

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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From the desk of
the President:
Joe Croft

Sometimes, we at NEOBC, do not share our story often enough. As I travel from Church to Church, my role varies from Sunday School teacher, to giving the message at the worship hour, or both. Also, at other times, they simply ask me to speak about the college.

For this newsletter, I want you to understand who we are and what we are, and with the Lord's help, what we are trying to accomplish. First, I ask you to close your eyes and envision a Bible College. The typical response is a beautiful campus with lots of housing for students, various fields of study, and lots of sports. **THAT IS NOT US!!**

Then, I ask you to consider your college debt when you graduate. Whether you graduate from a college or university of any kind, the debt, typically, is enormous. Again, **THAT IS NOT US!!**

I remember, vaguely, going to college and having to take Russian history. Well, no disrespect to the Russians, but it was not a class I was interested in taking and spending money to do so. Here's the GREAT thing: Every class you take at Northeast Ohio Bible College is either one of the 66 books of the mind of the living God, that we call the Bible or courses that are related to ministry such as: Church Administration, Counseling, Psychology, Greek, Homiletics (which is how to prepare, write, and deliver sermons), Hermeneutics (the study of how to interpret the Bible), to name some. Here are the courses we offered this Spring and you will notice a lot of valuable, worthwhile classes. Classes offered Spring 2024:

- Hermeneutics
- I Timothy & Titus
- Koine Greek
- Sermon Writing
- Psychology II
- Ezekiel
- Messianic Prophecy
- Christian Doctrine

As you see, every class, if you are interested in ministry, will prepare you for service. For almost 30 years now, our purpose has never changed and here it is:

Northeast Ohio Bible College (NEOBC) exists for the purpose of developing pulpit ministers, youth ministers, and church leaders. We also exist for the purpose of educating and equipping EVERYONE in the Word of God and for ministry.

As our slogan remains, "We major in Ministry"

"Study to show thyself approved unto God...Rightly dividing the word of truth." I Timothy 2:15

We offer in person class as well as on-line classes. Just like the churches need to reach out to the people, we, as a Bible College have reached out and made it very convenient for YOU to take a class. Whether it is a class for an individual, a Sunday School class, a study during a small group home study, or a group study at your congregation, we are here to help you. One VERY important matter that is so cool is the class will be yours to view over and over again. As I travel frequently, I have many hours to listen and relisten to a variety of classes. "HOW ABOUT THAT!!!" As we are all aware, sometimes it takes watching a few times for it to sink in. We have 53 in-class or on-line students and, I excitedly tell you, we have about 1,000 global students that we send tapes, notes, and Bibles too. It is exciting to hear how NEOBC has helped them grow the Kingdom. I hope you find interesting the joy and opportunity they receive when they hear about Jesus, who died and was raised from the dead. Because He did this for us, we can have eternal life. They receive that news like a kid in a candy store. I wish more in the USA were as excited to receive the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus. I mentioned at the beginning of this letter the debt a typical college/university student amasses. You need to understand that, at our college, almost every individual graduates DEBT-FREE!!!

Here's why. If you are taking a class for audit, which means you just want to learn but don't desire to be tested, the course is only \$25.00 per hour. Being the majority of our classes are 2 hour classes, that means, for the semester, the student cost would be \$50.00

If you desire to get a degree, you would take the class(es) for credit. That investment in your education is \$50.00 per credit hour or a total of \$100.00 for a 2 hour class. Whether it be an audit or credit class, there is a \$10.00 registration fee each semester.

Now, I know you all are wondering how this Bible college can stay afloat and continue to operate based on the meager class cost?

A) By the grace of God!!! This will always be the first answer we give.

B) We ONLY exist because of the support and donations of individuals, families, and Churches. In other words, it's marvelous to know how many are aware of what we are doing and they are behind us. In other words, without funding from our generous donors, we would not exist !!

C) We never want anyone, anywhere to not be educated about the Word of God and how best use the natural gifts He has given each one of us. Therefore, we made affordability a non-issue.

Lastly, we ask you to get involved with us, using the 3 P's

A) PRAY for us. Prayer removes obstacles so the Word will spread rapidly. [IIThess 3:1]

B) PARTNER with us. We ask individuals/families to support our mission by donating a minimum of \$25.00 per month and Churches to help by donating a minimum of \$100.00 per month. Just remember your thoughtful gifts mean that more people will be on the winning team, Team Jesus!!

C) PARTICIPATE. We beg you to take a class. You will discover things you never knew. I call them nuggets. Through our classes you will have a better chance of accomplishing the greatest purpose you can ever have and that is to take people to Heaven with you.

We are so blessed to have so many who are already helping.

I also want to recognize Don Cooper, my friend, my brother, my mentor, and our Academic Dean, who will ALWAYS be the face of the college for his determination and superior knowledge in the Bible. He and his wife Emma are soooo beloved by all who know them.

