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We do not aim at just being another school. It will have, we believe, a unique combination of theological, intellectual, affectional, communal, and financial commitments. I would like to be a part of this vision for the remainder of my life. I believe the church and the world need leaders shaped by this vision of God.



John Piper

Pastor for Preaching and Vision, Bethlehem Baptist Church

Chancellor, Bethlehem College and Seminary

Prospective Student,

Education is a dangerous pursuit. Who hasn't heard of the ivory-tower academic who has a head full of brilliant knowledge and yet a perplexingly lifeless heart? It should not be so. Biology and philosophy, sociology and theology all have their proper end in doxology. All truth is from God and belongs to God and exists for God. Yet, Paul warns, "knowledge puffs up" (2 Corinthians 8:1). Why, then, would anyone set out on the perilous quest for knowledge?

The same Paul who cautioned the Corinthians against the danger of self-aggrandizing knowledge exhorted Timothy to "think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything" (2 Timothy 2:7). His command to the Romans was not to be conformed to the world but to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). Jesus says that the first and greatest commandment of the Law is to "love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).

Thus, for the Christian, intellectual pursuit is not optional—it is critical. Our aim at Bethlehem College is to magnify with you the supremacy of God in the life of the mind. It is our earnest hope that your studies at Bethlehem will deepen your understanding of God as we look together at his Word and his works in redemptive history. We hope that you will be challenged to think through difficult issues, that you will be equipped to articulate the truth with clarity and that you will be strengthened in your faith.

But we are after more than your mind. We believe that God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. Thus, during your time at Bethlehem College we want you to drink deeply from the Bible so that new, radical affections for Christ might well up in your life, and that these affections might overflow in self-sacrificing, risk-taking acts of love. We long to launch students who embrace the connection between head and heart and hands into a lifetime of ministry in the home, the church, and the world.

In the following pages, you will find more detail on Bethlehem College's vision and how we, by God's grace, hope to accomplish these aims. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us and that, should God so lead, your time at Bethlehem College would be the most formative time of your life. ❁

Together with you in the Greatest Cause,

Ryan Griffith
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Bethlehem College and Seminary



WHY BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY EXISTS

Under the authority of God's inerrant Word, Bethlehem College and Seminary exists to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ by equipping men and women to treasure Christ above all things, to grow in wisdom and knowledge over a lifetime, and to glorify God in every sphere of life.

The ultimate goal of all that God does in history is to display his glory for the eternal enjoyment of his people. Both creation (Isaiah 43:7) and redemption (Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14) have this ultimate aim in view. Our enjoyment of him above all that he has made is essential to glorifying him for all that he is. Therefore, we are called to join God in gladly glorifying God in all we do (1 Corinthians 10:31).

The glory of God shines most brightly in the glory of his Son, Jesus Christ. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Paul describes the heart of his message as "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Therefore, our passion for the glory of God makes us a gospel-permeated and cross-centered ministry. When we speak of the glory or the supremacy of God we mean the glory and the supremacy that are revealed supremely in Jesus Christ, shining most brightly through the gospel of his redeeming death and resurrection.

There are no bounds to this supremacy. Therefore, the centrality and supremacy of God in all things is the defining reality for us at Bethlehem and shapes the ethos of our life together. This vision of God and ministry and life is rooted in Scripture, and the preservation of the

vision depends on our allegiance to the Bible and its preeminence in all our thinking. Therefore, we believe that all theological and ministerial education should be radically God-centered, Christ-exalting, and Bible-saturated. It should be truth-driven rather than audience-driven. It should approach every intellectual and practical issue with the primary questions: What does this have to do with God? What does the Bible have to say about this? How can Christ be magnified in this? And how does the gospel bear on this?

Over the past 28 years we have come to cherish the practical outworking of this God-centered approach to learning in the context of a community of believers. Our hearts' desire is to saturate emerging leaders—no matter their age, race, social standing, or educational background—into this thoughtful community of love and truth as the context for equipping them for whatever vocation God calls them to. Our aim is to give students an intense immersion in a God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated local church that combines rigorous study with church-based application, all to the end that they might joyfully magnify the infinite worth of Jesus Christ and live for the praise of God's glory in affection, thought, word, and deed. ❀



OUR CORE VALUES

The great quest of Bethlehem College and Seminary is for minds and hearts that see and savor the glory of Christ in all things, and spread that experience to the world. Because of this, Bethlehem College and Seminary is committed to a *God-Centered Vision of Reality* that is:

Grounded in the Local Church

As a church-based institution, all programs of Bethlehem College and Seminary are woven into the life and ministry of Bethlehem Baptist Church. From participation in corporate worship to active involvement in church small groups and ministries, our students will deepen and stretch their faith by treasuring Christ together with the congregation. In addition, our faculty members self-consciously bring the vision, values, and theology of Bethlehem Baptist Church to bear on all of our course readings, lectures, and discussions.

