

Covenant Fellowship International Christian College/University

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Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light



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## **Private Policy**

The University adheres to a complex set of international and domestic regulations, including the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and U.S. laws like the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). While many aspects are standard for online institutions, the global nature and religious affiliation add specific considerations.

# D.Min: Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Education

Curriculum	Credit Hours
Doctor of Ministry Credit Hours Requirements	36
Fall Semester —Year 1	
Phase I Research	
*DMIN 860 Doctoral Study Capstone Project I / Research Paper: Introduction to Research Writin mat	ng in APA For- 6 r the Capstone ling. And to use
and correct citations.	man ovidence
Spring Semester —Year 1	
DMIN 810 Doctoral Study Capstone Project II Compiling at least a 150 page using qualitative r	
Fall Semester —Year 2	
DMIN 811 Writing of Capstone	10
DMIN 812 Presentation & Submission of Capsto	ne10
Total Credit hours	36

# Message from the President



Dr. Ruth W. Smith University President

Grace and Peace to you my Father's children. On behalf of the Light of the World Covenant Fellowship International Christian College/University, staff and faculty we welcome you to what may be the challenge of a lifetime. Preparing for your calling in the ministry through education may be one of the most meaningful goals of your Christian journey.

Our college/university staff and faculty are here to assist you through your educational journey. The college/university was established in 2024, by the church, for the church people and because of Christ—the head of the Christian Church. Your enrollment as a student proves that you are serious about your preparation for Christian ministry and your calling. We are committed in helping you to gain what you seek, my beloved. That commitment is reflected in offering the students affordable Christian education by experienced faculty.

Light is often used as a symbol for God, faith, and holiness in the Bible. Christians are encouraged to walk in the light and to be the light for others in this world. The word of God states "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Our curriculum is based on the word of God. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will continue to give you His Light as you walk in His will for your life and calling to serve the body of Christ.

Therefore, beloved "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" and "...go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Matthew 5:16, Mark 16:15a).

Dr. Ruth W. Smith

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#### Accreditation & Approval

\*Light of the World Covenant Fellowship International Christian College/University was established as a dba of Light of the World Christian Tabernacle International and as an ecclesiastical school in November, 2024 by the church, for the church people and because of Christ – the head of the church.

#### Approval by the Florida Commission for Independent Education

Excerpt from letter:

"The Commission accepted the sworn statement as having complied with Section 1005.06(1)(f) Florida Statutes pursuant to religious institutions. This letter serves as notification that your institution has met the requirements of state law and is not subject to governmental oversight..."

God placed the desire for the College in the heart of Archbishop Ruth Smith and she expressed it during the 2024 Holy Convocation. Her heart's desire was heard and answered. Much like the prophet Daniel (6:3), the \*LOTWCFIC College/University operates in the spirit of excellence: growth, learning, and striving to improve, and live in a way that honors God and serves others.

The University is a member institution of the Federal Association of Christian Counselors & Therapists (F.A.C.C.T) of Groveland, Florida. Students are eligible for student membership and lay- member counseling certifications. After completing the MA in Pastoral Care & Counseling (Chaplaincy) graduates are eligible to apply for Chaplaincy certification. FACCT also offers Counseling and Therapist certifications. Applications are available at facct93.com. For further questions please call the F.A.C.C.T office (352-429-5600) and ask for Rev. Drinka.

#### Mission & Purpose Statement

We are an interdenominational Ecclesiastical Christian College/University established to eradicate darkness in every nation through Biblical education in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by teaching, instructing, and training ministers and lay people to conduct the ministries of the Christian church in the spirit of excellence. The LOTWCFIC College/University is authorized by the B.I.B.L.E (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth): "Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12

#### Vision

To see a world without darkness we empower students from all backgrounds to grow academically and spiritually. Our commitment is to provide a comprehensive educational experience rooted in Christian values, preparing individuals for impactful careers and leadership roles in their communities. We encourage critical thinking, personal development, and a lifelong pursuit of knowledge.

#### **Core Values**

Love, Integrity, Generosity, Holiness, Teamwork

# D.Min: Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Leadership or Pastoral Care and Counseling (MA in PC & C required)

Curriculum	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Doctor of Ministry Credit Hours Requirements	36
Fall Semester —Year 1	
DMIN 730 Christian Leadership in the World Tod	lay 3
DMIN 731 Theology and Christian Leadership	3
DMIN 732 Ministerial Identity and Personal Asse	ssment 3
DMIN 733 Study of Jesus and the Gospels	3
Credit hours	12
Spring Semester —Year 1	
DMIN 734 Pastoral Counseling Today	3
DMIN 735 Old & New Testament Biblical Exeges	is3
*DMIN 760 Doctoral Study Capstone Project I	6
Credit hours	12
Fall Semester —Year 2	
DMIN 830 Foreign Missions as a Part of Church I	Ministry3
DMIN 831 Strategy: Forming and Implementing \	vision 3
DMIN 862 Doctoral Study Capstone Project II	6
Credit hours	12
Total Credit hours	36

