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Faith Builders contributes to the growth of Christian communities by providing Christ-centered training and resources.



Winter Term 25

Faith Builders Educational Programs

January 6 - February 7, 2025

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

Winter Term 2025

	WEEK ONE Jan. 6-10	WEEK TWO Jan. 13-17	WEEK THREE Jan. 20-24	WEEK FOUR Jan. 27-31	WEEK FIVE Feb. 3-7
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	Anabaptist History				
	Themes in Leadership (M, W, F)			Anabaptism as Worldview	
	Church Growth				
Period B 10:20-11:50	Music Fundamentals				
	Discipleship in the Local Church			Issues in Human Sexuality and Gender	
	The Sermon on the Mount			Poetry of Faith: The Christian Tradition in English	
Lunch 11:45-12:45					
Period C 12:15-1:45	Listening to & Enjoying Good Music			Music in the Life of the Church	
	Growing into a Godly Woman (M, W, F)			Creating Life-Giving Spaces	
	Church Planting				
Period D 1:55-3:25	Life & Leadership for Men				
	Reading the Bible				
Period E 3:35-5:05	Systematic Theology				
	Class Voice (M, W, F)			Beginning Choral Conducting	
	Preparing & Delivering Devotionals & Sermons				
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,
FBTI Instructor



Brandon Byler
Carpenter, Itinerant
Speaker



John Coblentz
Pastor, Author,
FBTI Instructor



Melvin Lehman
Pastor, FBTI Instructor



Nelson Martin
Mechanic, Conductor,
Composer,



Brandon Mullet
FBTI Instructor,
Choir director



Marie Mullet
Homemaker, Mentor



Josh Nisley
FBTI Instructor



Allen Roth
Pastor, Church Planter



Stephen Russell
FBTI Instructor




Kyle Stoltzfus
Pastor, FBTI Instructor

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.

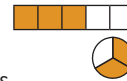
Any course is subject to cancellation if the minimum student enrollment is not met. Preference is given to early enrollees. Classes are limited to a maximum of 30 students.

READING THE BIBLE BIB 150

Kyle Stoltzfus

Reading the Bible is a course which 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.



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT BIB 331

Brandon Byler

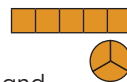
Feared, hated, or loved, the message of Jesus is anything except neutral. This class, focused on some of Jesus' richest teachings, is an opportunity to encounter, engage, and experience the life God intends for each of us.



ANABAPTIST HISTORY HIS 230

Stephen Russell

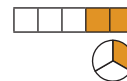
A study of the roots, founding men and women, branches, and ideas of sixteenth century Anabaptism, including the similarities and differences among Anabaptism, Protestantism, and Catholicism. This survey explores the origins, development, struggle for survival, maintenance, and changes in Anabaptism up to the present time.



POETRY OF FAITH: THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION IN ENGLISH LIT 311

Josh Nisley

The tradition of English devotional poetry is one of the oldest and richest in Western literature—and it's a living tradition, with many accomplished poets still writing about the mystery of life with God. Beginning in the Anglo-Saxon period and continuing to the present, we will explore this long stream of poetry informed by Christian faith. Through close reading and discussion, students will not only learn about specific poets and poems but how to read and appreciate poetry.



DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH MIN 334

John Coblentz

To be a disciple is to be a follower of Jesus. In the first half of this course we look at what that means, exploring the requirements for knowing and following Jesus. In the second half of the course, we consider how to help others to follow Jesus, identifying the necessary skills and exploring effective methods for assisting others.

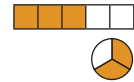


PREPARING & DELIVERING DEVOTIONALS & SERMONS MIN 337

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.



ISSUES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY AND GENDER

John Coblentz MIN 338

This course is designed to increase understanding and compassion for those who struggle with same-sex attraction and/or gender confusion. We will explore biblical understanding of gender differences and sexual behaviors as well as cultural influences and consider how Christians should relate to current cultural positions.



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.

Limited to ministers and organizational or business leaders.



MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS MUS 110

Nelson 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.



