

JBC | JOHANNESBURG Bible College

equipping and inspiring men and women for Bible teaching ministries

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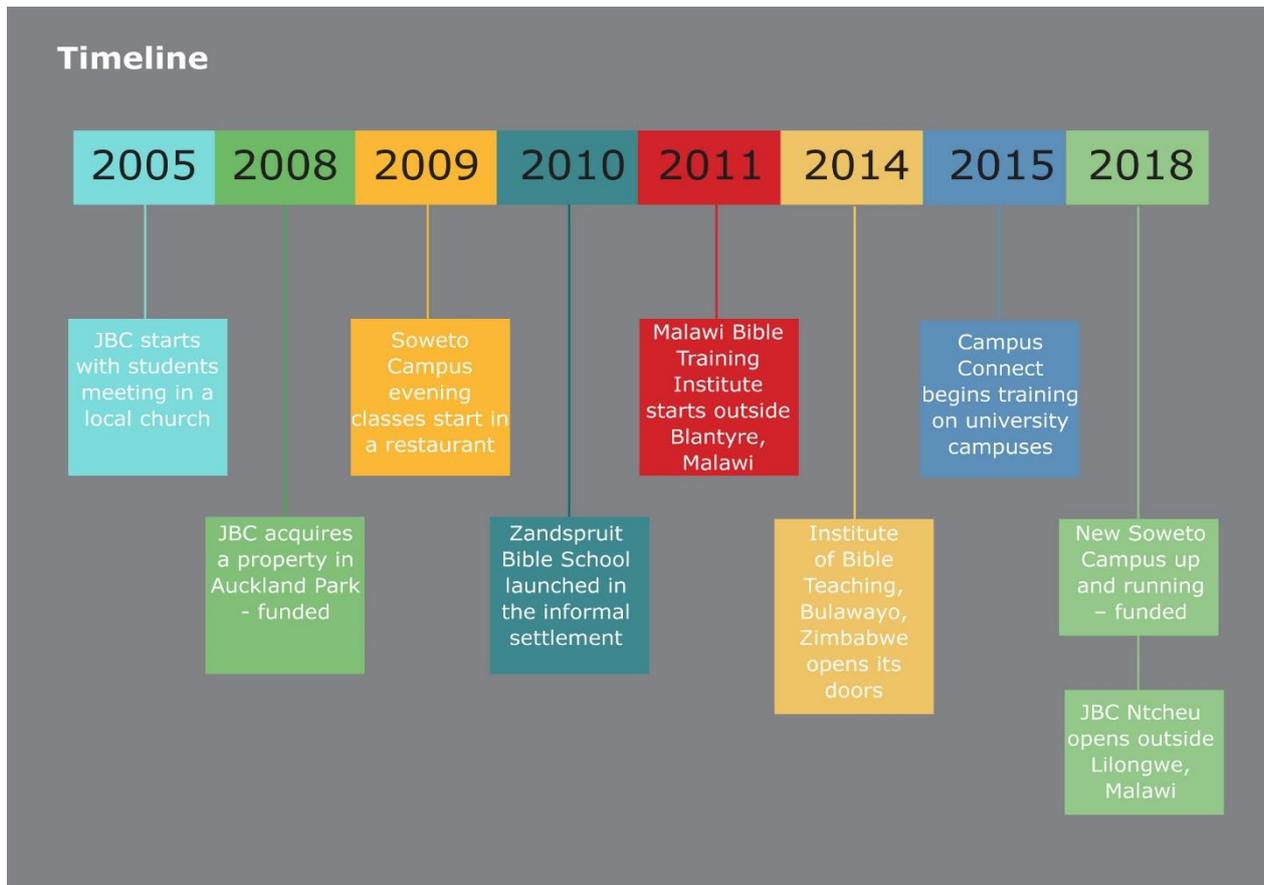
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ABOUT JOHANNESBURG BIBLE COLLEGE

Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) is an interdenominational college offering men and women practical training in understanding and teaching the Bible through classroom-based courses. Its inception came from a group of local church leaders who were aware of the need for accessible Bible training that would enable people from a variety of denominations to understand and teach God's word within the communities. Revd Dave West initiated finding someone to start the work and the college opened its doors in February 2005.



