3003 Systematic Theology I
- Th 3013 Intro to Greek & Hebrew
- CC 3000 Introduction to Biblical Counseling
- CC 3003 Faith and Life
- CE 3000 Introducing Christian Education I
- CE 3003 Introducing Christian Education II
- MN 3000 Introduction to Youth Ministry
- MN 3003 Leadership 101
- DV 3053 Ministering In The Power Of The Holy Spirit
- WR 0201 How to Write a Research Paper Course
- WR 0301 Principles of Writing
- (1) Electives
- MN 3099 Ministry Practicum
- MN 3100 Research Paper (25 pages—APA Style)

Total of 120 Hours (60 Hours with an Associates Degree)

MASTER OF DIVINITY

- DV 5000 Celebration of Discipline, Special Anniversary Edition: The Path to Spiritual Growth
- DV 5063 The Principles and Power of Vision
- DV 5023 Personal Evangelism: Learning God's Plan and Purpose For You Through Witnessing
- DV 5053 Mind Manipulation
- DV 5043 Professional Spiritual and Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook
- CC 5023 Challenging Issues in Biblical Counseling
- CC 5033 Emerging Issues in Biblical Counseling
- WR 0201 How to Write A Research Paper
- WR 0301 Principles of Writing
- (5) Electives
- DV 5099 Practicum—Student Teaching
- DV 5100 Thesis (75 pages—APA Style)

CONTRIBUTIONS/FEEES

Evaluation/Registration Fee	\$25.00 Nonrefundable
Doctoral Program Entry Exam	\$25.00 Nonrefundable
Tuition Fees per Credit Hour	\$34.00 (4 credits \$135.00)
Material Fees	\$25.00 - 50.00
Coop Churches/PTP	25% Discount
Non-Degree Program	Free
Doctoral Program	\$1000.00 per year

GRADUATION FEES	Regular	CC/PTP Disc. 25%	Senior Disc.
Bachelor degree	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Master degree	\$250.00	\$190.00	\$125.00
Doctoral degree	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$150.00
Certificate or Diploma Program	\$150.00		



Special Contribution Plans (Monthly Giving Available)

Academic Calendar 2021 –22

FALL SEMESTER 2021

June 1, 2018 – Sept 1, 2021: Registration for Classes

August 30: Classes Begin

November 24-26: Thanksgiving Break

November 30, 2020: Abstracts are due.

December 17: Classes End

December 24 – January 3, 2022: Faculty Holiday

December 24 – January 3, 2022: College Closed

SPRING SEMESTER 2022

Dec 1, 2021 – Jan 3, 2022: Registration for Classes

January 4: Classes Begin

April 11—15: No Classes Victory Week/Passover

April 30: Spring Classes End

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

April 1- May 9, 2022: Registration for Classes

May 9, 2022: Summer Classes Begin

June 30: Classes End (all tuition contributions ends.)

July 1, 2022: Graduation Fee Due

August 21, 2022: Graduation Ceremony (Commencement)
(Sunday @ 4:00 PM)

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MASTER OF MINISTRY

DV 5000 Celebration of Discipline, Special Anniversary
Edition: The Path to Spiritual Growth
DV 5063 The Principles and Power of Vision
CE 5003 Education in the Truth
CE 5013 Dialogical Learning
DV 5083 Mission Addiction
DV 5093 OMG: A Youth Ministry Handbook (Youth and
Theology)
CE 5013 Gaining Spiritual Truth for Godly Living
WR 0201 How to Write A Research Paper
WR 0301 Principles of Writing
(5) Electives
CE 5099 Practicum—Student Teaching
CE 5100 Thesis (75 pages—APA Style)

Total of 60 Hours

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

TH 3023 Hermeneutics Pt 1
TH 3083 Homiletics & Pedagogy
TH 5000 The Gospel & The Kingdom
TH 5003 Systematic Theology II
TH 5023 Hermeneutics Pt 2
TH 5033 Redemption & Salvation
TH 5043 Angels & Demons
WR 0201 How to Write A Research Paper
WR 0301 Principles of Writing
(5) Elective
TH 5099 Ministry Practicum
TH 5100 Thesis (75 pages—APA Style)

Total of 60 Hours

All Courses are 2-4 credit hours and last 6 to 8 weeks long.

