



MONTANA WILDERNESS
SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

COURSE CATALOG

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HISTORY

Our campus started as a summer camp and retreat center in 1969. Desiring to offer more in-depth training in God's Word and a life rooted in Jesus Christ, a vision for a one-year Bible school was formed and MWSB was started in the fall of 1980.

Today, our hope and mission as a ministry has stayed the same:

We exist to equip young adults to own their faith and build their life's foundation on Jesus Christ.



OUR MINISTERSRY OFFERS A ONE-YEAR BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE CHRISTIANS WHO ARE DAILY DEPENDENT

ON JESUS

AND KNOW AND BELIEVE

IN HIS WORD.

WE BELIEVE THAT IF A
CHRISTIAN'S FOUNDATION
IS NOT LAID ON GOD'S WORD,
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO BE A GODLY
PERSON IN ALL OTHER CONTEXTS OF LIFE.
SO WE INVITE STUDENTS TO APPLY TO OUR
ONE-YEAR BIBLE SCHOOL AND
INVEST 9 MONTHS
OWNING THEIR FAITH
AND BUILDING
THEIR LIFE'S FOUNDATION
ON JESUS CHRIST.

EDUCATION + DISCIPLESHIP

EDUCATION

From late August to early May, students are involved in an intense, college-level program. Courses consist of the study of individual books of the Bible as well as contemporary issues of Christian living in light of God's Word.

The curriculum is set up in a modular format where each course is covered in a one week period (15 hours) with all students taking the same course. Classes begin at 8:50 A.M. and go until 12:30 P.M. Monday-Friday. Additionally, there is one evening class that meets from 7:00-8:30 on Tuesdays.

Each course is equal to one college credit. Credits earned by students at MWSB are transferable to several Christian colleges. Courses are taught by visiting faculty from all over the U.S. and Canada, as well as our resident staff.

DISCIPLESHIP

At MWSB we believe one of the ways in which God works to move His people to spiritual maturity in Jesus is through the encouragement, accountability, and the example of other Christians. Our resident staff build relationships with our students and hope to exemplify a life that is pursuing Christ daily.

Our staff meet with students one-on-one throughout the year to help them process what they are learning, encourage them in what God is teaching them, and share life with each other. Many students have said that the staff relationships played a large part in what defined their year at MWSB. As a staff, we seek to depend on Jesus daily and are encouraged to see Him work in the lives of our students.



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SHAYLEE KLASSEN

CLASS OF 2023 | CROOKED CREEK, ALBERTA, CANADA

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MWSB is incredible. And it's not only because we got to live in this beautiful Dearborn Canyon for a year surrounded by stunning mountains. It's not only because the community here is close-knit. It's not just the less distracted setting. It's because God works through this place to change and grow hearts.

It's so exciting to know the Gospel now. It's so humbling because I am incredibly undeserving of this great gift of being forgiven. To further pour out His grace on me and overwhelm me with His goodness, the Lord has grown me in ways I never thought possible since being here.

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MWSB COURSES | FALL

INTRO TO BIBLE 1: THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

This course explores the claims the Bible makes of itself and how the Scriptures came from God to us, exploring the process of revelation, inspiration, collection, transmission, and translation. This course is one part of a four-part Introduction to Bible credit.

Instructor: Dr. Chris Smith, Louisville, KY

INTRO TO BIBLE 2: BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

A course designed to give a broad picture of the Bible, which enables the student to visualize the word as a whole. Emphasis is on the historical flow of the scriptures throughout redemptive history. This course is one part of a four-part Introduction to Bible credit.

Instructor: Dr. Matthew Emadi; Salt Lake City, UT

ELECTIVE: NATURAL REVELATION: BACKPACK TRIP

In the early fall, students will experience a challenging but exciting week backpacking. Students will be seeing the sights of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, which is the largest wilderness area in the continental US, and also happens to be our backyard! This course will also give the student a new awareness of the environment from a Biblical viewpoint. This course is a one credit elective course.

INTRO TO BIBLE 3: CHRIST THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

The aim of this class is to reveal that the Lord Jesus would be seen more clearly and accurately as the great point of all Scripture. This course is one part of a four-part Introduction to Bible credit.

