

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2026

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## I. WELCOME TO CALVARY BIBLE SCHOOL - 2026

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In II Timothy 2:15 this admonition is given. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Notice also the truths recorded in verses 16 and 17 of the next chapter, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." To study the Scriptures in depth, to seek to understand the mind of God, and to follow the steps of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is an incredible privilege and the highest form of worship.

Our goal is to fan the flame of your spiritual life, recognizing that God has begun a good work in you. We are praying that your time at CBS will provide for you peace in a world of unrest, hope rather than despair, and boldness that overcomes fear. I am also praying that your experience at CBS will be one that provides you with a foundation for a life-long (and beyond) relationship with our Savior. Our faculty and staff are committed to helping you receive optimum benefit and blessing from your time at CBS. These blessings can be ours together as we relate to each other in each aspect of Bible School life – the Bible instruction, the school interaction, the testimony and prayer times, and the more personal one-on-one sharing.

This setting provides numerous opportunities to develop wholesome, lifelong friendships. I make an appeal, especially to the young men attending, to develop the character quality of being a provider and protector of the women you associate with. One of the ways that we men can protect the women around us is to compliment godly character rather than exploiting feminine beauty.

I encourage you to be intentional in making your class selections. Make it a matter of prayer. Your instructors have invested a lot of prayer and time in class preparation.

The curriculum and teachers are listed [on the website](#). A complete class schedule will be sent in the fall with your acceptance letter. You will be sent class selection details in late November.

We are encouraged and blessed by your participation and respect. I am praying that you will be given opportunities this next year to share in chorus programs in the local community during the term(s) you are at CBS.

To those who desire to learn more of what it means to love the Word of God and to experience life-change through its transforming power, welcome to Calvary Bible School, 2026

God invites, God hears, God helps. We trust, we pray, we rejoice, we go with God. And God always makes the first move! The path to the greatest potential is often straight through the greatest fear.

Because of Calvary,  
Mel Stoltzfus-Academic Dean

## II. CALENDAR AND GENERAL INFORMATION:

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### A. TERM 1:

January 3 (Sat.) ----- Students arrive  
January 5 (Mon.) ----- Classes begin  
January 23 (Fri. noon) ----- Term closes

### B. TERM 2:

January 24 (Sat.) ----- Students arrive  
January 26 (Mon.) ----- Classes begin  
February 13 (Fri. noon) ----- Term closes

### C. TERM 3:

February 16 (Mon) ----- Students arrive  
February 17 (Tue) ----- Classes begin  
March 26 (Thurs. noon) ----- Term closes

### D. TERM 3 CHOIR TOUR:

March 26 – April 1 (tentative dates). Participation is optional and will require additional payment. If you are accepted into Term 3 you will receive further tour details and registration information by December 15.

### E. ARRIVAL DETAILS

**Terms 1 and 2:** Students and teachers should arrive at CBS on Saturday preceding the start of classes. Students, please check with the principal soon after arrival to confirm classes in which you are enrolled. Further orientation and arrangement of classes will take place over the weekend and Monday morning.

**Term 3:** Students and teachers should arrive at CBS no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday. Registration and orientation will be completed on Tuesday with the full schedule of classes beginning Tuesday morning.

**All Terms:** The maximum size of any one class will be limited to 33% of the students enrolled for that term.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

Bedding (sheets, blankets, pillow) for a single bed  
Towels and washcloths

All personal items need to be clearly marked with your name for easy identification.

**Cancellations:** If you need to cancel after enrollment, please notify the Registrar immediately. All US mail correspondence after December 25 should be mailed directly to CBS.

The Registrar and Principal's name and address is:

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### III. LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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Dear Friend,

Throughout the years young people just like you have attended Calvary Bible School and received Biblical instruction at a crucial time in their lives. Some former students testify that this experience was a turning point and continues to shape their lives to this day. However, your experience will depend a lot on your willingness to engage. We sincerely desire that Calvary Bible School will impact your life for God's glory.

