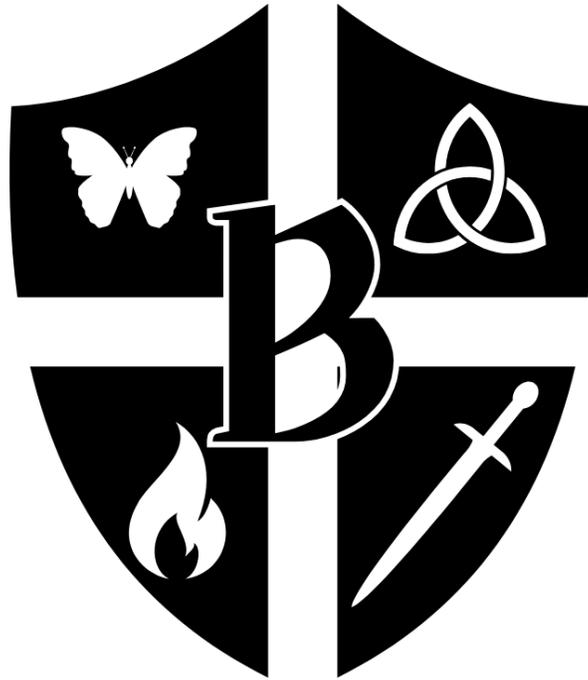


BISHOP'S SCHOOL OF MINISTRY



Student Handbook
Supernatural Spiritual Growth

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Welcome to Bishop's School of Ministry

Welcome to Bishop's School of Ministry! We are thrilled that you have chosen to embark on this transformational journey with us. BSOM exists to train and disciple Christian saints who desire to see the Holy Spirit move in their lives, families, workplaces, and churches.

It is past time we destroy the work of apathy and mediocrity in the local church family and truly seek a reformation that causes us to embrace Kingdom principles and methods. We must take the time to truly submit our hearts and minds to the transformational work of the Holy Spirit!

This is a 12-month experience that will challenge you at the very core of your beliefs and shake the foundation of your life. It is one of the most rigorous discipleship programs available to those seeking rapid growth and maturity in their Christian walk.

During your journey, you will come face-to-face with many of the strongholds in your life that have limited your ability to truly grow in Christ. Transparency, honesty, and integrity will unite to bring clarity of purpose and vision, with passion that will begin to reshape how you view the world and your role in the Kingdom of God.

Our Core Scripture

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

— Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Mission and Core Beliefs

Our Mission

Bishop's School of Ministry, led by Bishop Walter, aims to transform believers through intensive discipleship. Graduating from BSOM demonstrates a sincere commitment to personal growth in the Christian faith. Each graduate has demonstrated discipline, a pursuit of the Holy Spirit, the embrace of accountability, and the humility to acknowledge their own limitations.

Statement of Faith

Bishop's School of Ministry holds to the following core beliefs, as represented in our logo:

The Trinity

We believe in the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are Trinitarian in doctrine.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth." — John 14:16-17 (NLT)

The Shield of Faith

Faith is what holds us firm when everything else is falling apart. Faith is what keeps us steady when the world is shaking. At BSOM, we intentionally pursue the growth of our faith and our ability to apply it in our daily lives.

"In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil." — Ephesians 6:16 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the present-day works of the Holy Spirit. We are NOT cessationist! The flame in our logo reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit and our passion for the intentional pursuit of His work in our life.

"Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them." — Acts 2:3 (NLT)

The Word of God

The sword in our logo is a reminder of the power of the Word of God. It is the primary weapon against the enemy of our soul. At BSOM, we place great emphasis on devoting the written Word to memory.

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow." — Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

Transformation

The butterfly in our logo is symbolic of the transformation that takes place in our life, heart, and mind as we pursue a relationship with God our Father. As we transform and become the people God has called us to be, we are able to better pursue the works He has created for us.

Academic Programs

BSOM offers a progressive four-year program in Christian Discipleship. Each program year builds upon the previous, creating a comprehensive foundation for spiritual growth and ministry preparation.