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SMIBC Degree Programs (Continued)

DOCTORATE OF DIVINITY

- DV 7000 Celebration of Discipline, Special Anniversary
Edition: The Path to Spiritual Growth
DV 7063 The Principles and Power of Vision
DV 7033 Spiritual Warfare for Every Christian
DV 7053 Mind Manipulation
DV 7043 Professional Spiritual and Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook
CC 7023 Challenging Issues in Biblical Counseling
CC 7033 Emerging Issues in Biblical Counseling
WR 0201 How to Write A Research Paper
WR 0301 Principles of Writing
(2) Elective
(3) CE 7099 Student Teaching
DV 7100 Dissertation (125 pages—APA Style)
DV 7103 Defense

Total of 60 Hours

DOCTORATE OF THEOLOGY

- TH 7000 The Sermon on The Mount
TH 7003 Systematic Theology III
TH 7013 The Holy Spirit
TH 7063 Ministry to The Poor
TH 7073 Spiritual Warfare
TH 7083 World Religions
WR 0201 How to Write A Research Paper
WR 0301 Principles of Writing
(3) Elective
(3) CE 7099 Student Teaching
TH 7100 Dissertation (125 pages—APA Style)
TH 7103 Defense

Total of 60 Hours

All Courses are 2-4 credit hours and last 6 to 8 weeks long.

Academic Calendar 2020 –21

FALL SEMESTER 2020

- June 1, 2018 – Sept 1, 2020:** Registration for Classes
August 31: Classes Begin
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break
November 30, 2020: Abstracts are due.
December 18: Classes End
December 24 – January 3, 2020: Faculty Holiday
December 24 – January 3, 2020: College Closed

SPRING SEMESTER 2021

- Dec 1, 2020 – Jan 4, 2021:** Registration for Classes
January 4: Classes Begin
March 28-April 4: No Classes Victory Week/Passover
April 30: Spring Classes End

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

- April 1- May 10, 2021:** Registration for Classes
May 10, 2021: Summer Classes Begin
June 30: Classes End (all tuition contributions ends.)
July 1, 2021: Graduation Fee Due
August 22, 2021: Graduation Ceremony (Commencement)
(Sunday @ 4:00 PM)



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Distance Learning

Correspondence Program

1. Students can register for Correspondence Courses by selecting a course(s) from our catalog. Core Courses must be approved by the dean.
2. Students must purchase the assigned book(s).
3. An Instructor will be designated to each student.
4. The Instructor will send course instructions by postal service or email.
5. Students must send their assignments by either postal service or email weekly.
6. Assignment Requirements:
 - a. Outline each chapter assigned for the week.
 - b. Answer any questions at the end of each chapter or write 500 words or less summary of the lesson and your thoughts about the writer's view(s).
 - c. A Mid-term Exam and Final Exam will be sent to each student for completion.
 - d. Any assignments not received within 3 days of due date will receive a zero.
7. Instructors may be contacted for questions by telephone or email, they will respond within 24 hours of your contact.
8. Course work must be completed within a semester.

On-line Program

1. Students can register for On-line Courses.
2. Students must purchase the assigned book(s) either hard copy or eBook.
3. An Instructor will meet with you On-line weekly at a designated time.
4. The Instructor may also leave an assignment without meeting.
5. Students must complete each assignment by the due date or receive a zero.
6. Assignment Requirements:
 - a. Outline each chapter assigned for the week for discussion.
 - b. Answer any questions at the end of each chapter or write 500 words or less summary of the lesson and your thoughts about the writer's view(s).
 - c. A Mid-term Exam and Final Exam will be taken as instructed.

CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY

- Completed Core Courses
- 1-2 Credit Courses
- No Research Paper Required

Total of 30/60 Credits (Non-Degree Program)

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY/MINISTRY/ THEOLOGY

- Completed Core Courses
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Doctoral Entrance Exam
- Complete Pastor-Teaching Program for 1 year or 3 Student Teaching Courses
- A Dissertation and Defense are required for these degrees.

Descriptions of offered courses for 2020-2022 are listed on our website: www.degrees.SMILife.org.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade Numerical Value Quality Points

GRADE	NUMERICAL VALUE	GRADE POINTS
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	3.7
A-	90-92	3.5
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
F	Below 63	0.0