

GENERAL INFORMATION



TRUTH. TRAINING. TRANSFORMATION.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The College of Biblical Studies–Houston (CBS), formerly Houston Bible Institute (HBI), began as a burden in the heart of the late Rev. Ernest L. Mays, the founder of HBI. He sensed that large segments of the local Christian community were functioning without trained leaders. This was especially true within the inner-city minority groups. Out of this concern, Houston Bible & Vocational Institute was incorporated in 1976. Mr. William Thomas, Jr. and Rev. Joe Wall assisted in the development of a multi-racial, interdenominational board, which began working to make the school a reality. Within a short time, a decision was made to focus on biblical and theological training because they felt that there were already adequate resources for vocational training in the area.

In the fall of 1979, the first classes of Houston Bible Institute were offered. Rev. Rodney L. Cooper was the school's first Executive Director. From its inception, the school used the facilities of KHCB-FM, a Houston-based Christian radio network, for its classrooms, and leased administrative space nearby.

In 1983, Rev. Rod Cooper resigned to pursue a Ph.D., and the Board promoted Rev. Jack Arrington, then Vice President, to President. President Arrington continued the difficult task of building the foundation and establishing credibility in the minority community.

In 1991, God called Rev. Arrington to the pastorate and Dr. William Boyd to fill his vacancy. Dr. Boyd began the process of building the superstructure on the vision of Mays and the foundation of Cooper and Arrington. He implemented a scholarship program that resulted in significant growth of the College.

Under Dr. Boyd's leadership, in 1996 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board certified the school as a college and the name was changed from Houston Bible Institute to College of Biblical Studies–Houston. In 1999, CBS achieved national accreditation through the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (now the Association for Biblical Higher Education).

In July 2007, God called Dr. Jay A. Quine to the presidency and Dr. Boyd became the Chancellor. Dr. Quine provided leadership for the creation of the 2008-2013 Strategic Plan that focused on the addition of a traditional bachelor's program, a Center for Continuing Studies, and pursuit of regional accreditation.

In July 2012, God called Dr. William Blocker to the presidency to provide leadership to the College in the pursuit of becoming the premier Bible college in Texas, and furthering its impact on families, churches and communities.

In December 2013, the College of Biblical Studies-Houston was granted accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Certificates and Associate and Baccalaureate degrees.

In January 2014, the College began offering distance education through the delivery of online courses.

CBS initially offered classes at the KHCB radio facilities located off the Southwest Freeway at Kirby. In 1994, a 2-acre campus (18,000 sq. ft. in three buildings) located near Hillcroft and the Southwest Freeway was purchased. The campus has continued to expand to meet the demands of a growing student body and today the 14-acre campus facility includes 165,000 sq. ft. in five buildings with 3.5 acres yet undeveloped. During its 30 years of history, CBS has grown in its academic curriculum from offering a few credit and non-credit courses to today's offerings of a Bible Certificate in English and Spanish language, an Associate of Biblical Studies degree in English and Spanish, an Associate of Arts in English, Bachelor of Science degree programs with majors in Biblical Studies, Biblical Counseling, Organizational Leadership, Christian Leadership in English and Spanish, and Women's Ministry. Additionally, CBS offers non-credit classes through the Center for Continuing Studies.

VISION

By 2020, the College of Biblical Studies-Houston will become the premier Bible college in Texas focused on transforming a diverse student body to serve Christ and impact families, churches and communities, to the glory of God.

MISSION AND PURPOSE

Mission Introduction

The College was developed to provide college-level training in Bible and theology for those individuals who had little or no opportunity to receive such training by conventional means (resident, full-time). As a commuter college, this training is accomplished in a unique way through our key distinctives:

- Biblical – curriculum is primarily focused on a biblical worldview, based on scriptural truth, with its focus on ministry preparation and life transformation.
- Diverse – students study and experience the education process with fellow students from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- Accessible – CBS classes are designed to fit around work and personal schedules. Online classes are available anytime. On campus, classes are offered during the day, evening, and Saturdays.
- Affordable – the cost of attendance is intentionally lower than other accredited private institutions and financial aid is available to assist students in meeting the financial requirements of their studies.

Mission Statement

The College of Biblical Studies–Houston provides biblically based education for the Body of Christ, with primary focus on African-American and other ethnic minority groups, and equips its students with a biblical worldview for Christian service to the church and the world.