Rooted in Historic Christian Orthodoxy

Bethlehem College and Seminary is a confessional institution that embraces the doctrinal beliefs set forth in the Bethlehem College and Seminary Affirmation of Faith. We joyfully embrace the historic Christian teaching on the Trinity and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ as set forth in the Nicene and Chalcedonian Creeds. We are reformed in our soteriology and charismatic in our affections. We hold all of our theological positions in submission to God's inerrant and infallible Word.

Sustained by God through Prayerful Dependence

God is glorified when those who serve and speak do so in the strength that he supplies. Therefore, in all of our teaching, preaching, and service, we make it our aim not to serve God, but to be served by him. He is the Giver; we are the receivers. And the fundamental activity of the soul that expresses this great reality is prayer. Therefore, we are intentional in building prayer into the visible life of our institution, from the classroom to meetings, and from chapel to mentorship. We desire to make it plain that all of our endeavors are done in reliance on God's power, trusting in his future grace to sustain us so that he receives the glory.

Expressed in Christian Hedonism

Essential to the foundation of Bethlehem College and Seminary is the truth that God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. God's self-exaltation and our everlasting joy are not at odds. They happen together. His worth is magnified when we treasure him above all things. Our joy in him

reflects his glory. The great quest of Bethlehem College and Seminary is for minds and hearts to see and savor the glory of Christ in all things and spread that experience to the world.

If God has inspired a Book as the foundation of the Christian faith, there is a massive impulse unleashed in the world to teach people how to read. And if God ordained for some of that precious, God-breathed Book to be hard to understand, then God also unleashed an impulse to teach people how to think about what they read—how to read hard things and understand them, and how to use the mind in a rigorous way. Therefore, we endeavor in all of our intellectual inquiry to love God with our minds by thinking deeply and humbly about his word and his works.

As a nation during wartime focuses its collective resources on winning the war, so also we seek as individuals and an institution to focus our resources on the goal of achieving our shared mission. We believe that this involves pursuing strategic simplicity with regard to non-essentials in order that more resources may be channeled to the war effort. As an institution we will seek a wartime approach not only in the use of resources but also in pursuing strategies and processes that are effective in winning the war.

A solid education should be more than intellectual development; it should be marked by spiritual growth and maturity. Intentional mentoring, discipleship, and ministry-involvement are hallmarks of Bethlehem College and Seminary's vision. Each fall, every incoming student is paired with a mentor who seeks to provide encouragement, counsel, accountability, and practical help to the student throughout their time at Bethlehem.

Students entering Bethlehem College and Seminary are placed in cohorts of 10–16 students. The small cohort size allows for productive class discussions as well as the opportunity to develop close, meaningful relationships with fellow students, facilitators, and faculty. We also believe that providing students with opportunities to see and experience God's world and to apply God's Word to it will, by God's grace, cause the truth and relevance of their education to leave a deeper impact on their lives. Thus, our programs contain a variety of experiential learning opportunities, including field trips, cross-cultural ministry, study and serve abroad, as well as a multitude of ministry opportunities in and around Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Marked by Academic Rigor

Built on a Wartime Approach to Life, Education, and Ministry

Shaped by Life-on-Life Discipleship

Forged through Community and Experiential Learning

Concerned for the Lost, the Poor, and the Oppressed

We live in a fallen world, under God's curse and marred by human sin. This devastation extends to all areas of life: physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual. Therefore, we cannot pursue education insulated from the oppression, tribulations, and pain of the world. In order to bring the powerful love of God to bear on this broken world, we aim to send out students who will care for the least of these, look after the widow and the orphan, expose the unfruitful deeds of darkness, strengthen weak hands and feeble knees, and most importantly, proclaim Christ crucified for sinners to those who are in desperate need of his grace.

