

Calvary Chapel Apple Valley School of Ministry

“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” 2 Timothy 2:1-3



As we begin this ministry at Calvary Chapel Apple Valley, we are taking a step of faith. We trust our Lord Jesus to anoint the teaching, the teachers, and the students of the School of Ministry. The classes will be designed to help each student grow in their knowledge of God and His Word, and to have a solid foundation upon which to stand. We are excited to see how God is working among us, and how He wants to strengthen the body of Christ through the further education of His people. If God is prompting you to study His Word more intensely, pray about being a part of this exciting new School of Ministry.

**Pastor Gary Malkus,
President CCAVSOM**

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Calvary Chapel Apple Valley School of Ministry Philosophy of Training

The faculty at Calvary Chapel Apple Valley School of Ministry (CCAVSOM) desires to provide an environment where Christians can grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's Word. We have set aside a time for you to seek God's heart by examining the richness of the Bible. We believe the result of a well-studied student will be a well-equipped servant in the ministry to God's people.

I. Calling

In I Corinthians 12 we learn God gives gifts to the body of Christ as He wills. Paul went to great lengths to prove that each of us has been made unique. Yet, many of us are unsure where, or if, God wants to use us in His ministry. It is the faculty's goal that when a student completes CCAVSOM he or she should leave with a solid understanding of his or her personal calling in ministry.

II. Equipping

Paul gave instruction to Timothy to equip him for ministry. II Timothy 3:16-17 reads, "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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The Word of God for Timothy was his equipping and today, for us, this remains true. CCAVSOM's vision is to teach each student to see that the Bible is the "well" we draw from and to train each student to look to the Bible for every aspect of ministry.

III. Training

The educational style of CCAVSOM is teaching the Word of God and applying it to our lives today. We place an emphasis on the Bible and its role in the Christian's life. Jesus' teachings were integrated with real life situations. Therefore, the Bible will be our chief textbook for training our students for ministry.

Statement of Faith:

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error and the infallible rule of faith and practice. The Word of God is the foundation upon which this school operates and is the basis for which this school is governed. We believe that the Word of God supersedes any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is empowered to live a Godly Life.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that the lost and sinful man must be saved, and the man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

We believe in the personal, visible return of Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom; in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering of the wicked.

We believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's *agape* love, which is greater than any differences we possess and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

We believe worship of God should be spiritual. Therefore, we remain flexible and yielding to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.

We believe worship of God should be inspirational. Therefore, we give a great place to music in our service.

We believe worship of God should be intelligent. Therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon teaching the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshiped.

We believe worship of God should be fruitful. Therefore, we look to His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have truly been worshiping him.

We believe legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Therefore, sexual activities such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, pedophilia and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation and/or distribution and/or viewing of pornography, and effort to alter one's gender, are incompatible with the Bible's teaching.

We believe marriage has been ordained by God. Therefore, we recognize marriage as exclusively the legal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment.

General Information

Student Admissions

Procedure

The applicant must submit a completed application. Please read carefully the instructions on this application.

Limited Enrollment

Enrollment is limited to 25 students per class.

Application Fee

An application fee of \$15 must be included when the application is first submitted. (Fee is non-refundable) This is a one-time fee.

Additional Expenses

Each course will cost \$25 due at registration. Students will also be required to purchase any books or reference materials required by the instructor of each course.

Time and Location of Classes

Classes are held Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. See the academic calendar for specific dates. Classes will be held at Calvary Chapel Apple Valley, 13601 Del Mar Rd. Apple Valley, CA 92308, in the School of Ministry Classroom.

Grading System

CCAVSOM uses the standard A-F grading system. Included in the criteria for grading are attendance, reading assignments, and tests or papers. Grades of Incomplete are seldom given and only when severe illness or family problems prevent the student from finishing the semester.

Other grades issued are "AU" for auditing the class (80% attendance required), "W" for official withdrawal, "UW" for unofficial withdrawal which is given when a student registers but discontinues class attendance.

