



## The Believers Worship Center

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### ***Disciples School of Ministry***

#### **Course Description**

#### **TRACK 1: General Studies – Pre-requisite: None**

These courses are open to all levels of learners and are generally used as a pre-requisite to enter into more advanced courses.

#### **NM001 New Members Class**

This class provides an understanding of the church's beliefs and teachings as well as encourage members to join its various auxiliaries, and to become active participants in fulfilling its Vision by being faithful in giving tithes and contributions. Additionally, new members are encouraged to know and understand the Word of God and their God-given functional gift. This is accomplished through their participation in the church's Bible Classes, where specific scriptures on topics such as Salvation, Church Foundation, Authority in Christ, and Witnessing for Christ are taught.

#### **GS101 Bible Class 101**

This course introduces students to fundamental Bible doctrine. It is designed to give instruction in effective Bible study and scripture memorization. This course will promote Spirit-led living, confidence in Gods' Word and commitment to the work of the ministry. This is an introductory level course that will sharpen and finely tune your Bible study habits. It is open to all levels of learners and believers, and those who have successfully completed New Member's Orientation class.

**Pre-requisite: Successful completion of New Members Orientation class, or by permission of the Director, Disciples School of Ministry. *Required Text:* Study Bible, Bible Dictionary, and Concordance**

#### **GS102 Bible Class 102**

This course is the secondary phase of fundamental Bible doctrine. It is designed to continue effective Bible study and scripture memorization with primary emphasis on the application of God's word to one's every day life (practical application). This course will promote Spirit-led living, confidence in Gods' Word and commitment to the work of the ministry. This is an introductory level course that will sharpen and finely tune your Bible study habits. It is open to all levels of learners and believers, who have successfully completed Bible Class 101.

**Pre-requisite: Successful completion of Bible Class 101. *Required Text:* Study Bible, Bible Dictionary, and Concordance**



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### **GS103 Financial Stewardship**

This course is designed to teach the importance of being a good steward over one's finances and enables one to be free in giving towards God's Kingdom.

### **GS104 How to Study the Bible**

This course is a general overview of the various methods for studying the Holy Scriptures. Upon completion of the course, students would have obtained the ability to identify the significance of utilizing study methods in order to enhance Biblical knowledge, comprehension and life application.

### **GS201 Fundamentals of Prayer and Fasting**

This course is designed to give students a clear understanding of prayer and fasting, and why it is important in the life of the believer. Through the application of scripture, students will learn the: who, why, what, where and how that goes into developing an effectively strong prayer and fasting life. The course delves into the different types of prayer, such as intercession, supplication and petitions. It will cover the topic of the Holy Spirit and His role in our prayer lives. It will also destroy the myths and erroneous doctrines of prayer and fasting. It is open to all levels of learners and believers, who have a desire to understand more perfectly the art of Intercession, Prayer and Fasting.

### **GS202 Marriage Seminar**

This seminar is designed for all marital status. Whether married and desire to have a better relationship that glorifies God; single and want to prepare for marriage; separated from the spouse and believing God for restoration of the marriage; or divorced and moving on in life, but need encouragement, support and comfort, this seminar will give you spiritual insight and instruction to help you be successful in the process. Each session is designed to teach you the biblical principals of the marital relationship, one that brings God glory, honor and praise.

### **GS203 The Lifestyle of Christ (Singles Seminar)**

This seminar is held quarterly only for singles. It's designed to teach the importance of living for Christ as a single person; to encourage one to not be anxious to be married; how to avoid the enemy's attacks; and how to bring honor and worship to God while waiting for one's mate.

### **GS204 Fundamentals of Witnessing and Outreach**

This course is designed to properly teach those who have a hunger for souls on how to minister to drug-addicts, and abused and incarcerated individuals, etc. Participants will be instructed in the proper techniques of witnessing and on how to provide comfort to those who are lost and are in immediate need of help, as well as understand what tangible resources are available and in place so that one is able to direct individuals to a source or site of assistance.



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### **GS205 Survey of the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)**

This course will give the student a basic understanding of how the four writers of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John present the message of the birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Students will explore common themes repeated by these writers as well as how each, knowing Jesus personally, viewed His teachings. ***Pre-requisite:*** **Successful completion of Bible classes 101 and 102 (GS101 and GS102) or passing of the Ministry-Entry Assessment. All students must pass this course in order to proceed to the next course/level.**

### **GS206 Deacons Training**

This training is designed to acquaint those who are called or believe they are called to the service of Deacon with the responsibilities related to the office and its ministry. It will help one to identify the necessary qualifications to perform in this area of service; give doctrinal understanding of the position and its role in the church; provide instruction in the required standards of responsibility and faithful conduct that are established for this appointment; and provide the necessary training to develop oneself in the office.

***TRACK 2: Pre-Ministerial Studies (PM) -- Pre-requisite:  
Successful completion of Bible classes GS101 and GS102, and GS205 or  
passing Ministry-entry Exam (MEA)***

The following courses are designed to further the knowledge and development of individuals who are called into ministry, as well as those that have met the pre-requisite.

### **PM200 Church Administration**

This course explains the departmental and organizational structure of the church. It delves into the business side (finances) of structuring a ministry as well as trust, leadership, and the spiritual maintenance of a ministry.