Characterized by Humble Authenticity and Courage

We seek to practice what we preach and teach. We desire our personal lives, educational philosophy, and organizational structure to give explicit evidence that we treasure Jesus Christ above all things. Therefore, we make it our aim to be loving, gracious, and honest in all of our communication. We also seek to serve others and consider them better than ourselves. When engaging with those who disagree, we seek to assume the best in them and represent them and their views accurately and fairly. When facing opposition and persecution, we seek to be bold as a lion, speaking the word of God with courage, even as we entrust ourselves to him who judges justly.

Devoted to the Priority of Worship

Education is not the ultimate goal of a college and seminary. Worship is. Education exists because worship doesn't. Nothing makes God more supreme and more central than when people are utterly persuaded that nothing—not money or prestige or leisure or family or job or health or sports or toys or friends—nothing is going to bring satisfaction to their aching hearts besides God. Therefore, worship is both the fuel and goal of all of our educational endeavors.

Committed to a Global and Multi-Ethnic Expansion of the Kingdom

A key part of our mission at Bethlehem College and Seminary is to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ. This mission is rooted in the biblical vision of the people of God, ransomed by the blood of Christ from every tribe, tongue, people, and language. Therefore, we want to aim students like swift arrows into ministry and the marketplace for the joy of the lost. Though not all students will become missionaries or pastors, we want to equip passionate world-Christians who are cross-cultural ministers of the gospel in their daily interactions and who joyfully and sacrificially support the missionary efforts of their local churches.



INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Our institution, our church, and our lives are built on the conviction that the Triune God of Scripture is supreme in all of reality. As such, all genuine knowledge and wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. Therefore, we self-consciously seek to pursue all education, knowledge, and learning in humble dependence upon God for the sake of his name. All of our undergraduate programs are built on this fundamental conviction.

Arising from this foundational commitment is our belief in the integration of all knowledge. We believe that everything is related because everything is related to God. Therefore, all of our undergraduate programs seek to enable students to make connections across various disciplines and fields of inquiry, and to bridge the gap between the subject of their study and their own lives.

These fundamental convictions have led us to adopt a holistic approach to education. Our aim is to build into our students habits of mind and heart that will never leave them and will fit them for a lifetime of ongoing growth. The well-educated person has the habits of mind and heart to go on learning what he needs to learn to live in a Christ-exalting way for the rest of his life—in to whatever sphere of life he pursues. These habits of mind apply to all objects in the world, but most importantly the Bible.

We aim to enable and to motivate the student:

- to *observe* his subject matter accurately and thoroughly,
- to *understand* clearly what he has observed,
- to *evaluate* fairly what he has understood by deciding what is true and valuable,
- to *feel* intensely according to the value of what he has evaluated,
- to *apply* wisely and helpfully in life what he understands and feels, and
- to *express* in speech and writing and deeds what he has seen, understood, felt and applied in such a way that its accuracy, clarity, truth, value, and helpfulness can be known and enjoyed by others.

To this end, we offer four programs:

- The Christian Worldview Program
- The History of Ideas Program
- The Biblical and Theological Studies Program
- The Degree Completion Program in Theological Studies

In addition to our Core Values, all of our programs are built on these distinctives:

Socratic Methodology

It is our conviction that adults learn best through asking questions and solving problems. Thus, we seek to limit the amount of direct lectures in our programs and instead utilize Socratic discussions that will provoke deeper reflection on the course material. In addition, interactive discussions require students to develop key interpersonal and relational skills such as humility, tact, and patience.

God-centered Faculty

Our full-time faculty are bound together under the Bethlehem College and Seminary Affirmation of Faith and share a common theological and educational vision. All faculty members are committed to instructing the minds, influencing the affections, and shaping the lives of the students under our care. In addition, Bethlehem's location in downtown Minneapolis enables us to take advantage of the area's richness in qualified, godly, and capable scholars. We are able to draw from Bethel University, Northwestern College, and North Central University, as well as numerous missions-sending organizations to bring experts from all fields to bear on our curriculum. Bethlehem's own extensive network of missionaries and Christian leaders puts our students in a unique position to learn from people serving in varied contexts throughout the world.

Cost-effective

We believe that one of the biggest obstacles facing college graduates is the amount of debt accumulated in gaining a quality education. We will not contribute much to the advancement of the Kingdom if we produce godly theologians, passionate missionaries, and faithful leaders who are saddled with so much debt that they cannot effectively pursue their ministry callings until they have paid off their loans. Therefore, we seek to provide the highest quality education at the most affordable price. To this end, we are working hard to find ways to fund our operations outside of student tuition. In addition to generating revenue through curriculum sales, we are seeking generous partners who will help us to establish a healthy endowment so that we can launch students into fruitful, God-centered service without the shackles of college debt.

