

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you so much for your interest in SureWord Baptist College, a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church of Dundalk, Maryland. We are thrilled that you have a desire to learn more about the Word of God and to prepare for whatever work God has called you to do. Whether you are called to preach, surrendered to missions, or simply a church member with a desire to know more, I am confident that SureWord Baptist College will be a tremendous help in your preparation for ministry.

This is our very first year of Bible College, and we would be honored to have a part in helping equip you for the work of God. The classes have been carefully selected to give each student a solid start to their Bible training. We trust you are as excited about taking these classes as we are about teaching them!

Please read carefully the following pages that contain the basic information for getting started. You will find an Application Form, along with everything you need to know about tuition, the faculty and the schedule of classes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us or email us.

Thank you again for your desire to learn and prepare for ministry. We look forward to hearing back from you!

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

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**Pastor Stacey Shiflett** 

# SUREWORD BAPTIST COLLEGE INFORMATION

Fall Semester 2023

## **SCHEDULE**

Fall Semester is 15 weeks.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, Fall Semester dates: September 11 – December 19 Special Events already on the schedule during the Semester:

- October 16, 17 Calvary Baptist Jubilee morning service attendance encouraged, and evening service attendance required for credit.
- November 21 Community Thanksgiving Service participation required for credit.

Credit will be given for these events if you are in attendance.

#### **Important Dates of First Semester**

- September 10 (following Sunday night service) Orientation (required attendance for all students)
- September 11 Classes Begin
- October 30, 31 Midterm Exams
- December 18, 19 Final Exams

### **CLASSES**

Each Credit hour will be a 50-minute session. Classes will not be available online.

Monday: 6-8 PM – Life of Christ – Bro. Caleb Kasprzyk – 2 Credit Hours Monday 8-10 PM – Bible Doctrines 1 – Pastor Shiflett – 2 Credit Hours

Tuesday: 6-8 PM – Personal Evangelism – Bro. Brian Birner – 2 Credit Hours Tuesday 8-10 PM – Church Leadership – Pastor Shiflett – 2 Credit Hours

Thursday: 6-8 PM – Baptist Church History – Bro. Carlo Leto – 2 Credit Hours Thursday: 6 PM – The Christian Home – Mrs. Grace Shiflett – 1 Credit Hour (Ladies Only) Thursday: 7 PM – Christian Ministry – Mrs. Marsha Leto – 1 Credit Hour (Ladies Only) Thursday: 8-9 PM - New Testament Survey – Bro. James Leeder – 2 Credit Hours

### **FINANCIAL**

The cost is \$75 to enroll and \$100 per credit hour for each semester. If you take a full load all three nights, the total is \$1200 per semester. You will qualify for a 10% discount if you pay for your entire semester up front. Tuition can be paid in 4 installments. To set up a payment plan, please communicate with the admissions office: info@surewordbaptistcollege.org

### **Payment Plan:**

- \$75 Enrollment Fee Due September 4
- First Payment Due: September 25
- Second Payment Due: October 30
- Third Payment Due: November 27
- Fourth Payment Due: December 14

If you drop out after enrollment, there will be no refund of the \$75 enrollment fee. Refunds will not be given if you drop out after partial tuition payment is made. You will not be allowed to take the Final Exam until all payments are current. Enrollment fee does not cover the cost of the Textbooks.

Textbooks will be available in the church bookstore once they arrive.

Auditing courses (attending classes without paying tuition) is not an option.

## **CREDITS**

You cannot miss more than a maximum of 3 classes in a semester to receive credit. If you are more than 15 minutes late, it will be counted as an absence.

To receive credit, you will have to:

- 1. Attend the classes
- 2. Receive a passing grade of 70% on the class.
- 3. Complete all assignments (reports, papers, etc.)
- 4. Pass your Final Exam
- 5. Make up all missed work due to sickness or absence.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

A - 90-100; B - 80-89; C - 70-79; Anything below a 70 is failing. Your grade will be determined by the following formula:

> Exams, Pop Quizzes, and Tests – 50% Written Assignments – 30% Scripture Memorization – 20%

DRESS CODE

Both men and ladies should dress in a conservative, business-like manner for all classes and church services. Men: Shirt and Tie (no jacket required) (no denim, athletic wear, T-shirts, shorts, flip flops, etc.) Ladies: Modest dress or skirt. (Please no denim, flip-flops, T-shirts, athletic wear)

### **CLASSROOM CONDUCT**

Phones must be off. No taking/making phone calls, texting, surfing the internet, games, etc. during classes. Laptops/iPads may be used for notetaking, but not for anything else during the class. Maintain an attitude of decorum and respect at all times.