Our courses are for any Christian who would like to know and serve God better through a deeper understanding of the Bible and being equipped to teach it well to others.

Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) is a registered non-profit organization (056-365-NPO) and an affiliate of the Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP) and accredited with the Quality Council for Trades & Occupations (QCTO)- Accreditation Number: QCTOSDP01190524-1661.

OUR VISION

The vision of JBC is to equip and inspire men and women for Bible teaching ministries. We believe the Bible is God's word and when it is faithfully understood and taught, God speaks to us.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Johannesburg Bible College is a registered non-profit company.

(Registration number 2006/001002/08).

Governance of the college is vested in a Board of Trustees.

Trustees: Bishop Martin Morrison (Chairman), Revd Ada Dienga, Revd, Colin Bishop, Dr Constance Khupe, Michael Combrinck and Revd Dr Nat Schluter (Principal).

TEACHING TEAM

Revd Dr Nat Schluter (Principal), Revd Andries Tsehle (Dean), Kylie Zietsch, Revd Elias Masango, Thorsten Marbach, Revd John Miller, Revd Shaun Storer, Brighton Phiri, Thuli Mabe & Charles Kutwayo.

LANGUAGE AND MODE OF UNDERSTANDING

Classes are normally conducted face-to-face. Due to lockdown restrictions, some classes may be taught online. Applicants will need to be able to study via both face-to-face classes and online learning as required during the year.

Classes are conducted in English and use a variety of teaching styles.

Most of the work is done in class, you will receive homework, assignments, and occasional class tests.

We do not offer accommodation.

International students please contact us before applying.

Our courses in Auckland Park and Soweto are specifically aimed for those who are already serving (or would like to) in ministries that involve teaching the Bible, with knowledge and skills to be more effective.

MORNING COURSES

Monday – Thursday (8am -12:30pm)

Ministry 1: Mondays

- *Books of the Bible* – in depth study and analysis of individual books in the Old and New Testament.
- *Bible overview* – tracing major themes through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and understanding how the Bible fits together.
- *Handling God's Word* – learning and practicing key skills for understanding, interpreting, and applying God's word to contemporary South Africa.

Ministry 2: Tuesdays

- *A Faith to Live By* – understanding and applying key topics in Systematic Theology including the Gospel, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the Trinity and the Bible.
- *Engaging with God's World* – understanding how to use the Bible for worldview apologetics and ethical issues, including suffering, race, HIV/AIDS, African traditional religion, other religions, sexuality, marriage, science and issues surrounding the beginning and ending of life.
- *Handling God's Word (Old Testament)* – how to understand and teach Old Testament narrative, law, prophecy, poetry and wisdom literature.

Ministry 3: Wednesdays

To register for this course, you must register for Ministry 1 & 2.

- *Christian Ministry and Leadership* – developing skills to be a leader of God's people, including spiritual development, mission, and the practical & cultural aspects of ministry leadership skills.
- *Workshops* – learning and practicing how to communicate God's word faithfully and effectively. Students will give regular talks or prepare Bible studies. Students will receive constructive feedback.
- *Handling God's Word (New Testament)* – how to understand and teach the letters, the gospels, Acts and Revelation.

Elective 1 Women Serving Christ: Thursdays

To register for this Elective, you must register for Ministry 1.

- *Biblical Womanhood* – growing women to handle the Bible, by tracing the major themes and passages in the Bible that relate to women and womanhood.
- *Women Engaging with God's World* – growing women in their ability to bring the Bible to bear on specific issues that women face in our world including family, work, church, HIV/AIDS, abuse, body image and marriage.
- *Communicating God's Word* – equipping women to communicate God's word effectively in a variety of settings. The course includes practical workshops and constructive feedback.

Elective 2 Engaging with God's World: Thursdays (may be offered in either or both campuses).

To register for this Elective, you must also register for Ministry 2.

- *Building Bridges* – developing skills to engage with people and culture, building a bridge with Biblical Christianity. Using apologetics and worldviews to connect meaningfully to the Gospel in everyday conversation and current issues.
- *Christian Culture Leadership* – form and applying a Biblical perspective on contemporary issues including ethics, poverty, spirituality, the media, justice, work, sexuality and identity, to make a positive contribution to our society.
- *God's Word in God's World* – applying Bible passages to today's issues and to various aspects of individual and community life. Understanding our cultural contexts and how to faithfully address the issues from God's word.