Implementation of Mission

To fulfill its Mission, the College of Biblical Studies–Houston:

- Provides educational opportunities to prepare men and women for Christian vocation, leadership, and ministry.
- Provides resources, services, and an environment that encourages learning.
- Recruits students from the general Christian population with primary focus on African-American and other ethnic minority groups.
- Serves as a leadership development and resource center for churches and the Christian community-at-large.
- Serves as a Christian influence in the greater Houston area and beyond through educational, cultural, and spiritual activities.

Institutional Values

CBS is committed to nurturing on its campus, in its programs and among its boards, faculty, staff, and students these primary values:

Truth. Every word in the original writings of the Holy Scriptures is inspired of God and without error.

Holiness. Christians are called to a holy life of service and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit, which service includes the propagation of the Gospel message to the whole world. There is promised reward in Heaven for faithfulness in such service.

Social Consciousness. The church is the body and bride of Christ, which embraces all true believers who are born of the Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ.

Institutional Goals

Through the College's curricular and co-curricular experiences, CBS students demonstrate:

1. Biblical and theological knowledge, recognizing Scripture as the ultimate authority for life and godliness.
2. Skills that reflect critical-thinking and problem solving ability.
3. Attitudes and values indicative of an integrated biblical worldview.
4. Sensitivity to various cultural viewpoints.
5. Skills of effective communication.
6. Skills for Christian ministry.

STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

CBS is committed to the truth that the Bible is central to the Christian life and that Christians are called to a holy life of testimony and service in the power of the Holy Spirit. The educational goal of CBS is “love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith” (1 Tim. 1:5). CBS combines programs in both theological and general education so that students can recognize and interact with biblical and non-biblical worldviews. Students are educated in disciplines that help them know and articulate Scripture, preparing them for personal ministry.

From this basic philosophy flow two essential objectives – personal growth and communal ministry. In accord with the life, education and ministry goals of each student, CBS encourages students to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, CBS provides a variety of planned learning opportunities that culminate in a baccalaureate degree designed to assist students in demonstrating a godly lifestyle founded on Scriptural principles.

A student’s personal growth at CBS is contingent on developing Christian character along with academic competencies. Christian character is cultivated by biblical knowledge, proper interpretation of the Scriptures, prayer, repentance from sin and the application of spiritual gifts through dependence on the Holy Spirit. Academic competencies encompass emotional, intellectual, and social disciplines that help students develop skills for problem solving and communicating, as well as building and sustaining interpersonal relationships.

Communal ministry is the natural outflow of personal growth. The CBS educational program is designed to enable students to effectively serve the Body of Christ and to instill a personal commitment for world evangelism and discipleship. Biblically based professional courses in ministry skills equip students with the tools to be servant leaders, helping them to identify and answer societal issues through programmatic ministries. The Christian Service Learning Program requires students to apply the skills learned in the classroom through supervised ministry in local church, parachurch and faith-based organizations.

The College is committed to the centrality and sufficiency of Scripture in the Christian life so that the God of the Bible will be honored through the student’s life and service. Together with the faculty furnishing the substantive body of knowledge, all divisions of CBS converge to provide an ethnically diverse student-centered campus where personal growth and communal ministry are nurtured.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The doctrinal position of the College of Biblical Studies–Houston is historically that of conservative Christianity. CBS rests firmly upon the integrity and inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures and, therefore, wholeheartedly accepts the basic doctrines of the historic Protestant Christian faith. CBS also supports the non-charismatic, dispensational, pre-millennial movement. Traditionally, CBS graduates stand for these great truths, and it is the desire of the College to continue to provide personnel for service in these ranks. This Doctrinal Statement, which every board member, administrator, staff and faculty member must sign, also includes:

Every word in the original writings of the Holy Scriptures is inspired of God and without error (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Cor. 2:13).

The Godhead exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God (Gen. 1:1; Jn. 10:30, 4:24; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

Man was created in the image and likeness of God, but in Adam all mankind fell into sin with the result that all men are sinners, hopelessly sinful in themselves, apart from the grace of God (Gen. 1:27, 9:6; Rom. 5:12, 3:23; Eph. 2:1).

The Eternal Son of God became incarnate in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is true God and true man, having been born of the virgin Mary (Jn. 1:1, 14, 18; Matt. 1:21-23; Heb. 1:6, 8; 1 Jn. 5:20; 1 Tim. 2:5).

Salvation is received by faith alone in Christ, who died in substitutionary sacrifice for our sins and rose again (Acts 4:12; 13:38, 39; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 4:4, 5; 5:1).

Every true believer is promised positional and ultimate sanctification with the possibility of progressive development in life spiritually (progressive sanctification) (Heb. 10:10, 14; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 5:26, 27; 1 Thess. 4:3, 4; 1 Jn. 3:2).