Instructor: Dr. Chris Bruno; Oahu, Hawaii

INTRO TO BIBLE 4: THE GOSPEL

This class will explore what the Bible teaches about the Gospel. Students will see that throughout the whole of Scripture the Gospel is much needed Good News. This course is part four of a four-part Introduction to Bible credit..

Instructor: Pastor Jordan Thomas; Memphis TN

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY 1: THE PENTATEUCH

This class will study the theology, content and unity of the first five books of the Old Testament. Various readings and discussion will introduce the student to various critical approaches to the origin and development of the Pentateuch and to the ways it continues to guide and shape God's people today. This course is one part of a four-week Old Testament Survey credit.

Instructor: Dr. Randall McKinion; Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY 2: HISTORICAL BOOKS

This course will give the student a detailed overview of all the historical Old Testament books with a focus on the main characters and events contained within. Also, one of the books will receive special attention. This course is one part of a four-week Old Testament Survey credit.

Instructor: Dr. Gary Yates; Professor; Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY 3: WISDOM LITERATURE

This study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and The Song of Solomon leads students through poetry and prose unrivaled in all secular literature. The Wisdom Books are beautiful Holy Spirit-inspired literature, containing narrative, history, instruction, celebration, prayer, passion, prophecy, and more unfolding of the drama of divine redemption, looking toward it's ultimate fulfillment in the atoning of Jesus Christ. This course is one part of a four-week Old Testament Survey credit.

Instructor: Dr. Jim Lacy; Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI

Textbook: *Survey of the Old Testament* by Paul Benware

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY 4: THE PROPHETS

This class looks at the role and significance of Old Testament prophets as emphasized in light of biblical history. This overview includes a focus on select prophets and prophetic oracles. This course is one part of a four-week Old Testament Survey credit.

Instructor: Dr. Jay Todd; Point Lookout, MD



NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 1: 1 TIMOTHY: CHURCH

This course is a verse-by-verse look at Paul's letter to Timothy as he takes on the role of pastoring the church in Ephesus. In this book, God inspired Paul to instruct Timothy and subsequent church leaders how the local church should be set up and run. Students will learn the Biblical standards and priorities for the local church. This course is part of a five credit New Testament studies series.
Instructor: Paul Hill; Montana Wilderness School of the Bible; Augusta MT
Textbook: *1 Timothy* commentary by John MacArthur

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 1: JESUS & THE GOSPELS

This course is an introductory look into the four Gospels written to show the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. This course is one part of a three-week New Testament Survey credit.
Instructor: Pastor Bryan Hughes; Bozeman MT

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 2: PAULINE EPISTLES

This course is an introductory look into the letters God inspired Paul to write, as well as a general overview into Pauline theology. This course is one part of a three-week New Testament Survey credit.
Instructor: Pastor Zach Fallon; Atlanta GA

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 3: GENERAL EPISTLES

This course is an introductory look into the other New Testament letters not written by Paul, including James, Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude, and the Johannine epistles. This course is one part of a three-week New Testament Survey credit.
Instructor: Dr. Chad Everhart; University of the Cumberlands, Florence, KY

SPIRITUAL FORMATIONS: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

This course gives the basis for and a brief look at the many different spiritual disciplines that the Bible encourages believers to participate in in order to grow in their Christian life. This course is a one credit elective course.
Instructor: Lowell Engle; Montana Wilderness School of the Bible; Augusta MT



MWSB COURSES | SPRING

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 1: DOCTRINE OF GOD, JESUS, & THE HOLY SPIRIT

This course concentrates on seeing God as He is and the impact that this understanding can have on the Christian life. Additionally, this class will examine the sufficiency and necessity of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ as God's means to rescue the world. Finally, this course seeks to give students an introductory level of insight into what the Bible has to say about the third person of the Triune God, the Holy Spirit. This course is one part of a three-part Systematic Theology credit.

Instructor: Dr. Joshua Waltman; Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 2: DOCTRINE OF MAN AND SIN

This course seeks to take a concentrated aim at gaining a biblical understanding of man as made in God's image, what really happened at the fall and the consequences of the fall. This course is one part of a three-part Systematic Theology credit.