The handbook is intended to help you prepare to have an excellent experience as a student. Please read it as you make plans to be a student. We encourage you to review it with your parents.

Take special note of section V. School Standards. We are aware these standards may vary from your church standards, but we expect all students enrolled at Calvary Bible School to uphold these standards. Please decide before you apply to become a student that you will abide by these standards.

In this world's culture, there is a disregard for the safety of moral boundaries. The Bible teaches holiness and respect in relationships between men and women. Therefore, we ask that students at Calvary Bible School refrain from hugging students of the opposite gender.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process or any CBS guidelines, please contact the principal. We will be happy to hear from you.

We are praying that your time at Calvary Bible School will help you grow in your relationship with God.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors

## IV. STATEMENT OF FAITH

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### We Believe:

- A. That God is the almighty, all-wise, omnipresent, and unchanging triune God of the Bible: infinite in holiness, justice, mercy, and love. God the Father is provident, sovereign, and the author of our salvation through Christ. He created all things and reigns over all. God the Son, Jesus Christ, left the glories of heaven, lived on earth as a sinless man, died on the cross, and rose again for the salvation of all mankind. God the Holy Spirit, proceeds from the Father and the Son, indwells the heart of every believer, and gives power over sin.
- B. That God created all things visible and invisible. He prepared and populated the earth, heaven, and seas in six days. Later, because of the sinfulness of mankind, He destroyed the earth through a worldwide flood, while saving righteous Noah and his family in the ark. God still governs and preserves his creation through his wisdom and might today.
- C. That the first parents of mankind, Adam and Eve, fell into sin through disobedience to God, were banished from the Garden of Eden, and became spiritually separated from God. Because of this sin, man became a mortal being and death entered into the world. Man is saved from spiritual and eternal death through repentance and believing in Jesus and His finished work on Calvary. True salvation is evidenced and followed by water baptism, a life of repentance, and becoming a member of a local congregation as a part of the greater body of Christ. All who believe in Christ look for His soon return to take the church, His bride, home for all eternity.
- D. That the Holy Bible is inspired by God; inerrant in the original documents, and valid for all times. Jesus is central to the message of all the Scriptures. The doctrine and instruction of the New Testament is the final rule of life for the believer in the Kingdom of God.
- E. That God, at creation, has established that marriage is only between one man and one woman and is binding until dissolved by death. God established unique roles for man and woman, with man being given the responsibility of leadership. This order is symbolized by the short hair, and uncovered heads of men, and the long hair and covered heads of women.
- F. That, as the Bride of Christ, we are called to live holy lives guided by transformed minds, refusing to be shaped by the influences, principles, and practices of the godless world.
- G. That there are two kingdoms: the kingdom of Christ and His church, and the kingdom of this world. Our primary allegiance is to the kingdom of Christ. We honor civil authorities, pay taxes, pray for our leaders, live obediently and peaceably. We abstain from political involvement, demanding our rights, warfare, and unequal alliances with unbelievers. We practice nonresistance in our daily lives, as taught and demonstrated by Christ and the apostles. In matters where we are unable to defer to both kingdoms, we choose loyalty to the kingdom of Christ, while maintaining our attitudes of honor and respect.

*For additional reading and study see the Dortrecht Confession of Faith adopted in Holland, 1632, or the Doctrines of the Bible by Daniel Kauffman.*

## V. MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF CALVARY BIBLE SCHOOL

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The mission of Calvary Bible School is to partner with families and churches in developing young people who love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; are deeply rooted in the word of God; and are committed to advancing the Kingdom of God. To this end we hold forth the following objectives:

1. To encourage wholehearted commitment and surrender to our Lord Jesus Christ
2. To establish a solid foundation of Biblical doctrine and principles, and to instill appreciation for our Anabaptist Christian heritage
3. To develop spiritual disciplines and a growing God-consciousness
4. To encourage and assist personal spiritual victory in thought, word, and deed
5. To promote emotional maturity and stability
6. To instill a greater appreciation for the Word and to develop both motivation and skills for further study
7. To encourage practical application of Scripture to daily living
8. To prepare for a lifetime of service in and through the church, and to enlarge the vision for fulfilling the great Commission
9. To stimulate loyalty, commitment, and wholesome attitudes toward one's own congregation
10. To develop solid, loyal Kingdom citizens whose total lifestyles reflect Kingdom values



We seek to meet these objectives by offering solid Biblical instruction, providing meaningful and inspirational interaction and fellowship, and maintaining a disciplined environment for study, learning, and growth.

