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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Serving the Lord is one of the greatest privileges in the world. We rejoice that God has called you to serve Him in the area of world evangelism!

Remember that with a call to serve comes a call to prepare. The moment you decided to serve the Lord, you made a bold proclamation against the devil. Because the devil will use anything he can to deter you from God's calling on your life, it is even more crucial that you be properly prepared.

We ask you to consider enrolling in the Our Generation Training Center to be well prepared for the mission God has for you, whether on the mission field or in a church in America. Our graduates have a track record of being well-prepared for ministry.

I hope that this handbook will give you insight into the Our Generation Training Center, the training arm of Vision Baptist Missions. If I can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you and God bless!

Jeff Bush

VBM President



INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this *Student Handbook* is to provide local churches and all prospective and enrolled students an understanding of the identity, policies, and procedures of the Our Generation Training Center (“OGTC” or “Training Center”). The President and OGTC Administration intend for this Handbook to be consistent with the teachings of the Bible, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of Vision Baptist Missions, Inc. (VBM), as well as federal, state, local, and international laws. This Handbook was prepared by the President and OGTC Administration. All OGTC students must abide by this Handbook and affirm its contents.

CHAPTER 1: IDENTITY

1.1 History

The Our Generation Training Center was born out of the heart of a local church to train missionaries and Christian workers who desired to reach the gospel in our generation.

Vision Baptist Church of Alpharetta, Georgia, was started in 2006 with the purpose of reaching the lost for Christ and training men and women to serve the Lord. As a ministry of Vision Baptist Church, the Our Generation Training Center has been blessed by the Lord to equip many young people to serve in churches and mission fields around the world.

In October 2021, the Our Generation Training Center came under the training arm of Vision Baptist Missions, Inc. Vision Baptist Missions also started as a ministry of Vision Baptist Church in 2008 and eventually became its own 501(c)(3) organization in 2017. As a department of Vision Baptist Missions, the Our Generation Training Center is able to train missionaries and Christian workers to be passionate about evangelizing the world in our generation, purposed in church-planting and leader-training, and prepared with humble confidence through life-on-life missions training.

Because the Our Generation Training Center and Vision Baptist Missions are dedicated to partnering with local churches to train and send missionaries worldwide, the Our Generation Training Center has close links with Vision Baptist Church and other area churches of like faith so that students have the benefit of gaining experience in a local church context and are taught the vital importance of the local church.

In February 2022, God opened the door for Vision Baptist Missions to purchase a 16+ acre piece of property in Dawsonville, Georgia, that is home to the daily operations of the Our Generation Training Center and Vision Baptist Missions.

1.2 Vision, Mission, Methods

As a department of Vision Baptist Missions, the Our Generation Training Center has the same vision, mission, and methods:

Vision: Vision Baptist Missions, Inc. is a mission agency with a vision to evangelize the world in our generation for the glory of God. We envision a world where every person has heard the gospel, every community has an indigenous Baptist church, and every church has trained national leadership.

Mission: Vision Baptist Missions, Inc. is dedicated to partnering with local churches to train and send missionaries worldwide.

Methods: Vision Baptist Missions trains missionaries through mentoring relationships, biblical teaching, and practical instruction. Vision Baptist Missions send missionaries through providing financial services, member care, and accountability.

1.3 Doctrinal Beliefs

As a department of Vision Baptist Missions, the Our Generation Training Center also has the same doctrinal beliefs as VBM. We expect all students in the Our Generation Training Center to respect the following doctrinal beliefs and not seek to promote any belief or teaching that is contrary to them.

The Bible: We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that it is divinely inspired. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of Scripture. We believe that the Bible is the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man and the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We use the King James Bible for teaching and preaching in the English language.

God: We believe in the Trinity, the unity of the Godhead. There are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are equally perfect in every divine quality and execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit.

The Father: We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and His personal, visible return to earth. We believe Jesus is God.

The Holy Spirit: We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.

Man: We believe that all men by nature, choice, and practice are sinners, but that “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” We believe, therefore, that those who repent of their sins and, by faith, receive Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God’s presence, and those who refuse to accept Christ as Lord and Savior will be eternally separated from God.

Salvation: We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who obtained eternal redemption for the believer by His blood. We believe that Jesus tasted death for all men and wants all to be saved. Salvation, in its broadest sense, includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Therefore, we affirm that the Gospel is the good news that God has made a way of salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for any person. This truth is in keeping with God’s desire for every person to be saved. Therefore, we deny that only a select few can respond to the Gospel while the rest are predestined to an eternity in hell.

