

# Bible Boot Camp – Course Syllabus and Schedule

First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia.



Mission – To enhance students’ knowledge of the Bible by linking introductory Bible courses, the application-focused studies that are commonly found in Sunday morning Bible Fellowships (Sunday Schools) and the theologically-focused studies encountered in some Sunday morning classes and in academic institutions (Bible colleges, seminaries).

Vision – Students completing the FBCA Bible Boot Camp will have a solid knowledge of the Bible as a whole in addition to its constituent parts. They will understand the cultural, geographic and linguistic background and be able to effectively study the Bible. The ultimate purpose is the glory of God.

## Overview

The Bible Boot camp is a 37 week study covering the entire Bible, including the historical and cultural contexts. It includes Sunday morning lessons from the faculty and daily individual study assignments.

Weekly Class Notes - <http://mdharrismd.com/category/fbca-local-and-state/>

## Faculty

|                             |               |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Course Director</b>      | Mark Harris   |               |
| <b>Pastoral Instructors</b> | Bryan Jones   | Joel Harder   |
| <b>Instructors</b>          | Nate Mitchell | Mitch Waldman |
|                             | Tony Reynoso  | Josh Tibbs    |

## Instructions for Students

1. Attend as many Sunday sessions as possible.
2. Complete homework daily.
3. Students who attend at least 90% of Sunday sessions and finish the workbook assignments will receive a Certificate of Completion
4. Textbooks - Step by Step through the Old Testament, Step by Step through the New Testament
5. Additional resources
  - a. An Introduction to the Old Testament – Longman and Dillard
  - b. An Introduction to the New Testament – Carson and Moo
  - c. Blue Letter Bible – an outstanding Bible resource - <http://www.blueletterbible.org/>

## Student Schedule - Old Testament

| Date   | Wk | Unit:Day | Teacher | Topic                           | Additional Reading - MDHarrisMD.com  |
|--------|----|----------|---------|---------------------------------|--|
| 8 Sep  | 1  | 1:1-5    | Mark    | Bible                           | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/09/15/the-bible-word-above-all-words/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/09/15/the-bible-word-above-all-words/</a>  |
| 15 Sep | 2  | 2:1-3    | Tony    | Creation                        | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/09/08/introduction-to-understanding-the-bible/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/09/08/introduction-to-understanding-the-bible/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/08/10/listening-when-god-speaks-genesis-41/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/08/10/listening-when-god-speaks-genesis-41/</a>                 |
| 22 Sep | 3  | 2:4-5    | Mitch   | Fall of Man                     | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/28/why-do-a-good-exegesis-of-the-bible/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/28/why-do-a-good-exegesis-of-the-bible/</a>  |
| 29 Sep | 4  | 3:1-3    | Nate    | Abraham and Isaac               | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/05/leadership-examples-of-abraham-jacob-and-joseph/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/05/leadership-examples-of-abraham-jacob-and-joseph/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/11/16/how-to-know-the-will-of-god/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/11/16/how-to-know-the-will-of-god/</a>                   |
| 6 Oct  | 5  | 3:4-5    | Mitch   | Isaac, Jacob and Joseph         | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/01/16/92/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/01/16/92/</a>  |
| 13 Oct | 6  | 4:1-5    | Mark    | The Exodus                      | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/01/28/literary-and-historical-criticism/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/01/28/literary-and-historical-criticism/</a>  |
| 20 Oct | 7  | 5:1-5    | Nate    | Torah (Law)                     | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/05/moses-an-example-of-administrative-leadership-and-people-management/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/05/moses-an-example-of-administrative-leadership-and-people-management/</a>  |
| 27 Oct | 8  | 6:1-5    | Bryan   | Deuteronomy to Judges           | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/06/19/why-word-studies-are-useful-in-bible-study/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/06/19/why-word-studies-are-useful-in-bible-study/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/17/asking-for-a-sign-from-the-lord-in-prayer/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/17/asking-for-a-sign-from-the-lord-in-prayer/</a> |
| 3 Nov  | 9  | 7:1-5    | Joel    | Ruth, Samuel and David          | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/12/david-an-example-of-growth-and-development-in-leadership/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/12/david-an-example-of-growth-and-development-in-leadership/</a>  |
| 10 Nov | 10 | 8:1-3    | Tony    | Solomon and the Divided Kingdom | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/02/03/the-land-of-milk-and-honey-agriculture-in-ancient-israel/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/02/03/the-land-of-milk-and-honey-agriculture-in-ancient-israel/</a>  |
| 17 Nov | 11 | 8:4-5    | Mark    | Fall of Israel and Judah        | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/12/hezekiah-an-example-of-crisis-leadership/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/02/12/hezekiah-an-example-of-crisis-leadership/</a>  |
| 24 Nov | 12 | 9:1-5    | Nate    | Nehemiah, Ezra and Esther       | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/03/11/some-differences-in-life-between-the-ancient-and-modern-worlds/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/03/11/some-differences-in-life-between-the-ancient-and-modern-worlds/</a>  |
| 1 Dec  | 13 | 10:1-3   | Tony    | Job and Psalms                  | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/06/09/hermeneutics-the-art-and-science-of-bible-interpretation/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/06/09/hermeneutics-the-art-and-science-of-bible-interpretation/</a>  |
| 8 Dec  | 14 | 10:4-5   | Bryan   | Books of Solomon                | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/29/critical-methods-and-the-bible/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/29/critical-methods-and-the-bible/</a>  |
| 15 Dec | 15 | 11:1-5   | Joel    | Isaiah                          | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/08/06/interpreting-biblical-prophecy-the-transparency-translucency-and-fulfillment-of-isaiah-21-4/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/08/06/interpreting-biblical-prophecy-the-transparency-translucency-and-fulfillment-of-isaiah-21-4/</a>  |
| 22 Dec | 16 | 12:1-3   | Bryan   | Jeremiah and Lamentations       | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/08/06/the-identity-of-the-child-in-isaiah-714-2/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/08/06/the-identity-of-the-child-in-isaiah-714-2/</a>  |
| 29 Dec | 17 | 12:4-5   | Mark    | Ezekiel and Daniel              | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/06/19/the-old-testament-prophets-what-did-they-do/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/06/19/the-old-testament-prophets-what-did-they-do/</a>  |
| 5 Jan  | 18 | 13:1-5   | Tony    | Minor Prophets                  | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/12/02/israel-at-the-time-of-hosea/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/12/02/israel-at-the-time-of-hosea/</a>  |