## VI. SCHOOL STANDARDS

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### A. ADMISSION

1. Calvary Bible School is open to any person, regardless of nationality or race, if they have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and express a desire to grow in understanding God's Word. Students shall:



2. Commit themselves to a study of the Bible and related subjects.
3. Cooperate in upholding the standards of the school.
4. Be at least 18 years of age at the beginning of the school year for which they enroll. Seventeen-year-old students may be accepted if a parent is serving on staff or faculty during the same term.
5. We recommend that students enrolling for third term have previously attended at least one term at CBS or a similar Bible school. Various factors are used for enrollment priority, with CBS alumni receiving first priority. Age will also be a significant factor in determining priority.
6. Submit a completed application (see "Enrollment Procedures" for details) along with a \$100 registration fee per term for terms one and two and a \$200 registration fee for term three.
7. If for any reason you are not accepted as a student, the registration fee will be refunded less a \$20 processing fee. If you choose to cancel all or part of your enrollment, your registration fee will not be refunded.
8. Tuition as stated under "Student Expenses" is in addition to the registration fee and is payable after arrival at CBS.

## **B. REVERENCE, PRAYER, AND STUDY HABITS**

Reverence is a beautiful virtue and a mark of Godly character. Students are expected to cultivate an attitude of respect and reverence at all times. Whispering during worship services is a mark of immaturity and a dishonor to Almighty God. Whispering during class periods shows lack of respect for teachers and other students in the class.

Quietness is especially important during the morning devotional time and the evening study period in the library, dormitories, and study halls.

Students shall attend all chapel and prayer services.

Prayer and fasting is encouraged. The prayer rooms are available for anyone who desires to be alone with God.

Bible school is intended to provide an atmosphere conducive to concentrated Bible study. Social interests should give way to serious study and meditation in God's precious Word. We believe this effort is hindered when couples sit together in classes or during study periods.

The promotion of false or questionable teaching cannot be tolerated. All reference books for the library shall be approved by the board or principal.

Modern translations of scripture may be used in study and discussion. The King James Version is considered the standard text for public reading.

## **C. LEAVES AND CAR PRIVILEGES**

1. Automobile leaves from Monday through Friday shall be restricted to rare exceptions and cases of necessity.
2. Automobile use on Sunday shall be limited to visiting nearby churches and community visitation. Exceptions are given for driving to areas off the dirt road.
3. Vehicles brought to CBS shall be of modest design and not an object of excessive attention.

4. Courtesy on the road and observance of traffic laws are essential to a Christian witness.

## **D. PUNCTUALITY, DORMITORY LIFE, AND SERVICE**

1. In order for an institution such as CBS to run smoothly and to avoid confusion, it is important that each person is punctual for meals, chapel, classes, study periods, quiet time, etc.
2. Students must respect the **"10:30 P.M. Lights Out – Quiet"** time including the adjusted weekend schedule.
3. No students shall be outside their individual dorms from 10:00 P.M. to 6:30 A.M., unless permission is granted by the deans.
4. Christian courtesy, personal cleanliness, and self-respect shall be manifested at all times.
5. Rooms and study halls shall be kept neat and orderly.
6. Brethren and sisters shall not enter each other's dormitories, except by special arrangement under the direction of the administration.
7. Playing pranks is almost sure to escalate beyond intended proportions and shall be avoided.
8. Each student is expected to give at least two hours of work per week in either maintenance or general duties as directed by the administration.

