



VBSC-SDCE 2020 ANNUAL SESSION COURSES

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2020 Annual Session Featured Lecture **“Christian Apologetics”** **Dr. Kimberly Credit**

Christian apologetics (Greek: ἀπολογία, "verbal defence, speech in defence") is a branch of Christian theology that defends Christianity against objections.

CLS / COPP COURSE

<p>Phase 1 Course</p>	<p><u>CLS 1007 Survey of the Old Testament [COPP Phase 1 Course]</u></p> <p>Students in this course will survey the Old Testament. Included in this survey will be a general overview of the divisions, times, places – with emphasis on the nation of Israel, events, people, and archaeology of the Old Testament.</p>
<p>Phase 2 Course</p>	<p><u>CLS 3008 Theology and History of Christianity [COPP Phase 2 Course]</u></p> <p>Students in this course will outline the development of the Christian movement from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry on Earth to present times. Focus on the history, theology, culture, and times that enable Christianity to develop and grow. Prominent persons who influenced the Christian movement will be identified.</p>
<p>CLERGY AND MINISTRY LEADERS</p>	<p><u>CLS 1089 Survey of Romans [COPP Phase 3 Course]</u></p> <p>Students in this course will engage in an overview of major issues presented in Paul’s doctrinal lesson to the Roman Christians. Students will come to recognize each doctrinal truth presented in the book.</p>
<p>PASTORS, DEACONS, AND TRUSTEES</p>	<p><u>CLS 9906 Baptist Beliefs and Practices</u></p> <p><i>Intended for pastors, deacons, and trustees to attend jointly</i>, this course has been structured to provide a clear understanding of Baptist beliefs and practices. In recent years, Baptist churches have been influenced by polity and clergy from other denominations. In this setting, the class will discuss what makes Baptists distinctive from other denominations. The class will research other denominational groups (Pentecostal and liturgical) in order to understand distinguishing factors for Baptists. The pastors, deacons, and trustees will be equipped to support their beliefs with Scripture and historical practices.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKERS</p>	<p><u>CLS 6022 Teaching Strategies for Spiritual Formation of Children and Youth</u></p> <p>Students in this course will be introduced to interactive teaching strategies and techniques for the spiritual formation of children and youth. Attention will also be given to age-appropriate learning activities and hands-on experiences for exploring what it means to be Christian.</p> <p><u>CLS 8055 The Church’s Response to the 21ST Century</u></p> <p>The challenge of instruction has become more difficult in the 21st Century. This is mainly due to the doctrinal challenges and anti-Christian beliefs that have saturated the culture. In this era, persons have even been oriented to question the relevancy of the Bible. This course will help students recognize the specific issues facing the church; also, the course will lead students into a Scripture search and discussion so that biblical and Christian resolve might be embraced.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CONGREGATION MEMBERS</p>	<p><u>CLS 6021 Spiritual Formation- Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns [COPP Phase 1 Course]</u></p> <p>This course will enable people to mature in their Christian walk. Instruction will focus on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults – to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Discussions will provide the opportunity to deliberate on what it means to be Christians.</p> <p><u>CLS 7010 Introduction to Discipleship</u></p> <p>This course will introduce believers to the biblical principles of discipleship. Students will examine the character traits of believers, while looking at the overall examples of Jesus. In addition, they will study the discipleship methods of Jesus and the difference between discipleship and membership.</p>

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