# M.Min: Master of Arts in Ministry (Christian Leadership or Pastoral Care & Counseling/Chaplaincy)

Curriculum	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Master of Ministry Credit Hours Requirements	36
Fall Semester —Year 1	
MMIN 530 Philosophy of Religion or	
531 Pastoral Care & Counseling I	3
MMIN 532 Foundations of Preaching & Delivery of	Sermons3
MMIN 533 Christian Leadership I	3
MMIN 534 The Church and God's Mission or 535 Pastoral Care & Counseling II)	
Spring Semester —Year 1	
MMIN 536 Christian Ethics	3
MMIN 537/538 Pastoral Care & Counseling I or IV	3
MMIN 560 Thesis Project I	6
Total Credit hours	12
Fall Semester —Year 2	
MMIN 660 Ministry/ Chaplaincy Internship	6
MMIN 661 Thesis Project II (Presentation)	6
Total Credit hours	12

	School Year Calendar
SEMESTERS	<b>Bachelor in Christian Ministry</b>
(15 Weeks)	ONLINE FORMAT—CANVAS-Learning Management System
	GE: General Education Course BS: Biblical Studies
15 credit	TH: Theology Course
hrs. per	Course number guide: fist number = year; middle number = credit per
•	course; last number = semester (i.e. GE 130—GE= General education course,
semester	3= 3 credit hours, 0 = course sequence)
	Credit hours are the amount of hours per week spent in class/online

First Year Fall Semester September to December	<ul> <li>3 credit courses:</li> <li>1. BS 130 New Testament Survey</li> <li>2. GE 130 Christian Life, Faith, Ministry and Biblical Foundations</li> <li>3. BS 131 The Life of Christ</li> <li>4. GE 131 Introduction to Pastoral Care &amp; Counseling</li> <li>5. TH 130 Hermeneutics and Homiletics</li> </ul>
Spring Semester January to April	3 credit courses:  1. TH 131 Biblical Literature  2. BS 132 Old Testament Survey  3. GE 132 Pastoral Care & Counseling II  4. BS 133 Holy Spirit
Summe	er Semester (10 weeks)(3 credits): May July,
	BS 134 Biblical Prophecy I
Second Year	3 credit courses:
Fall Semester September	<ol> <li>GE 230 History of the Christian Church</li> <li>TH 230 Christian Missions</li> <li>TH 231 Christian Theology</li> </ol>
to December	<ul><li>4. GE 231 Culture and Christianity</li><li>5. BS 230 Intensive Study of the Old Testament</li></ul>

4. GE 232 The Reformation

Summer Semester (10 weeks)(3 credits): May - July
BS 233 The Book of Daniel (Biblical Prophecy III)

1. BS 231 Biblical Demonology

3. BS 232 Biblical Prophecy II

2. TH 232 Study of Spiritual Warfare

Spring

Semester

January

to

April

3 credit courses:

#### **SEMESTERS** (15 Weeks)

### School Year Calendar

GE: General Education Course BS: Biblical Studies TH: Theology Course

15 credit hrs. per

ONLINE FORMAT—CANVAS-Learning Management System

semester

Third Year 3 credit courses:

Fall 1. BS 330 Biblical Poetry & Wisdom

Semester 2. BS 331 Biblical Angelology

3. TH 330 Christian Apologetics September

4. BS 332 Old Testament Minor Prophets December

5. GE 330 Research in the History of Christianity

**Spring** 

3 credit course: Semester

1. TH 331 Spiritual Gifts

January 2. BS 333 Old Testament Major Prophets

to 3. BS 334 Intensive Study of the New Testament April 4. GE 331 Study of Different Bible Versions

Summer Semester (10 weeks)(3 credits): May - July , Ministry Concentration Elective I: TH

Fourth

Year 3 credit courses:

1. BS 430 Biblical Praying Fall 2. TH 430 Faith and Science Semester

3. TH 431 Evangelism September

4. GE 430 The Modern Church of Today to

5. BS 431 Study of the Psalms December

**Spring** Semester 3 credit courses:

1. GE 431 Writing & Research (Senior Project)

2. TH 432 World Religions January

Ministry Concentration Elective 2: 3. TH to 4. BS 432 Book of Revelation (End Time Biblical April

Prophecy IV)

5. GE: 432 Senior Project Presentations

#### What We Teach

All education programs are on-line courses using video conferencing platforms, LMS and Seminars. On-line courses present basic theological education suitable for both lay and ordained church leaders specializing in Christian Ministry, Chaplaincy and Leadership. Elective courses introduce students to many subjects such as Chaplaincy, Christian Counseling, and specialized ministries of the church and are available as a part of continuing and lifelong education.

A student may challenge courses (by writing a 1000 word paper or by a challenge exam) based on Christian life experience (5 year evidence) and/or transfer in credits to complete a degree.

#### Textbooks and Materials

Each student must have a NKJV study Bible for their main textbook. Supportive materials, resources and handouts will be given. Texts are required in some courses and will be noted on the syllabus. The purchasing of text is the responsibility of the student.

