

2026-27 Horizon School of Ministry

The overall vision

“ . . . equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry. . . ”

Eph 4:12

INTRO: Each of these classes will run approximately 5-6 weeks. All classes can be completed within a year. There will be homework and reading to do every week. This is set up so any person with a family, with a full-time job, or with free time can grow and be equipped to serve in the Body of Christ.

VISION: The vision of the school is to take one more opportunity to draw closer in an abiding relationship with Jesus, resulting in much lasting fruit in our lives. One of our greatest desires here at Horizon is to **disciple believers in Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 4:12)**. Many people say they would like to serve as leaders, but lack the equipment to do it. Our goal is to equip you as best we can for ministry in your home, church, city, country, and into the entire world. God is not looking for great people; He’s looking for *available* people. Are you available?

The overall purpose of these classes is to equip, encourage and enable you to transform from chair-sitter to active participant in the Great Commission, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

COST:

Personal: The surrender of your life . . . (Luke 9:23-24) “Then He said to them all, ‘if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it’.” If you are called to participate in this course the expectation is that you will prioritize your attendance, homework and growth. Each class will require approximately 10 hours/week including the 2 hour class sessions.

Financial: \$150 for the full course or \$25 per class, this covers your books, printouts and study guides along with some of our cost of facilitating the course. Scholarships may be available upon request.

Course Requirements

- 1) **Practical service is one of the courses.** School of ministry is 50% in class and 50% practice. This means you will be required to serve weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays at HCF or something comparable in your local church with documentation on your syllabus for each session of each class.
- 2) **Class sessions are held once a week (Tuesday nights from 6-8pm) over a 5-6-week class.** **Individual students cannot miss more than 1 session per class.** The in-class portion of this will run from **Sept. 8th – May 25th** with a break for the holidays and a 1 week break between each class.

- 3) **Morality:** The purpose of these classes is not to simply grow in head knowledge but to grow in character. We expect that the student's moral character will be in keeping with biblical morality.
- 4) **Technology:** Our class homework will be turned in via google classroom. There will be training available prior to the course, along with assistance throughout the year. Any email address is valid but you must have a google account. For assistance reach out to jonas.m@horizonlacrosse.org (Paper submission may be available by request.)

Online Course Opportunity - This is an opportunity for those who live far away or, due to family scheduling/situations, cannot meet in person but would like to participate in the School of Ministry. For those who are able, it is greatly encouraged and most beneficial to be in person, but for those approved, you will be sent a Zoom link to participate in the class remotely. Like the in person students you are required to submit your homework via google classroom. You will also still be required to do the out of class work as well if you are accepted for this route. The purpose behind this is to equip those outside our local body, or who otherwise could not attend, to do the work of the ministry in our communities, churches, and families. **Note:** High speed internet is greatly recommended with speed sufficient for zoom calls being required.

- **SURVEY COURSE (C2000 Old and New Testament Bible Survey with Chuck Smith)**

BOOK: (Bible, HCF or TWFT App) - (Time: – approximately one year)

Probably the most significant class. Since the Word is our foundation for practice and faith, nothing can be more valuable than taking a survey through the entire Bible. There are 323 survey teachings, so if you listen to one a day, you will complete them prior to graduation on August 20th. This is to give you a good foundation in the big picture of Scripture, and to let God wash you in the water of His Word, all the while renewing the mind with the truth of His Word. Since it is true, you reap what you sow, this will be life-transforming to he who has an ear to hear. Along with this, you will answer questions from each teaching, and take a small page of notes. When you have completed the survey, you will have your very own Bible commentary! horizonlacrosse.org/chuck-smith-bible-survey

- **PRACTICAL SERVICE COURSE**

During the duration of SOM, you will have practical assignments, including serving in the local church Sundays and Wednesday nights. The goal of these classes is not to teach mere information, but to become doers of His Word, overflowing with the love of Christ and ministering to others. This will be included in your syllabus for each class. It is highly encouraged to submit your [volunteer application](#) as you enter the School of Ministry.

- **CLASS 1: ROMANS – The Gospel Foundation (September 8 – October 6)**
 - **BOOKS: (Bible, The Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee, HCF Study Guide)**

This class will focus on what it is that Christ has done for us through the gospel of grace. In the book of Romans, Paul lays out the most systematic argument for the gospel in the Scriptures. Through this class, we should come to a solid foundation of what the gospel is, and how through it, we can live the Normal Christian Life according to God's grace with complete reliance upon the person of Jesus. As William Newel said concerning the book of Romans, "To preach devotion first and blessing second, is to reverse God's order, and preach law and no grace."