To complete our one-year course, you need to complete Ministry 1, 2, 3 & one Elective Course.

Please note our courses are carefully put together for people in ministry and it matters which order it is done in.

- We expect you to register for **Ministry 1** (Mondays) and **Ministry 2** (Tuesdays) if you want to register for **Ministry 3** (Wednesdays).
- We expect you to register for **Ministry 1** (Mondays) if you want to register for **Elective 1** (Thursdays) – Women Serving Christ Course.
- We expect you to register for **Ministry 2** (Tuesday) if you want to register for **Elective 2** (Thursdays) – Engaging with God's World.

Time & Venue

Face-to-Face classes are held on Monday to Thursday 8am – 12:30pm at both our campuses.

- Auckland Park Campus – 30 Hampton Avenue, Auckland Park, Johannesburg.
- Soweto Campus -1032 Mbambisa street, Klipspruit, Soweto.

When face-to-face classes are not possible due to lockdown, material is posted online and are available for collection from college (subject to Government regulations).

Fees

The class fees are broken down according to how many 'mornings' you are registering for, example: if you are only going to register for Monday mornings the cost for the year will be R6 400.

Registration:	R1000 (non-refundable, payable at registration in 2021)
1 morning:	R6400
2 mornings:	R7500
3 mornings:	R10 800
4 mornings:	R12 200

Dates

Opening Conference:	TBA 2021
Registration (Compulsory):	TBA 2021
Orientation (Compulsory):	TBA 2021

DUE TO THE COVID -19 PANDEMIC OUR TERM DATES ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN 2021 (DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS).

SOWETO EVENING COURSE

Monday and Thursday (6:30-9pm)

Ministry 1, 2 & 3 will be covered over this **two-year** course.

You will need to complete both years to graduate from JBC.

Times & Venue

Face-to-Face classes are held on Monday **and** Thursday evenings from 6:30pm – 9pm at Soweto Campus, 1032 Mbambisa street, Klipspruit, Soweto.

When face-to-face classes are not possible due to lockdown, material is posted online and are available for collection from college (subject to Government regulations).

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Registration:	R1000 (non-refundable, payable at registration in 2021)
1 st Year:	R3500
2 nd Year:	R3500

CONNECT – GET EQUIPPED

This set of 4 evening courses is primarily aimed to serve Christians with work experience who want to deepen their ability to understand, teach and live out the message of the Bible. Please note that these courses are not as extensive as our day-time Auckland Park or Soweto classes.

The courses are offered one per term and run for six evenings each. The evenings are divided into two sections: the first section deals with how we *understand* the Bible and the second section is how we *apply* the Bible to all of life. You can register for as few or as many courses as you like.

**REGISTRATION FOR ALL OUR CONNECT COURSES OPEN IN 2021.
Time, Dates & Venues TO BE ANNOUNCED IN 2021.**

MINISTRY 4

Ministry 4 follows on from Ministry 1, 2 and 3.

Ministry 4 is aimed more specifically at people who are already, or who are very likely to be, in Christian leadership – especially those who will be planting and leading local churches.

The course is taught over **two years** and the following subjects covered:

African Church History:	An introduction to the history of the church, with a specific focus on the church in Africa
Knowing God:	The Doctrine of God, Scripture, the Church and the End Times.
Advanced Preaching Workshop:	Further input on preparing and preaching sermons.
Biblical Care and Counselling:	The principles and application of biblical counselling in different scenarios.
Spiritual Formation:	The principles of helping people to grow spiritually in small group bible studies and one-to-one discipleship.
Conducting Services:	The biblical and practical principles of planning and conducting different types of church services.
God's Mission, God's Church:	The biblical and practical principles of bearing witness to Christ in both word and deed as God's church.
Practical Christian Leadership:	Aspects related to leading a local congregation such as: Vision and strategy, governance and administration, financial management, leadership qualities, Christian ethics, working with volunteers and developing leaders

The requirements to apply for Ministry 4 are as follows:

- Students must have completed JBC first year (M1,2,3 and an Elective) with the JBC *completed* certificate.
- Students must be active in Bible teaching ministry.
- Students must be able to attend 1 morning (10 hours) of class time a week.
- Students must have 1-2 days available each week to complete assignments, reading and practical and workplace modules. This is in addition to the 10 hours of class time each week.
- Students must have a placement church where they can complete the practical and workplace modules. The placement church will need to sign an agreement to allow the student to complete the modules at the church.
- Students must be able and willing to pay the fees (limited bursaries available).

