



Greetings Fellow Servant,

When the Lord Jesus called the Apostle Paul into ministry, the ex-Pharisee did not immediately begin preaching. Rather, as Paul reveals in Galatians 1:15-18, he spent three years in the desert thinking through the implications of seeing the resurrected Christ. Then, the Lord sent Paul into the harvest!

The Church has always recognized the necessity of preparation for its servants; after all, the right handling of the Word of God is what we are called unto. We are thus excited to join with you in the preparation for service to the Lord Jesus.

In this packet, you will find the following:

- An Application for Enrollment in to the Graduate Program (please indicate which program you plan to pursue).
- Reference Letters to be completed and returned by the referee. No application will be considered until references are provided.
- A questionnaire to discern your theological convictions, ministerial ambitions and personal views on issues considering important by this institution.
- A schedule of potential course offerings and times.
- An application for financial assistance will be made available after selection.

We are glad you have chosen to pursue graduate studies at African Bible College. Please peruse the information and do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions. Application deadlines are May 31, 2012. Those accepted may reserve their spot with a \$300 US deposit. Those who do so on time will receive a laptop computer to assist in their studies. Should you be considered, our registrar will contact you for an oral interview.

## **Application Check - Off List**

In order to submit a complete application, please make sure that you include ALL of the following information with your packet. Once your application packet is complete you will be notified of the next step in the application process. Thank you- The Office of the Masters Program at African Bible College.

- Completed Application for Admission
- Short essays on your spiritual autobiography (section A)
- Short essays on your brief account of your life (Section B)
- Completed Pastoral reference form
- Completed Academic reference form
- Completed Personal Reference form
- Undergraduate transcripts

**POST-GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**  
**AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE, P.O. BOX 1028, LILONGWE, MALAWI**  
Email [africanbiblecollege@hotmail.com](mailto:africanbiblecollege@hotmail.com)

I am interested in (check one):

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership (MACL)       Master of Divinity (M.Div)

**1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(First name)                      (middle)                      (last name)

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MALE  FEMALE       DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
(month)                      (day)                      (year)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

IF MARRIED TICK HERE \_\_\_\_\_ IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, GIVE AGES \_\_\_\_\_

**2. EDUCATION**

Have you passed the M.S.C.E.? (or an equivalent secondary school national exam if you are not from Malawi)  
YES   NO (please circle one)

What were your scores in the following subjects?

ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_, AGRICULTURE \_\_\_\_\_, BIOLOGY \_\_\_\_\_,

PHYSICAL SCIENCE \_\_\_\_\_, GEOGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_, HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_,

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE \_\_\_\_\_, CHICHEWA \_\_\_\_\_, MATH \_\_\_\_\_,

HOME ECONOMICS \_\_\_\_\_, OTHER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

From what school did you receive your undergraduate degree? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your major? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: COPIES OF ALL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED ALONG WITH HIS APPLICATION BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE.**

**3. SHORT ESSAYS**

ON A SEPARATE SHEET PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL ESSAYS.

- **Personal Essays: Section A on SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY (see attached)**
- **Personal Essays: Section B on BRIEF ACCOUNT OF YOUR LIFE (see attached)**

#### 4. REFERENCES

PRINT CLEARLY below the names and addresses of the specified adult Christian associates who know you well, that you will be including as character references. One reference contact should be that of your church **pastor**; the second should be from someone who has supervised you in a **work setting**; and the third one should be from a former **teacher/professor**. DO NOT give the names of your relatives or fellow students.

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

3. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I believe that God is leading me to apply for admission to the post- graduate program at African Bible College. I understand that among the conditions for admission are a profession of faith in Christ as Savior and an approved Christian character.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section A Short Essays**

PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS ON A SEPARATE PAPER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH HONESTY AND PRECISION (3 TO 5 PAGES). THANK YOU.

1. How does one become a Christian? Can one lose his/ her salvation? If so, why? If no, why not?
2. What are the three greatest concerns/ challenges for the Malawian church and its leaders and why?
3. What should the role of a leader be in church and society, generally and specifically?
4. What elements of Malawian culture have negatively influenced the Church and why do you think so?
5. What elements of the Malawian culture have positively influenced the Church and why do you think so?
6. What do you hope to accomplish by obtaining this degree?
7. Explain your beliefs using the Apostle's Creed as a frame of reference. (On its own page)

## **Section B Short Essays**

ON A SEPARATE SHEET WRITE A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF YOUR LIFE UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS (3 to 5 pages). THANK YOU.