- **CLASS 2 Acts of the Holy Spirit (October 20 – November 17)**
 - **BOOKS: (Bible, Living Water by Chuck Smith, HCF Study Guide)**

This class will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit from a scriptural standpoint, and on the work of the Holy Spirit through the Body. The purpose of this class is that through much practical use and prayer, the Lord will help us to see our gifts and calling appointed by God and not man within the body of Christ so that we can effectively use those gifts and callings God ordained within the Body of Christ. If you have always wondered where you fit in the Body, then this is a time to seek the Lord and His Word. Find out what He is calling you to be within the Body of Christ.

- **CLASS 3 Inductive Bible Study (December 1 – January 5)**
 - **BOOKS: (Bible, HCF Study Guide)**

This class will focus on the study of the Word. Many people have often wondered how to effectively study the Bible. This is one of the most exciting classes as we learn to study the Word, allowing the Holy Spirit to be our teacher, and allowing the Word to be the best commentary on itself. We will learn how to accurately and with edification, study the Word in our own personal study time, to teach group studies, and prepare sermons without the use of many commentaries. Many people would love to teach others the Word, but need some direction on how to prepare a study. When we are done with this class, within a short time, by the work of the Holy Spirit, you will be able to prepare a Bible study in the middle of Asia or prepare a short message for our children's Sunday school class. We are called to this in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

- **CLASS 4 Evangelism (January 19 – February 16)**
 - **BOOKS: (Bible, Fishing for Souls by Matt Schroeder, HCF Study Guide)**

Now that we know what to do with people who are saved, let's get some tools and encouragement to win people to the Lord! Many of us would like to be effective, consistent witnesses to the people around us, and this class will equip you with some tools to share an effective, accurate gospel message. We are commanded to, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). As leaders in the Body of Christ, we are no doubt called to, "... do the work of an evangelist . . ." (2 Timothy 4:5).

- **CLASS 5 Biblical Counseling (March 2 – March 30)**
 - **BOOKS: (Bible, How to Counsel God's Way by Bob Hoekstra, HCF Study Guide)**

There is a lot of counsel in the world today, and there is no wonder there is so little success. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor. In this class we will talk about the difference between worldly counsel versus biblical counsel. We will look at the sufficiency of God's Word to counsel, and we will look at how to practically apply it to our own lives and the lives of others.

- **CLASS 6 Revelation/Eschatology (April 13 - May 25)**
 - **BOOKS: (Bible, HCF Study Guide)**

In this class, we will come to a better understanding of the days we live in, and where we are headed. In this class we will seek to overview the Book of Revelation while putting the other prophecies in the Bible in their proper place. **(Revelation 1:3) "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."** We will look at the Time of the Gentiles, Church Age, 1st half of the Tribulation, 2nd half of the Tribulation, Kingdom Age, and Heaven.

- **COMPLETION:**
 - Per Class: Each class will have a syllabus with required class attendance, serving and homework. The turned in, completed, filled out syllabus is required for graduation along with the determination of the teacher.
 - Overall: Everyone who completes all classes in any order will receive a certificate of completion, but more importantly will be equipped for God's call on their life, and ultimately will have drawn closer to Jesus.

You may take one class at a time, as your schedule permits. Note that the classes are designed to give you a well-rounded preparation for the life of ministry if you take them all together in order.

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL FOUNDATION SEPT 8 – OCT 6	NOTES
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1	Sept 8	Romans Week 1	
2	Sept 15	Romans Week 2	
3	Sept 22	Romans Week 3	
4	Sept 29	Romans Week 4	
5	Oct 6	Romans Week 5	

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OCT 20 – NOV 17	NOTES
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1	Oct 20	Acts Week 1	
2	Oct 27	Acts Week 2	
3	Nov 3	Acts Week 3	
4	Nov 10	Acts Week 4	
5	Nov 17	Acts Week 5	

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY December 1 – January 5	NOTES
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1	Dec 1	IBS Week 1	
2	Dec 8	IBS Week 2	
3	Dec 15	IBS Week 3	
4	Dec 22	IBS Week 4	
	Dec 29 - No Class	Holiday Break	
5	Jan 5	IBS Week 5	

EVANGELISM CLASS January 19 – February 16	NOTES
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1	Jan 19	Evangelism Week 1	
2	Jan 26	Evangelism Week 2	
3	Feb 2	Evangelism Week 3	
4	Feb 9	Evangelism Week 4	
5	Feb 16	Evangelism Week 5	

BIBLICAL COUNSELING March 2 – March 30	NOTES
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1	March 2	Biblical Counseling Week 1	
2	March 9	Biblical Counseling Week 2	
3	March 16	Biblical Counseling Week 3	
4	March 23	Biblical Counseling Week 4	
5	March 30	Biblical Counseling Week 5	