Class Attendance and Tardiness

Each course will be 15 weeks. Attendance and promptness are significant components of the grading policy. Under no condition can the student have more than three (3) "unexcused" absences and receive credit for the course. Students are expected to be in class promptly. Being late three times counts as one unexcused absence. In case of absences due to illness or emergency, the student must request an "excused" absence by calling the CCAVSOM office (760) 240-3633. The Instructor will then be informed of the absence and excuse.

Staff and Faculty

The teaching faculty at CCAVSOM is highly qualified both by virtue of years of pastoral and ministerial experience, and by virtue of academic training. The primary emphasis of CCAVSOM, however, is not on human professionalism but on spiritual maturity.

Students at Calvary Chapel Apple Valley School of Ministry are taught the Word of God by:

Gary Malkus, Sr. - Senior Pastor
Gary Arce - Associate Pastor

Requirements for Certificate of Completion in Biblical Studies:

Each student must complete 10 courses plus NT Survey with a grade of A-C. The following courses are mandatory in order to receive a Certificate of Completion in Biblical Studies:

New Testament Survey (C3000 MP3 series - Pastor Chuck Smith)
(OT and NT Survey are both independent study courses)

Genesis
Gospel Study (verse by verse study of one of the Gospels)
Acts
Romans
Revelation
Pastoral Epistles
Apologetics
Inductive Bible Study
Practical Christian Ministry

Students who complete these courses with a grade of "Audit" (AU) will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Requirements for a Certificate of Advanced Biblical Studies are as follows:

Each student must complete 10 courses in addition to the Certificate of Biblical Studies requirements. Courses will be determined with your advisor.

Some possible courses include:

Old Testament Survey
Public Devotional Speaking
Introduction to Biblical Counseling
Biblical Principles of Christian Finances
Church History
Verse by verse study of any book of the Bible not listed above

List of Courses

The following courses are offered through the Calvary Chapel Apple Valley School of Ministry. Please note that not every course is offered every semester. A list of currently offered courses is available on the CCAV School of Ministry website.

Certificate in Biblical Studies

- **GENESIS** -- A verse-by-verse study through the Book of Genesis.
- **GOSPEL** -- A verse-by-verse study through one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John).
- **ACTS** -- A verse-by-verse study through the Book of Acts.
- **ROMANS** -- A verse-by-verse study through the Book of Romans.
- **PASTORAL EPISTLES** -- A verse-by-verse study through the books of 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy, and Titus.
- **REVELATION** -- A verse-by-verse study through the Book of Revelation.
- **APOLOGETICS** -- A course designed to give students the ability to defend their faith by providing evidence for the existence of God, the design of life and the Universe, and the reliability of the Bible.
- **INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY** -- A course designed to give students the academic tools and strategies necessary to obtain the maximum value and application from Bible study.
- **NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY** -- A verse-by-verse study through all the books of the New Testament, taught via MP3 discs by Pastor Chuck Smith. This is an at-home, independent study project. Discs are available through the "Word for Today" website.
- **PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY** -- A hands-on course designed to develop a "servant's heart" where students serve in some area of ministry in their home church. Possible areas of ministry can include Children's Ministry, Men's or Women's ministry, Ushering, Home Fellowships, Cleaning Ministry, and other areas that serve the needs of the local church.

Calvary Chapel Apple Valley
School of Ministry

Apologetics
(Defending Your Faith)

Course Syllabus

Instructor: Pastor Gary Arce (gary_arce@avusd.org) Units: 2 semester units

Textbook: *"A Ready Defense -- The Best of Josh McDowell"*
compiled by Bill Wilson, 1993 (Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Introduction: Welcome to the CCAV School of Ministry. We are delighted that you have taken this step to further your Biblical education, because this will enhance your relationship with the Lord and also assist you in ministry.

This course will focus on giving you a more thorough background of the Bible and the Christian faith, so that you may be better equipped to address questions that people may have. Our major areas of emphasis will be:

- Apologetic strategies of the Apostle Paul
- How we got our Bible
- Evidence for the Accuracy of the Bible
- The Deity of Christ
- Common questions about the Old Testament
- Common questions about the New Testament
- Introduction to the Cults

Grading: Students have 2 options:
Audit -- no Homework or Tests required.
Letter grade -- based on Homework, Term Paper, and Final Exam.

