

SONSHIP BIBLE COLLEGE

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SONSHIP BIBLE COLLEGE

Sonship Bible College was birthed out of the heart of founder and president, Dr. Jerry M. Williams. Dr. Williams is the senior pastor of Agape Word Fellowship in Raleigh, North Carolina. He has established churches, trained, and mentored both men and women in the ministry. His heart's desire is to see God's people reach their full potential in Christ.

The purpose of SBC is to equip and train those interested in walking in the fullness of God's purpose. Our aim is to assist in promoting spiritual growth through the teaching of the Word of God by aiding and guiding those interested in full or part time ministry.

Sonship Bible college offers a wide range of inspiring and beneficial courses to equip you in every area of your spiritual walk with God.

Sonship Bible College offers a Fall, Winter, and Spring trimester consisting of eight weeks each.

Sonship Bible College

**A college where men and women are
trained and inspired to fulfill
their godly purpose on the earth.**

Romans 8:19

Sonship Bible College degree programs of study has been declared by the appropriate state authority exempt from the requirements for licensure under provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Section (G.S.) 116-15(d) for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education. Exemption from licensure is not based upon assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.

1. College Calendar

Fall Trimester

Courses begin the last week in September

Winter Trimester

Courses begin the first week of January

Spring Trimester

Course begin the last week of March

Graduation

First Sunday in June

Class Times

SBC is a correspondence/distant education college.

2. Governing Body

Sonship Bible College was founded by Dr. Jerry Williams and incorporated in the state of North Carolina.

3. Administration

Dr. Jerry M. Williams, President/ Dean; Joyce Williams, Faculty Advisor; Cynthia Glover, Faculty Advisor; Jereel Ba, Registrar, Jenelle Brinkley, Administrator.

4. Goals and Principles

From its inception, the goal of Sonship Bible College has been to make the Word of God available to as many people as possible. Therefore, SBC offers a thorough, in-depth study of the Word of God that will promote spiritual growth and the building up of the church of Jesus Christ without intimidating anyone with rigid scholastic standards.

The innovation of presenting courses in a trimester credit format, is in keeping with SBC goals. The introduction of this new format within a trimester affords a study option designed to enhance the student's program.

We believe we have a program that will meet your need, whether it is simply to know more about the Word of God in order to be a better prepared lay minister or to obtain a degree that will prepare you for the ministry to which God has called you in a full-time capacity. There are four different programs offered at SBC, outlined more fully in the Curriculum section of this catalog. It is to your advantage to study them carefully to determine which program best suits your needs.

SBC seeks to instill in each student the importance of studying and examining the Word of God. Only by allowing the Word of God to examine our lives will we truly become the person God intends for us to be and to be prepared for the purposes of God in our lives. We are assured by the promise of God's Word that if we can instill the students a love for God's Word so that they present themselves as living sacrifices in study, in prayer, and in honesty before God, they will be transformed by the Word of God and will prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God for their lives.

Sonship Bible College feels a definite call of God to provide a school conducive to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, our most important Teacher. We recognize that only the Holy Spirit can reveal to us the mind of God. We count it a privilege to be involved in the teaching of God's Word.

These are the principles we live by and the goals we are aiming for. If you choose to attend SBC, our prayer is that we reach the high calling of God in Christ Jesus together. God bless you as you seek to serve Christ.

5. We Believe...

In the verbal inspection of the original scriptures and the infallibility of the Word of God

In the absolute trinity of the eternal Godhead

In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ

In the unconditional love of God through Christ

In the reality and personality of the devil

In the natural depravity of the human race

In the substitutionary atonement

In the propitiation for sin only by the blood of Jesus Christ

In full salvation by grace through faith and not of works

In divine healing through atonement

In the anointing with oil and prayer for the sick

In the personal baptism by immersion at the age of accountability

In the one and only Church, composed of all blood-washed believers

In the evangelization of the heathen and the nations of the world

In obedience to those in authority over us in civil government

In divorce only on New Testament scriptures

In church government, loyalty, and obedience to those in authority over us in the Lord

In tithing as God's financial plan

In restitution for past wrongs whenever possible

In continual revival of the Church from generation to generation

In the biblical statement that God is love as expressed in the life and death of Jesus Christ

In an open table at the Lord's supper

In the spiritual application of foot washing by forgiving one another's trespasses

In the free moral will power of man, who can apostatize and backslide

In the maintenance of good works and holy living

In the victorious life over sin, self, and bad habits through Bible study and an incessant prayer life