## **E. GENERAL APPEARANCE AND ATTIRE**

Our choice of clothing communicates our character and tastes to those around us. Clothing also affects how we think about ourselves and influences our conduct. CBS seeks to promote attire that is tasteful, simple, and in keeping with our understanding of biblical modesty and nonconformity to fads and styles. No prominent logos, illustrations, designs, or writing on clothes are allowed. A focus on trendy or status symbol clothing is a symptom of unhealthy peer dependence and should be avoided.

In instances where the student's home congregation has guidelines that go beyond those of CBS, the standard of the home congregation should be upheld. Students are expected to arrive on campus as well as leave at the end of the term in compliance to this standard.

### **1. MEN**

- A. Hairstyles should reflect the awareness that men are to lead in the expression of non-conformity to worldly fads. The hair shall be neatly trimmed and kept off the collar and ears. Sideburns shall not extend below the mid-ear. If moustaches are worn, a beard should also be worn.
- B. Shirts and pants worn in all public settings (i.e. outside of the dorm) shall be loose fitting without excessive bagginess and free from decorative designs. Shirts shall be collared, full-button (not pull over), and not form fitting. Pants shall not be tight-fitting or immodest in any other way. Please choose solid or nearly solid colors and avoid loud, flashy colors. Black or brown belts without ornamentation or showy buckles may be worn. Jackets and sweaters for indoor wear should be loose fitting and solid or nearly solid in color. Bill caps and cowboy style hats are not to be worn. Sweatpants and t-shirts are not to be worn outside the dorm as an outer garment.

## 2. SISTERS

- C. Simple cape dresses made to conceal the feminine figure are to be worn in all public settings (i.e. outside of the dorm). Please choose solid or nearly solid fabrics of sufficient density to preserve modesty and avoid flashy fabrics and loud colors. Both the bodice and the skirt are to be designed simply, without lace, and made using sufficient fabric to ensure a loose fit (pleats or gathers that enhance modesty are encouraged). The front neckline shall cover the clavicle (two bones at the base of the neck) and the skirt shall be longer than the midpoint between the knee and ankle.
- D. Socks and hosiery should be solid colored and modest. When leggings are worn for warmth or modesty they should not extend below the hemline of the dress. Shoes with high heels or heels tapered to a narrow point are not to be worn. Sweaters, jackets, etc shall be loose fitting and solid or nearly solid in color.
- E. Nail polish and make-up are not to be worn. Unnatural shaping of the eyebrows is not permitted.
- F. Scripture teaches that the Christian woman is to veil her long, uncut hair (1 Cor 11:3-16) in recognition of the creation principle of headship and as an expression of Christian modesty. The veiling – whether cap style or hanging – shall be white and without lace with the top worn as far forward as the front of the ears and the sides worn forward close to the ears. Hair shall be put up in a simple style and arranged neatly to accommodate the veiling. The drawings below illustrate veilings that meet CBS standards.
- G. If you are accustomed to wearing a veiling that does not meet these



standards, please acquire one that does before you arrive on campus. If needed, the dean of women will have a selection of veilings of adequate size available for purchase.

## F. CLASS AND CHAPEL ATTIRE

For chapel services, classroom instruction, and study hall we seek to dress in ways that are more formal to fit a setting of corporate worship and serious study.

- 1. Men are to wear long-sleeved dress shirts and formal or semiformal slacks (no outside pockets or jeans please) along with brown, gray, or black dress shoes and dark socks.
- 2. Men are expected to wear the plain, straight-cut suit coat for Sunday services and special weekend meetings.
- 3. Ladies are to wear sleeves that cover the bent elbow along with dressy brown, gray or black shoes and medium-dark neutral-colored socks or hosiery (for example taupe or suntan) reaching above the hemline of the dress. No denim attire please.
- 4. Students should not wear informal outerwear in class or chapel.

## **G. ATTIRE FOR NON-CLASS ACTIVITIES**

5. Less formal attire is suitable for activities such as work assignments and recreation. The things noted below distinguish non-class attire from the more formal class and chapel attire.
6. Sleeves on dresses and shirts should be long enough to reach nearly to the elbow.
7. Modest athletic shoes or other footgear suitable for the activity at hand may be worn.
8. Ladies are not required to wear socks or hosiery for work assignments and recreation.
9. Men may wear jeans for work assignments and recreation.