## Student Schedule - New Testament

| Date   | Wk | Unit:Day | Teacher             | Topic                             | Additional Reading - MDHarrisMD.com  |
|--------|----|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 12 Jan | 1  | 1:1-5    | Mark                | New Testament Overview            | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/daily-life-in-first-century-israel-and-the-roman-empire/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/daily-life-in-first-century-israel-and-the-roman-empire/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/01/28/the-conflict-between-rome-and-the-jews-during-the-early-1st-century-ad/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/01/28/the-conflict-between-rome-and-the-jews-during-the-early-1st-century-ad/</a>   |
| 19 Jan | 2  | 2:1-5    | Josh                | Overview of Jesus                 | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/the-pharisees-the-sadducees-and-the-essenes/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/the-pharisees-the-sadducees-and-the-essenes/</a>  |
| 26 Jan | 3  | 3:1-5    | Nate                | Matthew                           | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/the-messiah-who-did-the-jews-expect-him-to-be/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/the-messiah-who-did-the-jews-expect-him-to-be/</a>  |
| 2 Feb  | 4  | 4:1-5    | Tony                | Mark                              | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/the-synoptic-problem/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/the-synoptic-problem/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/passion-week-the-intractable-conflicts-that-sent-jesus-to-calvary/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/passion-week-the-intractable-conflicts-that-sent-jesus-to-calvary/</a>   |
| 9 Feb  | 5  | 5:1-5    | Josh                | Luke                              | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/jesus-birth-childhood-and-family-tree/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/jesus-birth-childhood-and-family-tree/</a>  |
| 16 Feb | 6  | 6:1-5    | Nate                | John                              | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/10/19/jesus-discourse-on-the-bread-of-life/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/10/19/jesus-discourse-on-the-bread-of-life/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/10/19/jesus-at-the-feast-of-the-tabernacles/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/10/19/jesus-at-the-feast-of-the-tabernacles/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/04/06/on-the-physical-death-of-jesus-christ/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/04/06/on-the-physical-death-of-jesus-christ/</a><br><a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/04/07/on-the-physical-resurrection-of-jesus-christ/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/04/07/on-the-physical-resurrection-of-jesus-christ/</a> |
| 23 Feb | 7  | 7:1-5    | Mark                | Acts 1-12                         | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/07/23/295/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/07/23/295/</a>  |
| 2 Mar  |    |          | Nate                | Leading a Legacy                  |  |
| 9 Mar  |    |          | Mitch               | Spiritual Legacy                  |  |
| 16 Mar |    |          | Tony                | Relational Legacy                 |  |
| 23 Mar |    |          | Bryan               | Financial Legacy                  |  |
| 30 Mar |    |          | Mark                | Building a Legacy                 |  |
| 6 Apr  | 8  | 8:1-5    | Nate                | Acts 13-28                        | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pauls-conversion-why-three-accounts-and-how-do-they-differ/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pauls-conversion-why-three-accounts-and-how-do-they-differ/</a>  |
| 13 Apr | 9  | 9:1-5    | Not Done            | Romans                            | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/24/key-concepts-of-paul-in-salvation-romans/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/24/key-concepts-of-paul-in-salvation-romans/</a>  |
| 20 Apr |    |          | Easter,<br>no class |                                   |  |
| 27 Apr | 10 | 10:1-3   | Mark                | Romans and Corinthians,           | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pauls-life-background-and-chronology/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pauls-life-background-and-chronology/</a>  |
| 4 May  | 11 | 10:4-5   | Nate                | Galatians, Ephesians              | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pauls-missionary-journeys/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pauls-missionary-journeys/</a>  |
| 11 May | 12 | 11:1-2   | Bryan               | Philippians, Colossians, Philemon | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/28/slavery-in-the-bible/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/28/slavery-in-the-bible/</a>  |
| 18 May | 13 | 11:3     | Mitch               | Thessalonians                     | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/11/24/will-jesus-come-again/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/11/24/will-jesus-come-again/</a>  |
| 25 May | 14 | 11:4-5   | Richard             | Timothy, Titus                    | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/09/19/the-sanhedrin/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/09/19/the-sanhedrin/</a>  |