In Christian modesty in appearance and conduct

In the keeping of the Lord's Day as a matter of privilege rather than law

In regard to recreation, liberty of conscience and a godly example to the world

In the immortality and conscious existence of the soul

In the resurrection of our literal bodies, the just and the unjust

In the literal heaven and life everlasting for all true believers

In a final day of judgment for the incorrigible and wicked

In the everlasting punishment of the impenitent

In the personal, literal, bodily coming of Jesus Christ at the time appointed by the Father

In a future literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth with all of His saints

In the judgment seat of Christ where the saints will be finally rewarded for their deeds of commission and omission

In Christian tolerance to all denominations of the Christian faith

In essentials, unity

In non-essentials, liberty

In all things, charity

6. Spiritual Life and Admission Procedures

6.1. Spiritual Life

The spiritual life of the student can be enhanced greatly by taking advantage of the many ministries and outreaches available through the local church.

Sonship Bible College also sponsors and supports various outreach ministries in the community. Local students enrolled at SBC are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities.

6.2. Entrance Requirements

The only entrance requirement at SBC is that students seeking a degree be able to read and write well enough to complete homework assignments. There cannot be a set standard in this area since it depends upon the willingness of the student to discipline himself/herself in study habits. Therefore, it remains a judgment by the Administration with the best interests of the student in mind.

6.3. Registration

Registration forms for enrollment at SBC are available at the school office, or may be obtained on SBC's website. Address your request to: Sonship Bible College, 1430 South New Hope Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610, or call 919-231-0900. Fax: 919-231-0970. Email: sonshipbiblecollege@agapeword.net.

To enroll in courses at SBC, you must be registered by the end of the second week of any given trimester.

Registration for a Summer trimester will be announced as needed.

6.4. Counseling

For every student, there will be adjustments to make during their Bible training on the college level. Any student who so desires may receive counseling from the Administration or faculty. An appointment may be made by contacting the school office. The ministry of the school is to serve you, so that you might serve Christ better.

7. Tuition

Tuition must be paid in full at the time of registration in order to be valid.

Tuition \$50.00 per trimester hour.

Tuition costs do not include books or supplies. The only book required is the Bible. However, if other books become necessary for a particular class, it will be so designated on the registration form.

Need-based tuition assistance and academic performance scholarships are available subject to approval by the Administration.

8. Refunds

A student, who enrolls in SBC but is unable to attend courses and withdraws under the proper procedures with the registrar, will be refunded all moneys except for a \$10.00 handling fee. A Student who begins courses and then withdraws under proper procedures will be refunded for all remaining courses, minus \$10.00 handling fee.

9. Withdrawals and Course Changes

A student who drops a course during the first week of a trimester, or drops a course with passing grades after the first three weeks, and has notified both the registrar and the faculty advisor, will receive a grade of “W”. If a student who is not earning passing grades withdraws after the first three weeks of a course, they will be issued a grade of “F”.

A student wishing to add a course must do so during the first two weeks of the trimester.

10. Audit Students

Tuition for audit students is \$25.00 per trimester hour. The only difference is that an audit student cannot turn in assignments for credit, and does not receive credit towards a degree.

11. College Transcripts and Credit

A student who submits their college transcript to the Administration will receive credit for their prior training where is applicable to the curriculum at SBC.

12. Trimester Credit Hours and Correspondence Courses

12.1. Trimester Credit Hours

Sonship Bible Colleges offers courses Fall, Winter, and Spring trimesters. For all Sonship Bible College degree programs and courses for credit, a “credit hour” is defined as an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is a school-established equivalency reasonably approximating no less than:

- Ten (10) weeks for one trimester hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- An equivalent amount of work in academic activities such as practicums and other types of academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

12.2. Correspondence Courses

Sonship Bible College offers correspondence courses (online distance education courses). Student learning outcomes and assignments for an online course are the same as those used when the course is offered face-to-face and distance students are required to regularly engage with the faculty advisor and other students (online discussions, etc.).

Distance Education Courses:	
Weekly Homework Assignments	Number of homework assignments during the course. Assumption: 120-180 minutes allotted for completion of assignment. Includes reading course materials and supplemental resources.
Reading Faculty Advisor’s feedback	Number of assignments for which students will review feedback. Assumption: 10-15 minutes allotted per graded assignment for the student to review faculty advisor's feedback.
Quizzes	Number of quizzes during the course. Assumption: 60 minutes of prep time and 60 minutes allotted for taking a quiz.
Midterm Exam	Assumption: 3 hours allotted for taking the exam; 10 hours for studying/preparation.
Final Exam	Assumption: 3 hours allotted for taking the exam; 10 hours for studying/preparation.