Eternal Security: We believe in the eternal security of all blood-bought individuals or believers and that such inheritance is incorruptible and undefiled. The power of God keeps each believer, and nothing can separate us from Him, ourselves included. We believe that believers can lose the joy of fellowship with God, can grieve God and can quench the Spirit of God in them but not lose their salvation.

Eternal State: We believe in a literal Heaven, the eternal home of the redeemed. We believe Heaven to be the literal place where the saved will live forever in the eternal bliss and blessings of God. We believe in Hell, the Christ-less eternity for the lost, where there will be burning and tormenting for those without salvation who have refused to receive the gospel and Jesus Christ as Lord. We believe that Hell, unbelievers, Satan, and all the fallen angels shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever and forever.

Marriage: We believe marriage is, by definition, heterosexual and between one man and one woman. Sexual intimacy is a gift from God and is to be enjoyed exclusively within the context of marriage. Ultimately, marriage serves as a type of union between Christ and His church.

The Church: We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of professing, born-again believers in Jesus Christ, immersed in a credible confession of faith and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that to those local churches were entrusted the perpetual observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper and the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master. The scriptural officers of the church are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the offices of pastors and deacons are limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The Relationship Between Church and State: We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions with each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other.

Baptism: We believe in baptism by immersion after salvation with no merit for salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit). Baptism is an outward expression of our inward faith in Jesus Christ and a public testimony of what God has done by His grace. Therefore, we reject infant baptism and any form of sprinkling for infants or adults.

Spiritual Gifts: We believe that spiritual gifts are given to the church for the express purpose of winning the lost and edifying other believers. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon acceptance of Christ, and His purpose is to exalt Christ and bring people to Christ. Speaking in tongues was the least important of these gifts in the New Testament and was a sign for unbelieving Jews. Therefore we do not teach or practice speaking in tongues.

World Evangelism: We believe that the Apostolic office ceased with the death of the New Testament Apostles. We believe that it is His church that He promised continual existence, to continue the work He started until He comes again. We believe that the ministry of reconciliation is committed to every believer, and all are saints/priests of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.

Biblical Separation: We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; that they should be separated from the world while being present in the world; and that they should abstain from all appearance of evil as a testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ecumenicalism: We believe that doctrinal purity is essential to gospel harmony and that the Bible commands us not to partner with someone preaching another gospel or teaching contrary to sound doctrine.

Second Coming: We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ in the clouds to take all saved people from the earth before the beginning of the Tribulation period. We believe in the bodily/visible return of Jesus Christ with his saints at the close of the Tribulation period to rule and reign for a thousand years on earth. According to their works, we believe that unbelievers will face and be judged by God at the Great White Throne Judgment, not for salvation, but for their proper and rightful places in the lake of fire.

1.4 Core Values

As a department of Vision Baptist Missions, the Our Generation Training Center also has the same core values as VBM. These values help to establish our culture, determine our practice and accomplish our mission. We expect all students in the Our Generation Training Center to respect the following core values and not seek to promote any values that are contrary to them.

1. **Walk with God:** To prioritize a personal relationship with Jesus and become more like Him each day
2. **Build a Godly Home:** To continually work on building a God-honoring marriage and family
3. **Lead with Integrity:** To be honest men and women of godly character in every aspect of life and ministry
4. **Be a Learner:** To be teachable, continually growing, learning, and pursuing wisdom
5. **Be a Servant:** To be Christ-like servant-leaders who love and serve others
6. **Be a Giver:** To be generous givers and faithful stewards of our time, resources, and abilities
7. **Do Life-on-life Discipleship:** To prioritize “withness” in making disciples by spending time with and doing life together
8. **Train Leaders:** To train the next generation of Biblical leadership by investing our lives in them
9. **Start Multiple Churches:** To multiply Biblical churches that are healthy and indigenous through proper church-planting methods
10. **Work Hard:** To work heartily as unto the Lord and to labor abundantly by the grace of God
11. **Work As a Team:** To build and maintain an edifying team with a family spirit
12. **Pursue Humility:** To be meek and lowly in heart, clothed with humility, and esteem others better than ourselves
13. **Extend Grace:** To be gracious in our words, deeds, and interactions with others
14. **Keep a World Vision:** To stay actively engaged in “both” our local ministries and in evangelizing the whole world
15. **Strive For Excellence:** To do the best we can in everything we do for the glory of God

CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATION

The Our Generation Training Center (“Training Center” or “OGTC”) is the training arm of Vision Baptist Missions and is supervised by the President, the General Director and the OGTC Director (“The Administration”). The Administration helps students in the OGTC acquire the needed mindset, philosophy, doctrine, and training necessary to serve the Lord and, if called by God and qualified, be accepted as missionaries with Vision Baptist Missions. The policies and procedures of the Training Center are developed and executed by the Administration.

