

Meet the AFCOE Staff

DON MACKINTOSH is the Director of AFCOE and Amazing Facts Evangelism. He has coordinated and conducted multiple evangelistic meetings and bridge events. He has written a fresh series of studies on Daniel and Revelation and the Sanctuary. He has also produced a series of studies designed to lead people who attend health events to a study of Scripture entitled "What's The Connection?" Students will find his teaching to be dynamic and insightful.

TYLER LONG is the Assistant Director for AFCOE. Tyler is a graduate of the first AFCOE class and brings a skilled and passionate approach to evangelism. He has served as a Bible worker and an Amazing Facts Evangelist. His classes in Public Evangelism and Principles of Christian Faith will enable you to prepare, preach and preserve a bountiful harvest for the kingdom.

WES PEPPERS serves as the Outreach Coordinator at AFCOE and is a former AFCOE graduate. He has a passion for not just sharing Christ with others, but teaching others how to share Him. He has served in various areas of ministry including evangelist, pastor, Bible worker, missionary, and youth and lay evangelism coordinator that has provided a broad experience in ministry. His Christ centered classes will provide practical instruction on following Christ's methods in door to door work, giving Bible studies, reaching the heart, gaining decisions, and helping people grow in a relationship with Jesus.

DOUG BATCHELOR is the Director – President of Amazing Facts. Recognized as a rational biblical speaker, visionary leader, and dedicated soul-winner, Pastor Doug shares a passion to reveal Christ and the plan of salvation through Scripture. "Ask the pastor" is a favorite class of AFCOE students, as they tap into Pastor Doug's years of experience in answering Bible questions.

SHERRY POLK is the Registrar and women's dean for AFCOE. She was the principal and girls dean at Weimar Academy for many years.

GUEST LECTURERS for 2009 may include the following dynamic and well-qualified **church leaders:** David Asscherick, Stephen Bohr, Dr. Hans Diehl, Dr. Herbert E. Douglass, Mark Finley, Gary Gibbs, Dane Griffin, Vicki Griffin, Dr. Neil Nedley, James Nix, Dr. Alan Parker, Dr. Samuel Pipim, and Amazing Facts Evangelists and Revivalists.

Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism Handbook

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE). You have chosen an institution of academic and practical excellence, and we thank you for your interest in our program. Our purpose is to train committed Christians to do effective evangelism.

A dying world needs the message of a living Savior! God is calling people to prepare for service. Jesus said, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2).

There is nothing more rewarding or exciting than seeing people accept Christ as their Savior and embrace the truths of God’s Word. Many Christians long to effectively witness for God, but they lack the training that will enable them to be successful. Our center is designed to help Christians become dynamic soul winners.

Amazing Facts is uniquely situated to help make this a reality in your life. Our facility is located at the beautiful Weimar Campus, where you will be able to experience our dynamic evangelistic environment. You will see that real church growth can happen without bringing in worldly methods and entertainment. Our vast resources of radio and television programs, a thriving church, and our Amazing Facts staff will help you learn how to better share God’s truth in these last days.

If you have a real desire to see people come to the knowledge of truth and you want to help hasten the return of Jesus, AFCOE may be the place for you. Please read this handbook, pray for God’s leading, complete the application, and return it to our office right away. We look forward to hearing from you.

RELT 370 PUBLIC EVANGELISM (3)

Learn to prepare, preach, and preserve according to the principles of inspired writings. Practical instruction will cover the planning and implementation of the complete cycle of evangelism with a special focus on preaching or organizing your own evangelistic series. All aspects of this course will be experienced in a live field school with an Amazing Facts evangelistic campaign.

RELB 344 STUDIES IN PAULINE EPISTLES (1)

Study and understand the themes in Paul’s letters as they relate to the covenants. Issues of salvation, the gospel, law and grace, the nature of Israel, and the role of faith will be explored and explained. Contemporary questions in Adventism and Christianity will also be discussed.

RELP 330a PREACHING FOR DECISION (3)

Learn to prepare and deliver powerful evangelistic sermons that lead to decisions using a variety of preaching tools and styles. A study is made of the techniques in planning and constructing sermons. The student is required to prepare sermons and sermon outlines and is given an opportunity to practice preaching. Students are encouraged to preach their own evangelistic series.