1) **HOMEWORK:**

Read the pages assigned for that particular week from the textbook and then answer the following questions:

- a) What are the major topics being discussed in this section of the book?
- b) Did the textbook author (McDowell) discuss any new ideas or viewpoints that you hadn't thought of?
- c) Personal Application -- What was the most valuable thing(s) that you gained by reading this section? Are there any changes that the Lord wants you to make?

Homework may be typed or neatly written, and is due at the beginning of class.
Homework is worth **40%** of your semester grade

2) **TERM PAPER:**

Write a term paper on a particular question of the Christian faith such as:

Manuscript Evidence for the Bible

Archaeology Evidence for the Bible

Prophecy Evidence for the Bible

The Bible and Science

Creation versus Evolution

The Deity of Christ

Christianity versus Mormonism (or Islam, or Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.)

Your paper should be typed, double spaced, #12 font, and be at least 5 pages in length. Besides your textbook and the Bible, use at least 3 other references (books, internet articles, commentaries, etc.), and footnote these sources in a Bibliography. The Term Paper should be turned in **Week 13** or before, and is worth **30%** of your semester grade.

3) **FINALEXAM**

Type your answers on separate sheets of paper.

- 1) What are some of the apologetic strategies that we can learn from the Apostle Paul?
- 2) How did we get our modern Bible? What criteria were used to determine which books truly belonged in the Bible?
- 3) Discuss the evidence from ancient Manuscripts that the Bible is accurate and reliable.
- 4) Explain the evidence from Archaeology that the Bible is accurate and reliable.
- 5) Describe the evidence from Prophecy that our Bible is accurate and reliable.
- 6) Discuss the evidence from Science that the Bible is accurate and reliable.
- 7) What is the proof that Jesus Christ was fully human and fully God?
- 8) Compare Christianity with one other major religion (such as Mormonism, etc.), and discuss the differences between them.
- 9) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses that you observe in McDowell's book. What is your overall evaluation of this book? Would you recommend this book to someone else? Explain.
- 10) What was the most valuable thing(s) that God has revealed to you through this course?

The Final Exam should be turned in **Week 15** or before, and is worth **30%** of your semester grade.

*Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

Weekly Reading Assignments

Week 1	(1/26)	Course Introduction (No assignment)
Week 2	(2/2)	p.23-55
Week 3	(2/9)	p.72-107
Week 4	(2/16)	p.108-117, 126-133
Week 5	(2/23)	p.174-208
Week 6	(3/2)	p.209-240
Week 7	(3/9)	p.241-262
Week 8	(3/16)	p.271-302
	(3/23)	No class meeting
Week 9	(3/30)	p.303-322
Week 10	(4/6)	p.332-362
Week 11	(4/13)	p.405-423
Week 12	(4/20)	p.427-442
Week 13	(4/27)	Term Paper due
Week 14	(5/4)	
Week 15	(5/11)	Final Exam due

*Always be ready to give a defense
to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you . . .*

1 Peter 3:15

Enrollment Application

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13601 Del Mar Road, Apple Valley, CA

(760) 240-3633 www.calvaryav.org

Welcome to the CCAV School of Ministry. We are delighted that you are taking this step to further your Biblical education, because this will enhance your relationship with the Lord and also assist you in ministry.

Please complete and submit this form to the CCAV church office as soon as possible. The Spring Semester begins **Tuesday, January 26.** We are currently accepting applications for the following course:

Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)

(Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm)

Name _____
Last First

Mailing address _____
Street City Zip

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Course fees: 1) **\$25 Course fee.**

Please make checks payable to Calvary Chapel Apple Valley School of Ministry.

2) If you are **new** to the School of Ministry, there is a **\$15 Application fee.**

Textbooks: 1) New King James Version of the Bible.

2) **"A Ready Defense -- The Best of Josh McDowell"**

Compiled by Bill Wilson (1993, Thomas Nelson Publishers).

It is highly recommended to have the texts prior to the first class meeting. Books may be ordered from Christian Book Distributors or Amazon.com.