2.1 President & Interim OGTC Director

Jeff Bush - Jeff and Mindy served as church-planting missionaries to Argentina, South America from 2000-2012 where they were blessed to start five churches, a radio ministry, and a Bible college. Jeff served as VBM General Director from 2012-2021. In October 2021, he became the President of Vision Baptist Missions.



The President of Vision Baptist Missions is accountable to the Board of Directors to lead Vision Baptist Missions according to the governing documents, doctrinal beliefs, core values, policies, and procedures of Vision Baptist Missions.

2.2 General Director

Travis Snode - Travis and Teri served as church-planting missionaries to the United Kingdom from 2002-2022 where they were privileged to start three churches. Travis became the Europe Field Director in September 2020 and the General Director of Vision Baptist Mission in October 2021.



The General Director serves under the direction of the President and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of Vision Baptist Missions.

CHAPTER 3: FACULTY



**TRENT
CORNWELL**
Professor



**JIM & SANDY
ROBERTS**
Professors



**TY & REBECCA
PEPPERDINE**
Professors



**NOAH & TRISTAN
WILKERSON**
Dean of Men & Women



**TERI
SNODE**
Registrar



KYLE SHREVE
Professor



DAVID DIPBOYE
Professor

CHAPTER 4: ADMISSIONS

4.1 General Requirements

Students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be eighteen years of age.¹
2. Have had a personal experience of salvation through the person and work of Jesus Christ and have been baptized by immersion after salvation in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Be a member in good standing of a Baptist church that is in agreement with the doctrinal beliefs of the Our Generation Training Center.²
4. Have graduated from high school or received a GED.
5. Provide official transcripts for all (higher education) schools previously attended and be in good standing with those schools, academically, financially, and behaviorally.³
6. Exhibit the ability to accomplish the requirements for students attending the OGTC.
7. Agree to abide by the doctrinal beliefs, core values, code of conduct, policies, and procedures of the Our Generation Training Center.
8. Have the financial ability to pay for housing, tuition, and fees associated with being a student in the Our Generation Training Center.

4.2 Code of Conduct

Students must be willing to abide by the following **OGTC Code of Conduct**:

As a student in the Our Generation Training Center, I agree to:

1. *Abide by the doctrinal beliefs, core values, policies, and procedures of the Our Generation Training Center.*
2. *Attend church services punctually and faithfully.*
3. *Contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of my church and its missions program.*
4. *Maintain personal devotions and take responsibility for my spiritual growth; which, for married men, includes pastoring my wife and family.*
5. *Be a model Christian who lives a blameless, holy life; seeks the salvation of the lost; is just in his dealings; shows brotherly love and prays for the saints.*
6. *Avoid all gossip, backbiting, slander, and excessive anger.*
7. *Be courteous in speech, slow to take offense, and quick to reconcile.*
8. *Abstain from all alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, tobacco products, vaping, marijuana, and any practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize my or another's faith.*
9. *Live in sexual purity, avoiding pornography, homosexuality, and sex outside of marriage. This includes having appropriate safeguards and accountability, especially concerning work environments and communication with members of the opposite sex.*

¹ Applicants may be younger than eighteen, but must turn eighteen by the time their first semester begins and before they move into any OGTC accommodation.

² Students who are not members of a Baptist church that is in agreement with the Our Generation Training Center are required to join a Baptist church within their first semester.

³ Transfer credit will be considered and evaluated by the Administration on a case-by-case basis.

10. *Conduct myself in a manner that is professional and modest as an ambassador of Christ.*
11. *Be wise, respectful, and considerate in all communication, including social media. This includes not sharing private information or communications without consent.*
12. *Abstain from keeping or carrying firearms or knives in OGTC dormitories or on OGTC property.*
13. *Keep my room and all common areas of any OGTC dormitory/accommodation where I stay in clean and neat order, reporting any needed repairs to OGTC Administration or the OGTC Dean.*

4.3 Application Process

Below is the process a prospective student must follow to become a student with the Our Generation Training Center:

1. Complete the [OGTC Application](#).
2. Get both a criminal⁴ and financial (credit)⁵ background check and submit them before arriving.
3. Provide proof of financial ability to pay your school bill.
4. Provide the name and contact information of your pastor for reference.
5. Complete an interview with at least one member of the Administration.
6. Satisfy any additional interviews, exams, or requirements the Administration may deem necessary.
7. Be approved by the Administration (via an Acceptance Letter).

The OGTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, or national origin. The OGTC does reserve the right to refuse admission to any student who fails to meet the requirements for admission and/or who the administration believes is unable to succeed based upon their academic, spiritual, and/or moral background.

4.4 Attendance

Students who are enrolled in the Our Generation Training Center are required to attend all classes unless they have been given special permission to miss class or are physically unable to attend.

Students who miss more than 25% of the lecture hours of any given class for any reason will fail the class unless special permission is granted by the Administration using the [Excused Absence Request Form](#). Special permission is usually only granted for the following reasons:

1. Significant illness of the student, household member, or immediate family member, including hospitalization
2. Death of immediate family member or household member

Special permission to miss class will usually not be granted for overseas trips, including mission trips or trips to see family. Students are expected to make such trips during their breaks.

Professors will make a record of any student who is tardy. Three tardies will count as one full absence.

⁴ Criminal background checks are usually available from your county sheriff's office.

⁵ A free credit check is available from www.annualcreditreport.com.

Students who miss class for any reason are required to inform their professor of the reason before class or as soon as possible afterward and complete any make-up work prescribed by their professor.

4.5 Dress Code

Students are required to dress in a way that is modest at all times and professional for classes. Female students are expected to wear a skirt or dress for class. Male students are expected to wear khakis or slacks for class (no jeans or shorts). Students are expected to wear dress clothes to church services unless participating in a church ministry where casual clothing is appropriate.

4.6 Dormitories

Students staying in any OGTC dormitory are required to observe an 11.00 pm curfew. Students who need to be out later than this should gain written permission from an OGTC Dean or member of the OGTC Administration.

No visitors to an OGTC dormitory are permitted unless written permission is gained from an OGTC Dean or member of the OGTC Administration. No OGTC student or other visitor is permitted to be inside an OGTC dormitory of the opposite sex unless special permission is gained from the OGTC Administration.

OGTC dormitories will be inspected weekly for cleanliness. Any student not keeping their area and any common areas in a reasonable state of cleanliness will be given a written warning. After two warnings, a student may be fined or even lose the privilege of staying in an OGTC dormitory.

4.7 Disciplinary Procedure

Students are required to abide by all the policies and procedures of the Our Generation Training Center. If a student does not abide by any OGTC policy, then the following actions must be taken:

1. **For a Non-Criminal or Non Sexual Breach of Policy:**
 - a. The OGTC Student or Faculty who notices must:
 - 1) Lovingly confront the student.
 - 2) Inform a member of the Administration about the breach of policy and any actions taken to confront the student.
 - b. The OGTC Administrator who notices or is made aware must:
 - 1) For a repeated or serious breach:
 - a) Issue a written warning copying in the OGTC Director and the student's pastor
 - b) Seek to provide counsel to help the person change
 - 2) For any further breach, arrange a meeting with the student and another member of the Administration and the student's pastor. At this meeting, discussions will be held as to how to help the student, and warnings will be given that any subsequent breach of policy could result in dismissal from the OGTC.
 - 3) For any subsequent breach, arrange a meeting with the entire Administration, the student, and the student's pastor to examine whether

the student should be dismissed from the OGTC. Following the meeting, the Administration will meet to discuss their conclusions and what course of action should be taken.

- 4) Make notes of all actions taken and meetings held throughout this process.

2. **For a Criminal Breach of Policy:**

a. The OGTC Student or Faculty who notices must:

- 1) Immediately report all criminal activity to the appropriate authorities.
- 2) Inform a member of the Administration to discuss options for lovingly confronting the student who is in breach of the policy.

b. The OGTC Administrator who notices or is made aware must:

- 1) Immediately report all criminal activity to the appropriate authorities if this has not already been done.
- 2) Hold an emergency meeting with the student, the student's pastor, and another member of the Administration to suspend the student from all classes and ministry until after the allegation, accusations or offense has been thoroughly investigated. At this meeting, discussions will be held as to how to help the student.
- 3) Arrange a meeting with the Administration, the student, and the student's pastor to discuss the results of the investigation. Following the meeting, the Administration will meet to discuss their conclusions and what course of action should be taken.
- 4) Make notes of all actions taken and meetings held throughout this process.