13. Curriculum and Degrees

Sonship Bible College offers four courses of study: Ministerial Theology, Bachelor of Theology, Associates of Theology, and Diploma of Graduation.

DIPLOMA OF GRADUATION IN MINISTRY TRAINING - Sonship Bible College offers a one year Diploma of Graduation in Ministry Training (30 trimester credit hours) designed for those who may or may not be seeking to enter the ministry, but have no desire to complete the two-year degree. However, they may have the Diploma of Graduation in Ministry Training conferred upon them while pursuing a two-year degree program.

2-YEAR ASSOCIATE OF THEOLOGY DEGREE - Sonship Bible College offers a two-year Associate of Theology Degree (54 trimester credit hours) designed for those who are seeking to enter the ministry, but have no desire to complete the four-year program. However, they may have the Associate degree conferred upon them while pursuing a four-year degree program.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY - This is a four year program (108 trimester credit hours) designed for those who are seeking to enter the ministry on a full time basis. Students seeking this degree must take the required subjects in the SBC curriculum and write one thesis (50,000 words or 150 double-spaced type written pages) or take 15 additional credits. Every thesis must be approved by the administration.

MINISTERIAL THEOLOGY DEGREE - This is a four year program (108 trimester credit hours) designed for those who are seeking to enter the ministry on a full time basis. Students seeking this degree must take the required subjects in the SBC curriculum and write one theme paper (15,000 words) or take 15 additional credits. Each student seeking this degree will also be required to participate in one of the outreach ministries listed below.

One year in Prison Ministry,

One year in Hospital Ministry,

One year in Nursing Home Ministry, or

One year in Christian Education Ministry or Sunday School.

14. Curriculum

The curriculum at SBC is constantly expanding to train students in a number of areas of study. Current information about the required courses for each degree may be obtained from the college Dean.

The following pages list the subjects taught for the Ministerial Theology and Bachelor of Theology degrees. Subjects are classified as follows: 100s courses; 200s courses; 300s courses; and 400s courses.

All of the courses listed in this catalog are not available every year. Courses marked with an asterisk have a description.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT

Subject Code	Course Title	Credits
BIB 101-102-103	*Bible Doctrine I	3
BIB 123-124-125	The Cross	3
BIB 130-131-132	Genesis I	3
BIB 153-154-155	Genesis II	3
BIB 197-198	Evangelism	2
BIB 201-202-203	*Bible Doctrine II	3
BIB 210-211-212	*The Gospel of John	3
BIB 220-221-222	Book of Romans	1
BIB 225	Romans One	1
BIB 225	Romans Four	1
BIB 225	Romans Five	1
BIB 225	Romans Six	1
BIB 225	Romans Seven	1
BIB 225	Romans Eight	1
BIB 225	Romans Ten	1
BIB 225	Romans Twelve	1
BIB 280-281-282	*Ministry of the Holy Spirit	3
BIB 293-294	*Faith in Operation	2

BIB 301-302-303	*Bible Doctrine III	3
BIB 309-310-311	Isaiah	3
BIB 314-315-316	Jeremiah-Lamentations	3
BIB 320-321-322	Acts	3
BIB 360-361-362	*Mt. Zion & Restoration	3
BIB 390	Kingdom of God	1
BIB 401-402-403	*Bible Doctrine IV	3
BIB 405-406-407	Scripture Explanations I	3
BIB 408-409-410	Scripture Explanations II	3
BIB 411-412-413	Scripture Explanations III	3
BIB 414-415	Scripture Explanations IV	3
BIB 445-446-447	*Tabernacle of David	3
BIB 500	Bachelor Thesis	3

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Subject Code	Course Title	Credits
HIS 201-202-203	*Church History	3

PASTORAL DEPARTMENT

Subject Code	Course Title	Credits
PAS 301-302-303	*Pastoral Theology	3
PAS 305	Pastoral Ethics	1
PAS 310-311-312	*Homiletics	3
PAS 401-402-403	*Pastoral Counseling	3
PAS 405-406	Practical Ministry	2

GENERAL EDUCATION

Subject Code	Course Title	Credits
GED 310-311	Church Administration	3
GED 400	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 401	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 402	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 403	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 404	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 405	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 406	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 407	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 408	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 409	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 410	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 411	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1
GED 412	*Leadership & Ministry Preparation	1

15. *Description of Courses

BIBLE DEPARTMENT

BIB 101-102-103 Bible Doctrine I

An introduction to foundation doctrine: The Word of God, The Godhead, Creation, Fall of Man, Benefits of God's Grace, Practical Christian Living. These courses provide beginning students with a platform in which further understanding of the Bible can be built.

