

# Faith Christian College (FCC)

## Catalog

### *A Note from the President:*

*I welcome you to Faith Christian College! Our mission is to increase knowledge of individual and corporate theology to improve the ability of Christians to be more effective ambassadors for God by growing in the word of God and teaching others as well. We don't teach religious doctrine, we leave that to your home church. We teach how to research and examine the scriptures and other resources to help build our churches and communities.*

*We believe teachers of God's word should be educated and anointed to establish teaching ability and apologetics. Two gifts of the Holy Spirit are the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge (1Corinthians 12:8). They go hand in hand, enabling us to perform our calling in life with the spirit of excellence!*

*My personal goal is for all persons to have a chance at success in the life plan God has for them. I believe this can be achieved by understanding their own theology more thoroughly, so they will never doubt, waver, or give up. I promise to continue striving to make Faith Christian College an avenue to help people achieve that goal regardless of nationality, socioeconomic status, ethnicities, or culture.*

*Sincerely,*

*Zorion Rinaldi, *

*Zorion Rinaldi, III M.Div.*

*Founder and President of Faith Christian College*

## Faith Christian College Alma Mater

The term Alma Mater is a noun that means dear, nourishing, and bountiful mother. It is a Latin term Romans gave to their goddesses. The term originated in 14 BC. Alma is the feminine of almus (nourishing, bountiful, and dear). Mater means mother.

Alma Mater is also defined as the official anthem of a school, college, or university at which one has studied and from which one has graduated.

We sing of thee Faith Christian College  
Thank God for your reign  
In teaching us to share with others  
Knowledge not in vain

You teach us to understand God's word  
And grow in faith from what we heard  
On the move we'll never stop  
Won't turn back 'til we reach the top

We pledge allegiance in our hearts  
To God and His mighty plan  
We pray for you Faith Christian College  
May you forever stand!

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## Contact Information & Registration

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Fee is \$30 per course. You may register online at: [www.flavaministry.com](http://www.flavaministry.com) on the Faith Christian College page. To pay with a debit or credit card, click on the "To Give Donations" page. You may also register and pay for the course in person at the school on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of any class. However, only cash and checks will be accepted at that time. A \$30 fee will be charged for checks presented for payment that have insufficient funds. Anyone may attend one (1) class for free - no registration is required. Senior citizens aged 65 years and over may earn a degree at FCC for free! All other registration procedures apply.

### Accreditation

- FCC is presently working to gain accreditation via the Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AICCS), the national association for accrediting Christian schools of higher education.
- Accreditation is not mandatory for schools to be considered legitimate institutes of higher learning however; it supports their structure as honorable, accountable, and widely accepted for the purpose it serves.

### Degrees & Certificates

At FCC, you can gain an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences with a major in Theological Studies and a minor in Christian Counseling or a Certificate in Ecclesiastical Studies.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculations

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	GPA
90 – 100	A: perfect	4.0
80 – 89	B: above average	3.0 – 3.9
70 – 79	C: average	2.0 – 2.9
60 – 69	D: below average	1.0 – 1.9
0 – 59	F: failed	0
Incomplete	I: GPA is not affected.	

Withdrawal: students may withdraw during the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of any class. No Grade will be given.

The highest GPA awarded is 4.0. A total GPA of 2.5 or higher must be achieved to earn a certificate or degree.

Incomplete and failed courses must be retaken and passed prior to graduation. All low graded courses may also be retaken to raise a GPA.

### **Attendance Policy**

- In order to pass the courses, no more than 2 absences are permitted during 10 week courses, 1 absence during 7 and 5 week courses, and no absences are permitted during 3 week courses.
- For dire situations, speak with your course instructor; course work may be altered at the discretion of the instructor.

### **Associate Degree of Applied Sciences**

- Associate Degree in Applied Science (A.A.): This degree has a major in theology and minor in community & social services; 60 credits are required for graduation. There are 20 courses worth 3 credits each in this curriculum.
- Courses in this curriculum may be used as credit in other colleges and universities at their discretion.
- Employment opportunities include entry level positions in churches, educator assistance, social work, rehabilitative, correctional, and group establishments.