Each student who meets these requirements will be interviewed as part of the application process.

The intake for M4 is limited to about 35 students each year.

BURSARIES

- We offer fee bursaries only.
- You need to pay your registration fee of R1000.00. (this is payable at registration).
- The bursary does not cover registration, travel, food or accommodation.
- Once we have processed your bursary application, we will contact you.
- Please email either 3 months bank stamped statements OR a police affidavit stating your lack of income/reason you cannot afford to pay the fees, to registrar@jbc.org.za

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the college accredited?

Yes, we are accredited with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO). The Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) is a Quality Council established in 2010 in terms of the Skills Development Act Nr. 97 of 1998. Its role is to oversee the design, implementation, assessment, and certification of occupational qualifications, including trades, on the Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework (OQSF). Please see www.qcto.org.za for more information.

2. Does the college offer a degree in Theology?

No, we do not offer degrees of any kind.

3. Does the college offer training and certificates in counselling?

There are further courses available for those who graduate with a completed certificate and meet all the additional entrance requirements.

4. How much are the Fees?

Morning Courses, please go to page 6.

Soweto Evening Course, please go to page 7.

5. What happens when I finish studying?

We expect our students to speak with the leadership of their local church about future ministry and employment. JBC is unable to offer any jobs or placements to graduates.

6. Is it a correspondence college?

No, we do not offer correspondence courses, face-to-face classes are held on Monday to Thursday.

When face-to-face classes are not possible due to lockdown, material is posted online and are available for collection from college (subject to Government regulations).

7. What if you cannot afford to pay the fees?

Generous fee bursaries are available, please refer to a page 9 of this document.

8. Does the college teach in English only?

Yes, all our classes and course material are taught in English only, some of our staff are fluent in some of the South African languages.

9. Do you write exams?

Students competency are assessed through various assessments.

10. Do you ordain pastors?

No, we do not ordain pastors. The ordination and employment are done by the local church, ministry, and denomination of the student, we are an inter-denominational training college.

11. Which Church does the college belong to?

JBC is not owned or run by any single church, ministry, or denomination. Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) is an interdenominational college offering men and women practical training in understanding and teaching the Bible through classroom-based courses. Its inception came from a group of local church leaders who were aware of the need for accessible Bible training that would enable people from a variety of denominations to understand and teach God's word within the communities.

12. What happens if I am working shifts?

Our experience is that some students can attend college by moving their shifts, others have attended classes on their days off.

13. Can I attend for only a day or two?

*Yes, if you can only attend one day, you must register for Ministry 1 (Mondays)
If you can attend two days, you must register for Ministry 1 (Mondays) & 2 (Tuesdays).
Please see page 5 & 6 of this document for more information on our courses.*

14. Do I need to be a pastor or ministry worker to study at your college?

No, our courses are for any Christian who would like to know and serve God better through a deeper understanding of the Bible and being equipped to teach it well to others.

15. How long is the course?

You can complete our course in one year if you register and complete Ministry 1, 2, 3 & one Elective Course. Otherwise it will vary from 1-3 years depending how many courses you register for at a time.

If you go on to our Ministry 4 course (graduate with a completed certificate and meet all the entrance requirements), then you will study with us for 3 years.

ENQUIRIES

Weekdays 8am – 4pm

Call us or send a WhatsApp message to 079 072 0528

You can also click on the link below; complete the form and we will contact you:
<https://therealjbc.wufoo.com/forms/johannesburg-bible-college-2021-interest-form/>

Email us: info@jbc.org.za

Go to our website: www.jbc.org.za

POSTAL AND PHYSICAL ADDRESSES

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APPLY FOR 2021

Here's the link to the form "Johannesburg Bible College Application 2021 " :
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vKWAophmEeeIMVdX7AspXaRAOHAn-tJrNbliLJREtpUN0NjN1g3SzQwODFINFA1VUxKWUVRsIJpNC4u>