3 credits

BIB 201-202-203 Bible Doctrine II

Trimester one: A New Testament study of the personal names of the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Trimester two and three: The doctrines of Love and Peace.

3 credits

BIB 210-211-212 The Gospel of John

This study reveals Jesus Christ as the Word, or Logos. John's writings reveal a special relationship to Jesus. Jesus is revealed as the "I AM." John does not use the word "faith", but speaks totally about believing, which is the action of faith.

3 credits

BIB 280-281-282 Ministry of the Holy Spirit

This study of the ministry and work of the Holy Spirit includes: the baptism in the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, and the things the Holy Spirit does for us.

3 credits

BIB 293-294 Faith in Operation

All New Testament scriptures pertaining to faith are studied in light of the Greek New Testament. Students will learn how faith works.

2 credits

BIB 301-302-303 Bible Doctrine III

Trimester one: The position of justification and how it covers all things. Also, the sanctification (dedication and consecration) of the believer.

Trimester two: The believer's commitment.

Trimester three: The development of prayer. All types of prayers are studied as well as the force and purpose of prayer.

3 credits

BIB 401-402-403 Bible Doctrine IV

A complete study of the provision of healing: Where healing was established, where God placed it, how healing flows from the spirit of a believer into the soul and body, and how faith releases healing to sick and diseased areas. Also, sickness and disease is explained from a study of specific Greek words.

3 credits

BIB 445-446-447 Tabernacle of David

This study helps the student to understand the difference between the order of worship in the Tabernacle of Moses and the order of worship in the Tabernacle of David, which established a basis for our present-day New Testament form of worship.

3 credits

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

HIS 201-202-203 Church History

The progress of the Church throughout history: It's past; it's future; and the role of our forefathers in its development.

3 credits

PASTORAL DEPARTMENT

PAS 301-302-303 Pastoral Theology

The many facets of pastoring are covered: Preaching, counseling, administration, visiting, praying and peach making; responsibility as a community leader and family man/woman; how to balance these many duties and responsibilities.

3 credits

PAS 310-311-312 Homiletics

Construction and delivery of sermons as well as platform etiquette are among the topics covered in this course.

3 credits

PAS 401-402 Pastoral Counseling

Counseling and comforting those in emotional distress are part of pastoral care. This course teaches scriptural principles of dealing with death and dying, marital conflicts, and other emotional hurts.

2 credits

GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

GED 400 - GED 412 Leadership and Ministry Preparation Practicum

Understanding the call to ministry and the preparation needed to do God's work.

1 credit (each)

16. Suggested Core Course Requirements for Diploma of Graduation

Bible Department (9)

Bible Doctrine I	BIB-101-102-103	3
Genesis I	BIB 130-131-132	3
Scripture Explanations I	BIB 405-406-407	3

Christian Education Department (3)

Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 400	1
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 401	1
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 402	1

History Department (3)

Church History	HIS 201-202-203	3
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Electives 15

Suggested Core Course Requirements 15

Electives 15

Total 30

17. Suggested Core Course Requirements for Associates of Theology Degree

Bible Department (18)

Bible Doctrine I	BIB 101-102-103	3
Bible Doctrine II	BIB 201-202-203	3
Genesis I	BIB 130-131-132	3
Genesis II	BIB 153-154-155	3
Scripture Explanations I	BIB 405-406-407	3
Scripture Explanations II	BIB 408-409-410	3

Christian Education Department (3)

Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 400	1
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 401	1
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 402	1

History Department (3)

Church History	HIS 201-202-203	3
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Pastoral Department (3)

Homiletics	PAS 310-311-312	3
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Electives 27

Suggested Core Course Requirements 27

Electives 27

Total 54

18. Suggested Core Course Requirements for Bachelor of Theology or Ministerial Theology Degree

Bible Department	(27)		
Bible Doctrine I	BIB 101-102-103		3
Bible Doctrine II	BIB 201-202-203		3
Bible Doctrine III	BIB 301-302-303		3
Genesis I	BIB 130-131-132		3
Genesis II	BIB 153-154-155		3
Genesis III	BIB 176-177-178		3
Scripture Explanations I	BIB 405-406-407		3
Scripture Explanations II	BIB 408-409-410		3
Scripture Explanations III	BIB 411-412-413		3
Christian Education Department	(3)		
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 400		1
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 401		1
Leadership & Ministry Preparation	GED 402		1
History Department	(3)		
Church History	HIS 201-202-203		3
Pastoral Department	(3)		
Homiletics	PAS 310-311-312		3
Electives			72
Suggested Core Course Requirements			36
Electives			72
Total			108