All who are born of the Spirit through faith in Christ can have the assurance of salvation and are eternally secure in Christ (Rom. 5:1; Jn. 3:5, 6; 1 Jn. 5:13; Jn. 10:28, 29; 17:12; 2 Tim. 1:12).

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead, who regenerates, indwells, baptizes, and seals all true believers in Christ and fills those yielded to God (Matt. 28:19; Jn. 1:13; 3:3-6; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:12; 6:19; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:30).

The Church, embracing all true believers, is the body and bride of Christ, formed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:24, 25, 30; 1 Cor. 12:12, 13, 27).

Christians are called to a holy life of service and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit, which service includes the propagation of the Gospel message to the whole world. There is promised reward in heaven for faithfulness in such service (1 Pet. 1:15, 16; Jn. 12:25, 26; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 3:12-15).

The scriptural ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are for all true believers in Christ (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 9:18; 10:47; 1 Cor. 1:16; 11:23-26).

Angels were originally created holy but now exist as unfallen and fallen including Satan (Col. 1:16; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 143:2-5; Jude 6; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:9; Eph. 6:11, 12).

God has revealed different dispensations or stewardships with corresponding rules of life, of which the present dispensation is the age of grace (Eph. 3:2-6, 9-11; Col. 1:25-27; Rom. 6:14; Heb. 7:18, 19).

The imminent return of the Lord, which is the blessed hope of the Church, is to be followed in order by: the tribulation; the establishment of the reign of Christ on earth for one thousand years; the eternal state of punishment for the unsaved and the eternal state of blessing for the saved (Titus 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:4-10; Rev. 3:10; Matt. 24:21, 29, 30; 25:31; Rev. 20:1-6, 11-15; Matt. 25:46).

CBS DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

The College of Biblical Studies appreciates and values God's gift of marriage between man and woman that God created in His own image. As a Bible College committed to providing our students with a biblical worldview, CBS fully believes what the Bible says about marriage and operates according to that faith commitment. We abide by Jesus's teaching on marriage when He said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, 5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? 6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate" (Matthew 19:4b-6 NASB, capitalization in the original). The definition of marriage provided by Jesus includes several important truths that CBS expects all board members, faculty members, students and staff to value and abide by: 1) Marriage is a covenant designed by God (19:4b). 2) This biblical definition of marriage is not conditioned by culture or personal perspective but decided by God from the beginning and expected to continue until eternity (v. 4b). 3) Marriage is intended to be between one man and one woman as God biologically created them male and female at birth (v. 4b). Hence, any other proposals for marriage are outside of God's intended design (see also Leviticus 18:22, 20:13-16; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; and 1 Timothy 1:9-10). 4) The marriage covenant is sealed through sexual intercourse which should be reserved for one husband and one wife after they have entered the holy covenant of marriage (v. 5). 5) God's design is for marriage to last until the death of one of the spouses (v. 6 and Matthew 22:30).

Therefore, the College of Biblical Studies defines marriage as a divinely designed biblical covenant between one man and one woman and God that is intended to represent the relationship of Christ and the Church, and last until the death of either spouse. This view of marriage is affirmed in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament (see Genesis 1:27, 2:23-24; Malachi 2:14; Song of Solomon 2:7, 16; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:4).

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The College considers itself a Christian ministry within Houston's multi-ethnic community. CBS prohibits discrimination, including harassment on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, veteran, or military status. This policy applies to all student admissions, academic policies, scholarships, and other college-administered programs.

College students or employees who experience conduct in violation of this policy are likely to have concerns and questions, including how to report and respond to sex-based misconduct. Title IX complaints by or against CBS students, employees, or third parties, can be filed with the Title IX Coordinator. To discuss concerns or report violations, please contact the Title IX Coordinator:

Title IX Coordinator

832-252-4619

TitleIXCoordinator@cbsouston.edu

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The College is not affiliated with any denomination. The College seeks to serve those individuals and churches of similar biblical faith and welcomes to its student body qualified persons who are in general agreement with the College's doctrinal position.

ACCREDITATION

The College of Biblical Studies-Houston is recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a degree-granting institution under the requirements as an exempt religious institution.

The College is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) to award certificate, associate, and baccalaureate degrees. Contact ABHE at 5850 T.T. Lee Blvd, Suite 130, Orlando, FL 32822 or call 407-207-0808. The ABHE address is provided to enable constituents to:

- 1) learn about the institution's accreditation status,
- 2) file a third-party comment, or
- 3) file a complaint against the institution.

The College of Biblical Studies-Houston is accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the status of College of Biblical Studies-Houston. The SACSCOC address is provided to enable constituents to:

- 1) learn about the institution's accreditation status,
- 2) file a third-party comment, or
- 3) file a complaint against the institution.