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| 1 Jun  | 15 | 12:1-2 | Mark     | Hebrews              | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/12/10/jesus-an-example-of-mentoring-leadership/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/12/10/jesus-an-example-of-mentoring-leadership/</a>   |
| 8 Jun  | 16 | 12:3   | Nate     | James                | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/07/04/being-a-doer/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/07/04/being-a-doer/</a>   |
| 15 Jun | 17 | 12:4-5 | Bryan    | Peter, John and Jude | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pseudonymity-and-pseudepigraphy-who-actually-wrote-the-new-testament/">http://mdharrismd.com/2011/12/19/pseudonymity-and-pseudepigraphy-who-actually-wrote-the-new-testament/</a> |
| 22 Jun | 18 | 13:1-3 | Tony     | The Seven Churches   | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2012/12/29/fathers-of-the-church-leaders-in-early-post-apostolic-christianity/">http://mdharrismd.com/2012/12/29/fathers-of-the-church-leaders-in-early-post-apostolic-christianity/</a>     |
| 29 Jun | 19 | 13:4-5 | Not Done | Judgment and Victory | <a href="http://mdharrismd.com/2013/04/10/world-evangelism/">http://mdharrismd.com/2013/04/10/world-evangelism/</a>   |

## Instructions for Faculty

### Scheduling

1. Please let the course director know at least 96 hours ahead of time if you will not be able to teach a scheduled session
2. If two teachers request the same day, the one requesting it earliest will get the date.
3. Faculty can work changes between themselves but must let the course director know at least 96 hours ahead of time.
4. Please come to the beginning of the introductory class in each term to be introduced to the students.

### Lesson Preparation

1. You have broad flexibility to prepare your lesson within the constraints of the schedule.
2. Please see the Student Syllabus for more information
3. The book is our outline, but remember that you are teaching material that the students will be studying in greater detail the following week.
4. Your Bible study notes will be on the website, MDHarrisMD. The site is: <http://mdharrismd.com/category/fbca-local-and-state/> . Please send me your notes each week.
5. Please provide regular feedback on the reading assignments.
6. Please provide any constructive feedback you wish, as we are always looking to improve things.

### Prayer

1. Brenda Carr and Tony Reynoso have been handling administrative tasks and will send out a list of students periodically.
2. Please pray for each student every week.