

Accredited High School Bible Courses



Our accredited Bible courses through our Released-Time Christian Education program are for high School students in Greenville County and are offered regardless of race, religion, gender, or nationality.



Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County (CLC) is the sponsoring organization for the Released-Time Christian Education program provided for Greenville County public school students (6th-12th grade). It is a

501(c)(3), non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. Each board member professes and lives a life exemplary of the Christian faith. The twelve board members are from various professional backgrounds and church affiliations; however, their love for God

and sharing His Word with students are passions they all share.

#### **OUR DILEMMA**

Today, we live in a morally decadent society. Our public school students face grave moral problems every day. If you are not convinced, buy any newspaper or watch the news broadcasts. Young people are plagued with an array of issues, such as the following:

- Violence
- Sexual promiscuity
- Alcohol and substance abuse
- Apathy
- Distortions of right and wrong
- Disrespect of self and others, including authorities
- Poor school performance
- Loss of direction
- Cult involvement

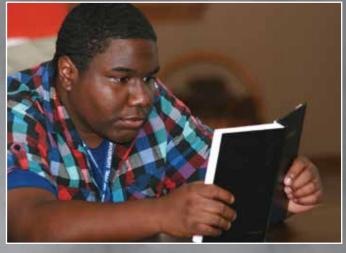
These problems are major threats to our youth, their families, and our society as a whole. The people of Christian Learning Centers are seriously concerned about their social, academic, emotional, and most importantly, their spiritual condition. In fact, we believe that this dilemma stems from the spiritual vacuum that seems to exist in society today.

#### **OUR ANSWER**

But there's hope. The School District of Greenville County now accommodates religious instruction in middle and high schools without contradicting the current understanding of separation of church and state. This instruction is done through Released-Time Christian Education – a concept declared constitutional by the United States Supreme Court in 1952. With approval from the Greenville County School Board of Trustees, Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County provides Biblical instruction for school-aged children as an opportunity to encourage them to embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ, grow in the Christian faith, and apply Biblical principles for living.

"....with God all things are possible."

MATTHEW 19:26





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#### About Our Accredited High School Bible Courses

In June 2006, then Governor Mark Sanford signed the S.C. Released Time Credit Act (S\*0148) which give students the opportunity to take up to two Bible courses as part of their high school course selections. Each Bible course carries one Carnegie unit of credit as a social studies elective toward satisfaction of South Carolina diploma requirements.

#### Participating High Schools

Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County (CLC) currently sponsors Bible 101 & 102 Bible courses for students of the following Greenville County high schools:

High School	Bible Class Locations
Blue Ridge High School	Blue Ridge Baptist Church
Brashier Middle College	Sandy Springs Baptist Church
Travelers Rest High School	First Baptist Church of Travelers Rest
Woodmont High School	Sandy Springs Baptist Church

CLC faculty members conduct Bible classes daily each semester according to students' traditional or block high school schedules. CLC plans to provide Bible courses for every high school group in Greenville County by 2020.



## "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."

ISAIAH 54:13 ESV

#### **OUR FACULTY**

Our High School Bible Instructors are certified to teach high school students. They maintain an unquestionable Christian testimony in the community. They serve as role models in speech, actions, and attitudes, exemplifying a consistent walk with Jesus Christ. Our instructors are supported by the CLC Education Supervisor who oversees their teaching and professional growth. The Education Supervisor and faculty members are employees of the CLC organization.



There is no cost for a student's participation in the Bible 101 and 102 Bible courses. The State Department of South Carolina does NOT contribute any funds toward the purchase of our buses, fuel, teacher salary, textbooks, classroom materials, and equipment. Christian Learning Centers depends on the financial support of people who are committed to the Great Commission (i.e., church leaders, business owners, parents, and other Christian believers) here in the Greenville County community.





#### **REGISTRATION**

Any student attending Greenville County public high schools may participate in our high school Bible courses for credit. There are no prerequisites for the courses and only parent consent is required. The guidance counselor at each high school/middle college will assist a student in enrolling in these courses during the first quarter of each year. Registration forms can be completed and forwarded to the CLC office at any time during the year. CLC staff will get the completed forms to school guidance counselors at the appropriate time.

CLC is glad to offer Bible courses to students of any Greenville County high school not shown as a participating high school. Interested parents or students may call the CLC office at **864.236.0450** to discuss the possibility of starting a Bible course for a new school group.