Please be on time. Classes will start and end promptly according to the schedule.

Out of respect for the teacher, please notify them via text or phone call if you will miss the class.

Please remember that being a student at SureWord Baptist College is a privilege, not a right.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

### Fall Semester 2023

#### Life of Christ - 2 credit hours

#### Teacher: Caleb Kasprzyk, Monday 6-8PM

This class is a two-hour class and will deal with the life, ministry, teachings, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

#### Bible Doctrine – 2 credit hours

#### Teacher: Stacey Shiflett, Monday 8-10PM

This class is a two-hour class and will deal with apologetics. This class will deal with all the fundamental doctrines of the Bible and will be taught in every semester of all three years.

#### Personal Evangelism - 2 credit hours

#### Teacher: Brian Birner, Tuesday 6-8PM

This class will be a step-by-step guide to soulwinning and will teach on the importance of evangelism. Classes will deal with how to lead a person to Christ using a variety of Scriptures and how to deal with them regardless of their religious background.

#### **Church Leadership** – 2 credit hours

#### Teacher: Stacey Shiflett, Tuesday 8-10PM

This class will deal with the importance of being a leader, what it means to be an example, understanding and assisting the vision of the pastor, ministry philosophy, and how to maximize your influence for God's honor and glory in your local church.

#### Baptist Church History - 2 credit hours

#### Teacher: Carlo Leto, Thursday 6-10PM

This class will deal with the origin and heritage of the Baptist faith, follow their path through the last 2,000 years and will also deal with Baptist Distinctives.

### New Testament Survey - 2 credit hours

#### Teacher: James Leeder, Thursday 8-10 PM

This class will be a basic survey of all 27 books of the New Testament. You will learn about the author, the date, who it was written to, and why it was written. It will also highlight the key themes, verses, words and thoughts in each book.

### Christian Home - 1 credit hour

#### Teacher: Grace Shiflett, Thursday 6-7PM

This class is for Ladies only, and will deal with many topics pertaining to the Christian Home, including courtship, marriage, child training and creating a godly home atmosphere.

#### Christian Ministry - 1 credit hour

### Teacher: Marsha Leto, Thursday 7-8PM

This class will be a tremendous help to those with a heart for ministry. After 30 years of being a pastor's wife, serving in her local church and school ministries, Sister Leto's experience and wisdom will be invaluable. This class will deal with having a heart for ministry, facing the challenges and problems that come, and how to serve the Lord with Joy.

### FACULTY BIO



#### Stacey Shiflett - Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor Shiflett was saved 1976 at the age of four. He grew up in a preacher's home, serving with his parents in Samoa and Hawaii during the '80's. He accepted the call to preach in the summer of 1993. He served with his family in South Africa, then in South Carolina. He has been the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Dundalk, Maryland since the summer of 2014.

#### Grace Shiflett - Pastor Shiflett's Wife

Mrs. Grace Shiflett was saved at the age of 7 and was raised in a pastor's home her whole life. She and Pastor Shiflett have been married since 1995. She has served for over twenty years with her husband in South Africa as a missionary and a pastor's wife. She has raised five children who are all involved in ministry. She brings a lifetime of ministry and godly wisdom to the classroom.



#### Carlo Leto - Administrator of SureWord Baptist College

Bro. Leto was saved in 1973, surrendered to preach in 1974 and graduated from Bible College in 1988. He started a church and served in several different churches in Florida in the 90's and pastored in Salisbury, Maryland for the last 17 years. He and his wife, Marsha joined the staff of Calvary Baptist Church in 2023.

#### Marsha Leto - Administrator's Wife

Mrs. Leto was saved as a child and surrendered to Christian service at an early age. She graduated from Bible College in 1990 and has been married to Bro. Leto since 1989. She has been a faithful pastor's wife and has served along with him in the ministry for over 30 years.



#### James Leeder - Associate Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church

Bro. James Leeder was saved in 2002. He surrendered to preach that same year and graduated from Bible College in 2005. He has served as Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church since 2020.



**Caleb Kasprzyk** - Assistant Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church Bro. Caleb Kasprzyk was saved in 2001 and surrendered to preach in 2004. He graduated from Bible College in 2015 and served as an assistant pastor in California before coming to Calvary Baptist Church in 2016.



#### Brian Birner - Assistant Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church

Bro. Brian Birner was saved in 1999 and surrendered to preach in 2001. He served as a missionary to the seamen in the ports of Baltimore for a number of years in the early 2000's and as a pastor in Wisconsin for nearly a decade. He has been on staff at Calvary Baptist Church since 2020.