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One of the things I like most about college is the fact that there's such a family feel to the place. I really do feel like I'm studying with brothers and sisters. I also appreciate the servant-heartedness of all of the lecturers – they really do shine Jesus as they serve us through teaching in lectures.

**Rebecca Harrison** : student



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## getting ready for evangelism, mission and ministry

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For more than 110 years Faith Mission Bible College has been equipping people from all over the world for a wide variety of Christian ministries. Today, we offer the opportunity to live and study as part of a Christian community in the vibrant city of Edinburgh. Our aim is to help students develop as God-focussed, Christ-centred, Spirit-filled, Bible-saturated people. Our graduates enter a life of service in a range of missionary organisations across the globe. Some join The Faith Mission, some work in children's and youth ministry and others take on the roles of pastor and preacher in a local church setting.

If you are considering full-time or part-time study for Christian ministry, we'd be delighted to hear from you. You'll find courses that are **biblical, practical and transformational**.

The college community is small enough to maintain a family atmosphere and all the staff are committed to helping you make the most of your time at college and benefit in every way possible.

FMBC is an exciting place to study, with a strong focus on the ministry needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our passion is to train and equip contagious servants of Jesus Christ for evangelism, mission and ministry.

Read on to find out more about what is on offer at FMBC and how you can apply to join one of our courses.

**Robert Murdock** : Principal



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I came looking for a qualification, I left with so much more. To be in God's work, we need minds filled with His Word, we need hearts delighting in and responding to His Spirit, and we need hands equipped and experienced for frontline work in peoples' lives. All these things and more are what I gained from my time at FMBC. I only wish I could do it again and get even more out of it!

**David Nixon** : former student

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Through our close association with FMBC, we've seen the impact of a deeply spiritual and theologically sound training programme.

**Wayne Sutton** : Senior Pastor,  
Carrubbers Christian Centre, Edinburgh



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Before college, I had trained as a motor mechanic so I didn't come with an academic background. The mix of written course work and practical experience was a stretch, certainly, but in a good way: it turned out to be a major growing exercise. Living in close community with the other students was also a great preparation for work, as we learned how to get along together. Looking back, the thing that has stayed with me from my time at college was the emphasis on living your faith and sharing your faith. The focus on evangelism has been a major influencing factor which has shaped every aspect of life and work since then. It wasn't all just theory, but truth for life.

**Stephen Walker** : former student – *Since graduating from FMBC in 1998, Stephen and Cynthia Walker have worked with Faith Mission in Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Norfolk and Suffolk.*

## study with us

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Join with a lively and diverse group of students and staff, based in Edinburgh, Scotland. Respond to God's call on your life. Live as part of the community. Worship and work together. Study the Bible and develop your knowledge and understanding of theology. Hone the skills you need for Christian ministry in a contemporary world. Build relationships. Spend time with God. And, as a vital element in the mix, take part in local mission.

### is this for you?

When it comes to entry requirements our focus is not so much on formal academic achievements but more on your motivations. If you apply to study at the college, we'll discuss your journey to faith in Christ, your Christian experience, your sense of God's call into ministry and explore together whether FMBC is the right place for you to study.

### who studies at FMBC?

You find people from many Christian traditions and from different parts of the world. There's a wide mix of ages too – while some students apply straight from school or university, many come with years of experience in different careers and in Christian ministry. The thing they all have in common is their desire to know God more and to serve him passionately.

### get to know us

This prospectus provides a starting place for information about our courses and the culture and context of our learning experience. You can find further details on our website.

If you decide you are interesting in studying with us, the next step is to complete a questionnaire which is available on the website. [www.fmbiblecollege.org.uk](http://www.fmbiblecollege.org.uk)

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Attending Bible College may be the next step in a journey of becoming the person God made you to be, developing the gifts God gave you to use, to invest in the work he planned for you to do. Saving the world is Jesus' responsibility; obeying his invitation is ours.

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# biblical, practical, transformational... and outward looking!

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Our courses are designed to help you become equipped for ministry. Whether you choose full or part-time study, you will find a place where you can explore God's call, develop the skills you need for the future and take time to focus on your own spiritual growth.

## biblical thinking

At FMBC, we are committed to the Bible as God's word to people today. Our courses are designed to help you develop rigorous skills in thinking and studying the Bible to prepare you for **lifelong ministry and mission**.