## **H. SOCIAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITIES**

10. We encourage students to reflect the fruit of the Holy Spirit and maintain a standard of holiness at all times.
11. We encourage students to be thoughtful and considerate of others, showing love and respect to all.
12. Wholesome activities will be provided for physical exercise, mental relaxation, and student interaction.
13. In order to limit distraction from concentrated study and wholesome group interaction, students are asked not to pursue a dating relationship or to begin dating while attending CBS. If a couple has been courting prior to attending CBS, they will be permitted one date per week upon the written consent of both fathers. All dates are to be cleared with the dean of men and the dean of women and conducted in purity. We endorse a hands-off courtship policy.

## **I. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA USE**

1. Students shall not play electronic games, view movies, listen to the radio, or use streaming media. The administration may screen electronic devices at any time for objectionable content. Filming of CBS activities shall not be shown publicly at CBS. Duplication and distribution of picture CD's requires approval from the administration.
2. The use of headphones/earphones is not allowed except for class assignments. Do not bring personal headphones/earphones; they will be provided by the school as needed.
3. Students are permitted to use their cell phones, hotspots, and other personal data connections in the following time periods:
4. Sunday: after the afternoon quiet time until the evening service
5. Monday – Friday: after the last class period until study hall
6. Saturday: 6:30 am until study hall or the evening service
7. At all other times all student cell phones, hotspots, and other devices with a wireless data connection will be turned off and stored in the designated area.

8. Students are expected to communicate to their families the times when their cell phones are available to minimize frustration for those trying to contact them. CBS phone lines are available for student use during the times when personal devices are not available. The CBS wireless network is also available at designated times and is the preferred method for emailing or class related research.
9. When students are using their own cell phones or other personal data connections, self-discipline and restraint are expected. The CBS rules of not watching movies or sports events, playing games, or using streaming media apply even when students are using their own connections and devices.
10. Students are not allowed to communicate electronically with fellow students while on the CBS campus.
11. Any exceptions to these guidelines such as for students traveling to Hillcrest on Sunday must be cleared with the Administration.
12. No personal electronic devices are to be used for Bible reading or any other purpose during Chapels and other church services



## **J. MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES**

1. We believe that music listening habits contribute significantly to a person's spiritual growth and discernment. In order to limit the negative influence of music in their lives, students shall not bring, listen to, or promote Country, Rock, CCM, New Age, R&B, Rap, and other similar genres. Students are to listen only to a cappella music while attending CBS, either on or off campus. Musical instruments are not permitted.
2. For the sake of safety and harmonious dormitory living we cannot permit firearms, firecrackers, and water guns. Books, magazines, newspapers, photos, and collectibles are subject to the approval of the administration.
3. We kindly ask that students do not share or exchange personal photos with each other during class periods, study periods, or church services.
4. In the light of the purpose and goals of Calvary Bible School, the volleyball tournament each term shall be maintained as a wholesome recreational activity rather than a competitive event that consumes a disproportionate amount of time, energy, and attention. The following guidelines have been implemented:
5. Teams shall not be disclosed until the morning of the tournament.

6. Rally scoring shall be used for all games.
7. There shall be no additional tournament games after the tournament is over.
8. Energy drinks shall be avoided on tournament days and anytime while attending CBS.

## K. VISITORS

1. CBS does not provide accommodations for overnight visitors
2. Please contact the administration before making plans for a daytime visit to CBS.
3. Daytime visitors shall check in at the office on arrival.
4. Daytime visitors shall fit into the schedule, attending classes and chapel services as the students do, and comply with school standards.

