

Adult Education Ministry of Providence Baptist Church

Objective: To teach our adult membership to grow in grace and knowledge in the supremacy of the triune God as He is revealed in scripture through its interpretation and its application.

Approach: The foundation of the education ministry of Providence Baptist Church is the word of God. All teaching ministry should have the Bible as its primary focus. The Bible constitutes the authority for all doctrine taught within the Providence Baptist Church Statement of Faith, which provides guidance when multiple interpretations are available. While additional resources are welcome to facilitate discussion, the Bible will hold prominence in all PBC Sunday School Classes. The ultimate goal is to have members gain confidence in the word as inspired by the Holy Spirit rather than relying on the opinion of popular theologians.

Methodology: The education ministry will use adult Sunday School classes to grow students in how to interpret scripture and to apply its precepts to all of life. There are four levels of learning for the ministry. Level I (or 100) courses are designed to help students become acquainted with scripture at a basic level and have a theological framework in which to build upon. This level will also offer basics in evangelism, missiology and spiritual gifts in order to begin the process of a disciple undertaking the mission and service of the church. Level II (or 200) courses will increase the exegesis skills of students. It will also teach them the basic elements of church history where students will have an appreciation and understanding of their Christian Background and the development of theological concepts. At this level, students will also engage with family issues. Level III (or 300) will interact with contemporary issues facing the church, now that students have a strong foundation in scripture, theology and history. Level IV (or 400) are courses designed to train teachers that will teach future courses on behalf of providence and prepare them to lead individual ministries in other fields such as church planting and missions. *One additional level (010) not mentioned is the Prospective Member Class where the ministries and vision of Providence Baptist Church is introduced to prospective members. It is recommended that current Providence members take this course every five years as a refresher of our methodology. It will also allow potential new members to become acquainted with current members as they share their personal experiences at PBC.*

Structure: Each quarter at least two level I courses will be offered. They will cycle every three years. Other levels will be offered as qualified teachers are able to teach the curriculum. It is not required that a student have all the basic courses before taking a more challenging course. However, students need to be aware that class room discussion and lectures will be conducted on the assumption that students have these basic skills. For example, a 301 class on Money and Finances, will be looking at the material from a biblical perspective and how the Church interacted with this issue over the course of time. Students not familiar with the previous courses will be at a disadvantage as the lessons will be biblically founded and not based upon the writings of Dave Ramsey or Larry Burkett. Therefore, it would benefit the student greatly to have the 'pre-requisite' courses.

Providence Education Modules

Ecclesiology

Prospective Members Class 010
Spiritual Gifts 101
One -on- One Discipleship 201
Church History 201
Church History 202
History of the Baptist 301
Forms of Church Government 301

Understanding the Bible

Old Testament Survey 101
Old Testament Survey 102
New Testament Survey 101- The Gospels & Acts
New Testament Survey 102- The Epistles & Revelation
Hermeneutics 201- Understanding how to read different genre of scripture. (Translation, Historical Context, Epistles, Narrative, History, Law)
Hermeneutics 202- (Wisdom, Gospels, Parables, Prophecy, Apocalyptic)

Theology

Theology 101- The Word of God & the Doctrine of God
Theology 102- The Doctrine of Man, the Doctrine of Christ & the Doctrine of the Church
Theology 103- The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption & the Doctrine of the Future
Theology 201- Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)
Theology 202- Inspiration of Scripture
Theology 203- Doctrine of the Church (Ecclesiology)
Theology 204- Christology
Theology 205- Doctrine of God
Theology 206- Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)
Theology 207- Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)
Theology 301- Biblical Theology

Christian Ethics

Spiritual Disciplines 101
Evangelism 101
Missiology 101
Christian Ethics: Marriage, Singleness and the Family 201
Christian Ethics: Parenting 201
Christian Ethics: Mercy Ministry & the Poor 301
Christian Ethics: The Christian at War 301
Christian Ethics: Politics and the Christian 301
Christian Ethics: Money and Finances 301

Advanced Subjects/Electives

Individual Bible Book Studies 201-266

Biblical Manhood & Womanhood 301

Biblical Counseling 301

World Religions 301

Biblical Concepts of Education (How to Teach) 401

Teaching in a Small Group 402

Apologetics 401

Worship Music 401

Basic Greek for Beginners 401

Working with Youth 401

Basics of Christian Preaching 401

Providence Education Modules (Sequential System)

Prospective Members Class 010	Christian Ethics: Parenting 201
Spiritual Gifts 101	
Old Testament Survey 101	History of the Baptist 301
Old Testament Survey 102	Forms of Church Government 301
New Testament Survey 101	Theology 301- Biblical Theology
New Testament Survey 102	Christian Ethics: Mercy Ministry & the Poor 301
Theology 101	Christian Ethics: The Christian at War 301
Theology 102	Christian Ethics: Politics and the Christian 301
Theology 103	Christian Ethics: Money and Finances 301
Spiritual Disciplines 101	Biblical Manhood & Womanhood 301
Evangelism 101	Biblical Counseling 301
Missiology 101	World Religions 301
	Mission Trip Preparation 301
Individual Bible Book Studies 201-266	
One -on- One Discipleship 201	Biblical Concepts of Education (How to Teach) 401
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Hermeneutics 201	Worship Music 401
Hermeneutics 202	Basic Greek for Beginners 401
Theology 201	Working with Youth 401
Theology 202	Basics of Christian Preaching 401
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Theology 207	
Christian Ethics: Marriage, Singleness and the Family 201	