RELP 400 PRACTICUM IN MINISTRY: COMMUNITY OUTREACH (2)

Experience the joy of friendship evangelism, door-to-door ministries, health evangelism, Bible studies, an evangelistic series and evangelistic visitation.

RELT 365 ELECTIVE TRACKS (2)

See page 9 for descriptions

NOTE:

For students considering continued education at Weimar College, one or more of the above classes may be replaced at the discretion of the Academic Dean.

These Courses are available for Credit through



Official statement from the North American Division Policy concerning Griggs University: Relationship of Griggs University and International Academy to Other Schools —

Relationship of Griggs University and International Academy to Other Schools Academies and colleges shall accept the credits of Griggs University and International Academy as of comparable academic value to credits earned in the regular classroom. In bulletins and other publicity mediums, denominational schools should avoid statements that could be interpreted by students as being unfavorable to correspondence work given by the Griggs University and International Academy. FE 35

RELT 250 PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH (3)

Study the biblical doctrines of the Christian faith as outlined in the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church, with special emphasis on salvation. Develop concise and meaningful answers to significant questions and objections to these doctrines. Memorize important passages and texts that support Bible doctrines.

RELB 212a PROPHETIC BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (3)

A detailed study of the books of Daniel and Revelation and how to present their prophetic messages in an evangelistic setting. Special attention will be given to the principles of prophetic interpretation, the literary and chiastic structures of prophetic books as well as the themes and central messages.

RELT 320 PERSONAL EVANGELISM (3)

Learn to awaken a spiritual interest and effectively communicate biblical truth through friendship evangelism, focused conversations, your personal testimony, literature distribution, door-to-door surveys and canvasses, community programs, health evangelism, Internet websites, and Bible studies. Study the fascinating principles of soul-winning, the process of conviction, and the art of leading people to decision. Learn how to communicate and minister in a local church effectively. These skills will be applied through field experience.

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“Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God’s helping hands in saving souls—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing” (*Evangelism*, p. 456).

“One worker who has been trained and educated for the work, who is controlled by the Spirit of Christ, will accomplish far more than ten laborers who go out deficient in knowledge, and weak in the faith.” (*Evangelism*, p. 109).



UTILITIES

Gas and electricity have been covered in your housing fee.

PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT

When sharing a room, please do everything possible to be pleasant. Little courtesies go a long way! Don’t neglect them. Please share responsibilities for keeping the facilities clean and respect the personal property and space of your roommates.

TELEPHONE

Cell phones (ATT) get good reception at Weimar. Phones that are in the dorm will require a phone card.

TELEVISION AND MUSIC

We ask that students maintain a quiet, studious atmosphere conducive to spiritual thoughts and in harmony with Christian principles. In order to best meet the needs of our program and promote Christian development, we do not allow televisions in the apartments and rooms.

If you wish to listen to music in your accommodations, please obtain the consent of your roommates before “sharing” your music with them. If necessary, use headphones or keep the volume low.

All music needs to be in keeping with Christian standards as set forth in Philippians 4:8. Music classified as “Christian rock” or “rap” is not appropriate.

TRANSPORTATION

Students are responsible for providing and maintaining their own transportation for class attendance and community outreach activities. It may be possible for students who do not bring their own vehicle to be teamed with those who do. In such instances, the students will be paying carpool fees to help offset gas and vehicle expenses.

Students needing **transportation for outreach** will need to contribute \$300 - \$500, based on current gas prices, to their partner to cover expenses.

Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation

HOUSING

You will receive a letter specifying your accommodations and what you will need to bring. You will share a room with another person.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Although there are trailer parks in the area, it is normally expensive and difficult to obtain a space. Parking spaces are not available at Amazing Facts sites or at the local churches.

MEALS

Students will eat their meals at the Weimar Cafeteria.

CLEANLINESS

Please keep your living quarters clean at all times. A vacuum cleaner is available.

COMPUTERS

If you have a personal computer, it will be useful in your assignments and outreach projects. No DVD movies should be used during your time here, unless they are of a religious nature.

DAMAGE

Students are responsible for damage done to their rooms and will be charged for the cost of repair.



AFCOE Mission Statement

Equipping disciples to proclaim and exemplify the final message of Jesus Christ to all of the world.

