Overview of the College of Biblical Studies

The College of Biblical Studies is a nonprofit, donor-supported 4-year college. We are headquartered in Houston, Texas, and offer classes online, in Houston, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Our president, Dr. Bill Blocker is a leader in biblical higher education and has served as president since 2012.

We were established in 1976 by Ernest Mays. Dr. Mays had a desire to see pastors in minority communities educated to effectively preach the Bible and minister to their communities.

Our Mission:

The College of Biblical Studies exists to glorify God by educating and equipping multi-ethnic Christian leaders to impact the world for Christ.
Life Transformation through Excellence in Education

Our students receive top-rated academics with top-rated accreditation. We are accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). CBS is one of just a few Bible colleges in the nation with this dual accreditation.

CBS students enjoy a computer class

But what makes our degree programs and classes so exceptional is our life-transforming curriculum. Every class is rooted and founded in the Bible. From the first class to the last, students gain a biblical worldview to address the challenges and opportunities of today’s society.

Life-long relationships are formed at CBS

Chris, CBS student and world-changer

“Every day I see value in the biblical worldview I’m developing at CBS. As a dad, teacher of kids at church, and respiratory therapist at a children’s hospital, my basis for decision-making impacts the lives and minds of our next generation, as well as my own. Given the direction our society is heading and my increasing sphere of influence, I soon realized it was time for me to draw a line in the sand and cross it. CBS has brought me over that line and into a place of transformational service to the church and the world!”

Chris, College of Biblical Studies Student
Power of Diversity

CBS was established to not only serve a diverse student body, but to train our students to serve this ever-changing diverse world. Students love the diversity in the classroom. They tell us there is a powerful connection made sitting and learning with classmates from 17 to 70, all ethnicities, and all socio-economic backgrounds. Life-long relationships are formed between people whose lives are worlds apart, yet they share a passion for the word of God.

Committed to Affordability: Making College Dreams a Reality

CBS relies on the majority of our funding through donor support. This allows us to keep a top-rated, biblically based college education affordable and accessible to all. We are ranked as one of the lowest tuitions in the nation. Not only is our tuition affordable, we also offer scholarships, grants, and financial aid.
CBS Program Offerings

CBS offers several degree programs including bachelor’s degrees, associate degrees, and non-credit spiritual enrichment classes.

Our bachelor’s degrees include organizational leadership, biblical counseling, biblical studies, and women’s ministry. Our associate degree in biblical studies is offered in English, and we also offer it entirely in the Spanish language.

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Emerging Leaders: Tuition-Paid Scholarship Opportunity for Young Men Who Are Victims of Father Absence

CBS now offers Emerging Leaders, a scholarship program designed to address the father absence epidemic. Recently, a long-time donor of the College provided funding to offer a tuition-paid degree program for young men 17 – 30 who have grown up without a positive father figure in the home.

The Emerging Leaders program has been established to support, counsel, mentor, and provide a full tuition-paid, accredited degree to those who meet eligibility requirements.

Research and data show how father absence negatively affects children socially, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Father absence is a key factor in a life of poverty, familial abuse and neglect, and incarceration.
Racial Justice through Grace Relations

Grace Relations, a ministry of the College of Biblical Studies, is a community of individuals, churches, and ministries that are passionate about applying the grace of God to conversations about race and ethnicity – grace relations, not race relations.

Racial injustice pervades society, and as a leader in biblical higher education, CBS believes we must lead the way in racial justice through understanding, education, and compassion. Recently, we held a virtual panel discussion addressing the current racial climate and our response as Christians.

The Grace Relations Ministry is led by Dr. A. Charles Ware, a national speaker and presenter on racial justice through grace relations. The Grace Relations ministry provides conferences and trainings for churches, organizations, government officials, and families.

Training in the Truth that leads to Transformation. This is who we are, what we do, and why we’re here.