3. **For a Sexual Breach of Policy:**

a. The OGTC Student or Faculty who notices must:

- 1) Immediately report any sexual activity of a criminal nature to the appropriate authorities.
- 2) Inform a member of the Administration to discuss options for lovingly confronting the student who is in breach of the policy.

b. The OGTC Administrator who notices or is made aware must:

- 1) Immediately report any sexual activity of a criminal nature to the appropriate authorities if this has not already been done.
- 2) Hold an emergency meeting with the student, the student's pastor, and another member of the Administration to suspend the student from all classes and ministry until after the allegation, accusations or offense has been thoroughly investigated. At this meeting, discussions will be held as to how to help the student.
- 3) Arrange a meeting with the Administration, the student, and the student's pastor to discuss the results of the investigation. Following the meeting, the Administration will meet to discuss their conclusions and what course of action should be taken.
- 4) Make notes of all actions taken and meetings held throughout this process.

4.8 Dismissal

Failure to comply with any of the policies of this Handbook, maintain a passing grade average, attend classes, maintain godly character, regularly attend church, or fulfill financial obligations will result in dismissal from the Our Generation Training Center. Furthermore, insubordinate or divisive behavior will likewise warrant dismissal.

If a student is dismissed:

1. A member of the Administration will seek to inform the student's pastor of the reasons for dismissal and provide any recommendations for any pastoral care.
2. They will have one week to vacate the dormitory where they are housed unless other arrangements are determined by the Administration. Students will be responsible for rent and tuition for any remaining time left in the month of their dismissal.

CHAPTER 5: ACADEMICS

5.1 Certificate of Biblical Studies in Missions

The OGTC offers a Certificate in Biblical Studies in Missions. Students must complete the prescribed coursework filled with personal mentoring, practical training, biblical teaching, and an overseas internship. Each year consists of two seventeen-week semesters followed by a six-month internship. Completion takes three and a half years if fulfilled consecutively. Students may enter the program at the beginning of any semester.

5.2 Personal Mentoring

At the Our Generation Training Center, we have a philosophy of mentoring that we call "life-on-life discipleship." We believe this method of training is very effective and a biblical pattern seen in the life of Jesus and the Apostle Paul. In his book *Mentoring for Mission*, Günter Krallman calls it "with-ness," and we expect each student to seek out time with leaders and members of their local church, OGTC Administration and Faculty, and other Godly Christians to learn, ask questions, and be mentored.

5.3 Practical Training

Our goal is to give our students something more than theory. We provide hands-on practice. Before graduating, we expect our students to preach or teach, to see the lost saved, to make disciples, and to be used by God in the ministry. Below are some ways that students get involved in practical training:

Local Church Involvement

The most important part of OGTC training is serving in a local church. Students who are members of a church that is not local to the OGTC are required to get involved in a local church in the area that is in agreement with the doctrinal beliefs of the Our Generation Training Center and with whom the OGTC has a training partnership. Recommendations for and introductions to local churches will be made by the Administration. At the

beginning of each semester, students should inform the Administration about what church they will be attending and how they will be serving in that church.

Upon request, the Administration may offer suggestions to pastors of churches where students are members or who desire to establish a training partnership regarding how they can partner with the OGTC in training students for ministry. These suggestions may include:

1. Introducing students to every area of the church's ministry.
2. Allowing students to participate in things like mission conference planning, business meetings, Sunday school administration, children and teen ministries, bus ministry, evangelism, discipleship, summer camp, music, etc.
3. Allowing male students to administer (or assist with) the Lord's Supper, to baptize, to preach, and to teach. Allowing female students to teach children or ladies.

Training Expectations

During their time in the Our Generation Training Center, students are expected to aim to do the following so that they are better prepared for the ministry God has for them:

- Preach or teach at least 100 times publicly.
- Be faithfully involved in local church ministries.
- Be faithful to do outreach each week.
- Develop a habit of arriving at least 15 minutes early to all services.
- Finish 90 credit hours of class work with a satisfactory grade average before going on to the internship.
- Present the gospel on a regular basis and, with God's help, lead people to Christ.
- Be involved in discipling several adults.
- Read 50 books from the OGTC reading list and seek to discuss them with a member of the OGTC Administration or Faculty.
- Male Students: Baptize a new convert.
- Male Students: Administer or assist with the Lord's Supper.
- Complete a six-month internship on the foreign field.⁶

5.4 Biblical Teaching

Students in the OGTC will be taught the Scriptures. The Bible is our source for growth in spiritual matters. Students will learn and observe doctrine. Teaching in the OGTC is not just head knowledge; it works out in practice. Students will learn how to live cross-culturally, which is vital for missionaries. Below is a list of courses that students will take at the Our Generation Training Center:

Missions Class (18 credit hours) - This class takes place on Friday mornings and is designed to teach practical missions and ministry. The goal of the class is to give a complete understanding of the biblical principles of missions and ministry as well as the obstacles, goals, and attitude that is needed in order to become a successful missionary or ministry leader. This class is open to visitors, which may include those who are considering becoming students in the OGTC, missionaries on deputation, veteran missionaries on furlough, pastors, or ministry leaders.