DEGREES OFFERED

The two-year degree in Christian Worldview is a two-year, cross-disciplinary, undergraduate program designed for the freshman and sophomore year of college. The program is designed for students who want an intellectually-challenging understanding of the integration of philosophy, history, culture, and the Christian faith in a global context. The curriculum enables the student to complete required general education courses while gaining the core knowledge of an integrated world-Christian worldview.

The curriculum covers the entirety of world history, from creation to the present day, over the course of two years. It integrates the study of global history and Christian theology with an understanding of anthropology, philosophy, world religions, and literature. Students study both the Bible and sacred texts of other religions, read many of the Great Books of Western Civilization, learn the keys to effective cross-cultural communication, develop skills in written and oral communication, and gain core knowledge in literature, math, and science. As the program progresses, students will come to understand how God has worked throughout human history, how various worldviews and religions have developed and influenced the church and society, and how the development of these ideas has shaped the modern world. Students completing this program will be widely-read and well-grounded in their faith and equipped to make a difference in today's global society, whatever major or career path they choose.

Two-year Degree in Christian Worldview

CONTENT AREAS

Old Testament	Philosophy
New Testament	Cultural Anthropology
Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Social Science
Biblical Greek	The Arts
Theological Foundations	English Composition
Church History	Public Speaking
World Religions	Mathematics: History & Application
World Civilizations	Life Sciences: History & Application

Four-year Degree in the History of Ideas

The History of Ideas program is designed to equip undergraduate men and women with the skills needed to think clearly and accurately about the world in which they live and to challenge them to live faithfully in the home, the church, and the world. Building upon the historical and theological framework established in the Christian Worldview program, this major focuses upon many of the great works of Western Civilization as well as representative works from non-Western traditions with a view to equipping students to evaluate the seminal ideas in the history of thought in light of the self-disclosure of the triune God. This program will not merely focus on the development of abstract ideas, but will also challenge students to examine major developments in the history of thought in light of the key people, significant historical events, and technological changes that influenced them. Additionally, the program will demonstrate the role of the affections and the heart in the development, transformation, and spread of philosophies, religions, and worldviews.

As students progress through the program, they will discover how great thinkers have approached the central questions faced by all human beings: Who or what governs reality? What is valuable and good? What are human beings? What is the central problem in the world? And what is the solution to that problem? The program will train students to synthesize ideas from a range of disciplines, including philosophy, theology, history, literature, and the arts. This synthesis of ideas will culminate in the completion of a senior thesis during the final semester. Finally, throughout the program, all ideas found in the Great Books are measured against the Person found in the Greatest Book. All things were created by, hold together in, and exist for Jesus Christ. He is the measure of all things and, therefore, students in the History of Ideas major will be equipped to evaluate all claims to truth, goodness, and beauty in light of him.



The Biblical and Theological Studies program is designed to equip undergraduate men and women with the skills necessary to interpret the Bible faithfully and to challenge them to live and teach effectively in the home, the church, and the world. Building upon the historical and theological framework established in the Christian Worldview program, this major focuses more deeply on interpreting Scripture in its historical, literary, canonical, and redemptive-historical contexts. Students in this major will learn both Greek and Hebrew and will apply their study of the biblical languages to exegesis of select books in the Old and New Testaments.

In addition to careful exegesis, students will also grow in their ability to synthesize and articulate theological truths by participating in a series of upper-division historical, systematic, and biblical theological courses. All courses in this major will impress upon students the need to apply the truth learned to themselves, their church, and the surrounding culture. This major will culminate in the completion of a senior thesis in the final semester. Students in this major will develop a strong grasp of the storyline of the Bible, the remarkable Christ-centered unity between the Old and New Testaments, and the incredible expansion of God's global kingdom in history.



The Degree Completion Program in Theological Studies is a theological education program designed to help working adults complete their college education. Classes in this four-semester, year-round program are held for four hours one night a week for sixteen months. In order to qualify for admission into the program, students must have 50 semester undergraduate credits in key general education categories. The goal of the program is to prepare students for a lifetime of ministry whether across the ocean or across the street. Students will learn the skills and tools necessary for a lifetime of fruitful study of the Scriptures, including four semesters of New Testament Greek. Students will not only systematically study “the whole counsel of God,” but will also come to understand the storyline of the Bible, the remarkable Christ-centered unity between the Old and New Testaments, and the incredible expansion of God's global kingdom.