I cannot and will not forget our Board members who probably have over 300 years of wisdom to help direct what we do and how best to move forward.

I love this college and now hope and pray you do too.

Be Blessed,



Joe Croft

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE

JEAN-RONEL JOSEPH

**He received his Bachelor of Sacred Literature Diploma
this past winter.**

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From the desk of our
Academic Dean:
Don Cooper

WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT

If we believe that two of the most important things to do are to: Worship God and Evangelize the people around us, then the next most important thing to do is to keep those important things safe. But, we may ask, "How is that done?" One of several, it is done by voting. Voting is a great privilege and we can keep things safer by practicing that freedom. As well as, how can we call ourselves Christians, and at the same time, fail in keeping things that are

most important to us thoroughly protected?

What standards and guidelines are available for us to use? The news and the ads about candidates are so biased and confusing that we do not know which ones are accurate. The greatest standards which are often overlooked by us are the Ten Commandments.

For instance, how can we vote for anyone who believes in murder? How can we vote for someone who allows the destruction of property, and on and on we could go. So, we rely on God's standards. Those standards are rock-solid.

But, what if two or three candidates all believe in abortion (murder)? Then what do we do? We look at the entire record of the candidates and what they are saying.

All of us who call ourselves Christians must see voting not only as a privilege, but as a duty as well. In other words, the will of God is done or not done by the way we vote.

We must mention yet another item. Do we have any gods out there that we are protecting and giving our allegiance to? To us, is God really more important than a political party, a union, a sports team, our personal time, or even lodge or club?

If we want to be really Christians, then we have to dethrone anything that usurps the place of God in our lives.

Now, how much are we willing to demonstrate that God comes first? Can we see one another at the voting booth? Can we? It is up to us to protect our most important freedoms in Christianity.



Hear from one
of our students:
David Mulele

We are thankful for the work the Lord is doing here in Kenya and in Uganda. The Bible College Lessons by Professor Don R Cooper have been of great help to the people of God since we began Bible School here. He and his wife have supported my family unspeakably. We have founded twelve Gospel regions in quite different counties and locations having at least 25-80 members in each in which traveling is quite hard.

Our Bible School consists of a number of preachers – we meet with the local Church leaders and elders even when the electrical power is gone.

We travel by either bicycle, or a motorbike on land or by motor boats on the Lake to reach the hungry souls.

Evangelism: The Lord Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 6:15

We have access to the prisons, hospitals, markets, homes, institutions and rural areas. When we hold big gospel meetings, we hire tents, Public Address System (PAS), vehicles for use, as well as getting other necessary things well set up for the meetings. This gospel work requires fervent prayers, deeper faith, honest involvement of faithful Christian men and women, and consecration unto God. The months of April, August, and December are scheduled mode for countrywide meetings with all brethren of the like faith.

Our Vision: Our vision is to see to it "by faith" that the gospel of Jesus Christ reaches the poor, needy, hungry, thirsty, and helpless souls in regions where the true gospel has not yet reached. We have sacrificed our lives, time, efforts and even whatever little we have from unreliable sources to make this work go on for the glory of God. We are trying by all means through the help of the Holy Spirit to "fight the good fight of faith" I Timothy 6:12; committing our daily lives into consecration first for ourselves and secondly, for the lives of others. The fellowship is sound in Biblical Doctrine as we hold tenaciously unto - the WORD OF LIFE - what we have seen, heard, and experienced.

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TAKE A CLASS

FALL 2024 SEMESTER SCHEDULE AUGUST 5TH - NOVEMBER 19TH

MONDAY 9 - 10:50 AM	GOSPEL OF MARK	EAST LIVERPOOL (COOPER)
MONDAY 11 - 11:50 AM	7TH CENTURY MINOR PROPHETS	EAST LIVERPOOL (COOPER)
TUESDAY 9 - 10:50 AM	ACTS	EAST LIVERPOOL (COOPER)
TUESDAY 11 - 11:50 AM	COLOSSIANS & EPHESIANS	EAST LIVERPOOL (COOPER)
THURSDAY 6-8 PM	GENESIS	(IN PERSON IN FLORIDA) (ZIEGLER)
FRIDAY 9:30 - 11:30	EZEKIEL	(IN PERSON IN INDIANA) (SULLIVAN)

COST PER CLASS

\$25 PER 1 AUDIT HOUR (JUST FOR LEARNING, NO TESTING REQUIRED)

\$50 PER 1 CREDIT HOUR (TESTING REQUIRED AND LEADS TOWARDS A DIPLOMA)

THERE IS A \$10 REGISTRATION FEE EACH SEMESTER

ALL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT BY: CHECK, CASH, OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

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