⁶ In rare cases, due to visa or other issues, students may need to do their internship in a ministry in the United States.

Old Testament Studies (7 credit hours) - Four courses teaching the major themes of the Pentateuch, the Historical Books, the Poetic Books, and the Prophetic Books. Attention will be given to world evangelism in the Old Testament as well as a perspective of how to interpret and teach the Old Testament.

New Testament Studies (12 credit hours) - Seven courses teaching the major themes of the Gospels, Acts, Romans, the Pastoral Epistles, Ephesians & Colossians, Other Pauline Epistles, and the General Epistles. Attention will be given to world evangelism in the New Testament as well as a perspective on how to interpret and teach the New Testament.

Missions Studies (11 credit hours) - Eight courses teaching Introduction, History of Missions, Missionary Methods, Church Planting, Missionary Life for Ladies, World Religions & Cults, and Deputation. These courses aim to provide a Biblical worldview of mission work and establish a foundation for the overseas internship.

Leadership Studies (13 credit hours) - Each week of studies begins with a chapel service where OGTC faculty and visiting speakers challenge students to grow in their character and leadership. In addition to chapel, other leadership studies include Personal Development of a Leader, Disciplines of a Godly Man (Men), Disciplines of a Godly Woman (Women), Spiritual Leadership (Men), and Biblical Womanhood (Women).

Doctrinal Studies (12 credit hours) - Special emphasis will be given to major Bible doctrines in four in-depth courses covering the Bible, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, the Church, Angels, Man, Sin, and Salvation. Other Doctrines courses include Baptist Distinctives, Contemporary Theological Issues, and Eschatology which also covers the books of Daniel and Revelation.

Teaching & Preaching Studies (6 credit hours) - Each semester, students will have one course on how to interpret the Bible and one course on how to preach or teach the Bible. These courses include Studying the Bible, Hermeneutics, Homiletics (Men), and Teaching the Bible (Women).

Ministry Studies (11 credit hours) - Each year students will have one course of teaching on Spiritual Warfare and Personal Evangelism. These will be taught separately to men and to women with a different professor each year to give different perspectives on these very important aspects of ministry. Other ministry courses include Discipleship, Biblical Counseling, Church Administration (Men), and Home Administration (Women).

5.5 Overseas Internship

To graduate, OGTC students must complete a six-month internship overseas.⁷ The goal is that they train for the field while on the field. We believe that this practical experience overseas gives all of our students, whether they go on to be missionaries, a great perspective on and heart for world evangelism.

Each internship will take place under the personal supervision of a VBM missionary or another missionary/church/ministry approved by the OGTC Administration. A student's internship will take place at the end of their time in the Training Center and will conclude with a Debrief Meeting with OGTC Faculty at the OGTC Campus.

Students will be given instructions on how to raise support. Their support will be handled through Vision Baptist Missions Home Office. Once they arrive back from their internship,

⁷ In rare cases, due to visa or other issues, students may need to do their internship in a ministry in the United States.

the VBM Home Office will only handle student support for 30 days, unless they are accepted as a VBM missionary before the 30 days is completed.

Students who have completed their internship and plan to become missionaries with Vision Baptist Missions may request to attend the annual VBM Orientation to learn more about the work of Vision Baptist Missions.

5.6 Academic Integrity

The Our Generation Training Center has the following guidelines for academic integrity:

1. Thou shalt not submit another person's work as your own or permit another student to submit someone else's work as if it was theirs.
2. Thou shalt acknowledge your professor of quotes, cited or consulted materials in preparation of your written work.
3. Thou shalt not use a textbook or notes during an examination without the permission of your instructor.
4. Thou shalt not give or receive unauthorized help on assignments without the permission of your instructor.
5. Thou shalt not tamper with or destroy another person's work.
6. Thou shalt not submit substantial portions of the same academic work for credit or honors more than once without the permission of your instructor.
7. Thou shalt not lie about these or other academic matters.
8. Thou shalt not falsify college records, forms, or other documents.
9. Thou shalt not access the computer systems or files of the OGTC without authorization.

If you or any person assisting you are found guilty of breaking these policies you can expect to be penalized in the following way:

1. Work may be redone for full or partial credit
2. Alternate assignments may be given.
3. You may be dropped from the course.

OGTC Faculty must report any lack of academic integrity to the OGTC Director.