Core Objectives:

1. Training

To give training in the various aspects of the complete cycle of evangelism:

- a. Personal evangelism (including how to find and give Bible studies, how to get decisions and how to awaken spiritual interest)
- b. Public evangelism (including how to preach and organize meetings and follow-up)
- c. Understanding of Bible doctrines and Bible answers
- d. Understanding of end-time prophecies

2. Education

To grow students in the image of Christ by giving them a Bible-based, Christ-centered education that enables mature Christian thinking and practice.

3. Research

To gain further insight into evangelistic processes and potential through ongoing research projects

4. Worship

To give students an environment where true worship is both practiced and encouraged.

5. Personal Relationship with God

To enable students to grow in their personal relationship with God by providing a nurturing spiritual environment.

6. Healing

Finding wholeness out of brokenness by experiencing the life and death of Christ.

7. Discipling

Mentoring disciples to Christ-like leadership.

8. Replication

To implement the AFCOE mission through the development of national and global training centers.

**“Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15).**

Admission Policies

ADMISSION

Students must be members in good and regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church so that they will have the foundational Bible knowledge necessary for this course. Students must be 18 years or older to attend.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

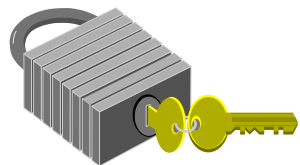
All students need to complete and submit an application, along with a non-refundable processing fee of \$50, to AFCEC by the application deadline (see below). Applications will not be processed without the application fee. Send a recent picture of yourself for your file. Each application will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. All applicants will be notified regarding their acceptance to the college.

APPLICATION DEADLINES – See page 7 for dates.

- To qualify for a \$250 tuition discount for the Complete Course, applications must be postmarked 120 days prior to the opening day of the program for which you are enrolling.
- The application deadline is 90 days prior to the first day of class.
- Students applying after the deadline will be charged an additional \$100 late fee and will be accepted by special permission only.

MEDICAL EXAMS

A current physical examination (dated not more than 6 months prior to the first day of class) is required to be on file for all accepted students in the Complete Program (four-month) and is due with the last payment.



FORBIDDEN ITEMS

In no case may firearms, hunting or pocket knives, recreational drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pornography, gang symbols, or occult items be permitted in the housing, car, or possession of AFCEC students. Discovery of such items is grounds for immediate dismissal without a refund.

HONESTY

All students are expected to have a high standard of personal integrity. All forms of dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, are grounds for dismissal without a refund. Integrity should also be displayed in computer usage, avoiding accessing websites of questionable moral nature. Care must be taken in the use of equipment at Amazing Facts and local churches. Integrity should be shown in one's interactions with other students.

ATTENDANCE

AFCEC encourages students to take responsibility for class attendance. Students must participate in all scheduled classes and outreach activities. Students must be on time to each scheduled event. If a student is absent, he or she must fill out the appropriate form. Each unexcused absence from class will reduce the student's grade by 10 percent at the end of the term. Tardiness will also impact students' grades.

STUDENT DISMISSAL

Students are asked to assist the staff and other students by manifesting a cooperative & harmonious attitude. Students must complete assignments by the date requested, meet community outreach goals, and abide by written rules as outlined in this handbook. If you have concerns, questions, or special circumstances, please discuss them with college administration. Every effort is made to carefully resolve such issues. AFCEC reserves the right to dismiss a student, who fails to abide by the policies and guidelines in this handbook, without a refund.

Standards and Practices

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Students are expected to live in harmony with biblical teachings and the guidelines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

We strongly encourage each student to maintain a regular time of personal prayer and Bible study. Without this experience, you will miss the blessing that could otherwise be yours during our time together.

SOCIAL RELATIONS

A friendly and professional association is expected between students. Because of the intensity of the program, dating and courting is discouraged among the students while in school. All students are required to maintain a high standard of moral purity, avoiding the appearance of inappropriate attentions to the opposite sex.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Sabbath hours, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, are a sacred and joyous time for spiritual renewal, public worship, and Christian fellowship. Secular activities (shopping, business, and distracting amusements) are to be avoided during this time. Attendance at worship services is required, unless arrangements are made to accommodate special circumstances.

DRESS

Dress and grooming should be modest, neat, and clean. Please do not wear shorts, torn jeans, sleeveless tops, skin-tight apparel, low-cut or unbuttoned shirts. Jewelry, including wedding bands/rings, shall not be worn. Tattoos should be covered and not visible if possible.

