

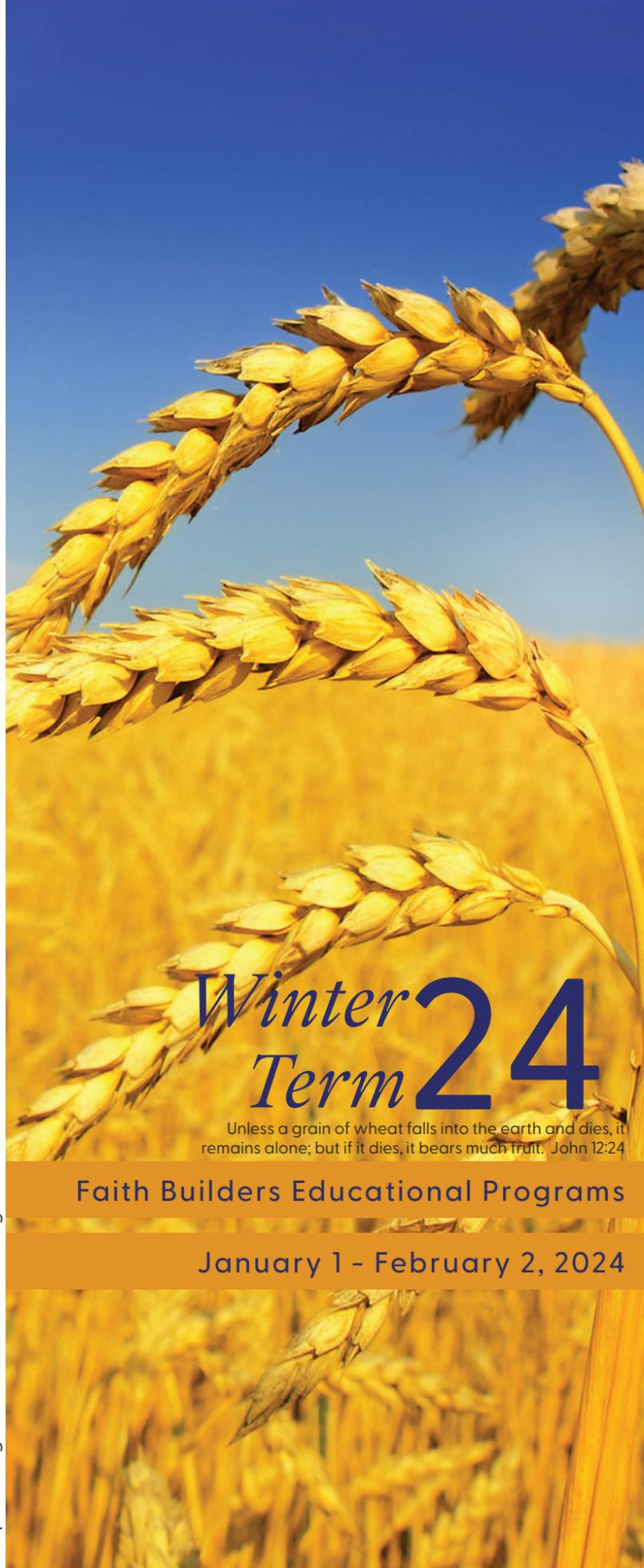
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Winter Term 24

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. John 12:24

Faith Builders Educational Programs

January 1 - February 2, 2024

winter term 2024

	WEEK ONE Jan. 1-5	WEEK TWO Jan. 8-12	WEEK THREE Jan. 15-19	WEEK FOUR Jan. 22-26	WEEK FIVE Jan. 29-Feb. 2
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	Music Theory				
	New Testament Survey				
	Themes in Leadership (M, W, F)			Anabaptism as Worldview	
Period B 10:20-11:50	Understanding Abuse				
	Understanding the Biblical Storyline				
	Romans: Salvation & Sanctification			Issues in Church Leadership	
	Early American Mennonite Thought				
Lunch 11:45-12:45					
Period C 12:20-1:50	Church History: Early & Medieval				
	Listening to & Enjoying Good Music			Music in the Life of the Church	
	Marriage & Mothering (M, W, F)			Creating Life-Giving Spaces	
Period D 2:00-3:30	Music Fundamentals				
	An Anabaptist View of Peace, Violence & Politics			The Remarkable Growth of Early Eastern Christianity	
	Reading the Bible			Writing to Communicate	
Period E 3:40-5:10	Life & Leadership for Men				
	Galatians			Engaging Middle Eastern Culture, History, & Religion	
	Class Voice (M, W, F)			Beginning Choral Conducting	
Supper 5:15-6:00					

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 on the last page of this application.

INSTRUCTORS

Instructors are selected for characterizing love of God and for demonstrating capability in the discipline they teach.



