

Church Adult Education Program and Checklist

Organized by Catalog Numbers

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Adult courses are offered in a three-level core curriculum that periodically provides additional electives. Elective offerings which are not repeated, e.g., classes examining Biblical and theological implications of an extraordinary contemporary event, such as 9/11, are not listed, though their subject matter content is incorporated into existing courses. Occasionally courses are added, mostly in the Elective section, to address subjects of special current interest. In addition to providing an overview, the pages that follow serve as a handy checklist when courses are completed.

The three stages contain increasing levels of knowledge and wisdom, as indicated in the chart that follows. All courses are open to anyone who wishes to attend; the course level distinctions aid learners in self-selection so they know what to expect, and guide teachers in their preparation and instruction. People with limited knowledge of the Bible, typically find the 100 level courses a helpful starting point. All are welcome, but not required, to consult with the Minister of Education concerning any assistance they desire pertaining to course selection.

The course offerings in this curriculum overview are designed to provide the essential, and supplementary but important, study of subjects that facilitate both the positional and progressive sanctification which will result in maturity in Christ. This equipping of God's people for ministry, and all that goes with it, is the main goal of the church's education program. (1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Ephesians 4:11-16)

Other churches and ministries are welcome to use this curriculum overview as is or as a guide to designing their own Christian education program to meet their needs. One caveat: This program was built over many years with the resources of a megachurch. In beginning a comparable church education ministry, keep the long-range perspective, and don't try to do everything at once or alone. Start with what you are able to do, and regularly add to it with prayer together with mature believers in Christ Jesus, who are committed to faithfully teaching God's Word. (2 Timothy 2:15 ff.)

Course Number	Level	Description
100	Basic	Introductory to the subject matter
200	Intermediate	Assumes some previous understanding of the subject; constitutes bulk of courses
300	Advanced	Designed to stimulate and challenge those who want an intensive study of the subject; some outside preparation may be involved
400	Elective	Examination of a subject of current interest

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✓	Catalog #	Title of Course	Level	(S) Sunday (M) Midweek
	ED-110	An Introduction to Bible Study	1	S
	ED-111	The Bethel Series Basic Class: Old Testament	1	S
	ED-112	The Bethel Series Basic Class: New Testament	1	S
	ED-113	Why We Believe the Bible Is The Word of God	1	S
	ED-114	Bible Digest	1	S
	ED-115	Major Themes of the Bible	1	S
	ED-116	Introduction to the Bible	1	S
	ED-117	Paul: An Introduction to the Apostle and His Letters	1	S
	ED-118	Christian Theology: For Parents of the Confirmation Class	1	S
	ED-119	Life's Great Questions	1	S
	ED-130	The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ	1	S
	ED-131	How to Be Sure of Your Salvation: A Study of 1 John	1	S
	ED-180	The Power of Effective Prayer	1	S
	ED-181	Living With Courage, Gratitude and Integrity	1	S
	ED-190	Biblical Guidelines for Fathers of Young Children	1	S
	ED-191	Biblical Guidelines for Fathers of Teens	1	S
	ED-192	Guidelines for Selecting a Marriage Partner	1	S
	ED-193	Growing Spiritually as a Family	1	S
	ED-194	Preparing Your Child and Yourself for Adolescence	1	S
	ED-195	Effective Discipline: Helping Your Child Become Responsible	1	S
	ED-196	Parenting Your Child as a Single Parent	1	S
	ED-197	How to Speak so Your Spouse Will Listen	1	S
	EDS-130	New Light on the Christmas Story	1	S
	EDS-131	The Book of Ruth	1	S
	EDS-160	The Early Church	1	S
	EDS-161	Worship in the Church	1	S
	EDS-162	The Meaning and Significance of Infant Baptism	1	S
	ED-110	Interpreting the Bible I	1	M
	ED-111	The Bethel Series Basic Class: Old Testament	1	M
	ED-112	The Bethel Series Basic Class: New Testament	1	M
	ED-113	Why We Believe the Bible Is the Word of God	1	M
	ED-114	Bible Digest	1	M
	ED-115	Major Themes of the Bible	1	M
	ED-116	Introduction to the Bible	1	M
	ED-117	Paul: An Introduction to the Apostle and His Letters	1	M
	ED-118	Christian Theology: For Parents of the Confirmation Class	1	M
	ED-119	Life's Great Questions	1	M
	ED-130	The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ	1	M
	ED-131	How to Be Sure of Your Salvation: A Study of 1 John	1	M
	ED-180	The Power of Effective Prayer	1	M
	ED-181	Living with Courage, Gratitude and Integrity	1	M
	ED-190	Biblical Guidelines for Fathers of Young Children	1	M
	ED-191	Biblical Guidelines for Fathers of Teens	1	M
	ED-192	Guidelines for Selecting a Marriage Partner	1	M
	ED-193	Growing Spiritually as a Family	1	M