## practical action

Study here is not just an intellectual exercise; it is about **putting belief into practice**. As you develop a thorough grounding in theology and take this into real life, vital skills for ministry and mission will be gained. You will work alongside experienced Christian leaders in churches and community placements across Edinburgh and beyond.

The focus on mission and evangelism is in everything we do here. The courses instruct and encourage you as you prepare to take the good news to people who are without it.

## transformational living

Whether you live in the college community or not, we are interested in creating a place where Christians can examine deep questions, worship, learn, pray, serve and grow into unreserved disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible College has at its core deliberate discipleship and a focus on **spiritual growth**.

# certificate in Biblical Studies

part-time : 2 years, 1 day/week

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This part-time course offers training to men and women involved in teaching, preaching ministry and lay leadership. The course is taught by individuals with extensive pastoral experience who are passionate about encouraging the dynamic communication of God's word. The course is offered through the support and encouragement of a number of local churches.

## course content

Develop your gifts by focusing on the practical aspects of how to communicate biblical truth, as well as taking time on your own spiritual development.

### **BIBLE OVERVIEW**

A panorama view of the Bible, showing where and how the different books fit in.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY**

The main doctrines of the Christian faith provide the vital theological context for Christian life and ministry

### **BIBLE INTERPRETATION & COMMUNICATION**

- Principles of biblical Interpretation
- The process of sermon construction
- Sermon workshops

### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**

Spiritual formation is the process of being conformed to the image of Christ by the work of God's Spirit for the transformation of the world. We delve deeply into the sermons of Jesus in Matthew. His ground-breaking concepts will inform your spiritual development and shape your teaching and preaching.



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The combination of exceptional teaching, relevant practical placements and opportunities for personal spiritual growth is such a rock-solid preparation for ministry. Here it's not just about studying theology, it's about training for mission, deepening your own faith as you learn to share it in the best possible ways. There's such a strong connection between the theory and the practice. You begin to make what you learn a part of who you are... and that's when you really learn properly. The diploma course has provided me with teaching that is relevant for reaching people with the message of the Bible today; it's contemporary and applicable in the UK and beyond. That's exciting.

**Tim Currie** : graduate



# Bible

Engage with the big picture of the Bible story and discover where the individual books fit into the revelation of God's character and plan for his creation. Study the message and its application to help inform your thinking and deepen your faith.

- Develop confidence in the biblical texts.
- Develop skill and understanding in reading and explaining the Bible.



# practical

Take truths distilled in the classroom onto the streets through evangelism workshops, mission placements, and summer camps.

- Learn to live, love and serve in community at your placement church.
- Grow in the art of grace and build lasting friendships through sharing life in the college community.



# doctrine

Study the timeless truths of the Christian faith in their biblical and historical context. Allow the theology that underpins the gospel to have a lasting and practical impact in your Christian life.

In second year, a dissertation will fuel your passion for an area of theology or ministry practice. Research in the Bible, other literature and with specialists in the field, will lead to a fresh understanding and transformed approach to your chosen subject.



# Applied Theology

Bring the Bible and belief into the everyday world of Christian ministry by exploring and developing essential skills for teaching, preaching, counselling and leading.

- Dig deep into the teachings of Christ, through a process of spiritual formation and discipleship.
- Unearth timeless insights for fruitful ministry.
- Discover the basis of a counter-cultural life following Jesus' example.





The lectures not only inform my head  
but touch my heart... I'm glad that the  
theology we learn is alive.

**Andrew Quinn** : recent graduate

diploma in  
**Applied Theology**  
full-time : 2 years

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Join this full-time two year course focused on spiritual growth, communication, evangelism and practical skills. The Diploma in Applied Theology is specifically designed to provide a well - rounded preparation for effective ministry and mission.

### course content

We understand that your call to Christian service requires more than head knowledge, so we divide our programme into four inter-related disciplines as detailed opposite.

### study for a Certificate or a Diploma

Choose to study with us for one or two years. Complete one year to receive a Certificate in Applied Theology. Complete two years and receive a Diploma in Applied Theology.

The course is designed so that each year is complete and balanced in itself, preparing you for mission and ministry in God's world. In second year you will find an increased emphasis on gaining ministry experience in church and on mission placements as well as the development of your research and writing skills as you get to grips with theology.