### **General Courses**

1. English 101: (*This prerequisite is required for all classes*) understand basic grammar, punctuation, and collegial writing (thesis, synthesis, conclusion, bibliography) using the Modern Language Association (MLA) style (10 weeks)
2. Preaching Dialectic and Correlative: learn homiletics to create and deliver proper sermons, and conduct sermonic research with a concordance and other significant resources (10 weeks)
3. Foundation of Clergy Ecclesiastics: understand the job of the clergy and how to conduct church services, weddings, baby dedications, baptisms, funerals, and serve Holy Eucharist/Communion (7 weeks)

4. Public Speaking: learn to deliver informational & persuasive speeches engaging audiences with eye contact, movement, visuals, congregant responses, and create successful opening & closing remarks (5 weeks)
5. Centering Prayer: understand centering prayer and what to expect from engaging in it (3 weeks)
6. Advanced Preaching: learn to conduct research to preach advanced topics that are needed but may not be understood in some Christian churches within the western Judaic civilization (7 weeks)
7. Teaching Preparation: how to make lesson plans and teach an exciting class for audio, visual, and kinesthetic learners (5 weeks)
8. Systematic Theology 1: learn the history of the Holy Bible and its 66 books, the history of major religions of the western Judaic civilization, and how to use apologetics to defend your faith (10 weeks)
9. Systematic Theology 2: learn the history of major religions around the world and gain the ability to defend the validity of the Christian faith (10 weeks)
10. Biblical Creation Studies: learn to understand the creation story as recorded in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible and solve the debate of science versus religion regarding creation of the world (3 weeks)
11. African American Religion: understand the history of religion and music within the African American church (5 weeks)
12. Liberating Faith PT201: understand faith and sharing the message of faith to diverse lifestyles including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ), and socioeconomic populations within a safe zone of inclusive excellence (3 weeks)
13. Pastoral Care and Ethics PT202: understand the God mandated duties of a pastor including the care offered to parishioners with guidelines, limits, ethics, and cultural differences (3 weeks)

14. PS100 Intro to Psychology and Counseling: introduction to how the brain works, counseling procedures, diagnoses (identify problematic issues and immediate and long term goals through interview), the history of psychology, pastoral care, and making referrals (7 weeks)
15. PS101 Marital Counseling: introduction to premarital and marital Christian counseling, effective communication, healing relationships, and biblical doctrine for married couples (5 week course)
16. PS102 Early Childhood/Adolescent Development: learn the physical and mental development stages from infancy through adolescence including motor skills, language, and behavioral processes (5 weeks)
17. PS103 Gerontology: learn the challenges senior citizens face daily and how to incorporate aid and inclusion for them within the church (3 weeks)
18. PS104 Grief/Crisis Counseling: understand grief and learn cognitive, life, and biblical strategies to counsel those who are stricken by grief and/or crisis (3 weeks)
19. PS105 Group Counseling: learn strategies for group counseling and procure unanimous change within the church and an intercultural approach to pastoral care and counseling (5 weeks)
20. Senior Seminar: conscientious review of curriculum studies preparing students to enter and/or improve the ministry they have been called to, with an in-depth understanding of their responsibilities (10 weeks)

### **Certificate of Ecclesiastical Studies**

Certificate of Ecclesiastical Studies: this certificate offers opportunities for clerical positions in the Christian church, assistive employment in group and rehabilitation establishments, and may be used as a credit in other colleges and universities at their discretion. This certificate may also be credited toward an Associate Degree in this college. This certificate requires 21 credits. Each completed class fulfills 3 credits.

1. English 101: (*This prerequisite is required for all classes*) understand basic grammar, punctuation, and collegial writing (thesis, synthesis,

- conclusion, bibliography) using the Modern Language Association (MLA) style (10 weeks)
2. Preaching Dialectic and Correlative: learn homiletics to create and deliver proper sermons, and conduct sermon research with a concordance and other significant resources (10 weeks)
  3. Foundation of Clergy Ecclesiastics: understand the job of the clergy and how to conduct church services, weddings, baby dedications, baptisms, funerals, and serve Holy Eucharist/Communion (7 weeks)
  4. Public Speaking: learn to deliver informational & persuasive speeches engaging audiences with eye contact, movement, visuals, congregant responses, and create successful opening & closing remarks (5 weeks)
  5. Systematic Theology 1: learn the history of the Holy Bible, it's 66 books, the history of major religions within our western Judaic civilization, and how to use apologetics to defend your faith (10 weeks)
  6. Systematic Theology 2: learn how major religions around the world came to be, and gain understanding of debating the validity of your religion (10 weeks)
  7. Biblical Creation Studies: learn to understand the creation story as recorded in the Old Testament and solve the debate of science versus religion, including the creation of mankind (3 weeks)