### **PM201 The Rapture: A Study**

This course provides insight, information, and knowledge and equips the student with Biblical truths in understanding what is meant by the word “**Rapture**”, as it relates to the Word of God.

### **PM202 Defining the Gifts of the Spirit**

This course identifies the gifts of the spirit, defines each gift and its function in the body of Christ.



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### **PM203 Growing Spiritually for Ministry**

This course delves into your knowledge of God by examining your zeal for God. Do you know the price of ministry and the suffering involved for the gospels' sake? This course is designed to teach you spiritual maintenance through study habits and the need for prayer and fasting in an effort to know God at a greater level to be of greater effect in the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **PM204 How to Labor on the Foundation**

This course introduces you to service in ministry by teaching you to walk in humility. Through the word of God you will learn the correct mindset and conduct with regard to serving God's people.

### **PM205 Defining the Five Ministerial Gifts**

This course is designed to explain the function of each ministerial gift and the areas of ministry in which these gifts would be utilized. This course will answer questions concerning the roles of these gifts and dispel false doctrine concerning their application.

### **PM206 Knowing the Holy Spirit for Ministry**

This course is created to further the lives of Christ's disciples through the teaching of Christian conduct and enlightenment as to how ministers *get off track*. This course also explains how to effectively minister the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **PM207 Ministering the Gospel Effectively**

This is a course offered for those who want to learn how to prepare a sermon or a speech. This course will instruct you on how to study the word of God in preparation of a message and the Holy Spirit's role in this process. You will gain insight into your devotional time with God and dependency on the voice of God to bring forth revelation of His Holy Word.

### **PM208 Altar Call**

This course properly explains the importance of the altar call and the method used to transition from the closing of a message to opening the altar.

### **PM209 Spiritual Warfare**

This course delves into the warfare waged against believers by the spiritual hosts of wickedness and properly equips the believer with righteous weapons to bring victory.

### **PM210 The Gift of Prophecy**

This course teaches the principles of the Gift of Prophecy, not the office of the Prophet. It will help you identify the characteristics of the gift and its purpose within the local church.



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### **PM211 Sacraments**

This course teaches knowledge of the sacraments used by priests and the responsibility of those administering the sacraments.

### **PM 212 Biblical Hermeneutics**

Biblical Hermeneutics is the science of interpreting the Bible. The purpose of this course is to present a comprehensive and coherent methodology for Biblical interpretation. What is the need in interpreting the Bible? The primary need is to understand the meaning of the Word.

**[Pre-requisite: Successful completion of GS205 Survey of the Four Gospels and PM207 Ministering the Gospel Effectively](#)**

### **PM213 Homiletics**

This course takes a look at the Biblical approach to preparing sermons, including a study of the types of sermons, outline structure, illustrations, applications and the dynamics of delivery. Requires excellent writing skills, the ability to express with clarity one's complete thought; and the ability to speak in a public forum.

**[Pre-requisite: Successful completion of GS205 Survey of the Four Gospels and PM207 Ministering the Gospel Effectively](#)**

### **PM214 Apologetics**

Coming from the Greek word apologia, which means, "to make a defense", apologetics has classically been defined as an intelligent defense of the faith. This course is being presented to students to introduce them to the leading proponents of various world views, the names, and ideas that believers will undoubtedly encounter in the general culture. Apologetics serves two purposes:

- ✓ To defend areas where Christians' beliefs are challenged *and*
- ✓ To give positive reasons for accepting the Christian faith.

**[Pre-requisite: Successful completion of GS204 Fundamentals of Witnessing and Outreach and GS205 Survey of the Four Gospels](#)**

### **PM215 Praise and Worship**

God inhabits the praises of His people, the Body of Christ. He commands His body to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. This course is designed to teach those who are called in to the Music ministry, and individuals who are not called, the importance of praising and worshipping God with a pure heart and in true holiness.

### **PM216 Church Structure: The Master Program**

This is a Pre-Ordination course, designed to teach those individuals who are called to the work of the ministry. It will teach you how to handle problems within ministry, the importance of ministering within your God-given ability, and much more.



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**TRACK 3: Ministerial Studies (MS) -- Pre-requisite: Successful completion of PM207 Ministering the Gospel Effectively, PM209 Spiritual Warfare, or passing Ministry-entry Exam (MEA).**

These courses are designed to further develop ordained ministers in the area of Biblical study and practical application. These courses are reserved for ordained ministers on the foundation, but exceptions may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

### **MS300 Counseling for Ministry**

The body of Christ has numerous entities that grow and thrive from the life of God's word. A weekly sermon or message is inspiring and fruitful, yet there are times when individual counsel in a one-on-one setting proves beneficial in the life of an individual. This course properly teaches one how to counsel married couples, singles, parents, financial stewardship and effective communication skills through the word of God by using biblical principles and practical application.

### **MS301 Angels and Demonology**

Although angels and demons cannot be seen with the human eye they are real. They are supernatural beings with supernatural powers, but neither is God nor are they to be worshipped. This course is not a study of angels or demons, but it will through the study of the scriptures identify the true nature of demons (fallen angels) and how they influence and attack the mind; and how, through the Holy Spirit, the church is empowered to stand against demonic forces. It will also give an understanding of God's purpose for creating angels and why He's placed them on earth to assist His church.

*Courses will be added as the need for our spiritual growth and development continues to increase.*

### **DSMMD STAFF**

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*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt 28:19-20)*