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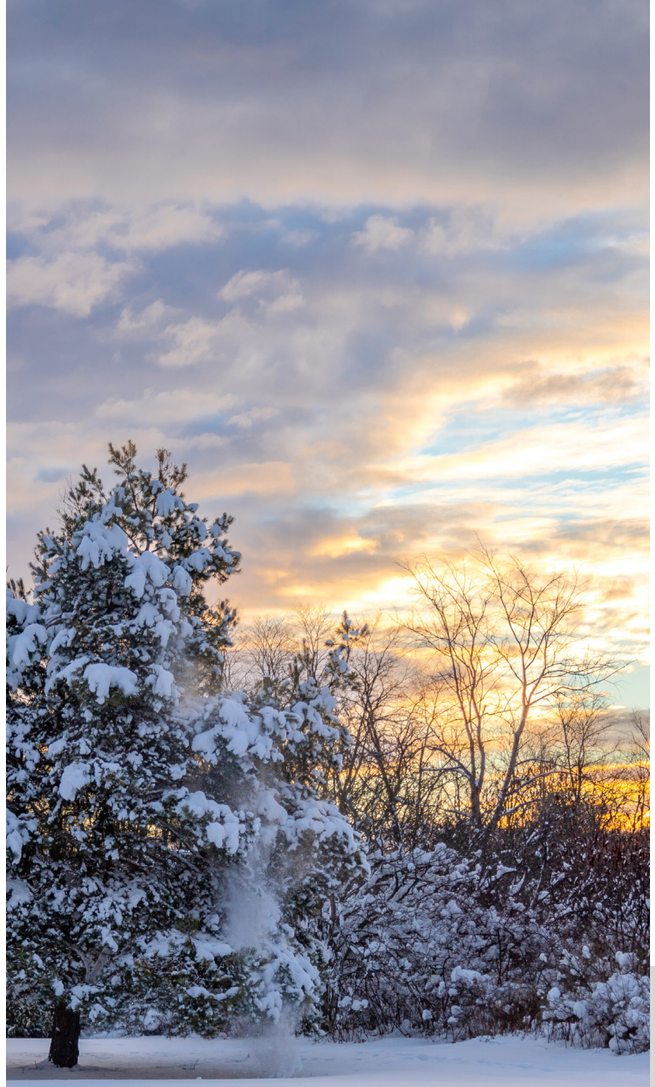

WINTER TERM 27

Faith Builders Educational Programs

January 5 - February 6, 2027

Daily Schedule

	WEEK ONE Jan. 5-9	WEEK TWO Jan. 12-16	WEEK THREE Jan. 19-23	WEEK FOUR Jan. 26-30	WEEK FIVE Feb. 2-6
Breakfast 7:15-7:45					
Chapel 8:00-8:30	M: Speaker | T: Small Groups | W: Worship | R: Small Groups | F: Speaker				
Period A 8:40-10:10	Church History: Reformation to the Present				
	Listening to and Enjoying Good Music			Music in the Life of the Church	
	Reading the Bible			Anabaptism as Worldview	
Period B 10:20-11:50	Women Caring for Women (M, W, F)				
	Music Fundamentals				
	Romans: Salvation and Sanctification			The Kingdom of God	
	Preparing & Delivering Devotionals & Sermons			Engaging Middle Eastern Culture, History, and Religion	
Lunch 11:45-12:45					
Period C 12:15-1:45	Understanding the Biblical Storyline				
	Marriage & Mothering (M,W,F)			Creating Life-Giving Spaces	
	Church Planting				
Period D 1:55-3:25	Life & Leadership for Men				
	Understanding Abuse				
	Ruth & Other Women of the Bible			Revelation	
Period E 3:35-5:05	Systematic Theology				
	Poetry of Faith				
	Poetry of Faith: Poems of Pilgrimage			Poetry of Faith: Devotional Verse	
	Class Voice (M, W, F)			Beginning Choral Conducting	
	The Sermon on the Mount			Public Speaking for Women	
	Church Growth				
Supper 5:15-6:00					

INSTRUCTORS

Instructors are selected for commitment to Christ and His church and for competence in the subjects they teach.

Brandon Byler
Carpenter, Itinerant Speaker

John Coblentz
Pastor, Author

Janelle Glick
Homemaker, Life Coach, Mentor

Wendell Glick
Music Educator, Composer

Kendra Kennell
Greenhouse Laborer, Mentor

Paul Lamicela
Biblical Studies Teacher

Melvin Lehman
Pastor, Retired Teacher

Brandon Mullet
FBTI Instructor, Choir Director

Marie Mullet
Homemaker

Josh Nisley
FBTI Instructor, High School Teacher

Allen Roth
Pastor, Church Planter

Stephen Russell
FBTI Instructor

Reagan Schrock
Anabaptist Perspectives Host

Anita Yoder
FB Communications, Mentor

ABOUT WINTER TERM

Winter Term offers courses in various disciplines, including Bible, music, history, and theology. Courses are structured to allow students to attend for as few as two weeks.