Cynthia Brubaker
Homemaker



Steven Brubaker
FBEP Administrator & Instructor



Edsel Burdge
Historian



John Coblentz
Pastor, Author, FBTI Instructor



Lucas Hilty
Pastor, FBTI Instructor



Paul Lamicela
Biblical studies teacher



Melvin Lehman
Pastor, FBTI Instructor



Nolan Martin
Teacher, Pastor, Software Developer



Brandon Mullet
FBTI Instructor, Choir director



Marie Mullet
Homemaker, Mentor



Stephen Russell
FBTI Instructor



Reagan Schrock
Nonprofit leader



Kyle Stoltzfus
Pastor, FBTI Instructor



Anita Yoder
FB Communications Assistant, Mentor

course descriptions

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 The filled area indicates the credit hours awarded for a course. This course earns one credit hour.

 The filled areas indicate the course length. This course runs for the first two weeks of Winter Term.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY BIB 102

Stephen Russell

An introductory study of the authorship, date, and content of the New Testament books. Major events in the life of Christ and in the Early Church are reviewed. Attention is given to New Testament lessons in character and spiritual life.

READING THE BIBLE BIB 150

Kyle Stoltzfus

This course cultivates the attitudes, discipline, concepts, skills, and intention necessary to faithfully read the Bible. As we come to the biblical text, moving toward its intended meaning and responding in a way God desires, we are transformed and prepared for further reading. *Course not available for audit.*

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLICAL STORYLINE

BIB 330

Paul Lamicela

This course provides students with a thorough grounding in the study of biblical theology—tracing the development of themes through the whole of Scripture, carefully observing how the Bible itself uses earlier portions of Scripture, revealing the structural concepts and institutions that hold the great plotline of the Bible together, and rejoicing in how all of the above drive one to Jesus and His work for sinners.

ROMANS: SALVATION AND SANCTIFICATION

BIB 356

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 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*.

GALATIANS BIB 360

Paul Lamicela

This course provides an in-depth introduction to Paul's letter to the Galatians, as well as an entry point to Pauline theology. This is a dense, shocking, and beautiful letter which distills many of Paul's key theological ideas. The class will include both lectures and guided discussions.

WRITING TO COMMUNICATE ENG 105

Anita Yoder

This course is for those who would rather eat their pencil than write an email or newsletter article. We will learn and practice the building blocks of effective communication and explore ways to approach the terrifying blank page with confidence.

Course not available for audit; limited to 15 students.

CHURCH HISTORY: EARLY & MEDIEVAL HIS 340

Stephen Russell

This a survey of church history up to the Reformation. This course purposes to enable the student to gain a general understanding of the development of church institutions, doctrines, and movements, and to become acquainted with important actors in church history up to the time of the Reformation. We will look at the things that unite and divide Christians.

THE REMARKABLE GROWTH OF EARLY EASTERN CHRISTIANITY HIS 342

Lucas Hilty

When the institutions around us crumble, we have a choice: reach for security or embrace the opportunities to build the Church in the chaos. Early Christians in the eastern Roman Empire faced this choice. Rather than retreat into timidity, however, these Christians took the troubles of their world as an opportunity to spread the gospel in new cultures and regions. In this course, we trace the progress of these churches of the East, a story featuring ascetic monks, fiery bishops, Persian shahs, and Arab sheikhs. As we encounter their energy, their mistakes, and their success, we will ask: how might the disruptive events of our own time prepare us to live boldly?

ENGAGING MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURE, HISTORY, AND RELIGION ICS 321

Reagan Schrock

In the last two decades, millions of people attempted to flee the Middle East in the largest refugee crisis since World War II. What contributed to this crisis? How should we think about the Middle East, war, and refugees? To begin answering these questions, we will survey Middle Eastern history, its cultural and religious landscape, and the ongoing clash between Eastern and Western mindsets. We will examine the topics of terrorism, Islam, the refugee crisis, and practical ideas for ministering to those from this region. Our goal is to understand how we got the Middle East of today and how we as Anabaptists can build bridges to bring redemption amid war, genocide, and spiritual darkness. This study will develop our capacity to bring hope and healing to the issues facing today's Middle East.

UNDERSTANDING ABUSE MIN 328

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.

ISSUES IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP MIN 335

Melvin Lehman

Church leadership has always been a challenge. The contemporary world presents a special set of challenges. This course offers a discussion forum for pastors to raise questions and share their administrative/pastoral experiences with one another.

Course limited to church leaders.

THEMES IN LEADERSHIP MIN 355

Steven Brubaker

Accepting a leadership position is an event. Becoming a faithful and effective leader is a journey. This series is intended as a travel plaza for refueling, checking the map, and getting some supplies before hitting the road again.