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST APRIL 13 – MAY 25	NOTES
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1	April 13	Revelation Week 1	
2	April 20	Revelation Week 2	
3	April 27	Revelation Week 3	
4	May 4	Revelation Week 4	
5	May 11	Revelation Week 5	
	No Class	No Class This Week- ECPC	
6	May 25	Revelation Week 6	

Year At-a-Glance

DATES	CLASS	MATERIALS
September 8 – October 6	Romans: Gospel Foundation	Bible, Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee
October 20 – November 17	Acts of the Holy Spirit	Bible, Living Water by Chuck Smith
December 1 – January 5	Inductive Bible Study	Bible, HCF Study Guide
January 19 – February 16	Evangelism	Bible, Fishing for Souls by Matt Schroeder
March 2 – March 30	Biblical Counseling	Bible, How to Counsel God's Way by Bob Hoekstra
April 13 - May 25	Revelation	Bible, HCF Study Guide

- The Chuck Smith Bible survey is meant to be studied in the course of a year. If you listen to one teaching a day and fill in the booklets that go with the teachings, you should be done by Graduation in August. To listen to the tracks, download the booklets or for more information visit: horizonlacrosse.org/chuck-smith-bible-survey
- Chuck Track Schedule: (All classes include their following break week)
 - Romans: C2001 Gen 1, – C2043 Deuteronomy 9-16
 - Acts: C2044 Deut 17-20, – C2086 Job 21-30
 - Inductive Bible Study: C2087 Job 31-37, – C2136 Jeremiah 21-22
 - Evangelism: C2137 Jeremiah 23-25, – C2179 Matthew 7
 - Biblical Counseling: C2180 Matthew 8-9, – C2222 John 9-10
 - Revelation: C2223 John 11-12, – C2272 Galatians 3
 - Summer Schedule: C2273 Galatians 4, – C2323 Revelation 21-22
(50x Tracks over 87 days to be done by Graduation on August 20, 2027)

Statement Of Faith

We believe - the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (Agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians. -- 1 Jn. 3:14; 4:7-11; 1 Cor. 13:1-8; Gal. 5:22-23; Jn. 13:34-35; 15:12-13; 1 Pet. 4:8; Rom. 13: 8-10; 14:19

We believe - worship of God should be inspirational. Therefore, we give a great place to music in our worship. -- Ps. 33:1-3; 95:1-2; 100:1-2; 147:1; 150:3-6; 2 Chron. 5:11-14; Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:18-19

We believe - worship of God should be intelligent. Therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon the teaching of the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshipped. -- Jn. 4:23-24; Rom 12:1-2; Neh. 8:8; Acts 2:42; 1 Tim 4:13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:2; Ps. 19:7-8; 119:7; Col. 3:16

We believe - worship of God should be fruitful. Therefore, we look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have been truly worshipping Him. -- Jn. 15:5, 8-12; James 2:18-20; Mt. 5:16; 7:16-20; Col. 1:9-10; Rom. 6:22; 12:9-13; Gal. 5:22-23

We believe - in the inerrancy of the Scriptures, that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, in the original autographs, is the inspired, infallible Word of God, a complete and final written revelation of God. -- 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Heb. 1:1-2; Ps. 12:6; 19:7-9; 119:160; Pr. 30:5; Jn. 17:17; Mt. 5:18; Gal. 1:11-12; Acts 20:27

We believe - in one personal, transcendent, and holy God, the creator of all, who is eternal, and who manifests Himself in three separate persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. -- Deut. 6:4; Is. 45:5-6; Ps. 24:1-2; 145:18; Mt. 3:16-17; 6:9; Is. 6:1-3; 1 Kings 8:27; Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16-18; Jn. 1:1-3; 14:16-17; 2 Cor. 13:14

We believe - that Jesus Christ, though fully God, became a man for the suffering of death, that He is the promised Messiah, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, provided for the atonement of our sins by His vicarious death on the Cross, was bodily resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit, ascended back to the right hand of God the Father, and ever lives to make intercession for us. -- Jn. 1:1-3, 14; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:8; 2:14-17; 4:15; 7:25; Jn. 4:25-26; 20:28; Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Tim. 2:5; Is. 7:14; 9:6-7; 53:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Jn. 3:5; Rom. 5:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:3-8, 20; Acts 1:9-11

We believe - after Jesus ascended to Heaven, He poured out His Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem, enabling them to fulfill His command to preach the Gospel to the entire world, an obligation shared by all believers today. -- Jn. 14:16-17; 16:17-18; Luk 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1-4, 33, 38-39; Eph. 4:8-10; 5:18; Joel 2:28-29; Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15; Rom 8:14-17; Gal. 5:25