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ED-194	Preparing Your Child and Yourself for Adolescence	1	M
ED-195	Effective Discipline: Helping Your Child Become Responsible	1	M
ED-196	Parenting Your Child as a Single Parent	1	M
ED-197	How to Speak so Your Spouse Will Listen	1	M
EDC-111	Basic Christianity	1	M
EDC-112	How Can I Know	1	M
EDC-130	A Study of the Apostles' Creed	1	M
EDC-160	Effective Witnessing for Christ	1	M
EDC-170	Biblical Ethics	1	M
PCD-170	Stephen Ministry Training	1	M
PCD-180	How to Be an Assertive Christian	1	M
PCD-181	The Art of Forgiving	1	M
EDC-180	Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity	1	M
EDC-181	Biblical Principles for Managing Money	1	M
PCD-190	Effective Communication in Relationships	1	M
EDC-190	Ups and Downs in Early Marriage: Building for the Long Haul	1	M
EDC-191	Overcoming Problems with Your Teenager: A Course for Expectant and Preschool Parents	1	M
EDC-192	The Child from Five to Eight: The Early Elementary Years	1	M
EDC-193	The Child from Nine to Twelve: The Later Elementary Years	1	M
EDC-194	Your Developing Toddler: The Child From Birth to Three	1	M
EDC-195	Your Developing Preschooler: The Child From Three to Five	1	M
EDC-196	Getting Them Through Adolescence: A Survival Guide for Parents	1	M
EDC-197	How to Help Your Child Say "No" to Sexual Pressure	1	M
EDC-198	Beyond Abstinence	1	M
EDC-199	Helping Your Teenager Plan for the Future	1	M
EDC-1990	Play: Key to Your Child's Competence	1	M
EDC-1991	The Christian Grandparent in the 21 st Century	1	M
EDC-1992	Caring for God's Children: Dealing with the Day Care Dilemma	1	M
EDC-1993	How to Talk So Your Teenager Will Listen	1	M
EDC-1994	Living with Children Who Are Adults	1	M
EDC-1995	Preparing Your Child for the Challenges of the College Campus	1	M
EDC-1996	Boundaries with Kids: Preschool Parents	1	M
EDC-1997	Boundaries with Kids: Early Elementary (5-8 years)	1	M
EDC-1998	Boundaries with Kids: Late Elementary (9-12 years)	1	M
EDC-1999	Boundaries with Kids: Teenagers	1	M
EDC-1999A	What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew About Men	1	M
ED-210	Interpreting the Bible	2	S
ED-211	Old Testament Survey	2	S
ED-212	How to Read and Interpret Biblical Prophecy	2	S
ED-213	Prophecy in the Old Testament	2	S
ED-214	Overview of the New Testament	2	S
ED-220	Decision-Making and the Will of God	2	S
ED-230	The Life and Teachings of Jesus	2	S
ED-234	The Events of Holy Week	2	S
ED-240	The Work of the Holy Spirit	2	S
ED-241	Identifying, Developing and Using Your Spiritual Gifts	2	S
ED-242	The Fruit of the Spirit	2	S
ED-270	Your Work Matters to God	2	S
ED-280	Preparing for Retirement	2	S

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ED-280	Preparing for Retirement	2	M
EDS-210	Understanding Genesis 1-24	2	S
EDS-211	Genesis 25-50: How God Leads and Directs in our Lives	2	S
EDS-212	Understanding Exodus 1-19	2	S
EDS-213	Understanding Exodus 20-40	2	S
EDS-214	The Kings and Chronicles of Israel	2	S
EDS-215	The Minor Prophets	2	S
EDS-216	The Book of Hosea	2	S
EDS-217	Today's Issues — Amos' Solution	2	S
EDS-218	The Apostle Peter and His Writings	2	S
EDS-219	Understanding the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah	2	S
EDS-220	Who is God and What is He Like?	2	S
EDS-221	Experiencing God	2	S
EDS-222	Understanding the Prophecy of Isaiah	2	S
EDS-223	The Holiness of God	2	S
EDS-230	How to have a Life that Really Matters: Studies in the Gospel by Matthew	2	S
EDS-231	Studies in the Gospel by Mark	2	S
EDS-232	Studies in the Gospel by Luke	2	S
EDS-233	The Majesty of Christ: The Gospel of John	2	S
EDS-234	Focus on Joy: A Study of the Book of Philippians	2	S
EDS-235	You Are Loved and Forgiven: A Study of Colossians	2	S
EDS-236	Understanding the Parables of Jesus	2	S
EDS-237	Understanding the Miracles of Jesus	2	S
EDS-250	The Psalms for Contemporary Christians	2	S
EDS-251	Practical Insights for Daily Living	2	S
EDS-252	The Letters of John	2	S
EDS-253	Understanding the People We Daily Encounter	2	S
EDS-254	Ecclesiastes: A Book for Our Times	2	S
EDS-260	The Church: Its Purpose, Power and Promise	2	S
EDS-261	The Pastoral Letters: I, II Timothy and Titus	2	S
EDS-262	Understanding the Letters of the Thessalonians	2	S
EDS-270	Understanding and Applying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount	2	S
EDS-290	Enriching Your Marriage Through Spiritual Growth and Nurture	2	S
ED-210	Interpreting the Bible II	2	M
ED-211	Old Testament Survey	2	M
ED-212	How to Read and Interpret Biblical Prophecy	2	M
ED-213	Prophecy in the Old Testament	2	M
ED-214	New Testament Survey	2	M
ED-220	Decision-Making and the Will of God	2	M
ED-230	The Life and Teachings of Jesus	2	M
ED-234	The Events of Holy Week	2	M
ED-240	The Work of the Holy Spirit	2	M
ED-241	Identifying, Developing and Using Your Spiritual Gifts	2	M
ED-242	The Fruit of the Spirit	2	M
ED-270	Your Work Matters to God	2	M
EDC-210	Archaeology of the Old Testament	2	M
EDC-211	Archaeology of the New Testament	2	M
EDC-212	God's Covenant With You: Studies in the Book of Deuteronomy	2	M
EDC-213	Tough Questions for Christians and Answers from the Bible	2	M
EDC-214	The Period Between the Old and New Testaments	2	M