Course limited to ministers and organizational or business leaders.

MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS MUS 101

Nolan Martin

Emphasizes elementary theory (chord structure), music reading, and ear training skills. This course aims to instill a basic working knowledge of the language of music and to develop skill in pitch reproduction.

MUSIC THEORY I MUS 201

Nolan Martin

Building upon Music Fundamentals, this course explores tonal music theory, focusing on species counterpoint, harmonic analysis, melodic harmonization, and SATB voice leading. Students will also engage in important skills such as ear training, sight-reading, and basic keyboard techniques. The course will contribute to students' ability to sing, play musical instruments, and compose in four-part harmony.

Prerequisite: MUS 110 Music Fundamentals or equivalent.

LISTENING TO AND ENJOYING GOOD MUSIC MUS 301

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.

CLASS VOICE MUS 310

Brandon Mullet

Students are instructed in the fundamentals of good singing. This course is designed for anyone who is interested in learning to sing correctly.

BEGINNING CHORAL CONDUCTING MUS 320

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 MUS 331

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.

LIFE & LEADERSHIP FOR MEN PER 260

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.

MARRIAGE & MOTHERING PER 261

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; limited to married women.

CREATING LIFE-GIVING SPACES PER 265

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 single, married, or a 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.

ANABAPTISM AS WORLDVIEW PHI 260

Steven Brubaker

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

EARLY AMERICAN MENNONITE THOUGHT THE 234

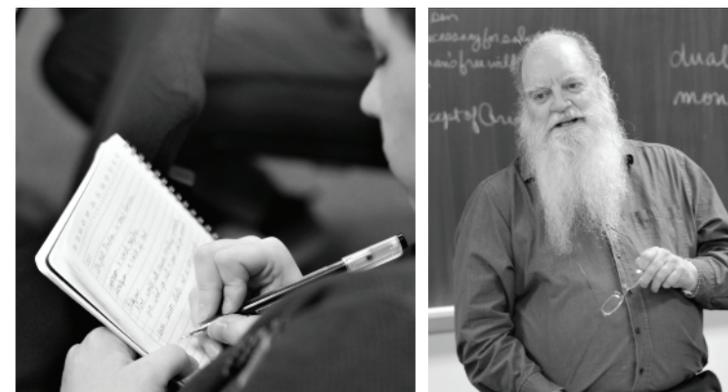
Edsel Burdge

This course examines several key American Mennonite theological texts, starting with Henry Funk, *A Mirror of Baptism*, to John M. Brenneman's *Pride and Humility*. Other authors will include Christian Burkholder, Peter Burkholder, and John F. Funk. We study how the authors understood salvation, ethics, church, nonresistance, and nonconformity.

AN ANABAPTIST VIEW ON VIOLENCE, PEACE, AND POLITICS THE 321

Edsel Burdge

This course will provide a historical survey of how Anabaptists have addressed the topics of violence and peace and how they have related to political structures. It will begin with 16th century Anabaptism and will trace how their approaches developed through to the 21st century. The course will include readings in original sources and will follow a mixed format of lecture and class discussion.



student application

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CHURCH INFORMATION	CHURCH NAME		CITY, STATE			CHURCH AFFILIATION			
	PASTOR'S NAME		PASTOR'S PHONE						
FAMILY INFORMATION	NAME OF SPOUSE (if attending)		CHILDREN (Include names and ages of those attending with you. Include any special lodging needs.)						
CLASS SELECTION Please indicate the courses you wish to attend. A typical course load is 6-8 credit hours or 2-3 courses in any one week. Select only one course per period unless courses fall on separate weeks. Select <input type="checkbox"/> if you wish to take a class for credit. Select <input type="radio"/> if you wish to audit a class. If auditing, please select every week you wish to attend. You may take a course for credit only if you intend to attend for the entire duration of the course.	PERIOD	1	2	3	4	5	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	
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	Minimum age: 18 years old.	APPLICATION FEE & DEPOSIT: \$225 (\$200 will be applied to tuition.) No refund for cancelations after Nov. 30. If we deny application or do not have space, we will refund \$200. Checks should be made payable to Faith Builders.							
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EXPENSES Discounts are available for those attending the entire term. A student in the dorm receives approximately \$200 in discounts by staying the entire term.	ACADEMIC		MEALS		LODGING		WINTER TERM SUPPORT SERVICES FEE		
	Application Fee..... \$25		per week		per week		\$52: Includes registration, technology, printing, and student activities fees.		
	Credit course (per hour)\$260		Adult\$96		Dorms (singles)..... \$78				
	Audit course (per hour)...\$145		Children (5-12).....\$48		Apts. (couples)\$121 and up				
Textbooks (per course)....\$25-90				We have limited lodging for families. Call for details for special lodging needs.					