



CHARIS

B I B L E C O L L E G E

Discover Your Destiny and Prepare to Live It

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friend,

Every successful minister goes through school; it's just a matter of whether it's in a formal educational setting with experienced instructors ready to help or an informal one called "the school of hard knocks"—alone. I took the latter route, and I must say, if you survive, it makes a great testimony. However, I don't recommend it!

The Lord led me to start Charis Bible College for the purpose of training people for the work of the ministry. He wanted me to take a unique approach: It had to be a combination of the rich teaching of God's Word and practical, hands-on ministry experience. This was modeled in the Old Testament by Elijah and Elisha, with the school of the prophets, and in the New Testament when Paul told Timothy to train faithful people to teach others. With this combination, I knew our graduates would be able to avoid many of the problems and hardships I encountered. They would be well prepared.

Whatever God is leading you to do, preparation is never a waste of time. Statistics show that 80 percent of ministers drop out of the ministry, and 80 percent of those who stay are on the verge of burnout. I believe that the lack of preparation spiritually, academically, and practically is at the root of those statistics. Charis instructors have accumulated decades of experience in ministry. Their experience may keep you from becoming a statistic. Two years of preparation is a small price to pay for a lifetime of successful ministry.

I encourage you to read the material in this catalog carefully. If the Lord is speaking to you about attending Charis, I guarantee it will change your life and the lives of those around you forever.

God bless you,

Andrew Wommack



FIRST YEAR

Through the first-year program, students prepare their hearts by building a solid foundation on the Word of God. This program includes instruction in Relationship with God, Basics of Righteousness, Receiving from God, Old Testament Survey, and many other classes that are intended to root students in the truth.

The focus at Charis is not only to teach truths but also to encourage their application to life. For this reason, students enrolled in the first year are required to volunteer twenty-five hours per term in local ministries as part of their first-year training. Charis students are encouraged to step out into ministry and, in doing so, learn how to operate as the body of Christ.

Upon satisfactory completion of this program, students receive a Certificate of Completion. Students must receive this certificate before entering the second-year program.



SECOND YEAR

The second year builds upon the first-year foundation, with a focus on practical application. This program includes instruction in Pioneering Ministries, Making of a Minister, New Testament Survey, Acts: Power for Supernatural Living, and more. Some special features of the second-year program are foreign-based missions trips and Interaction Groups (IAGs), which provide the platform for students to step out into ministry.

Upon successful completion of the second-year program, students receive a Diploma of Ministerial Training and a Ministry License from Charis. Graduates may apply for acceptance into the Leadership Program.



MISSIONS PROGRAM

Get your passport ready because missions trips are a vital part of the Charis experience. Every second-year student has the opportunity to see the world in a different way. As part of the second-year program, students travel the world to minister the Gospel. This is not just an amazing time for the people whose lives they touch, but many students come back with a different outlook on life and ministry, with clear direction for their lives. Wherever your calling takes you, we will help you prepare to have the maximum impact on the world around you.

Charis missions trips are typically between seven and ten days in length and are scheduled during the school year. Locations change from year to year based upon hosts and scheduling restrictions. Previous locations include Russia, Uganda, Kenya, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Mexico, Nicaragua, India, Thailand, and Belize.



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Upon successful completion of the second-year program, students receive their Diploma and Ministry License. For many, this will fulfill their educational goals. For those who seek to build on the foundation established in the first and second years, we offer a third-year program.

The Leadership Program is designed to facilitate transition into the student's calling, whether that is in ministry, the home, or the marketplace. Students have opportunities to develop skills that will aid them in their chosen area of service as they become involved in many behind-the-scenes components of ministry. Group discussions and mentoring with Charis staff provide insights into life, business, and ministry. All of this is designed to promote the fulfillment of God's wonderful plan for their lives.

Upon successfully completing the Leadership Program, students receive a Certificate of Completion.



STUDENT LIFE

Alumni often tell us they miss the rich and fulfilling student life they experienced while attending Charis. They say it wasn't about the many activities and events they attended or participated in, but it was the relationships they built with fellow students.

Warm and intimate classroom settings, small interactive discussion groups, and activities planned around serving others created the environment for complete strangers to become close, personal friends. Whether drinking coffee in the breakroom or ministering in third-world countries on a missions trip, friendships of a lifetime were established.

Charis attracts like-minded people of all ages, from all walks of life. Some are right out of high school, some are retired, and others are successful businessmen and -women seeking new direction in life. Some are newlyweds or brand-new parents, and others are grandparents. The diversity of our student body makes Charis a unique family unit anyone can feel at home in.



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

I certainly appreciate and understand your interest in Charis Bible College. I received my first Charis catalog in the fall of 1999. My initial interest was piqued when hearing Andrew talk about his school, and I knew I needed help to get the foundations of my life secured. Three years later, my wife and I left everything we knew and moved our family to where God was calling us—Charis Colorado.

After we graduated and I served as an apprentice in Andrew's ministry, God called us to Atlanta to start a new Charis location, helping to better serve those who could not move to Colorado. We opened our doors in August 2005, and every year since, it has been exciting to see the transformation that occurs in the lives of people yielded to the Lord.

The entire Charis team, with Andrew leading the way, has put together a powerful program that will establish you solidly in the faith of Jesus Christ. By immersing yourself in the word of His grace

and growing in the understanding of your identity in Christ, your life will be transformed and you will impact the world around you. Time spent among like-minded believers coupled with the training, preparation, and mentorship of Charis leadership creates the ideal environment for this transformation.

Your step of faith to attend Charis will go far in helping you discover the person you were created to be, while activating you for your God-ordained purpose and calling. There is no greater adventure than following the plan God has for your life. I encourage you to consider every option Charis offers so that God can help you discover your destiny and prepare you to live it. Take that step of faith, and come join us at Charis!

Yours in Christ,

Tom Boyd





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