Instructor: Tom Miller; Tappen, ND

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 3: DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

This course seeks to give students a Biblical understanding of the Doctrine of Salvation. This class will explore the elements of Redemption and how the Triune Godhead participates in our salvation and sanctification. This course is one part of a three-part Systematic Theology credit.

Instructor: Dr. Jake Rainwater; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 2: EPHESIANS

This course is a verse-by-verse look at Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. In this book, students will learn the critical things that the Apostle Paul teaches the members of the Ephesian church. This course is part of a five credit New Testament studies series..

Instructor: Paul Hill; Montana Wilderness School of the Bible; Augusta MT

APOLOGETICS 1: INTRO TO CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

As a Christian the defense of our faith is our responsibility. As we learn to defend the faith we see that it is a confirmation to believers and conviction to non-believers. This course shows how the Gospel gives Christians a new way of seeing everything in the world around them. This is one part of a three-week Apologetics credit.

Instructor: Dan Jacobson; Trailhead Gap-Year Program, Westboro, WI

APOLOGETICS 2: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES & OBJECTIONS

As a Christian the defense of our faith is our responsibility. In this course students will look at how Christianity responds to some of the main contemporary issues that are facing Western culture today. This course is one part of a three-week Apologetics credit.

Instructor: Pastor Chris Sherrod; Dallas TX

APOLOGETICS 3: INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS

This course looks at how the grace found in Christianity makes it unique to the other religions of the world. This course will also take a look at pseudo-Christian cults and how they do not teach true Christian doctrine. This course is one part of a three-week Apologetics credit.

Instructor: Dr. Russ Sanders, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 3: ROMANS 1-8

This course is a verse-by-verse look at chapters 1-8 in the letter to the Christians living in first century Rome. In this book, God inspired Paul to instruct and encourage the Roman believers to understand great doctrine while living out those doctrines on a daily basis. Students will learn Biblical theology and the necessary truths to live in a Christ centered manner. This course is part of a five credit New Testament studies series.

Instructor: Dr. Chris Hopf; Houston TX

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 4: ROMANS 9-16

This course is a verse-by-verse look at chapters 9-16 in the letter to the Christians living in first century Rome. In this book, God inspired Paul to instruct and encourage the Roman believers to understand great doctrine while living out those doctrines on a daily basis. Students will learn Biblical theology and the necessary truths to live in a Christ centered manner. This course is part of a five credit New Testament studies series.

Instructor: Dr. Jarod Compton; Bethlehem College; Minneapolis, MN

CHURCH HISTORY 1: BOOK OF ACTS

This class on ecclesiology will take a look back at the New Testament Church and the foundations of Christianity so that we can learn how to live and function in the Church today. Discussions will contrast God's view of the role and relationship of the church against those ideas contrived by man. Emphasis will be on the background of denominations today and present teachings. This course is one part of a three-week Church History credit.

Instructor: Dr. Jordan Edwards; Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO

CHURCH HISTORY 2: 100AD – REFORMATION

This course will offer an overview of church history, from AD 100 to the reformation. Special attention will be given to theological and denominational development, as well as a study of the lives of many of history's religious leaders. This course is one part of a three-week Church History credit.

Instructor: Micah Forsythe; Pastor at Emmaus Church, Bozeman, MT

CHURCH HISTORY 3: REFORMATION – PRESENT DAY

This course will offer an overview of church history, from the reformation to the present. Special attention will be given to theological and denominational development, as well as a study of the lives of many of history's religious leaders. Like in the previous week, the goal is for the student to come to an understanding that history is more than memorized facts, but that it is affecting them even today. This course is one part of a three-week Church History credit.

Instructor: Dr. Zachary Hedges; Trinity College of Florida, Trinity, FL

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 5: GALATIANS

This course is a verse-by-verse look at Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia. In this book, students will learn the critical things that the Apostle Paul teaches the members of these churches. This course is part of a five credit New Testament studies series.

Instructor: Dr. Michael McKay; Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI

INTRO TO MISSIONS 1: GLOBAL MISSIONS & HISTORY

This course will provide a Biblical foundation for understanding God's mission among the nations, a historical overview of missions, and exploring the calling all Christians have to be a part of God's mission in the world. This course is one part of a two-week Missions credit.