1. Early years and schooling
2. Home conditions, including occupation of parents
3. How did you become a Christian? Please give details concerning your conversion, including a testimony as to your present relationship with the Lord.
4. Who have you discipled since becoming a Christian?
5. Reasons for desiring to enter African Bible College
6. Give present occupation and /or school attending.
7. Present church or para-church involvement.

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## **ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM**

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Name of Applicant (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

*Instructions: Please fill in the requested information as you feel qualified.*

1. How long have you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What are the applicant's strengths and special abilities? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. List the areas you feel the applicant may need help as a student.

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4. What is your perception of the applicant's commitment to Christ and to Christian living?

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5. Describe the applicant's relationship with peers, including spouse and children?

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6. Do you think the applicant should be pursuing an advanced degree in theological studies or Christian Leadership? (Why or Why Not)

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**ABC GRADUATE SCHOOL & SEMINARY**  
**Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Leadership**

Year 1/ First Semester					
M.Div. Classes		Joint Classes		M.A. Classes	
Spiritual Life and Ministry I	3	Hermeneutics I (OT)	3	Biblical Theology of Leadership	3
<i>Biblical Languages for Pastoral Ministry I (3 week intensive)</i>	3	Christian Doctrine I	3	<i>Persuasive Communication (3 week intensive)</i>	3
World Missions	3				
Ministry Roundtable I	1				
<b>16 Units</b>			<b>12 Units</b>		

<b>January 2013 - 3 Week Intensive (MACL Only)</b>	
<b>Research/Writing/Grammar</b>	<b>3</b>

Year 1/ Second Semester					
M.Div. Classes		Joint Classes		M.A. Classes	
Church History	3	Hermeneutics II (NT)	3	Organizational Administration	3
Spiritual Life and Ministry II	3	Christian Doctrine II	3	<i>Spiritual Formation of Leaders (3 Week Intensive)</i>	3
<i>Biblical Languages for Pastoral Ministry II (3 week intensive)</i>	3				
<b>15 Units</b>			<b>12 Units</b>		

<b>July 2013 - 2 Week Intensives (MACL Only)</b>	
<b>Apologetics &amp; Evangelism (2 weeks)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Ethical Decision Making (2 weeks)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>6 Units</b>	

Year 2/ First Semester					
M. Div Classes		Joint Classes		M.A. Classes	
World Religions	3	Principles of Conflict Resolution	3	Principles of Management & Finance	3
Biblical Counseling I (Introduction)	3	Cross Cultural Ministry	3	<i>Thesis (Research) (3 Week Intensive)</i>	3
<i>Christian Worship (3 week intensive)</i>	3				
Ministry Roundtable II	1				
<b>16 Units</b>			<b>12 Units</b>		

<b>January 2014 - 3 Week Intensive (MACL Only)</b>	
<b>Integrated Thesis (Writing)</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Year 2/Second Semester</b>					
<b>M.Div. Classes</b>		<b>Joint Classes</b>		<b>M.A. Classes</b>	
<b>Biblical Counseling II (Marriage and Family)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Life of Jesus (Gospels)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Leadership in Action</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Pastoral Leadership</b>	<b>3</b>	<i>Theology in African Context (3 week intensive)</i>	<b>3</b>		
		<b>Christian Community Development</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>15 Units</b>			<b>12 Units</b>		
<b>MACL Students Finished – 60 hours total</b>					

<b>Year 3/ First Semester</b>					
<b>M. Div Classes</b>					
<b>Biblical Preaching I (Classroom)</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Ecclesiology/Eschatology</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Discipleship: Methods and Practice</b>	<b>3</b>				
<i>Current Trends and Issues in Ministry (3 week intensive)</i>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Bible Elective I (NT)</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Ministry Roundtable III</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>16 Units</b>					

<b>Year 3/ Second Semester</b>					
<b>M. Div Classes</b>					
<b>Biblical Preaching II (Field)</b>	<b>3</b>				
<i>Church Government and Polity (3 week intensive)</i>	<b>3</b>				
<b>History of the Church in Malawi</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Pastoral Disciplines</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>Bible Elective II (OT)</b>	<b>3</b>				
<b>15 Units</b>					
<b>M.Div Students Finished – 93 hours total</b>					

All courses listed are subject to change