Both accrediting bodies are recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the United States Department of Education, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Why is accreditation important?

Whether a college, university, or program is accredited is important to students and the public for the following reasons:

- Students who want federal grants and/or loans must attend a college, university, or program that is accredited.
- Employers ask if a college, university or program is accredited when deciding to provide tuition assistance to current employees, evaluating the credentials of new employees, or making a charitable contribution.
- The federal government requires that a college, university or program be accredited in order to

be eligible for federal grants and loans or other federal funds that can ultimately have an impact on students and the public, (e.g., research).

- State governments also require that a college, university or program be accredited for reasons such as making state funds available to institutions, when they allow students to sit for state licensure examinations in some professional fields, etc.

Who are the accreditors?

In the U.S., the accreditors are private, nongovernmental organizations created for the specific purpose of reviewing higher education institutions and programs for quality. To find a list of all recognized accreditors in the U.S., please go to the CHEA web site at www.chea.org and click on "Databases and Directories."

How do I learn more about accreditation?

- U. S. Department of Education: www.ed.gov
- Council for Higher Education Accreditation: www.chea.org
- Association for Biblical Higher Education: www.abhe.org
- Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges: www.sacscoc.org
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: www.thecb.state.tx.us

ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATES

Fall 2014 Total Enrollment **496**

Enrollment Ethnicity

Black/African American	48%
Hispanic/Latino	30%
White/Anglo	16%
Other	6%

Gender

Male	55%
Female	45%

Enrollment by Category

Bachelor	281
Associate	189
Bible Certificate	12
Undecided	14

Degrees Awarded

Bible Certificates:	
Cumulative (since 1984)	354
Associate of Biblical Studies:	
Cumulative (since 1997)	385
Baccalaureate Degrees:	
Cumulative (since 2002)	1180

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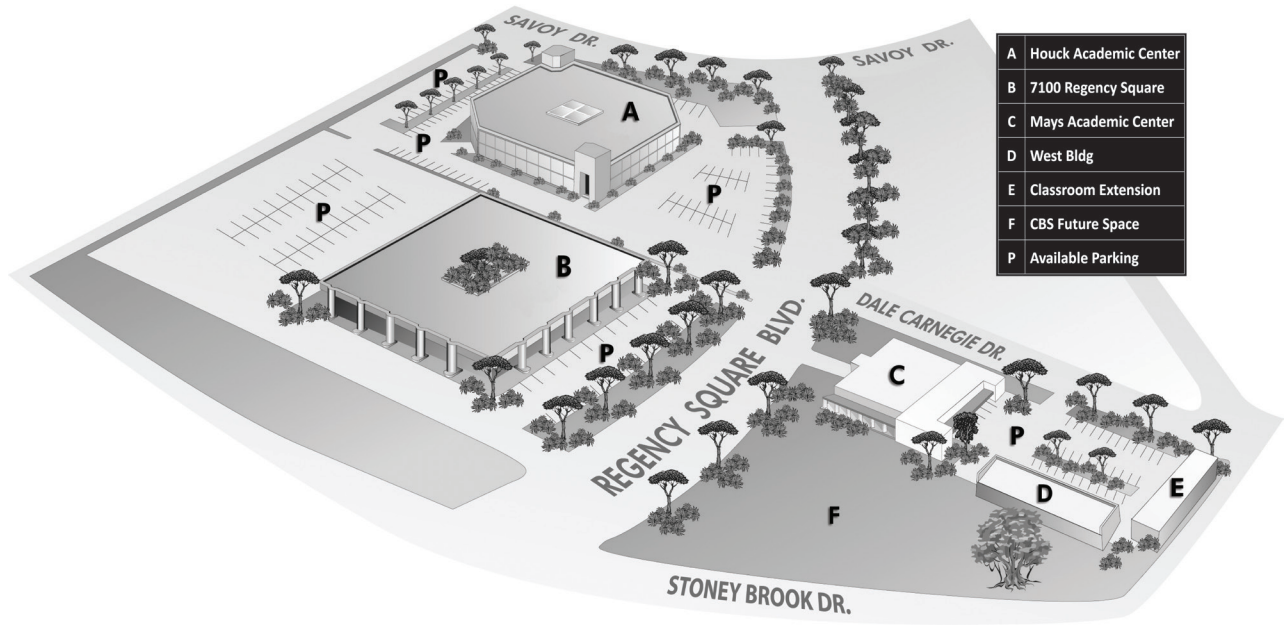
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CAMPUS MAP



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