Instructor: Dr. Jon Hoglund; Bethlehem College & Seminary, Minneapolis, MN

INTRO TO MISSIONS 2: PERSONAL MISSIONS

The aim of this course is to show students the importance of living for God's purpose and mission in the world as a Christian, whether or not they are in vocational ministry, and what that looks like in today's culture. Missions will be examined at the micro level. This course is one part of a two-week Missions credit.

Instructor: Pastor Nate Newell; Lancaster PA

SPIRITUAL FORMATIONS: PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING

This class is designed to help students apply Scriptural principles to their everyday life. This class will explore a few elements of Christian life such as: Recognize hindrances to victorious Christian living; Understand key principles for healthy relationships; Understand the Biblical principles of conflict resolution; Examine how to face and overcome adversity; Understand Biblical and practical principles on finance; Examine practical ways to serve the local church; Research scriptures relevant to class topic.

Instructor: Paul Hill; Montana Wilderness School of the Bible, Augusta, MT





JORDAN THOMAS

PASTOR AT GRACE CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TN
INSTRUCTOR: CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE

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Jesus poured three years of God's truth in his disciples. After conversion, Paul went to the desert of Arabia for three years to study the scriptures. He and Barnabas taught God's truth to the church at Antioch for over a year. The apostle Paul later invested three years of God's Word in Ephesus, and eighteen months in Corinth. The potential impact from investing a full year of serious Biblical discipleship in young people cannot be overestimated. As the students go out away from campus, they will have been steeped in God's truth, pulsing with God's heart for the nations.

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God is using MWSB to help young adults like me make our faith our own and grow in love for Jesus and what He did for us. I've grown so much in my love for the Gospel and His Word. Before coming out here, I had the idea that I was a pretty good person. My eyes were opened to the fact that I'm a sinner, hopelessly in need of God's grace, and I praise Him for sending His Son down. I'm so thankful that God is in control of my life. I can't wait to go home to put the things that I learned up here to use in a fallen and sinful world.

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TYLER HOWARD

CLASS OF 2023 | POTLATCH, ID

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the literal, historical interpretation of the Scriptures. We believe the Old and New Testament, as divine revelation, are verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit, inerrant in the original autographs, and are the final authority for faith and life.

Related Scriptures: Matt 5:18; John 16:12, 13; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; 2 Pet 1:20, 21

GOD THE FATHER

We believe God is a Person who has revealed Himself as a Trinity in unity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three Persons and yet one God. Related Scriptures: Deut. 6:4; Matt 28:19; 1 Cor. 8:6

JESUS, GOD THE SON

We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God; that He Himself is God. He took upon Himself our nature, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a substitute for the sin of man; arose from the dead in the same body in which He was crucified; ascended into heaven in that body glorified, where He is now interceding for believers. He will come again personally and visibly. Related Scriptures: Col 1:15; Phil 2:5-8; Matt 1:18-25; John 14:3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Pet 2:24; Luke 24; Heb. 4:14-16; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt 25:31-46; Rev 11:15-17; 20:4-6, 11-15

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal in being with God the Father and God the Son. He restrains evil until God's purpose is fulfilled. He convicts us of sin, of un- righteousness and of judgment. He bears witness to the truth of salvation in Jesus Christ. He is the agent of salvation, who guides, teaches, witnesses, seals and sanctifies the new believer, indwelling and empowering him to live an obedient life. Related Scriptures: Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:8; Luke 24:49; John 3:5-6, 14:16, 26, 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32; 11:16; Roman 8:14, 16, 8:26, 27; Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 9:14; II Peter 1:21

THE GODHEAD

We believe in one Triune God existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal in being, identical in nature, equal in power and glory, and having the same perfections and attributes. Related Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:18-19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

CREATION

We believe the Genesis account of creation and take it literally and historically. Man was directly created by God and not by any evolutionary means. Related Scriptures: Genesis 1, 2; Exodus 31:16-17; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Jesus was born of Mary, a virgin, through the Holy Spirit by a miracle of God. This miracle will never be repeated. Jesus is both the Son of God and God, the Son. Related Scriptures: Matthew 1:23-25; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-38

THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN

We believe that the salvation of sinners is by grace alone, through Jesus Christ the Son of God, who acts as a mediator to God the Father on our behalf. By the appointment of the Father, Christ, through His death on the cross, took upon Himself the payment for the sins of the world. He honored the Father by His personal obedience. Christ atoned for the world's sin by shedding His blood when He died on the cross.