When participating in class or community outreach, a professional or professional-casual look is expected. (No jeans or T-shirts!) Ladies, skirts or dresses are expected. Gentlemen, please wear dress pants and collared shirts.

REGISTRATION

Students should arrive for registration at Weimar Center of Health and Education located at 20601 West Paoli Lane, Weimar, CA 95736 on the published beginning date for your session. Arrivals before registration day will not be accommodated in student housing. To register, students must have submitted an application, been accepted to AFCOE, and previously submitted their medical examination documentation. If you have any questions, please call Amazing Facts at (916)209-7249, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 6 P.M., Pacific Time.



Directions to Weimar College

- **From Sacramento, take I-80 East toward Reno**
- **I-80 Exit # 130 – West Paoli Lane**
- **Follow signs to Weimar Institute**
- **Once on campus, follow signs to the Chapel where registration will be held.**

For those taking Super Shuttle from the Airport be sure to have the address given in the paragraph at the top of this page.

Financial Information

AFCOE is operated by Amazing Facts, Inc., a nonprofit Christian ministry. Neither Amazing Facts nor AFCOE receive any state, federal, or denominational funding or subsidies. AFCOE is dependent on tuition and donations to continue operation.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Tuition and Housing (see financial schedule on p. 7)

Housing (for families) Call for options

Plan on at least \$1,500 to cover the following (plus living expenses):

- Books (estimated for four-month course) \$300 - \$500
- Cleaning, Damage and Key Deposit (4-month course) \$100
- Field Trip fee \$60
- Transportation (responsibility of student) – see p.15 Varies

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR APPLYING EARLY

- Applications postmarked 120 days before opening day of class will receive a \$250 discount on tuition fees.
- A “buddy” discount of \$500 each is awarded to students when two or more apply together. This can apply to family members or friends but must be indicated on the application when it is sent in.

COLLEGE CREDITS

As of January 1, 2007 those who complete Griggs University requirements at AFCOE will be eligible to apply for credits to be transferred to the SDA College or University of their choice.

REFUND POLICY

All cancellations must be made in writing and sent to Amazing Facts by mail, fax, or e-mail. Cancellations received 45 days prior to the opening day of classes will receive a full refund. Refunds requested after this period through the first 30 calendar days of the class program will receive a 50 percent refund of tuition only. There will be no refund for housing. There will be no refunds for cancellations after this 30-day period.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A small scholarship fund does exist. To apply, please submit a written request for the scholarship form after acceptance has been confirmed.

Future Options

After AFCOE, then what? AFCOE provides a unique springboard into many ministry options. However, like most schools, we do not guarantee employment on the completion of our course.

The most common position that is available to AFCOE graduates is to enter full-time employment as a Bible worker. Many churches contact us requesting the services of a Bible worker to bring revival and promote evangelism in the local church. The Empowered Church program also uses Bible workers. Visit www.empoweredchurch.com to get more information. We make these positions available to our graduates for them to deal directly with the churches involved. In most cases, the local church will then employ the Bible worker on a contract basis for six months up to two years.

We also have openings for younger graduates to be involved in ASI (Adventist Services and Lay Industries) youth evangelism projects. Again, most positions in these projects are for Bible workers. Other youth evangelism positions are also available on completion of our course.

Amazing Facts will also occasionally select one of AFCOE’s graduates to begin training as a full-time public evangelist. These positions are limited to one or two openings a year and selections are made according to (a) the recognition of the gift of public evangelism; (b) the ability to secure meetings; and (c) the flexibility to travel and be “on the road.”

Very occasionally, AFCOE graduates are able to go directly into full-time pastoral ministry. However, we generally encourage those who desire to enter pastoral ministry to continue their studies in theology. Older students may consider lay pastoral ministry opportunities.

AFCOE is also connected with Outpost Center International, Adventist Frontier Missions, Southern Adventist University, and the Pacific Union’s Literature Evangelism department. We encourage our graduates to consider opportunities provided by each of these institutions in areas such as missionary work, further studies in health/religion and training in colporteurism.

You will find that AFCOE is an excellent place for you to develop the skills and experience you need to enter in a satisfying and lifelong work in evangelism and ministry.

Field Outreach

An important part of our training is the practical application of the information students learn in class. Instruction includes regular opportunities for students to develop their skills and gifts in real-life experiences with non-believers.