Program Structure

Year	Program	Credential Earned
Year 1	Diploma in Christian Discipleship	Diploma (DCD)
Year 2	Associates in Christian Discipleship	Associates Degree (ACD)
Year 3	Bachelors in Christian Discipleship	Bachelors Degree (BCD)
Year 4	Masters in Christian Discipleship	Masters Degree (MCD)

These are 12-month programs which must be completed in order, starting with the Diploma program. You must complete each level before applying for the next. Each year must be completed in its entirety in order to progress through the program.

Ministerial Recognition

BSOM is the sole provider of ministerial training for Veritas Church Ministerial Fellowship. The Fellowship has three levels of ministerial recognition which require hands-on training from Bishop Walter, the Veritas Pastoral Council, and the bishop's personal leadership team.

Completion Level	Recognition Level	Title
Diploma (DCD)	Certified Minister	Minister
Associates (ACD)	Licensed Minister	Reverend
Bachelors (BCD)	Ordained Minister	Elder/Pastor

After completing each level, graduates may submit an application for ministerial recognition through Veritas Church Ministerial Fellowship. Ordination ceremonies are held every August during the week-long Veritas Celebration.

Academic Calendar

2026 Program Year

Event	Date
Registration Deadline	January 26, 2026
Program Start Date	February 1, 2026
Program End / Graduation	January 15, 2027
Ordination Ceremony	August (during Veritas Celebration)

There are periodic week-long breaks throughout the program year. Specific break dates will be communicated by Bishop Walter and program leadership.

Registration closes one week prior to the program start date. Late registrations are not accepted.

Accreditation Statement

Bishop's School of Ministry was created to train and disciple Christian saints who desire to see the Holy Spirit move in their lives, families, workplaces, and churches.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has recognized BSOM as an exempt religious degree-granting institution whose sole purpose is religious and theological training.

This means the degrees offered through Bishop's School of Ministry are non-academic and cannot be used to qualify a recipient for licensure or certification with the state or other professional associations outside the church world.

BSOM does not award Arts, Science, or Applied Science degrees. The degrees offered at this time are limited to the Diploma, Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's of Christian Discipleship. These degrees are purely religious in nature.

Denominations and individual churches have the sole discretion to decide if they will honor a degree earned through Bishop's School of Ministry.

Important: Bishop's School of Ministry is not recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Virtual Fellowship Requirements

Virtual Fellowships are a cornerstone of the BSOM experience. These gatherings provide essential community, accountability, and spiritual growth opportunities throughout your 12-month journey.

Fellowship Schedule

Over the 12-month journey, there will be 26 mandatory virtual fellowships, occurring on a biweekly schedule. All virtual fellowships are conducted via Google Meet.

Program Year	Fellowship Day
Year 1 - Diploma (DCD)	TBD
Year 2 - Associates (ACD)	TBD
Year 3 - Bachelors (BCD)	TBD
Year 4 - Masters (MCD)	TBD

Specific fellowship times will be determined and communicated by Bishop Walter at the beginning of each program year.

Attendance Policy

Only 5 absences are allowed during the 12-month journey. Students who exceed 5 absences will be immediately removed from the program.

Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

All absences are considered unexcused unless the class lead has been informed and a valid reason is presented. Valid reasons for excused absences include:

- Hospitalizations
- Death in the family
- Regularly scheduled work hours

Reporting Absences

Students must notify BSOM of any absence by emailing info@veritas.life prior to the scheduled fellowship whenever possible.

Make-Up Classes

There will only be two randomly scheduled make-up classes during the year for students who need additional time. These make-up sessions are limited opportunities and students should plan to attend all regularly scheduled fellowships.

What Happens During Fellowships

During the virtual fellowships, your class will:

- Discuss current reading assignments
- Contribute to deep dives on the topics being covered
- Participate in Q&A opportunities
- Spend time in prayer for other members

Curriculum Requirements

Each program year includes required textbooks, Scripture reading assignments, Scripture memorization assignments, essays, and a capstone project. All materials work together to provide a comprehensive discipleship experience.