The selected verses accurately depict Christ's humanity without sin and how he was sacrificed on our behalf through the grace of God. Isaiah 53:4-7; John 3:16; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:23-25; I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 2:5-11; I John 4:10

JUSTIFICATION

Justification is the act of God pronouncing one free from the guilt of sin and found to be completely right or just in His eyes. Justification can only come by God's grace through His Son's death and resurrection and not by any other means. Only those who have accepted what Christ has done on their behalf are pardoned from their sins and will receive the gift of eternal life. Related Scriptures: Isaiah 53:11; Romans 5:1-2; Romans 5:9-10; Romans 8:1-2; Galatians 2:15-21; Titus 3:3-8

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is a gift of God, and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again by the Spirit of God, thereby receiving eternal life and thus becoming children of God. We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation. We believe that saving faith is manifested in works pleasing to God. Related Scriptures: John 1:12; Acts 16:31; Acts 10:43; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Galatians 2:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Titus 2:11-14; 3:5; 1 Peter 1:8-9.

MAN & SIN

We believe man was created in the image of God, but fell in sin with the result that man is lost and separated from God. This is true of all men with the only solution being salvation by grace through faith in Christ who bore our sins in His own body on the cross. The punishment of the wicked and unbelieving, and the reward of the righteous are both conscious and everlasting. Related Scriptures: Gen 1:16, 17; Rom 3:10, 23; John 3:3; Acts 13:38, 39; 4:12; John 3:16; Matt 25:46; 2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Thess. 1:7-10

SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

We believe that all true believers once saved shall be kept saved forever. Related Scriptures: Romans 8:1, 38-39; John 10:27-30; Philippians 1:6

BAPTISM

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show their public identification with our crucified, buried and risen Savior. (Immersion symbolizes the believer's death to sin and emergence symbolizes the believer's resurrection to new life.) The believer should be old enough to understand what they are voluntarily doing. Related Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 8:35-39; Romans 6:3-7

SATAN

We believe in the being of Satan, that he is a fallen angel, the unholy ruler of this world, the ruler over all the powers of darkness, who is destined to eternal judgment in the lake of fire.

Related Scriptures: Matthew 4:1-3; 25:41; John 10:10; II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:7-9; 20:10

CHURCH & END TIMES

We believe the Church is an elect company of believers baptized (placed) by the Holy Spirit into one Body; having as its mission to witness concerning the Person and work of Jesus Christ, preaching the Gospel to all nations. Christ has promised He will return one day to subject all things under His authority and all people will face final judgment. Related Scriptures: Acts 2:41; 15:13-17; Eph. 1:3-6; 1 Cor. 12:12, 13; Matt 28:19, 20; Acts 1:6-8

MARRIAGE

We believe that God designed marriage to be only between a man and a woman and to be permanent. It is a picture of the relationship between Jesus Christ (the bridegroom) and all believers (His bride). We believe it is the duty of all believers to marry only believers. To do otherwise is to be "unequally yoked," which is a violation of scripture. Adultery breaks that purity and oneness, requiring restoration through repentance and forgiveness. Related Scriptures: Genesis 2:24; Exodus 20:14; Matthew 19:6, 9, 18; Mark 10:9, 11-12; II Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:4

SUBMISSION TO SCRIPTURE

Montana Wilderness School of the Bible shall conform to Biblical truth in all its policies, standards and practices.



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EMMA
MUSSEY

CLASS OF 2025

East Earl, PA

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This year, God has taught me to appreciate the Gospel more than I ever had before, to be authentic and open - sharing in joy and pain with others, and He's been giving me more of a love for His word and for prayer.

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A portrait of a young man with light brown, slightly messy hair and freckles, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a white sleeveless shirt and a silver chain necklace. The background is a bright, out-of-focus green lawn.

MASON
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CLASS OF 2025
Oregon City, OR

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Being [at MWSB] has made it so clear that if you want to know Christ, if you want a true and healthy relationship with Christ, you need to be in His Word. And I've started to crave His Word in my daily life. And through being in God's Word every day, I've gained strength in my faith.

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