5.7 Graduation

Students who satisfy all the requirements for the Certificate of Biblical Studies in Missions at the OGTC will participate in a graduation ceremony held at the end of each spring semester. Students whose tuition bill is not fully paid will not be allowed to graduate. The graduation fee is \$100.

CHAPTER 6: CLASS SCHEDULE

Below is a typical class schedule that demonstrates which classes are offered when and which classes are exclusively for men or women. This schedule is exemplary and is subject to change.

6.1 First Year

FALL

Missions Class
Pentateuch
Gospels
Introduction to Missions
Studying the Bible
Baptist Distinctives
Personal Evangelism (Men/Women)
Spiritual Leadership (Men)
Biblical Womanhood (Women)
Spiritual Warfare (Men/Women)
Chapel

SPRING

Missions Class
OT Historical Books
Acts
History of Missions
Discipleship
Church Administration (Men)
Home Administration (Women)
Church Planting (Men)
Missionary Life for Ladies (Women)
Disciplines of a Godly Man (Men)
Disciplines of a Godly Woman (Women)
Homiletics (Men)
Teaching the Bible (Women)
Chapel

6.2 Second Year

FALL

Missions Class
Doctrines: Bible, God
OT Poetic Books
Romans
Missionary Methods
Hermeneutics
Personal Evangelism (Men/Women)
Spiritual Leadership (Men)
Biblical Womanhood (Women)
Spiritual Warfare (Men/Women)
Chapel

SPRING

Missions Class
Doctrines: Christ, Holy Spirit
OT Prophetic Books
Other Pauline Epistles
Biblical Counseling
Personal Development of a Leader
Church Administration (Men)
Home Administration (Women)
Church Planting (Men)
Missionary Life for Ladies (Women)
Disciplines of a Godly Man (Men)
Disciplines of a Godly Woman (Women)
Homiletics (Men)
Teaching the Bible (Women)
Chapel

6.2 Third Year

FALL

Missions Class
Doctrines: Man, Sin, Salvation
Pastoral Epistles
General Epistles
World Religions & Cults
Hermeneutics
Contemporary Theological Issues
Personal Evangelism (Men/Women)
Spiritual Leadership (Men)
Biblical Womanhood (Women)
Spiritual Warfare (Men/Women)
Chapel

SPRING

Missions Class
Doctrines: Church, Angels
Eschatology
(Daniel/Revelation)
Ephesians & Colossians
Deputation
Church Administration (Men)
Home Administration (Women)
Church Planting (Men)
Missionary Life for Ladies (Women)
Disciplines of a Godly Man (Men)
Disciplines of a Godly Woman (Women)
Homiletics (Men)
Teaching the Bible (Women)
Chapel

6.4 Module Classes

Each semester, various module classes will be taught by visiting professors, many of whom are missionaries home on furlough. Of the seventeen weeks in each semester, usually three or four will be module classes on topics such as Language Learning, Cultural Adaptation, Church-Planting, Jewish Studies, Biblical Stewardship, Preaching on the Mission Field, etc. Students must attend all module classes that are offered each semester. Students who fail to attend a module class will be required to make up the work in a way that is deemed satisfactory to OGTC Administration.

CHAPTER 7: FINANCES

7.1 Tuition

The Administration strives to keep tuition at a minimum so that education is affordable for each student.

Cost per credit: \$80

Cost per Semester: \$1,200 (15 credits)

Estimated Cost of Books & Materials per Semester: \$100 – \$200

Payment Plans:

1. Pay monthly (\$300/month)
 - a. Spring semester tuition due: Feb 1st, Mar 1st, April 1st, May 1st
 - b. Fall semester tuition due: Sep 1st, Oct 1st, Nov 1st, Dec 1st
2. Pay for the entire semester in advance and get 5% off (non-refundable)
3. Pay for the entire year (two semesters) in advance and get 10% off (non-refundable)

7.2 Housing

Housing for single students living in OGTC accommodation will cost \$300 per month or more depending on the type of accommodation. These prices include all utilities except the internet.

7.3 Meals

Students living in OGTC accommodation will have the necessary amenities to prepare their own meals at their own cost.

7.4 Foreign Trips

Students are encouraged to take mission trips to gain greater experience in missions, but all trips must be approved and must take place during a break.

Students are required to take an internship at the end of the program in order to graduate. Each trip will be based on current airfares and cost of living in each country. Students will be encouraged and trained on how to raise offerings and monthly support for each trip, but VBM does not accept any financial responsibility for mission trips.