This program is based on demand only and may or may not be offered on a recurring basis.

Four-year Degree in Biblical and Theological Studies

Degree Completion Program in Theological Studies



ADMISSIONS & HOUSING

ADMISSIONS

While the admissions process at Bethlehem College is rigorous and deliberate, we see it most fundamentally subject to the wise and sovereign hand of God. As such, your application should begin where our deliberations must: in earnest and dependent prayer for God's will to be done in our lives. Our aim is to see Christ exalted in your life, whether you come to Bethlehem College or go somewhere else. Pray with us that this process would be a means to that glorious end.

While the college's unique undergraduate programs are academically rigorous, we do not have any minimum requirements for GPA, class rank or standardized test scores. A combination of these factors is considered in our admissions decisions. We are looking for more than just capable students, however. We are looking for men and women who long to magnify with their lives the supremacy of Christ in the church, workplace and world. You do not have to sense a calling to missions or pastoral ministry. You *do* have to sense a calling to be an ambassador for Christ in whatever your vocation ends up being! If you are excited about the vision of Bethlehem College, we encourage you to apply.

TIMELINE

Admissions decisions are made at two times during the year:

Early Decision

Students who would like to receive an early decision may submit their completed application materials no later than January 31, 2010. Applicants will receive a decision on their application by March 1, 2010. Early Decision applicants will either be admitted, denied admission or have the admissions decision delayed until May when the Regular Decision admissions are made. Accepted students have until June 1, 2010 to make their final enrollment decision. A non-refundable \$250 deposit (applied to the fall tuition) to confirm enrollment is due by June 1, 2010.

Regular Decision

All application materials for the regular decision process are due no later than March 1, 2010. Applicants to the Early Decision process whose applications were delayed and Regular Decision applicants will receive a decision on their application by April 16, 2010. Accepted students have until June 1, 2010 to

make their final enrollment decision. A non-refundable \$250 deposit (applied to the fall tuition) to confirm enrollment is due by June 1, 2010.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. *Standardized Testing.* Bethlehem College requires applicants to submit ACT, SAT, or comparable standardized test scores, including the writing section. Prospective students should note the application timeline and plan to take their standardized test with sufficient time to include their scores in their application materials.
 - a. Students who are 24 years old or older (out of high school for five years) or who have taken more than 24 hours of credit at an accredited institution and have a 'C' average or better do not need to submit standardized test results.
 - b. International students should submit results from TOEFL.
2. *High School Transcript or Grade Report.* Applicants should submit a high school transcript which includes grades earned and GPA. Students applying for Regular Decision do not need to include grades from the 7th semester. High school transcripts should be sent directly from the high school to Bethlehem College. Transcripts can be included in your application packet if they are on high school letterhead in a signed and sealed envelope.
 - a. Homeschool Information Form: Applicants who completed any of their high school education via home school should contact admissions@bcsmn.org for a homeschool information form to be completed and signed by a homeschool official.
 - b. Post-secondary Transcripts: Students who have enrolled in classes in a post-secondary institution should request a transcript be sent directly to Bethlehem College whether or not any grades were earned.
3. *Academic Reference.* Applicants should submit an academic reference from a core academic teacher (social science, English, literature, math, science, foreign language) who knows the student's academic performance. Transfer students should request a reference from a college professor (current college freshmen can request a reference from a professor or a high school teacher).

4. *Pastoral Reference.* The pastoral reference should come from a mature Christian adult who has had significant opportunity to observe the applicant's spiritual condition. This person should not be a relative.
5. *Writing Sample.* The writing sample should be an essay or paper from a high school or college course. Alternatively, the prospective student may select a question (from a series of questions included in the application) and respond in 400–600 words.
6. *Interview.* The Admissions Committee at Bethlehem College will schedule an interview with prospective students once a completed application has been received.
7. *Application Fee.* A check or money order for \$25 should be included in the application materials. This application fee is non-refundable.

For additional information, contact admissions@bcsmn.org.