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EDC-250	A Christian Response to Evil	2	M
EDC-260	The Church After Jesus' Resurrection	2	M
EDC-261	What Can We Learn from the Church in the Middle Ages?	2	M
EDC-262	The Church from the Reformation to the Present	2	M
EDC-263	The Church in America: From Columbus to the Present	2	M
MUC-261	History, Nature and Function of Music in the Church	2	M
PCD-270	Stephen Ministry Training	2	M
EDC-272	Making Ethical Decisions in Critical Life Issues	2	M
EDC-273	How the System Works: Using Governmental Channels for Christ	2	M
EDC-274	Resolving our Differences: Conflict Resolution by Biblical Principles	2	M
EDC-280	Faith Development in Early Adulthood	2	M
EDC-281	Faith Development in Middle Adulthood	2	M
EDC-282	Faith Development in Later Maturity	2	M
EDC-283	Overcoming Worries	2	M
EDC-284	Further Travels on the Path to Spiritual Growth	2	M
EDC-285	Cultivating the Presence of God: Lessons in Prayer	2	M
EDC-290	Male Leadership in Marriage and the Family	2	M
PCD-290	Understanding and Dealing with Adolescent Depression	2	M
EDC-291	To Love and To Cherish	2	M
PCD-291	Overcoming Parental Discouragement	2	M
EDC-293	Caring for Aging Parents	2	M
ED-310	Interpreting the Bible's Difficult Passages	3	S
ED-311	The Bible and the Future	3	S
ED-312	The Biblical Basis for a Christian Worldview	3	S
ED-313	Ekklesia	3	S
ED-320	Understanding the Book of Daniel	3	S
ED-360	World Missions Today	3	S
ED-361	Understanding the Book of Revelation	3	S
ED-362	Christianity and Islam: Comparisons and Contrasts	3	S
ED-363	The Bible and Islam	3	S
ED-364	Islam in the Coming New World Order	3	S
ED-365	The Bible and Hinduism	3	S
ED-380	An Effective Faith	3	S
EDS-311	Understanding the Book of Job	3	S
EDS-320	Understanding the Book of Romans	3	S
EDS-321	The Kingdom of God	3	S
EDS-330	Exploring the Book of Hebrews	3	S
EDS-332	Paul's Letter to the Galatians	3	S
EDS-360	Understanding Paul's Letters to the Ephesians	3	S
EDS-361	Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians	3	S
EDS-362	Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians	3	S
EDS-363	The Role and Function of Elder	3	S
EDS-370	Faith at Work: A Study of the Book of James	3	S
EDS-380	Keys to Effective Discipleship	3	S
ED-310	Interpreting the Bible's Difficult Passages	3	M
ED-311	The Bible and the Future	3	M
ED-312	The Biblical Basis for a Christian Worldview	3	M
ED-313	Ekklesia	3	M
ED-320	Understanding the Book of Daniel	3	M
ED-360	World Missions Today	3	M