7.5 Payment Schedule

All payments are due by the seventh of the month. Full monthly payments are due even in months with holidays, missions trips, or when classes are not in session the entire month. **Checks** should be made payable to: “Vision Baptist Missions” and turned in to the wall-mounted lock box in the finance office or mailed to: PO Box 647, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Payment may also be made by **card** via the link in each invoice or by **cash**.

7.6 Late Payments

Payments not received by the applicable due date (the 7th of the month) will accrue a late fee of \$15 per week late. Late fees will begin accruing on the 8th of each month. Students will not be allowed to take missions trips, graduate, or receive transcripts if they have outstanding balances. While it is not the desire of the OGTC to dismiss students for financial reasons, if the administration determines that the student is not making sufficient effort to fulfill obligations, dismissal will result.

7.7 Student Debt

Students with an outstanding tuition and/or housing bill of \$1000 or more will be asked to drop out of classes until the bill is brought below \$1000 and a debt reduction plan is presented and approved by a member of the Administration. Students may request work assistance to work off any outstanding student debt. Students whose tuition bill is not fully paid will not be allowed to graduate.

7.8 Work

The weekly class schedule is such that it will allow students ample time to work and earn money to offset the expense of their education. All students needing financial help are encouraged to find employment. Work schedules must be agreed upon with the employer prior to accepting employment that will not hinder the student from attending any regularly scheduled church service. Students are not allowed to work at any establishment requiring them to serve alcohol.

CHAPTER 8: FAQs

Is the OGTC accredited? No.

Can women attend? Yes, we encourage women to apply. The OGTC is designed to train missionaries, church-planters, pastors, and other workers in the local church, and women have a vital role. We are complementarian but also believe that women should be theologically and practically trained for the ministry. Women will develop a mentorship relationship with women associated with the OGTC.

Will the OGTC accept transfer credits? Transfer credit will be considered and evaluated by the Administration on a case-by-case basis.

Do I need a college degree to attend? No.

Is the OGTC for me? The OGTC is for you if you have a desire to be a part of God's global plan, if you are seeking to figure out your place in world evangelism, or if you are seeking out what God has planned for your life.

Can I come for just one semester or one year? Yes. The first year of study is a foundational year that would benefit any Christian desiring one semester or one year of Bible and missions training. We hope that students will go on to complete the entire course of training, but we welcome them to come for one year as well.

Where is the OGTC Located? The OGTC is located at 77 Hugh Stowers Road, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

What does it mean that the OGTC is “church-based”? We believe that ministry should be done in direct connection with a local church and thus the program is designed to teach and train in that context. We require students to be involved in consistent and supervised ministry work with a local independent Baptist Church.

What does it mean that the OGTC is a mentorship program? We model our philosophy of ministry on what Jesus did with his disciples. He spent large amounts of time with them for three years, preparing them for every situation in the ministry that they would face.

Who administers and teaches at the OGTC? The OGTC is the training arm of Vision Baptist Missions, Inc. The Administration is made up of the VBM President, the VBM General Director, and the OGTC Director. Classes are taught by OGTC Administration, OGTC Faculty, VBM Missionaries, local pastors, and visiting pastors and missionaries home on furlough.

Can I plan a visit to the OGTC? That would be great. We would encourage you to visit on a Friday morning for the Missions Class that lasts from 9 am-12 pm.

What should I bring? The following list is designed to help you prepare to move to the OGTC. If you have any questions, please email ogtc@visionmissions.com. (Students are encouraged to minimize the number of items as much as possible.)

- Reliable Vehicle
 - Valid driver's license
 - Car insurance
- Linens/Laundry Supplies
 - Sheets and pillowcases (2 sets)
 - Towels (3 each of bath, hand, and face)
 - Pillows (2)
 - Mattress pad, if desired
 - Comforter/bedspread
 - Clothes hangers
 - Laundry bag/basket
 - Laundry detergent, fabric softener and stain remover
- Electronics
 - Laptop
 - Printer (optional)
- Clothing (Closet space is shared so please limit the amount of clothing/shoes you bring. There is no extra storage for out-of-season clothes so many students switch out clothes as they go home after the semester.)
- Toiletries
 - Medication, as needed
 - First aid items, as needed
 - Shampoo, conditioner, hairstyling products and/or appliances
 - Bath and face soap
 - Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss
 - Comb/Brush
 - Razor and shaving cream
- Room Needs
 - Bedside lamp
 - Alarm clock
 - Fan, if desired
- Household/Kitchen Items (The following may need to be purchased as needed)
 - Paper towels
 - Trash bags
 - Lightbulbs
 - All-purpose cleaner
 - Dish soap
 - Toilet Paper