Textbook Requirements

Textbook links are located on your password-protected program page. Please order them through the links provided. Books should be ordered at the beginning of each program year.

Year 1 - Diploma in Christian Discipleship

- Father-Son Theology Book 1 — Dr. Harold R. Eberle
- God is Good — Bill Johnson
- Sit, Walk, Stand — Watchman Nee
- Breaking Free of Rejection — John Paul Jackson
- Scandalous Love — Zack Wechsler
- Celebration of Discipline — Richard Foster
- The Necessity of An Enemy — Ron Carpenter
- Boundaries — Dr. Cloud & Dr. Townsend
- Crushing — T.D. Jakes
- Good Morning Holy Spirit — Benny Hinn
- Victorious Eschatology — Dr. Harold Eberle & Dr. Martin Trench

Year 2 - Associates in Christian Discipleship

- Father-Son Theology Book 2 — Dr. Harold R. Eberle
- The Bedrock of Christianity — Justin Bass
- Ekklesia — Ed Silvano
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality — Peter Scazzero
- Shoulder to Shoulder — Dan Reiland
- The Five Star Church — Stan Toler, Alan Nelson
- Spiritual Leadership — Henry T. Blackaby, Richard Blackaby
- Intercessory Prayer — Dutch Sheets
- Why Revival Tarries — Leonard Ravenhill
- Slaying Dragons — Daniel Kolenda

Year 3 - Bachelors in Christian Discipleship

- Father-Son Theology Book 3 — Dr. Harold R. Eberle
- Soul Winning — T.L. Osborn
- The Victory of the Cross — James Payton Jr.
- Creating Magic — Lee Cockerill
- Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture — William Cook & Chuck Lawless
- The Hidden Power of Prayer & Fasting — Mahesh Chavda

- Why Hell? — Steve Gregg
- Into the Heart of Romans — N.T. Wright
- Healing The Sick — T.L. Osborn
- On the Incarnation — Athanasius of Alexandria
- God Dreams — Will Mancini & Warren Bird

Year 4 - Masters in Christian Discipleship

- The Spiritual, Supernatural, and Mystical — Harold Eberle
- The Unseen Realm — Michael Heiser
- Two Become One — Kaldas & Attia
- The Battles for the Keys — Justin Bass
- Journey to Reality — Zachary Porcu
- Deliverance — John Thompson
- Reversing Hermon — Michael Heiser
- God is a Man of War — Stephen De Young
- The Lord of Spirits — Andrew Stephen Damick
- Rock and Sand — Josiah Trenham
- The Didache

Scripture Reading Assignments

Each week, students will read the same chapter of Scripture daily. This practice is required and intentional. The goal is to allow the Holy Spirit to really speak with us concerning that passage and give the truths of that chapter the opportunity to dig deeply into our spirit.

Year 1 Scripture Reading

Colossians, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Hebrews, Romans, Matthew 24, Revelation

Year 2 Scripture Reading

John, Acts, Ephesians, Philippians, James

Year 3 Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy

Year 4 Scripture Reading

Mark, Luke, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Philemon, Jude

Scripture Memorization

Each program year includes specific Scripture memorization assignments. Memorizing God's Word is a vital discipline that equips believers to combat spiritual warfare and grow in their walk with Christ.

Complete memorization lists are provided in your program curriculum documents. Scripture memorization will be assessed through a final exam at the end of the year. Students must score 90% or higher on the Scripture exam to pass.

Essays and Capstone Project

In addition to reading and memorization, students are required to submit multiple essays throughout the year as well as complete a capstone project. These assignments provide opportunities for deeper reflection and practical application of the material being studied.

Essay topics and capstone project requirements will be provided through the BSOM website and communicated during virtual fellowships.

Academic Policies

Grading System

BSOM uses a Pass/Fail system for all assignments except the Final Scripture Exam, which requires a score of 90% or higher to pass.

Assignment Submissions

All assignments are available on the BSOM website. Weekly reports and assignments are submitted through the website and Google Forms.

