



Central Baptist Church

A Bible-teaching ministry bringing Bible-college curriculum into the local church.

PURPOSE & OVERVIEW

The purpose of EquipCentral: Teaching the Bible to equip Christians to think and live biblically as witnesses of Jesus Christ to our world.

EquipCentral classes would be available for youth (starting in grade 9) through all adults. At the same time EquipCentral classes are offered, a separate youth class will be available for youth who do not participate in EquipCentral classes and children would have their own classes.

STAFF

Director: Janice Vanover, Discipleship Director of Central Baptist Church (CBC)

Overseen by: Central Baptist Church Elders

Teachers are elders and trained members of CBC

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EquipCentral offers a core curriculum of 12 courses that can be completed in 3 years. Courses are offered in quarters—students can take 1 course each quarter, totaling 4 courses each year.

The final week of each quarter (week 13) will consist of a quiz that will assess each student's understanding. The quiz (which hopefully students will find enjoyable!) is designed to determine the retention of content by students and should be helpful to the student for personal edification and for leaders to evaluate the effectiveness of these core courses.

For those who choose not to take a CC, elective courses for students to choose from will also be offered each quarter on specific Bible books or doctrinal issues (like material from LifeWay or other resources).

Student will have to register for any course they take every quarter. Registration will help with preparation of materials, classrooms, etc.

Core courses (CC):

- Old Testament Survey 1. A study of general issues pertaining to the Old Testament and the Pentateuchal and Historical books. Authorship, date, historical background, and critical theories will be topics of discussion for Genesis-Esther, including a survey of their contents.
- Old Testament Survey 2. A study of Job through Malachi, the Old Testament Poetical and Prophetic books. Authorship, date, and historical background will be discussed, including a survey of their contents.
- Exploring the New Testament Gospels. A study of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John): a survey of the content of each book and the harmony of the four books.
- Exploring the New Testament Letters. Introductions and surveys of theological content and historical context for each of the letters, as well as the authors.
- Being A Minister of Reconciliation. A study of truly following Christ and being active in His mission. Discipleship and evangelism will be a focus as well as general spiritual formation of a believer.
- Bibliology & Hermeneutics (The Study of the Bible & Bible Interpretation). A study of the origins of the Bible, the importance of Scripture in the life of the church and individual lives, and how to understand it best.
- Biblical Counseling and Theology: Helping People With God's Grace. A theological study of the sufficiency of Scripture in counseling life's problems, with practical applications made to help students and those with whom they will speak.
- Christian Ethics. An introduction to the major ethical systems with a special focus on Christian approaches. Includes an examination of contemporary ethical issues from a biblical worldview.
- The Doctrine of God. A study of the existence of God and His attributes, including thorough examination of the Trinity and some specific work of God—creation, miracles, and prayer.
- The Doctrine of Christ and Man. A study of the person and work of Jesus Christ, the nature of people, and a person's need for Christ. Covers the creation of people in the image of God, the uniqueness of male and female, the doctrine of sin, and God's covenants.
- Soteriology (The Study of Salvation). An intensive study of God's provision of salvation for man focusing on justification, regeneration, sanctification, glorification, and other elements of the atonement of Jesus Christ to rescue lost souls.

- Eschatology & Ecclesiology (The Study of the Last Things & the Church). An intensive systematic study of the doctrine of last things. Topics will include at least: death and the intermediate state, the Second Coming of Christ, the Tribulation period, and the millennial reign of Christ. Several weeks will focus on the purpose and function of the Church.

Tentative Books To Be Used for Each CC (In Addition to the Bible):

- Old Testament Survey 1: Merrill, Eugene H., Mark F. Rooker, and Michael A. Grisanti. *The World and the Word: an Introduction to the Old Testament* (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2011).
- Old Testament Survey 2: Same as above.
- Exploring the New Testament Gospels: Knight, George W. *A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels* (Nashville, TN: B&H Books, 2001).
- Exploring the New Testament Letters: Carson, D.A. and Moo, Douglas J. *Introducing the New Testament: A Short Guide to Its History and Message* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010).
- Being A Minister of Reconciliation: Dever, Mark. *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2003).
- Bibliology & Hermeneutics (The Study of the Bible & Bible Interpretation): Plummer, Robert L. *40 Questions About Interpreting The Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2010).
- Biblical Counseling and Theology: Helping People Through Life's Hurts: Lambert, Heath, *A Theology of Biblical Counseling: The Doctrinal Foundations of Counseling Ministry* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016).
- Christian Ethics: Rae, Scott B.. *Moral Choices: An Introduction To Ethics*. 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009).
- The Doctrine of God. Grudem, Wayne. *Making Sense of Who God Is* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011).
- The Doctrine of Christ and Man. Grudem, Wayne. *Making Sense of Man and Sin* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011).
- Soteriology (The Study of Salvation). Grudem, Wayne A. *Making Sense Of Salvation* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011).
- Eschatology & Ecclesiology (The Study of the Last Things & the Church): Erickson, Millard J. *A Basic Guide To Eschatology: Making Sense Of The Millennium*. Rev. ed.

(Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1998); Dever, Mark. *What Is A Healthy Church?* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 2007).

*Note: The church will supply these books for the courses so as not to expect every student to purchase their own. The books will be lent out each quarter, returned at the end, and reused in future quarters when that course is offered. Students always have the option of purchasing their own book.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Courses will be held on Sunday mornings, 9:45am, and will last approximately 1 hour.

1st Quarter= September-November

2nd Quarter= December-February

3rd Quarter= March-May

4th Quarter= June-August

TYPICAL CC ROTATION

(these courses plus electives would be offered each quarter)

YEAR 1, Quarter 1:

OT Survey 1, Soteriology

YEAR 1, Quarter 2:

OT Survey 1, Soteriology

YEAR 1, Quarter 3:

OT Survey 2, Christian Ethics

YEAR 1, Quarter 4:

OT Survey 2, Christian Ethics

YEAR 2, Quarter 1:

Bibliology & Hermeneutics, Exploring the New Testament Gospels

YEAR 2, Quarter 2:

Bibliology & Hermeneutics, Exploring the New Testament Gospels

YEAR 2, Quarter 3:

The Doctrine of God, Exploring the New Testament Letters

YEAR 2, Quarter 4:

The Doctrine of God, Exploring the New Testament Letters

YEAR 3, Quarter 1:

Being A Minister of Reconciliation, Biblical Counseling and Theology: Helping People With God's Grace, The Doctrine of Christ and Man, Eschatology & Ecclesiology

YEAR 3, Quarter 2:

Being A Minister of Reconciliation, Biblical Counseling and Theology: Helping People With God's Grace, The Doctrine of Christ and Man, Eschatology & Ecclesiology

YEAR 3, Quarter 3:

Being A Minister of Reconciliation, Biblical Counseling and Theology: Helping People With God's Grace, The Doctrine of Christ and Man, Eschatology & Ecclesiology

YEAR 3, Quarter 4:

Being A Minister of Reconciliation, Biblical Counseling and Theology: Helping People With God's Grace, The Doctrine of Christ and Man, Eschatology & Ecclesiology

NOTES:

- "Course Audit Sheets" can be given to students so they can track their progress of CC.
- If a student completes the full CC rotation, they have several options:
 - Retake courses. Different students in the class will create different dynamics.
 - Train to become a teacher.
 - Teach in the children's department so those teachers will be able to attend courses.
 - Continue to take elective courses each quarter.