TRANSFERS

Because of the cohort-based, sequential nature of our undergraduate programs, transfer students will only be accepted under special circumstances. Transfer students must have earned an Associates of Arts degree at a state-recognized institution of higher learning. Students who qualify to transfer into Bethlehem College's degree programs may be required to do additional reading or coursework as a prerequisite to enrollment.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Bethlehem College is not presently able to assist international students with acquiring a student visa. Interested applicants who are U.S. visa holders should contact Bethlehem College at admissions@bcsmn.org for more information.

HOUSING

Bethlehem College and Seminary is located at the downtown campus of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN. For over 100 years, Bethlehem has been located near the Phillips neighborhood (now the most ethnically-diverse neighborhood in the country) as a gospel witness to a great diversity of peoples. Because of our strategic location and our commitment to

intentional Christian community, we highly encourage students to live near the downtown campus.

Bethlehem College does not have dormitories. Instead, most of our students live in residential housing owned by members and friends of Bethlehem Baptist Church. We will do everything possible to provide affordable housing options for students, but ultimately we cannot guarantee housing for any student. For more information on housing, contact us at housing@bcsmn.org.



TUITION & ACCREDITATION



One of the distinctive aspects of BCS and one of our strongest commitments is to keep our programs affordable. In order to achieve our desire to be a strategic force for the growth of the worldwide church by training and educating passionate, God-centered, Bible-believing, Christ-exalting men and women, we feel that we must do everything we can to keep our students from becoming burdened with excessive financial debts. Therefore we are committed to keeping BCS affordable for all students by finding means other than tuition to fund our operations. Below are some facts which may be helpful to know in this regard.

1. We do not offer financial aid because we aim to keep our true costs of attendance transparent and equal for all students. We also want to remain clear of entanglements with the federal and state governments as much as possible.
2. In effect, all BCS students receive a very significant scholarship grant because the tuition we charge only covers about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the actual cost of providing their education.

3. Our aim in all of this is to enable students to pursue the Lord's calling on their lives as soon after graduation as possible without the encumbrance of financial debt which might otherwise delay their entry into full time ministry.

TUITION & FEES ESTIMATES

Tuition (32 credits at \$140/credit)	\$4,480
Housing (Rent + utilities)	\$2,500
Books	\$800

Tuition rates for the 2010–2011 year will not be determined until spring 2010.

ACCREDITATION

Bethlehem College and Seminary was formed by action of The Bethlehem Institute Board of Directors in 2008 as a full, degree-granting institution. The Bethlehem Institute has since been renamed by board action to Bethlehem College and Seminary.

Because of the religious or sectarian nature of our programs, licensure is not required by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, which oversees the activities of both public and private institutions of higher learning in the state of Minnesota. However, we are pursuing state licensure as an indicator of our commitment to recognized educational standards. Lord willing, we will receive state licensure during the first quarter, 2010.

Similarly, we will also pursue regional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This process will begin immediately upon receiving state licensure and is, as for all academic institutions, a multi-year process.

Finally, we have applied for and are confident that we will receive federal status as a 501(c)3, non-profit, tax-exempt organization.



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

Theological education should be deeply rooted in the local church. Every congregation should see the preparation of ministers as its own task, and not something that can be simply franchised to others. As president of a theological seminary, I am absolutely committed to work with churches as they strengthen their preparation of pastors and reclaim their own sense of mission. I long to see every church, in this sense, become a seminary. I'm thankful for John Piper and Bethlehem Baptist Church, and I am excited as I see a church assume responsibility and lead in a way that can influence so many others.

Gospel-centered, Scripture-saturated leaders are crucial if the church is to fulfill its mission. We need more leaders who faithfully proclaim the message of Christ and him crucified! And no context for training these leaders is better than the local church. That's why I'm so grateful for TBI and its commitment to training leaders within the Church, for the Church.

The INSIGHT‡ program offers a unique opportunity to survey the greatness of God's redemptive plan as revealed through world history. Close friendship, personal attention from mentors and teachers, and weighty classroom discussions characterize INSIGHT. The curriculum is so Christ-centered and Bible-saturated, that I believe that this is the most God-glorifying way I could have spent my freshman year.

INSIGHT has presented the events of history in the light of God's sovereignty in such a way that I will never view either in the same way again. History is not random chaos. Everything is leading to one goal: the fulfillment of God's purposes for his glory.

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† Bethlehem College and Seminary was formerly known as The Bethlehem Institute.

‡ The Bethlehem College undergraduate program was formerly known as INSIGHT.



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