Important: If a student falls behind by more than two weeks of assignments, they will be removed from the program.

Program Progression

Students must complete each program level in sequential order. The Diploma in Christian Discipleship must be completed before enrolling in the Associates program, and the Associates must be completed before the Bachelors program. Each year must be completed in its entirety in order to progress through the program.

Passing Requirements

To successfully complete each program year and receive your credential, students must:

1. Attend at least 21 of the 26 mandatory virtual fellowships (no more than 5 absences)
2. Complete all assigned textbook readings
3. Complete Scripture reading assignments
4. Score 90% or higher on the Scripture memorization final exam
5. Submit all required essays
6. Complete the capstone project
7. Maintain current tuition/membership payments
8. Stay no more than two weeks behind on assignments

Repeating a Program Year

If a student does not pass, they may enroll for the following year when registration opens. The full program year must be repeated. There is no partial credit for incomplete years.

Appeals and Grievances

All academic and administrative decisions are final. Students are encouraged to maintain open communication with Bishop Walter and the administrative team throughout their journey to address any concerns proactively.

Academic Integrity

BSOM expects all students to uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity in their academic work. This includes being truthful about completion of reading assignments and Scripture memorization, participating authentically in discussions, and treating fellow students with respect and honesty.

AI Policy: The use of artificial intelligence software (such as ChatGPT, Claude, or similar tools) is not permitted in the creation of essays for this program. All written work must be the student's own original thoughts and writing. Essays found to be generated by AI will not be accepted and may result in disciplinary action.

Password-Protected Resources

Each program year has password-protected pages containing schedules, book links, and additional resources. These passwords are confidential and should not be shared with anyone outside of enrolled students.

Tuition and Fees

Registration Fee

A one-time registration fee of \$35.00 is required upon enrollment for each program year.

Monthly Membership/Tuition

BSOM operates on a monthly membership model. Students are required to set up auto-draft for their membership fee during the first week of February.

Membership Type	Monthly Cost
Individual Membership	\$85.00 per month
Couples Membership	\$120.00 per month

Payment Due Date

Monthly membership payments are due no later than the 5th of each month.

Late Payments

A late fee of 10% will be billed for any payments received after the 5th of the month.

Important: Two missed payments will result in removal from the program.

Refund Policy

No refunds are given for any reason. Students who withdraw from the program will not receive a refund of registration fees or membership payments.

Textbook Costs

Students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks. Book links are provided on the password-protected program pages. Costs vary by program year based on required reading lists.

Note: We prefer that students order their textbooks through the links provided on their class page, as it helps support the school.

Withdrawal and Leaves of Absence

Withdrawal Process

Students who wish to withdraw from the program must inform Bishop Walter and/or the School Administration of their intention to withdraw.

Important: If a student withdraws from the program without informing the staff, they will not be allowed to return to any year of the program except Year 1. Withdrawing without communication demonstrates a lack of character and integrity, and the student will need to return to the first year in order to reestablish the basic character traits expected of BSOM students.

Leaves of Absence

Leaves of absence are not allowed during the school year. However, students are permitted to take up to two years off between the different program levels if needed.

Credit Expiration

Progress toward your degree can be held for no longer than two years between program levels. If more than two years pass between completing one level and beginning the next, the student must start over from Year 1.

Technology Requirements

Virtual Fellowship Platform

All virtual fellowships are conducted via Google Meet. Students must have access to the internet and the ability to join Google Meet sessions.

Minimum Requirements

- Reliable internet connection
- Device capable of running Google Meet (computer, tablet, or smartphone)
- Camera and microphone (recommended for full participation)

Learning Management

All assignments are available on the BSOM website. Weekly reports are submitted through the website and Google Forms. Students should ensure they have access to these platforms and check them regularly for updates and assignments.

Student Code of Conduct

As members of the BSOM community, students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Christian principles and the values of the school.