COURSE INFORMATION

Courses may be taken for credit or audited. The suggested workload is 6-8 credits or 2-3 courses. Students are expected to take two classes per day for credit. Three classes per day is a typical maximum load. Students who audit do not complete all homework, take exams, or receive a grade.

EXPENSES

Costs are based on the number of weeks attending, the number of courses taken, lodging, meals, and various fees. Find more details at **www.fbep.org/wt.**

Cynthia Brubaker
Homemaker

Steven Brubaker
FB Project Leader

Winter Term Course Descriptions

Any course is subject to cancellation if the minimum student enrollment is not met. Preference is given to early enrollees. Classes are limited to a maximum of 30 students.

Filled boxes indicate course length. This course runs for the first three weeks of Winter Term.

Filled section indicates the credit hours. This course earns one credit hour.

Reading the Bible

Steven Brubaker

Reading the Bible is a course that cultivates the attitudes, discipline, concepts, skills, and intention necessary for reading the Bible, moving toward its intended meaning, and making the response God desires. *Course not available for audit.*

Understanding the Biblical Storyline

Paul Lamicela

This course introduces students to the significance of the Word of the Lord as it breaks forth in the Minor Prophets. The course also projects some parallels on our own era. We assume this is not possible without an understanding of the time and geographic context wherein these words were written and compiled.

Ruth & Other Women of the Bible

Kendra Kennell

Together, we will study the life of Ruth and other women woven throughout Scripture. We will look at their lives through the stories that are recorded in Scripture, and aim to apply what we learn. We will look at the history and culture that surrounds their stories and how God worked in their lives. These women of the Bible faced real challenges, just as we do.

The Sermon on the Mount

Brandon Byler

Feared, hated, or loved; the message of Jesus is anything except neutral. This class, focused on some of Jesus' richest teachings, is an opportunity to encounter, engage, and experience the life God intends for each of us.

Romans: Salvation and Sanctification

Melvin Lehman

This study is aimed at unpacking the basics of Christian theology as understood and communicated by Paul. Of particular interest is Paul's anthropology and his soteriology. A Gospel soteriology is compared and contrasted with the Pauline soteriology in Romans. The approach is exegetical with reading in selected commentaries, particularly in J.C. Wenger's text *A Lay Guide to Romans*.

Revelation

Paul Lamicela

The message of Revelation needs to be heard and heeded. But it is a strange book to modern readers, and one rendered stranger by popular but misguided readings of it. This course will re-introduce students to the book, seeking to read it afresh as the culmination of the biblical storyline, as a letter to first-century churches, as an ancient Jewish apocalypse, and as God's Word calling believers of all ages to "overcome." This is not an exhaustive exploration of the book, but will focus on key themes that illuminate Revelation and our own world.

Public Speaking for Women

Anita Yoder

This course is designed for women who have something valuable to say but don't know how to say it. The course equips students to prepare and deliver a speech that serves its audience. We will practice using simple tools that can be used for any kind of speech, including leading Bible studies and teaching Sunday school.

Course not available for audit.

Church History: Reformation to the Present

Stephen Russell

This class is a survey of church history beginning with the Reformation and continuing up to today. This survey is divided into two periods: the Reformation and the Modern Church.

Engaging Middle Eastern Culture, History, and Religion

Reagan Schrock

The Middle East is the most complex geopolitical region in the world. This course surveys Middle Eastern history, its cultural and religious landscape, and the ongoing clash between Eastern and Western mindsets. We will examine topics such as terrorism, Islam, shame and honor culture, and practical ideas for ministering to those from this region. Our goal is to demystify the Middle East and its peoples, to understand how we got the Middle East of today, and to examine how Anabaptists are uniquely equipped to be a conduit of redemption amid war, genocide, and spiritual darkness. This study will develop our capacity to bring hope and healing to the peoples of the Middle East.

Poetry of Faith

Josh Nisley

The tradition of Christian poetry in English is one of the oldest and richest in Western literature, spanning approximately 1,500 years from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present. We will explore this literary inheritance in two distinct parts:

1. Poems of Pilgrimage (Weeks 1-3): long-form poems that explore spiritual life as a journey or quest
2. Devotional Verse (Weeks 4-5): shorter poems that speak to or about God

Students may take the entire course or opt to take either part as a stand-alone class. Through close reading and discussion, students will not only learn about specific poets and poems but how to read and appreciate poetry. No prior experience with poetry or literary study is assumed.