19. Sonship Bible College Fast Track Degree Program

<p>54 Trimester credit hours – required for Associate of Ministerial Theology degree</p> <p>108 Trimester credit hours – required for Bachelor of Ministerial Theology degree</p>	<p>Up to 54 credits may be transferred from 2 or 4 year college for Bachelor of Ministerial Theology degree</p> <p>Up to 27 credits may be transferred from 2 or 4 year college for Associate of Ministerial Theology degree</p>
<p>Up to 27 credits may be given for one year or more of outreach ministry or Ministry of Helps for Bachelor of Ministerial Theology degree</p>	<p>Up to 27 credits may be given for one year or more life-experience for Bachelor of Ministerial Theology degree for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordained Gospel Ministry Service/Experience • Work Experience in any field • Community or Public Service • Previous Education • Workplace Training • Participation in Seminars & Workshops • Voluntary or Community Work • Independent Study & Project

108 Trimester Credit Hours, plus 5,000 words/20 page thesis or 6 additional credit hours for Bachelor of Theology degree.

20. Honorary Ministerial Degree for Sonship Bible College Instructors

Members of the Sonship Bible College faculty can accumulate credits toward completion of their college degree if they wish. SBC will award two credit hours for each trimester taught. For example:

Previously Earned Credits	Length of Time o Faculty	Total Hours Toward Degree
100 credit hours	Two years of instruction	112 hours
90 credit hours	Three years of instruction	108 hours
75 credit hours	Six years of instruction	111 hours
50 credit hours	Ten years of instruction	110 hours

21. Grading

At Sonship Bible College, faculty advisors may give exams and tests during the trimester, but they will not bear any more weight on your grade than a regular assignment. Therefore, a student's grade is determined by the average grade for special assignments or tests.

Grade Scale

94 - 100 = A

92 - 93 = A-

86 - 91 = B

85 - 84 = B-

77 - 83 = C

75 - 76 = C-

67 - 74 = D

65 - 66 = D-

22. Faculty Advisors

For each course enrolled, the student will be assigned a Faculty Advisor who will provide course information, a syllabus, schedule required assignments, administer exams and tests, and answer the student's questions and provide counseling, as needed.

23. Grievance Policy

It is the policy at Sonship Bible College to protect the rights and freedoms of students. The following policy has been established to evaluate allegations and ensure the due process, equitable treatment, and protection of all parties involved in the process. No adverse action shall be taken in response to an individual who submits a grievance.

Although the policy does allow for informal as well as formal complaint procedures, students are encouraged to discuss concerns amicably by communicating directly with the individual(s) involved. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of these discussions, the Student Grievance Procedure may be invoked.

If a grievance is not resolved directly and informally by the student, the student may file a written grievance complaint by completing a Grievance Form. The Grievance form must be filed within **10 calendar days** from the last attempt to resolve the matter directly with the interested parties. All Grievances shall be submitted directly with the College Dean by regular mail or email. A student may withdraw a Grievance at any time by submitting a withdrawal request in writing.

Upon receipt of a Grievance, the College Dean will review the Grievance. The College Dean will request a written response from the individual involved and immediately begin a full, fair and impartial investigation into the Grievance. If needed, meetings will be scheduled individually or jointly with the individual(s) involved in the complaint. Witnesses may be asked to provide a written statement or meet during the investigation. The investigation will be kept confidential to the extent possible. Upon completion of the investigation the College Dean will issue a decision regarding the Grievance. The student and individual(s) in the complaint will be notified in writing regarding the decision.

If the Grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student, the student may request a review of the matter by the College's President. Such a request must be made in writing within **five calendar days** of the issuance of the decision that is being appealed. All appeals shall be made directly to the College's President by mail or email. The appeal shall include all evidence in support of the appeal and include all reasons why the student feels the decision should be overturned or changed. The College President shall review all underlying facts, including any new evidence that the student may wish to submit, and shall deliver its decision in writing within ten calendar days which shall accept, modify or reject the prior decision. The decision of the President or his/her designee shall be final and binding.

No faculty or staff of Sonship Bible College community shall retaliate or threaten to retaliate against, interfere with, restrain, or coerce any student in the exercise of his/her rights under the Student Grievance Policy or due to his/her participation in any grievance proceedings whether as a complainant, witness or otherwise.