Community Standards

Students are expected to:

- Demonstrate transparency, honesty, and integrity in all interactions
- Treat fellow students, mentors, and leadership with respect
- Maintain confidentiality regarding personal matters shared during fellowships
- Embrace accountability as a pathway to growth
- Exhibit humility and openness to learning
- Actively pursue the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives

Virtual Fellowship Conduct

During virtual fellowship gatherings, students should:

- Arrive on time and prepared
- Have video enabled when possible to foster community
- Participate actively in discussions
- Come prepared having completed assigned readings
- Pray sincerely for fellow classmates

Social Media and Online Conduct

Students are expected to maintain conduct consistent with Christian values in their online presence. Any degrading content or content contrary to established Christian conduct posted on social media or other online platforms could result in the removal of a student from the program.

Disciplinary Process

Students who violate the code of conduct will receive no more than two warnings for conduct violations, at which point they will be removed from the program. All conduct concerns are handled by Administration and Bishop Walter.

Immediate Dismissal

The following behaviors will result in immediate dismissal from the program without warning:

- Blatant dishonesty
- Rejection of the Christian faith
- Intentional sowing of discord among students or leadership

Mentorship Program

Third-year and fourth-year students have the privilege and responsibility of mentoring newer students as part of their program requirements.

Mentor Assignments

Mentor-mentee pairs are assigned through a drawing process and with the discernment of BSOM staff.

- Third-year (Bachelors) students are assigned to mentor first-year (Diploma) students
- Fourth-year (Masters) students are assigned to mentor second-year (Associates) students

Mentor Responsibilities

As a mentor in BSOM, you will be assigned to a student to be a source of encouragement during their journey. Your role includes:

- Developing a meaningful relationship with your mentee
- Connecting with your mentee at least biweekly
- Being available when your mentee needs support
- Spending regular time praying with and for your mentee
- Offering encouragement and support through challenges
- Sharing wisdom from your own BSOM journey

Mentor Training and Support

If mentors need direction or clarity in working with their mentee, they can contact Bishop Walter directly for guidance and coaching.

Reporting Concerns

If a mentor has concerns about their mentee struggling academically, spiritually, or personally, they should report these concerns to Bishop Walter and the Administration team promptly.

The Bishop's Circle

Registering as a member of BSOM automatically enrolls you into The Bishop's Circle, where you are invited to join Bishop Walter for enhanced training and spiritual development opportunities.

Bishop's Circle Benefits

- Monthly training events with Bishop Walter
- Weekly prayer gatherings

- Deeper dives into leadership development
- Exclusive access to anointed training resources

Participation in Bishop's Circle events is optional for enrolled students. Specific dates and times for monthly training events and weekly prayer gatherings will be announced by Bishop Walter.

Graduation

Graduation Ceremony

A formal graduation ceremony is held once a year at the end of the school year. Diplomas and degrees are presented to graduates at this ceremony.

Ceremony Requirements

- Evening dress attire is expected
- No children under the age of 12
- Two guests per student
- There is no graduation fee

Ministerial Recognition

After completing each program level, graduates may submit an application for ministerial recognition through Veritas Church Ministerial Fellowship. Applications are reviewed by leadership, and ordination ceremonies are held every August during the week-long Veritas Celebration.

Contact Information

For questions, concerns, or support, please contact BSOM through the following channels:

Address:	822 S. Guignard Dr., Sumter, SC 29150
Phone:	(803) 720-7600
Email:	info@veritas.life
Website:	www.bsom.life

For program-specific questions, please refer to your password-protected program page or reach out during virtual fellowship gatherings.

Important Links

- Registration: <https://bsom.life/registration/>
- Individual Membership: <https://bsom.life/membership-individuals/>
- Couples Membership: <https://bsom.life/membership-couples/>
- About BSOM: <https://bsom.life/about/>

Begin Your Journey Today

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free!"

— **John 8:32**

Understanding this key principle of spiritual breakthrough will bring exponential growth to your walk with Christ and set you free from destructive behavior.

Sign up today to begin this journey of discipleship which will encourage and inspire you to reach for your full potential in Jesus Christ!

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