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ED-361	Understanding the Book of Revelation	3	M
ED-362	Christianity and Islam: Comparisons and Contrasts	3	M
ED-363	The Bible and Islam	3	M
ED-364	Islam in the Coming New World Order	3	M
ED-365	The Bible and Hinduism	3	M
ED-380	An Effective Faith	3	M
EDC-310	The Bethel Series Advanced Class: The Old Testament	3	M
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EDC-330	Confessions and Creeds of the Historic Christian Church	3	M
EDC-331	Great Teachings of the Christian Church	3	M
EDC-360	Major World Religions	3	M
EDC-361	Non-Christian Cults	3	M
EDC-362	Witnessing to the Jehovah's Witnesses	3	M
EDC-363	Witnessing to the Mormons	3	M
EDC-364	The World of the Occult	3	M
EDC-365	Effective Small Group Leadership	3	M
EDC-366	Evangelicals and Catholics: Differences and Commonalities	3	M
EDC-367	Recognizing and Understanding Contemporary Manifestations of the New Age Movement	3	M
EDC-370	Values for the Future	3	M
PCD-370	Stephen Ministry: Small Group Supervision	3	M
PCD-371	Mental Health and Biblical Faith	3	M
EDC-380	Expanding the Horizons of Christian Spirituality	3	M
EDC-381	Coping with the Struggles of the Christian Life	3	M
EDC-382	Developing Wisdom and Skills for Christian Leadership	3	M
ED-460	Teaching God's Word	4	S
ED-460	Teaching God's Word	4	M
ED-470	Biblical Implications of Today's News	4	S
ED-471	Leadership and Management Principles in the Bible	4	S
ED-472	Biblical Principles for the Marketplace	4	S
EDS-410	Great Men and Women of the Bible	4	S
ED-480	Managing Chronic Pain	4	S
ED-470	Biblical Implications of Today's News	4	M
ED-471	Leadership and Management Principles in the Bible	4	M
ED-472	Biblical Principles for the Marketplace	4	M
ED-480	Managing Chronic Pain	4	M
EDC-410A	Biblical Greek I	4	M
EDC-410B	Biblical Greek II	4	M
EDC-410C	Biblical Greek III	4	M
EDC-411	New Testament Greek Exegesis	4	M
EDC-412A	Biblical Hebrew I	4	M
EDC-412B	Biblical Hebrew II	4	M
EDC-412C	Biblical Hebrew III	4	M
EDC-413	Motivational Teaching Methods	4	M
EDC-450	Stress Management Workshop	4	M
EDC-451	Managing Stress	4	M
EDC-452	Managing Your Health	4	M
EDC-453	Feed the Body, Nourish the Soul: Nutrition from a Biblical Perspective	4	M
EDC-454	Resolving Conflicting Theories of Evolution	4	M
EDC-470	Finding Significance in Your Work	4	M

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	EDC-471	Biblical Answers to Contemporary Issues	4	M
	EDC-480	Christian Classics	4	M
	EDC-481	Wednesday Night "Talk-it-Over" (T.I.O.)	4	M
	GQ	Great Questions	5	S
	MBPS	Women's Business and Professional Seminar	5	A
	MR	Men's Retreat	5	A
	MS	Men's Seminar	5	A
	NM	The Nehemiah Ministry	6	A
	PCD-480	Coping with Divorce	4	M
	PCD-481	Recovering from Abuse	4	M
	PCD-482	New Beginnings: Recovering from Grief	4	M
	PCD-483	Getting Up About Feeling Down	4	M
	PS	Premarital Seminar	6	A
	SA-411	Bible Study Fellowship Class	6	A
	SA-412	Sunday Forum	6	A
	SA-413	Homebuilders	6	A
	SA-414	Foundations Bible Study	6	A
	SA-415	Friendship Bible Class [Special Education Class for High School and Post-High School Young Adults]	6	A
	SA-416	Premarital Seminar	6	A
	SC-AP8 /EDC-471	Ask A Pastor	5	A
	SC-CCR1	Christ Church Roundtable	5	A
	SC-CCTD2	Christ Church Theatre Discussion	5	A
	SC-CR7	College Roundtable for High School Seniors	5	A
	SC-LLS6	Leading Lights Series	5	A
	SC-MC3	Mini-Courses	5	A
	SC-PF4	Parent Forum	5	A
	SC-SAF5	School Administrators Forum	5	A
	SC-SF9	Special Focus	5	A
	WS	Women's Seminar	5	A
	WSBSP	Women's Summer Bible Study Program	5	A

Abbreviations Key

- ED = Education Department Courses Held on Sundays and Midweek
- EDC = Education Department Courses Held in the Center for Spiritual Growth on Wednesdays
- EDS = Education Department Courses Held in the Adult Sunday School Program
- PCD = Pastoral Care Department Courses
- SA = Sunday Adult Affinity Class Held in the Education Department Adult Sunday School Program
- SC = Special Class
- Ekklesia (New Testament Greek Word Translated *Church*) = An In-depth Study of the Whole Bible
- 5 = Special Classes and Programs
- 6 = Affinity Classes (Ongoing Classes that Meet through the Year and Study the Courses with the Same Teacher)
- A = Any time