

**FLORIDA GENERAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
2025 ONLINE COURSES AND FACULTY CURRICULUM**

VIRTUAL DIVISION (Online Only)

**Monday through Thursday, Classes 6:30 pm – 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Zoom Video Conferencing**

Dr. Carl Johnson, Convention President
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Rev. Toby T. Philpart, Congress President
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Theme

“The Challenge to Change: Serving the Present Age with an Unchanging Gospel”
Scriptural Reference: 1 Chronicles 12:32, Romans 12:1-3, 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

CCE COURSES – September 22-25, 2025

PHASE I

~~Course Number and Title 1007 Introduction to the Old Testament~~ **CANCELED**

~~Course Instructor~~ **Rev. Benjamin Parrott**

~~Course Description: This course introduces the student to the Bible. The student will be exposed to a comprehensive analysis of the sixty-six books of the Bible.~~

PHASE II

~~Course Number and Title 2007 Christian Stewardship~~ **CANCELED**

~~Course Instructor~~ **Dr. Lantz Mills**

~~Course Description: This course will cover the basic tenets of Christian stewardship—time, talent, and tithe. Students will learn how to effectively manage their resources by better understanding the spiritual principles, practices, and contributions of Christian stewardship.~~

PHASE III

~~Course Number and Title 1079 Survey of John~~ **CANCELED**

~~Course Instructor~~ **Rev. Donnell Sanders**

~~Course Description: This course will focus on the Gospel of John, also known as the Fourth Gospel, and its unique characteristics. Students will identify the specific features that characterize John's gospel and distinguish it from the Synoptic Gospels, emphasizing John's writings and the ministry of Jesus Christ.~~

PHASE IV

Course Number and Title 9008 – Public Speaking

Course Instructor Ms. Felicia Brinkley

Course Description: This course will identify the process and principles for writing speeches and delivering them in public. Relay basic verbal and nonverbal communication skills that will enable the students to communicate with audiences of all sizes effectively.

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CCE COURSES – October 20-23, 2025

PHASE I

Course Number and Title 1072 – Survey of the New Testament

Course Instructor Dr. Richard Williams

Course Description: This course surveys the New Testament. It includes a general overview of the New Testament sections' divisions, periods, places, events, people, and archaeology.

PHASE II

Course Number and Title 1075 – The Synoptic Gospels

Course Instructor Dr. Robert Spooner

Course Description: This course will focus on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus' ministry.

PHASE III

Course Number and Title 7010 – Introduction to Discipleship

Course Instructor Ms. Ora Enman

Course Description: This course will introduce the believer to the biblical principle of discipleship. Examine the character traits of believers by looking at the overall examples of Jesus, and study the discipleship methods of Jesus to understand the difference between discipleship and membership.

PHASE IV

Course Number and Title **6013 – Organizing the Church for Christian Education**

Course Instructor **Dr. Joyce Dunlap**

Course Description: This course will focus on the various administrative and organizational skills needed to organize the Christian education department. Emphasis will be placed on structure, leadership, and staffing needs for Christian education.

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Course Number and Title **9902 – The Spiritual Life of the Minister**

Course Instructor **Dr. Brett Snowden**

Course Description: This course explores the stability of ministry, family, and personal spaces, aiming to foster a sense of wholeness and balance. Realistically, there are seasons in the life of the church and the pastor/minister when more attention is given to the church than to oneself or one's family. However, the pastor/minister must be acutely aware of these moments and reorient themselves to detach and recharge, achieving some semblance of equilibrium.

Course Number and Title **TECH - Digital Discipleship: Embracing Technology, Media, and AI in the Modern Church**

Course Instructor **Rev. Nathan Austin**

Course Description: This course equips church leaders, media teams, and ministry innovators with the tools and understanding needed to navigate and utilize technology, audiovisual systems, social media, and artificial intelligence within the church context. Participants will explore best practices for livestreaming, sermon presentations, digital outreach, content creation, and AI-assisted ministry tools.

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CCE COURSES – November 17-20, 2025

PHASE I

Course Number and Title 6021 – Spiritual Formation

Course Instructor Mrs. Gloria Thrower

Course Description: This course will enable students to mature in their Christian walk. Focus on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults—to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Deliberate on what it means to be a Christian.

PHASE II

Course Number and Title 4001 – Christian Beliefs

Course Instructor Dr. Ricki Gardner

Course Description: This course focuses on questions regarding historical and contemporary Christian faith. Students will explore the beliefs and interpretations of the faith and be guided to develop a satisfying personal Christian belief system and life-purpose statement.

PHASE III

Course Number and Title 9004 – Writing Techniques I

Course Instructor Dr. Venita Timpson

Course Description: This course will focus on the Certified Christian Education program writing requirements. Emphasis will be placed on the development of the skills necessary to complete writing assignments. Skills that will be mastered range from the development of paragraphs/topic sentences to thesis-driven essays.

PHASE IV

Course Number and Title 8035 – The African American Church and Social Justice

Course Instructor TBA

Course Description: This course will investigate the lives, theology, and methods of great servants of God who dedicated their lives in the struggle for the liberation of people. Discuss the role of the African American church in the struggle for the liberation of people.

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Course Number and Title 9903 – Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette

Course Instructor Dr. Howard Barr

Course Description: Ministerial ethics – ethical reflections on the status and standard by which ministers display the character and conduct of Jesus Christ. This course examines, with simplicity and clarity, the practical ethical teachings of the Christian faith, as revealed in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. We will explore the functional disciplines and demands of our vocational calling to serve God in the Spirit of Christ.

September 17, 2025