LISTENING TO AND ENJOYING GOOD MUSIC

Brandon Mullet MUS 301

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

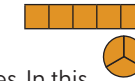
Worship is a primary function of the gathered community. This course develops a framework for thinking about the role of music in the church. In addition, students explore the practical implications of this framework for the life of the church.



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.



GROWING INTO A GODLY WOMAN PER 261

Marie Mullet

God does not call me to perfection but to continual growth into who He created me to be—a woman who loves her Redeemer. This includes living a life of prayer, trust, service, and practicing the spiritual disciplines. We will also examine the lives of women of Scripture to learn what it means to be a godly woman.



CREATING LIFE-GIVING SPACES PER 265

Cynthia Brubaker

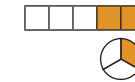
"The vision of home as a place to flourish and grow fully into healthy persons has too often been lost in the busyness, distraction and brokenness of both our secular and our Christian cultures" (Sally Clarkson). Homes need to be much more than a motel, whether inhabited by one person or a family. They can be life-giving oases of refuge and restoration in a world that has lost its way. If you are 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.



ANABAPTISM AS WORLDVIEW PHI 260

Steven Brubaker

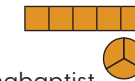
An exploration of the values and beliefs of the Anabaptist worldview.



SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY THE 220

Stephen Russell

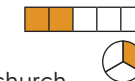
A development of the major themes of theology from an Anabaptist perspective. We will study the essential doctrines of the Christian faith in a systematic way, seeking to show the relationships among them. We will focus on the study of God, his revelation, and his relationship with man. We will structure 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.



CHURCH PLANTING THE 370

Allen Roth

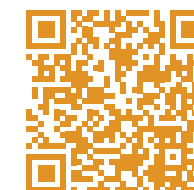
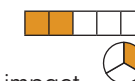
Students will be given an overview of the biblical basis for church planting, the character traits necessary in a church planter, the practical challenges faced in church planting, and an introduction to a variety of models and methods being employed in church planting.



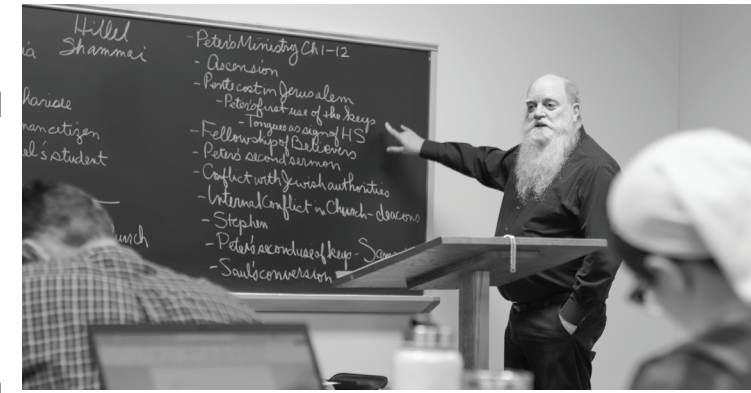
CHURCH GROWTH THE 371

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.



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	CITY, STATE, ZIP					PHONE			
	Do you have any medical needs or dietary requests you would like us to be aware of?					EMAIL ADDRESS			
	CHURCH SERVICE (Select any that apply. Discounts are available.) <input type="checkbox"/> mission worker <input type="checkbox"/> minister <input type="checkbox"/> volunteered within past year (full-time for at least one year)					PERSONAL PHOTO: mail with your application or email to admissions@fbep.org . Photos will be shared with FB staff.			
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	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 cancellations 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 Application Fee..... \$25 Credit course (per hour)\$285 Audit course (per hour)...\$155 Textbooks (per course)....\$25-90		MEALS per week Adult\$101 Children (5-12).....\$50		LODGING per week Dorms (singles)..... \$82 Apts. (couples)\$129 and up We have limited lodging for families. Call for details for special lodging needs.		WINTER TERM SUPPORT SERVICES FEE \$52: Includes registration, technology, printing, and student activities fees.		