## VII. STUDENT EXPENSES

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### 1. TUITION RATES

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Term 1: Three weeks ----- | \$425.00 |
| Term 2: Three weeks ----- | \$425.00 |
| Term 3: Six weeks -----   | \$900.00 |
5. Registration fees are \$100.00 per three week term and \$200.00 per six week term. Tuition is in addition to the registration fee and is payable at the end of the term.
  6. Students whose parents are serving in stateside VS units are eligible for a 10% discount; students from widows' homes or international missionaries' homes are eligible for a 25% discount.
  7. Tuition covers room and board for the time specified, but does not include books, writing materials, doctor visits, prescription drugs, airport trips, and other incidental expenses.
  8. Consideration for reduced tuition will be given to students needing financial assistance upon recommendation by their home ministry.
  9. Billing for airport trips to Little Rock (for each way) is as follows: 1 person: \$110.00 per trip, 2 persons: \$60.00 per person per trip, 3 or more: \$40.00 per person per trip

## VIII. ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

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1. For online application, please visit [calvarybibleschool.org](http://calvarybibleschool.org)
2. For paper application, contact [Dave Stoltzfoos](#) for either a paper application or an emailed PDF application.
3. The pastor shall review the Bible School Handbook and counsel with the applicant. He shall recommend the applicant as a student for CBS by the information disclosed confidentially on the "Pastor reference form."
4. The registrar will review the incoming References and Applications for Enrollment and process them.

5. On or around September 20 the registrar will notify applicants that have been accepted. Applicants that have not been accepted will be notified as soon as possible after the "Applications for Enrollment" have been processed. We sincerely desire to accommodate all who wish to attend Calvary Bible School, either in the coming year or at some later time.
6. For questions about the enrollment process, please review the FAQs online: [calvarybibleschool.org/registrationfaq](http://calvarybibleschool.org/registrationfaq).

## IX. COURSE REQUIREMENTS, CREDITS, AND CERTIFICATES

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### A. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Terms 1 and 2

- a. Completion of daily and/or long-range assignments as directed by the instructor. This may include term papers of 500 words or more.
- b. A minimum of three classes plus chorus is required. A fourth class is an option, either for full credit, or to be audited (not fulfilling assignments or receiving credit).

#### 2. Term 3

- a. 250 pages of related reading as directed by the instructor.
- b. Completion of daily and/or long-range assignments as directed by the instructor. This will include one term paper of 1200-1500 words. Time invested on related assignments outside of class will be approximately equivalent to time in class.
- c. Three classes plus chorus are required. A fourth class for credit is not recommended, but auditing is an option. Exceptions will be considered.

### B. CREDITS

3. **Terms 1 and 2:** Students earn one credit for successful completion of each course studied in thirteen 65 minute class periods. A course grade of "D" or better is necessary for full credit. A one-half credit is given for an "E."
4. **Term 3:** Students earn two and one-half credits for successful completion of each course studied in twenty-two 65 minute class periods. A course grade of "D" or better is necessary for full credit. A one-half credit is given for an "F."
5. **All Terms:** Regular chorus is not considered a credit course. Students may not enroll for credit in a class that they have previously received credit for. Students may audit such a class as an extra class if they have time and if the class is not full.
6. The following grading system is used:
  - A: 94 – 100%
  - B: 87 - 93%
  - C: 80 - 86%
  - D: 70 – 79 %
  - F: 60 - 69%

## C. CERTIFICATES

1. A certificate is offered for a total of 21 credits, if the following credit requirements are met for each category:
  - a. 8 credits - Bible
  - b. 4 credits - Doctrinal
  - c. 2 credits - History
  - d. 2 credits - Missions
  - e. 2 credits - Practical
  - f. 3 credits – Electives (any of the subjects from the above categories)
2. Students are required to select at least one subject per term from the “Bible” category even if they are not earning a certificate. At least one doctrinal class per term is encouraged. At least one doctrinal class per two 3-week terms is required, whether those are consecutive terms or in a later year.
3. One doctrinal class per six-week term is required, unless one was taken in a three-week term of the same year. Second (or third) year students at CBS for a six-week term, are not required to take a doctrinal class if one was taken the previous year during a six-week term.

## X. BOARD MEMBERS

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