

2024-2025 BIBLE STUDY CALENDAR

CLASSES BEGIN:

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Holidays and Church Events

Fall Revival 2024, dates to be announced
(No classes held)

Thanksgiving Holiday, November 28 & 29, 2024

Winter Break

December 23, 2024 through January 2, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20, 2025

(No class)

Memorial Day, May 26, 2024 (no class)

Spring Revival 2024, dates to be announced

(No classes held)

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Saturday, June 1, 2024

We ask that teachers and students check with the church office to learn if class has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

Please ensure that we have your correct email, home and mobile phone numbers on file, in the event we need to call you to share cancellation information.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION (KJV)

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name. John 1:12

Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with Him and he with Me. Revelation 3:20

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah, Malachi

New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John, Jude, Revelation

Affinity
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Systematic Bible Study Program

A four year "in-depth" walk through the bible

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God's Word for
God's People

AUGUST IS OPEN REGISTRATION MONTH

Registration is easy: you
can register for classes:

- Online at www.affinitymbc.org
- Immediately after each service in the vestibule
- In the church office



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BIBLE STUDY AT AFFINITY is a systematic process aimed at introducing students to the entire Bible in four years.

Affinity member, **Bro. Paul F. Banks** attended and completed seminary studies at Central Bible College. His studies were life changing. He was stirred by God to develop and build a structured, formal bible study program here at Affinity. In 1979, Bro. Banks recommended to founding pastor, James E. McClunkin Sr., that a formal bible study program be added to the church calendar. Pastor McClunkin agreed and the initial studies began in 1979 with a class of four students. The first graduation ceremony was in 1983. Through the years, Affinity Bible Study Program has continued to grow under the leadership of Ronald E. Maxwell, Senior Pastor, providing biblical study and application of those studies to Affinity members and other Christians throughout Greater Cleveland.

THE SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM provide the instructions, training, guidance and support necessary to live out God's Word in our lives. **Classes run this year from the first week of September through the last week of May, 2024**

FIRST YEAR: Introduction to the Bible
Christian Discipleship

WORSHIP: living our lives in devotion to God and living our lives in fellowship with other believers.

DISCIPLESHIP: living our lives as students of God's word.

INCLUDING: an in-depth look at the Gospels
Synoptic: Matt, Mark, Luke, John and Acts.

SECOND YEAR: we are invited to renew our faith in the One who promises to be the way to everlasting life. Jesus transformed the lives of the people of the early church through the Holy Spirit, and still changes lives today. Jesus as God's Son and the Messiah of this world will have the final victory and will reign for eternity. The eight study guides: Romans, 1st Corinthians, 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Hebrews, Philippians, and Revelations.

THIRD YEAR: Survey of the Old Testament

During your 3rd year, you will learn the 39 books of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi. You will study the basic understandings of God's majesty, power holiness and sovereignty. It is through the study of the Old Testament that students are able to gain a greater understanding of the New Testament.

FOURTH YEAR: There are nine study books covering each of the New Testament books. The study guide work, provide a deeper understanding of the Holy Scriptures. The study materials will include: 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Colossians, Philemon, 1&2 Thessalonians, James, 1&2 Peter, Jude, 1,2 & 3 John and Ephesians.

At the conclusion of your 4th year, if all of the program requirements have been met, you will prepare for your graduation ceremony. Members, family and friends are invited to share in the celebration of your completed studies.

"Paul F. Banks Bible Study Award"

During the graduation ceremony, a special presentation will be given to the student who completes the program in four years, while accomplishing the following:

- Excellent class participation and attendance.
 - Student can miss no more than 3 classes during a school term.
 - Completion of all textbooks and class papers for each year of study
 - Must belong to at least 2 ministries at your place of worship; one focused on Community outreach and the other, a ministry of your choice.
- Requirements for Systematic Bible Class Certificate of Completion
- Oral/Written Recitation
 - 1st yr. God's Plan of Salvation
 - 2nd yr. The Books of the Old Testament
 - 3rd yr. The Books of the New Testament
 - Memorize at least one verse from each bible book

For students not interested in the graduate program, auditing of classes are available. Interested students are able to sit in on active classes for observation. This option provides exposure without certification

CLASS WORK

Submission of a written or presentation of an oral report on each bible study book after its completion. The report should consist of a portion of materials from each lesson in the completed study book. Minimum written report is 250 words, or a two-minute oral report.

- Class assignment are due two weeks after each book is completed
- Assignments or study guides that are not completed on time will result in an incomplete for that study year
- Finals in each class will be announced by your instructor

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students must be present in class not later than one week after the start of the semester

Three missed classes must be completed before moving to the next study book

Three consecutive missed classes, or a total of five for the year, student will not be able to move on the next year of study.

Perfect attendance is defined as attendance of EVERY scheduled class

Missed classes due to medical reasons are the exception and should be discussed with your instructor

POST GRADUATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

If three consecutive classes are missed, students will be required to submit a 450 word paper covering the three missed chapters. If more than three consecutive classes are missed, students will be required to repeat the class the next school year. Class work not completed for the school year will result in an "Incomplete" grade. Medical reasons may be the exception and should be discussed with your instructor.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM,

you may continue your journey in the Word by taking advantage of two post-graduate courses:

5th yr. Doctrine: "A Survey of Bible Doctrine"

6th yr. Theology: "Christ Plays in 10,000 Places"

These studies will help students grasp the basics of Christian theology and contents of theological study.