### BIBLE 101 The Bible and How to Study It

This course leads students through the study of the origin of the Bible and how we can trust it. We focus on strategies in studying Scriptures more thoroughly and using resources such as commentaries to enhance Biblical understanding. Students study God's plan of salvation – the good news –beginning with man's fall and proceeding with Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Teachers lead students in learning about Jesus, the Son of God: His life on earth and His relationship with sinners, the sick, and His victory over the forces of evil. The course also teaches God's purpose for the church and the responsibilities of church members. As they study the power of Jesus Christ as manifested in His miracles and see His compassion toward sinners, students are encouraged to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior, if they haven't already done so. Studies in class focus on spiritual growth, and additional units of study include dating in a God-honoring way.

Texts for Bible 101 include How Firm a Foundation, That I May Know Him, and The Way of the Word published by BJU Press. All textbooks are provided by Christian Learning Centers for student use.



## **BIBLE 102**What is Truth?

Bible 102 is a study of Religions/Cults and Witnessing to Non-Christians, which begins with the overview of Christianity – the doctrines of man, sin, salvation, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and life after death. There is also the study tenets of several belief systems – Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, postmodernism, and secular humanism. Students then participate in activities to learn how to witness to followers of these belief systems.

Texts for Bible 102 include Who Is Jesus? and What Is Truth? All textbooks are published by BJU Press and provided by Christian Learning Centers for student use. Students also study excerpts from Understanding the Times by David A. Noebel.



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

#### Pray for Us

We encourage you to pray for our students. We would like them to become passionately involved in the work of God's kingdom. Pray that God will give us (CLC staff, faculty, and volunteers) wisdom and discernment in leading young people and others in this ministry.

#### Be a Ministry Advocate

Spread the word. Tell your family members, friends, church and business leaders about the opportunity we have through this program in Greenville County.

#### Sponsor a Student

Join our "Team 180 for Vision 180" Giving Society. Members of this group give \$1.00 for every day students attend school (180 days). They also pray 180 days for our students. Our desire is that the students will make a 180-degree turn from sin to active faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Service Learning Projects

Students in Bible 101 & 102 are expected to complete a service learning project each semester. Students complete tasks for family, neighbors, teachers, and friends and, if they desire to do so, ask for support of their Released-Time programs. By raising funds, students help to ensure that their peers will be able to participate in a future Bible class. Service learning projects also teach our students a very valuable Biblical principle: servanthood. Let us know what our students can do to help you, your church, business, or organization.

#### Classroom Assistant / Bus Rider

Individuals may offer to serve as volunteer assistants in our Bible courses or volunteer bus riders to assist bus drivers as they transport students to and from our Bible courses.

#### **Guest Speaker Opportunities**

Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County (CLC) often uses outside resources to carry out its mission. Particularly, they often use individuals to serve as guest speakers at special events and in the Released-Time Christian Education classroom. Contact us for details.

#### Worship with our Students

Our students need to have meaningful worship experiences while participating in our program. Therefore, we invite spiritual leaders to visit our classrooms monthly to involve our students in meaningful worship services. Our students enjoy praying, singing and hearing songs of praise, listening and responding to messages from the Word of God. Call our office at 864-236-0450 to reserve a time to lead our students in worship.

#### Call Campaign Support

Volunteers are needed to call parents to recruit students for our high school Bible program and/or to encourage friends of the ministry to continue their support of the agency's cause. Volunteer your services by calling the CLC office at 864.236.0450.

#### Visit our Classrooms

Our classroom is open to all who wish to visit us. Contact us to schedule a visit.

We resolve to make an eternal difference in the lives of our children and in the heart of our community.

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# CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTERS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY EXISTS TO PROVIDE BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION TO SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EMBRACE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, AND APPLY BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING.

"More than a quarter-million U. S. public school children study the Bible during the school day – and it's perfectly legal." Citizen Magazine: Focus on the Family (2003)

"Released-Time Christian Education is a great program for our kids since Christian influence is limited in our public schools.

The most important thing we Christian parents can do for our children is to lead them to Jesus Christ and to help nurture the growth of their faith.

Released-Time Christian Education provides Bible studies, Christian Fellowship, and recreation in a Christ-centered environment."

Kelly Wolff

"These types of programs deserve our praise since they allow our children to learn more about the Judeo-Christian values and Biblical teaching that are the foundation of our nation. Thank you for your...years of service and for the thousands of young lives you have already affected."

The Honorable Jim DeMint, United States Senator



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