

## Southern Baptist Church New Members' Assimilation Process

- 7 Discipleship**  
After three months of attending Bible Study, new members may register for Discipleship to grow deeper in their faith.
- 6 Pastor's Bible Study**  
New members should attend Pastor's Bible study while serving in ministry to continue their spiritual growth.
- 5 Ministry Involvement**  
New members will be encouraged to actively participate in ministry after completing the Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
- 4 Spirituality 101**  
New members may begin serving in ministry while attending classes to learn the foundational truths of Christianity.
- 3 Right Hand of Fellowship**  
Those who are in need of Baptism will be immersed in water prior to receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship.
- 2 Heart 2 Heart with Pastor Hickman**  
All new members must meet with the Pastor to receive their membership envelopes. After which, they may receive the Right Hand of Fellowship.
- 1 Altar Call Response**  
Persons who respond to the altar call are welcomed by Spiritual Development Counselors who will lead the prayer of salvation and provide next steps.



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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in growing spiritually but you're not sure where to begin? To assist you in deciding on the type of class that best meets your personal needs and your level of spiritual development, we have provided the following brief descriptions of the types of classes offered at SBC.

Description	<b>Spirituality 101: Foundations of the Faith</b> <i>(Saturdays at 10:00am)</i>	<b>The Making of a Disciple: Discipleship 202</b> <i>(Saturdays at 11:30am)</i>
<b>Goal or Mission</b>	To Learn Bible Basics and Discover the Foundational Truths of Christianity	To Develop a Deeper, more Intimate Relationship with the Lord that Produces Christ-like Character.
<b>Class Format</b>	Lecture Interactive	Lecture Interactive Independent Study Small Groups (Year 2)
<b>Materials Needed</b>	Bible (NKJV) Notepad and Pen	Bible (NKJV) Notepad and Pen Workbooks (Year 2)
<b>Home Assignments</b>	Occasional Bible Reading	Reading Writing Assignments Scripture Memorization
<b>Cost</b>	FREE	Nominal Fee for Books (2 <sup>nd</sup> year students, only)
<b>Length</b>	12 weeks	18 Months (3 semesters)
<b>Class or group size limits</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Attendance Requirement</b>	Required for New Members  Recommended for all members who participate in any ministries	Required for Ministers, Deacons, Trustees, Presidents and Elected Officers, Ministers in training, Deacons in training, Paid and Volunteer Staff
<b>Location of Classes</b>	Baltimore	Baltimore
<b>Frequency</b>	Class meets weekly (no more than 3 absences within 12 weeks)	Class meets weekly (no more than 3 absences per semester)

**GROWING COMMITTED DISCIPLES INSTITUTE**

*"Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."  
Mark 1:17 (NKJV)*

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## Southern Baptist Church Christian Education Process of "Growing Committed Disciples"

The vision of the Southern Baptist Church Growing Committed Disciples Institute (GCDI) is to provide a comprehensive process whereby the believer gradually moves into spiritual maturity. GCDI will offer multi-leveled opportunities for spiritual growth in varying degrees of depth, commitment and study.

The first level of Discipleship is "The Making of a Disciple" which begins in January 2016 and is an 18-month process designed to equip the believer to discover Christ, develop Christ-like behavior, and demonstrate Christ-likeness in the world. The next level of Discipleship is **The MasterLife Series** which is a two-year process that requires a deeper level of commitment in study, preparation and mission outreach. MasterLife will be launched in September 2017.

"The Making of a Disciple" Class Schedule is as follows:

Lesson Title	Lesson Time Line
<b>YEAR ONE</b> Learning Like Jesus (6 weeks)	<b>Week 1:</b> Learning to be a Disciple <b>Week 2:</b> Who is Jesus? <b>Week 4:</b> Learning the Word
Living Like Jesus (8 weeks)	<b>Week 7:</b> A Life of Prayer & Worship <b>Week 10:</b> A Life of Obedience & Submission <b>Week 13:</b> Living By Faith
Loving Like Jesus (6 weeks)	<b>Week 15:</b> Loving Father God <b>Week 17:</b> Loving Yourself <b>Week 19:</b> Loving Others
Lasting Like Jesus (4 weeks)	<b>Week 21:</b> The Fruit of the Spirit <b>Week 23:</b> the Gifts of the Spirit
Independent Study	July & August 2016
<b>YEAR TWO</b> Spiritual Identity (4 weeks)	<b>Week 1:</b> Changed from the Inside Out <b>Week 3:</b> Embracing Your New Identity
Spiritual Warfare (6 weeks)	<b>Week 5:</b> Angels and Demons <b>Week 7:</b> Warfare Tactics <b>Week 9:</b> Exercising Authority/Experiencing Victory
Experiencing God Workbook (20 weeks)	<b>Small Group Study</b> November 2016 thru March 2017
Mission Project (12 weeks)	<b>Small Group Participation</b> March 2017 – May 2017
Graduation Celebration	June 2017 (Exact Date: TBD)

## The Difference Between Saturday Church School, Bible Study & Discipleship

**Saturday Church School** is Sunday school taught on Saturdays and is designed to teach biblical principles. Its primary curriculum is the Bible supported by appropriate teaching resources, explanatory materials and practical applications which instructs utilizing questions and answers.

**Pastor's Bible Study** is a weekly church-wide study that is seasonal, often prophetic in nature and is taught lecture style. Pastor's Bible Study focuses on a particular topic of study for a prescribed length of time.

**Discipleship** utilizes a teaching modality which focuses on becoming like Christ. In addition to studying biblical principles via traditional classroom techniques, discipleship provides an opportunity to explore Christ-like concepts through practical application and missional assignments.

Description	Pastor's Bible Study (Tues. or Wed at 6:30pm)	Saturday Church School (Saturdays at 9:30am)
Class Format	Lecture	Interactive Independent Study
Materials Needed	Bible Pen and Paper	Bible, Lesson Booklet, Pen and Paper
Home Assignments	Bible Reading (encouraged)	Bible Reading, Lesson Booklet Questions & Answers
Length	September – June (with breaks for special services)	All Year (September – August) (with breaks for holidays)

## Saturday Church School for KIDS!

COMING SOON...



## "The Making of a Disciple" Enrollment Form (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: *(Please check one.)* Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

- Male  
 Female

Age: *(Please check one.)*

- 18-35 years  
 36-59 years  
 60 + years

Please Select: *(Please check all that apply.)*

- Member of Southern Baptist Church  
 Ministry/Auxiliary Leader  
 Minister/Minister in training  
 Deacon/Deacon in training

How long have you been a member of Southern? \_\_\_\_\_

Biblical Preparation: *(Please check all that apply.)*

- I have attended Spirituality 101 Class.  
 I have attended Pastor's Bible Study for at least 3 months.  
 I have attended GCDI (Discipleship 101) but did not graduate.  
 I have graduated from GCDI (Discipleship 101).  
 Other: *(please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Fee: *(Please check one.)*

\_\_\_\_ FREE (First Year Discipleship Students, only)

\_\_\_\_ \$25 (Second Year Students – includes books and resources)