#### Contact Us

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# Ministry Concentration Electives (3 credit hours each)

- TH 132 Aquila & Priscilla Ministry (Married Couples Only)
- ♦ TH 133 Bishop Designate Course
- TH 134 Church Chaplain Training Course (20 cr. hrs. when taken separate from degree program).
   Ministry Electives I (TH 336) and II (TH 434) when in BA program in combination with Pastoral Care & Counseling courses.
- ♦ TH 135 Children's Ministry
- TH 136 Christian Counseling (Mental Health Training)
- TH 137 Homeless Ministry
- TH 138 Intensive Evangelism
- TH 139 Missions
- TH 233 Pastoral Care/Chaplaincy
- TH 234 Pastoral Training Course (to open a Church)
- TH 235 Prayer & Fasting
- ◆ TH 236 Prison Ministry (Eligible for Chaplain Certification by F.A.C.C.T)
- TH 237 Senior Adult Ministry
- TH 238 Single Ministry
- TH 239 Street Witnessing Ministry
- ♦ TH 332 The Five-Fold Ministry
- TH 333 The Prophetic Gift
- TH 334 Worship & Music Ministry
- TH 335 Young Adult Ministry

#### Grading

(based on multi-choice tests & assignments)

A = 100 - 90 D = 69 - 60

B = 89 - 80 F = 59 & below

C = 79 -70 Pass = 100-70

### Certificate or Diploma Awarded...

...in Biblical Studies (2 semesters/30 credit hrs.) ...for Church Chaplain (20 hr. course)

#### Associate Degree (60 credit hours)

 A.B.S.Th: Associate in Biblical Studies and Theology

#### Bachelor Degree (120 credit hours)

• B.A.: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Ministry

### Master Degree (36 credit hours)

 MA: Master of Arts Degree in Ministry Leadership and \*Pastoral Care & Counseling (Chaplaincy)

#### Doctorate Degree (36 credit hours)

- D.Min: Doctor of Ministry (Christian Leadership)
- D.Min: Doctor of Ministry (Christian Education)
- D.Min: Doctor of Ministry (\*Pastoral Care & Counseling)

#### **Tuition**

\$1000 USD per semester (\$250 per 3 credit course or \$67 per credit hour)

PAID BEFORE CLASS BEGINS

\$100 enrollment fee—non refundable covers:

- One transcript (\$5 for each extra copy)
- \$7.50/ month \*Digital Theological Library Fee

Cost of *Textbook is student's* responsibility. All texts are available in the DTL as eBooks.

# **Prophecy Course Curriculum**



#### **Understanding the End time**

This semester will provide a broad foundational background for understanding Bible prophecy. and Kingdom of God.

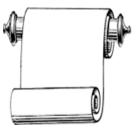
BS 232 Second Course



#### Theology and End Time Christianity

This semester will provide a detailed understanding of the Bible through lessons on True vs. False Christianity; Understanding the Godhead; Another Jewish Holocaust Ahead

BS 233 Third Course



#### The Book of Daniel

This semester is a prerequisite to the fourth and final semester. A student of Bible Prophecy must obtain a complete understanding of the visions, imagery and teachings of Daniel, as it is vital to knowing God's plan for mankind before His Second Coming and the eventual establishment of His king-

BS 432 Fourth Course



#### **Book of Revelation**

Revelation will explode with new meaning through this hard-hitting Biblical analysis of the book of Revelation in which God reveals the plans for His people. This semester will cover a detailed explanation of the Seals, Trumpets, and Vials; Master Plan of the Dragon; The Great Tribulation; The Wrath of God; Signposts of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Rapture.

# Church Chaplain Course (TH 134)

Transitioning from the Christian Church's "Sick and Shut-in" Ministry to "Church Chaplain" Ministry

**Church Chaplain Course (20 hours)** Eligible for Credentialing by F.A.C.C.T (see page 3). Every Chaplain should be ordained a minister by a local church body to serve in the role of Church Chaplain.

There is a growing need for church chaplains, as the role is expanding to provide more specialized emotional and spiritual support within congregations, particularly in addressing the increasing complexities of modern life and the need for dedicated support beyond traditional pastoral care; this includes alleviating pressure on church leaders by providing additional support to members.

#### Key points about the growing need for church chaplains:

• Diverse needs within congregations:

Churches are seeing a greater need to address diverse spiritual needs within their communities, which a chaplain can cater to with specialized training.

Mental health concerns:

With rising mental health issues, chaplains can provide a dedicated space for individuals to discuss personal struggles and receive emotional support.

• Shifting religious landscape:

As religious demographics change, chaplains can navigate different spiritual expressions and provide care to a wider range of individuals.

• Focus on pastoral care:

By taking on specific pastoral care responsibilities, Chaplains can free up pastors to focus on other aspects of church leadership.

This course is a combination of online, in-person curriculum and seminars (depending on the need of the congregation) will help equip students to function as Chaplains inside their local church. The class combines training, equipping, and first-hand information for students who are functioning or interested in functioning in ministry to in the sick, shut-in, and bereaved in their churches as well as other ministerial needs (weddings, funerals, etc.).