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Spending two years at Bible College has been an incredible privilege. I have learned so much about God's Word and how to put it into practice. I have developed in confidence in sharing the gospel and have experienced ministry in different contexts on some pretty diverse placements. It has been a transformational time and an invaluable preparation for serving God in my ministry.

**Heather Eboji** : recent graduate



## life on campus

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The college is situated in Gilmerton on the southern edge of the historic and beautiful city of Edinburgh. Here you will find an extensive library, lounges, refectory, lecture theatre and classrooms. The college includes rooms and flats, so it is possible to live on campus and soak up every aspect of college life. The campus also includes The Faith Mission's UK headquarters, a bookshop and café.

## join the community

One of the exciting aspects of studying at FMBC is that it is not just about the study! The college offers the opportunity to live as part of a Christian community where you learn and grow together. Whether you choose to live in the college or nearby, you can share in the worship, meals and social time as you pray, study and work together.

If you choose to study with us, you will find a lively community of Christians, with staff and students supporting and encouraging each other as they learn together. Features are a daily time of worship together and a regular coffee break each morning, an ideal time to catch up with others.

## The Govan Stewart Memorial Library

The Library is primarily for the use of the staff and students of the college, providing resources for study, teaching, preaching and Christian service. It contains nearly 20,000 volumes, a selection of periodicals, resources for children's work, and a sermon file. Computers for shared use are available in the library and wifi is available in the building.

## resources for service

As an active centre for ministry and mission we provide resources that will support you in placements, working in churches and in different mission situations. For example, there is access to printing and photocopying and a car is made available for student use.

## accommodation

If you are offered a place to study with us, we will discuss your accommodation requirements and, wherever possible, offer you accommodation in the college.

**Single rooms :** Single rooms with study space are available in male and female accommodation wings. Weekday meals are provided in the dining room as well as access to the residents' kitchen and lounge.

**Flats :** The college has a limited number of 2/3 bedroom flats for married students. With limited availability, some couples live outside the college and arrange and finance their own accommodation.

**Opportunities to serve :** If you are a resident you will be asked to serve others as part of college life, by sharing day-to-day housekeeping tasks around the building for a short time each morning and one afternoon each week.

## living in Edinburgh

The City of Edinburgh offers a busy and exciting place to study. While the college is situated on the outskirts, there is a regular bus service into the city centre and a huge range of places to visit and things to do. Edinburgh is a historic and beautiful city with the castle dominating the skyline above the famous Princes Street and gardens. The Royal Mile is crammed with accounts of John Knox and the Covenanters who stood against the odds to make Christ known. Edinburgh hosts the largest arts festival in the world each summer, but peace from the crowds is easily found on the nearby Pentland Hills and along the striking coastline.

Scotland's capital city is a popular place to study, with four Universities and a number of colleges scattered throughout. In fact, a fifth of the population of Edinburgh is made up of students, making this a vibrant and dynamic place to live.

The Bible College has many links with churches in the area and encourages students to join a local fellowship while they are studying in Edinburgh.



## international

FMBC does not hold a Tier 4 sponsor licence from the UK Border Agency. This means that if you wish to come to FMBC from another country, you must meet the following criteria:

- you are a national of a country in the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland
- you are a British overseas territories citizen, unless you are from one of the sovereign base areas in Cyprus
- you are a Commonwealth citizen with permission to enter or stay in the UK because at least one of your grandparents was born here
- you have no conditions or time limit attached to your stay.

***Students for whom English is not their first language are normally required to have achieved an overall IELTS score of 6. If an applicant does not have a qualification of this type but, through an interview, demonstrates an ability to manage the course, that may be acceptable.***

## students with disabilities

We welcome applications from students with disabilities (including learning disabilities). We desire to make our courses accessible to all students who meet the entrance requirements and who share the aims and ethos of the college.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process, please contact FMBC Admissions on 0131 664 4336 or email [admin@fmbiblecollege.org.uk](mailto:admin@fmbiblecollege.org.uk)

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People are my passion – people who are hurting, trapped, alone, broken devastated and without hope. I studied at FMBC from 2008-10 and it was here this passion first kindled. Since then I have worked with young people, people who work the streets, people who have addictions. Currently I am working to help people who are trapped in human trafficking to find hope and freedom. The love I know Jesus has for these people keeps me motivated.

**Amy Bennett** : former student

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