We believe - that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God. -- Rom. 3:10, 23; 5:1, 12; 6:23; 8:1; 10:9-10; 14:12; Is. 59:1-2; Ezek. 18:20; Eph. 1:7, 13-14; 2:1-3, 8-9; Ps. 51:5; 103:10-12; Jn. 1:12; 3:3-7, 16; Tit. 3:4-7; 1 Tim. 2:3-6; Acts 2:38; Col. 1:13-14; 1 Jn. 1:7-9

We believe - in the person and work of the Holy Spirit who indwells, seals, and empowers every believer, baptizing them into the Body of Christ. We further believe that the Holy Spirit will come upon any believer who asks in faith, enabling him/her to preach the Gospel in power. We also believe all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures are valid for today if they are exercised within the scriptural guidelines. We believe that love is more important than all the gifts, and that without this love all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless. -- Jn. 14:16-17; Rom. 8:9-11; 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 12:4-13, 31; 13:1-13; 14:26, 33, 40; Gal. 4:6; 5:22; Eph. 1:13-14; 3:16; 4:4-6, 11-12; 30; 5:18; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Acts 1:8; 4:31; Zech. 4:6; 1 Thes. 1:5; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Col. 3:14

We believe - Jesus Christ is the head of the Body, His church, and that church government should be simplistic rather than a complex bureaucracy. We desire to be led by the Holy Spirit in all the functions and directions of the ministry of the church. -- Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15-16; 5:23; Mt. 16:18; 20:25-28; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Mk. 10:42-45; 1 Pet. 5:2-3; Acts 14:23; Jn. 16:13; Rom 8:14; Gal. 5:25; Col. 2:18-10; Prov. 16:9; Ps. 127:1; Zech. 4:6

We believe - in a personal devil called Satan who, along with all his evil angels, called demons, is destined to spend eternity in hell, and who now seeks to deceive the believers and defeat the work of God, but who can be resisted by believers who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, protected by God, and interceded for by Jesus Christ our Lord. -- Job 1:6-7; Mt. 4:1-11; 25:41; Rev. 12:3-4, 9-10; 20:1-3, 10; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 6:11-12; Is. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17; Jn. 8:44; James 4:7; 1 Jn. 3:8; 4:4; Rom. 8:9-11; Heb. 2:14-15; 7:25

We believe - that the nation of Israel has a special place in God's plan and that all the promises of God to Israel will be fulfilled. -- Gen. 12:1-3; 15:18-21; Ex. 19:5-6; Deut. 7:6-8; Ps. 105:8-11; Ezek. 36:42-48; 37:21-28; Amos 9:14-15; Mal. 3:6; Micah 5:2; Rom. 11:1-2; 11:25-29; Zech. 12:10; Mt. 19:28

We await - the pre-tribulation rapture of the church, and we believe that the second coming of Christ with His saints to rule on the earth will be personal, pre-millennial, and visible. This motivates us to holy living, heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, regular fellowship, and participation in baptism by immersion and in the Holy communion. -- 1 Thes. 1:10; 3:13; 4:16-17; 5:9; Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; Phil. 3:20-21; Rev. 1:7; 3:10; Luk 21:36; 22:19-20; Acts 1:9-11; 2:42; Zech. 14:4, 9; Jude 1:14-15; Rev. 19; 20:1-6; Is. 9:6-7; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; 2 Pet 3:11-14

We seek - to teach the Word of God in such a way that its message can be applied to an individual's life, leading that person to greater maturity in Christ. -- James 1:22-25; Mt. 7:24-27; Luk 11:28; Neh. 8:8; 1 Tim. 4:13, 16; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:2; Rom. 8:29; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:11-15; Heb. 4:12; Jn. 17:17; Mt. 28:19-20

We reject - doctrinal viewpoints or spiritual phenomena which are based solely on experience. We look to the Word of God for the basis of all our faith and practice. -- 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 19:7; 119:105; Mt. 4:4; Col. 2:8; 1 Thes. 5:20-21; Deut. 13:1-3; Gal. 1:8-9; Mt. 24:24; Rom. 10:17; Prov. 3:5-6; Eph. 4:14-15; Rev. 22:18-20

I agree with the statement of faith:

(Yes) []

(No) []

SIGN UP!!!

o I AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH: (Yes) [] or (No) []

I have prayed about this, and believe that the Lord is leading me to take these classes.

I would like to be held accountable, in love, to complete them: (Yes) [] or (No) []

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE#: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE WHETHER YOU INTEND TO TAKE THE FULL COURSE OR ONLY SELECTED CLASSES:

Full Course []

Romans []

Acts []

Inductive Bible Study []

Evangelism []

Biblical Counseling []

Revelation []

Bible Survey []

BRIEFLY WRITE YOUR SALVATION EXPERIENCE:

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Fill out all fields on both sides of this page then give (this page only) to the HCF office (there is an office dropbox in the coffee shop) or email it to SOM@horizonlacrosse.org

After prayerful consideration we will contact you for a brief interview.

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