Understanding Abuse

John Coblentz

Abuse is an unfortunate part of human relationships. In this course, we look at physical, verbal, emotional, and sexual abuse, creating awareness and understanding. We review Pennsylvania abuse laws. We also explore Biblical understanding of how to respond to human sin, suffering, and sorrow.

Preparing & Delivering Devotionals & Sermons

Brandon Byler

Understanding and teaching Scripture is an important and weighty opportunity. This course is for men who want to learn new skills and sharpen old ones. It includes hands-on, interactive experience with tools to present God's word. *Course not available for audit.*

Music Fundamentals

Wendell Glick

This course is a concise introduction to the fundamental elements of music theory and practice. It aims to develop intellectual and practical fluency with musical concepts and skills, with an emphasis on reading and writing musical notation (pitch and rhythm). Course topics include pitch, rhythm and meter, major and minor scales, intervals, triads and seventh chords, and a preliminary look at the fundamentals of harmony. Students will also learn elementary keyboard orientation, listening, and sight-singing skills.

Listening to and Enjoying Good Music

Brandon Mullet

This course provides the student with the background necessary to develop an appreciation for good music. Guidance is given in listening and learning to appreciate church, choral, and classical music. The basic vocabulary, forms, and genres are taught, as well as brief histories of the periods of music and the composers of great music from each of these periods.

Beginning Choral Conducting

Brandon Mullet

A practical, hands-on approach to choral conducting, focusing on clear communication of musical ideas with the conducting gesture and on efficient, effective rehearsal techniques. All participants will spend substantial time conducting. Some sessions will be videotaped.

Music in the Life of the Church

Brandon Mullet

Worship is a primary function of the gathered community. This course develops a framework for thinking about the role of music in the church. In addition, students explore the practical implications of this framework for the life of the church.

Marriage & Mothering

Marie Mullet

As married women we are called to live with purpose, loving our husbands and our children. No matter where we are, we want the world and our children to see Jesus in our lives. This includes being a wife and mother out of who God created us to be, a unique person, intentionally created "for such a time as this." Topics to be discussed: how sin entering the world affects how we relate to each other, becoming soul-mates, intimacy, honoring/loving, contentment and mothering. We will look at women from Scripture and see how they were women like you and me.

Course not available for audit. For married women only.

Creating Life-giving Spaces

Cynthia Brubaker

"The vision of home as a place to flourish and grow fully into healthy persons has too often been lost in the busyness, distraction, and brokenness of both our secular and our Christian cultures" (Sally Clarkson). Homes need to be much more than a motel, whether inhabited by one person or a family. They can be life-giving oases of refuge and restoration in a world that has lost its way. If you are a single, married, or future homemaker, this class is for you as together we cultivate the vision for women creating vibrant, joyful homes that enable the members to flourish.

Women Caring for Women

Janelle Glick

Through scripture study, interactional learning, and reflective writing, this course helps women explore their God-given relational resources, practice Christ-like change in their coping patterns, and develop skills in compassionate listening and prayer ministry with others. A main goal of the course is to equip women to return to their communities strengthened in God's relational presence and prepared to bless others with His grace. *Course not available for audit. Minimum age of 21.*

Anabaptism as Worldview

Steven Brubaker

An exploration of the values and beliefs of the Anabaptist worldview.

Life & Leadership for Men

Melvin Lehman

Growing into a man implies growing toward leadership roles. In this study, we explore the foundations of manhood and the seasons of a man's life in the family, community, and church. The book of Nehemiah provides a framework for discussion.

Systematic Theology

Stephen Russell

A development of the major themes of theology from an Anabaptist perspective. We will study the essential doctrines of the Christian faith in a systematic way, seeking to show the relationships among them. We will focus on the study of God, his revelation, and his relationship with man. We will structure our study after the Apostles' Creed. Our course takes a confessional approach (also known as dogmatic) which focuses on the Anabaptist tradition within the larger orthodox Christian tradition.

The Kingdom of God

Melvin Lehman

This course considers the Kingdom of God and its place in history and eternity. It has always been God's intent to establish His rule throughout the earth through His people whom He has called out to establish His glory. This idea is presently embodied in the Church, the body of Christ. The Church and its call to redemptive suffering through love are in step with God's original purpose and plan for His creation.

Church Planting

Allen Roth

Students will be given an overview of the biblical basis for church planting, the character traits necessary in a church planter, the practical challenges faced in church planting, and an introduction to a variety of models and methods being employed in church planting.

Church Growth

Allen Roth

Students will explore approaches a local church can use to impact its community for Christ. In addition, students will learn to share the Gospel with actual experience in witnessing. We will discuss strengths and weaknesses of various approaches and dream together of ways we can encourage our congregations to become more proactive in reaching out to unchurched people around us.

Apply for Winter Term

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