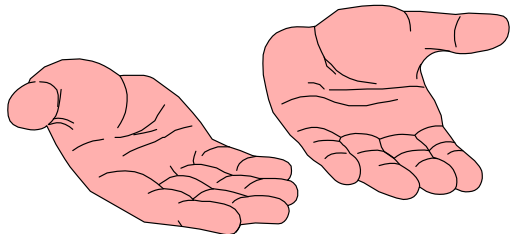
Students work in teams of two under the supervision and guidance of experienced Bible workers, pastors, and evangelists. They seek to take non-believers from the point of initial contact all the way through to baptism and full profession of faith.

Participation in a health seminar and local evangelistic meetings conducted by Amazing Facts and their partners also provides an important part of the training.

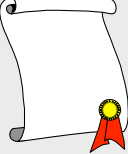
Opportunity may also be given to interested graduates to present an evangelistic series of their own, both locally and internationally. The student normally sponsors the cost of traveling and living expenses.

Some ministries in which students will participate may include: prayer ministries, friendship evangelism, door-to-door ministry and one-on-one Bible studies, visiting people who have responded to Amazing Facts media programs, reclaiming former and missing members, running a correspondence Bible school, leading small-group studies, evangelistic visitation, gaining decisions, preparing people for baptism, and discipling new believers.

Our classes are designed to give each student the personal attention they need to develop their soul-winning potential.



Financial Schedule 2009

	COMPLETE EVANGELISM COURSE - 4 months Jan. 22 - May 29, 2009	AFCOE BLITZ 3 - weeks July 4 - 22, 2009	COMPLETE EVANGELISM COURSE - 4 months July 23- Nov. 20, 2009
Early Application Discount DEADLINE	<i>Sept. 25, 2008</i> <i>Save \$250</i>		<i>Mar. 20, 2009</i> <i>Save \$250</i>
Final Application DEADLINE	<i>Oct. 23, 2008</i>	<i>June 8, 2009</i>	<i>April 24, 2009</i>
First Payment DUE DATE	<i>\$2,500</i> <i>Nov. 20, 2008</i>		<i>\$2,500</i> <i>May 21, 2009</i>
Final Payment DUE DATE	<i>\$2,500</i> <i>Dec. 18, 2008</i>	<i>\$500</i> <i>June 8, 2009</i>	<i>\$2,500</i> <i>June 18, 2009</i>
TOTAL COST	<i>\$5,000</i> includes tuition, meals and housing	<i>\$500</i> includes tuition and housing	<i>\$5,000</i> includes tuition, meals and housing

Program Descriptions

COMPLETE EVANGELISM COURSE – *Four-Month Program*

Rocklin, CA

January 22 to May 30, 2009

Rocklin, CA

July 23 to November 20, 2009, 2009

This dynamic and comprehensive course prepares you for an entry-level career in ministry. Come study God's Word, learn principles of effective soul-winning, and work under the mentorship of seasoned, committed soul-winners. You will learn how to do personal witnessing and give Bible studies. You will be able to answer difficult questions, present sermons, study the evangelism cycle and learn the science of soul-winning and gaining decisions. The prophetic message of the Adventist church receives particular emphasis. For *Course Descriptions* see pages 16 & 17.

Those who complete Griggs University requirements at AFCOE will be eligible to apply for credits.

AFCOE BLITZ An optional 3-week literature evangelism program from July 5-22, 2009. You will receive a scholarship commission that will be deducted from your AFCOE tuition as well as some spending money for necessities during the program. The Blitz will jump start your AFCOE experience with training in people skills, territory management, endurance and trust in God. This program will be run according to the Pacific Union's magabook program guidelines.

AFCOE TO "GO" is a 4-day overview of AFCOE for the professional or student who is unable to attend the 4-month Complete Course.

Dates: January 12 to 15, 2009; **or** June 22 to 25, 2009

Place: Sacramento, CA area – Weimar Institute

Class size: Limited to 50 students

Total Fee: \$500 payable when applying (or \$650 for a couple sharing materials).

The student is responsible for food, lodging and transportation.

ONE-YEAR BIBLE WORKER COURSE: 4-Month Course & Field Practicum

Acceptance into this program is not guaranteed but is based on the student's performance and ability in our Complete Course. Call for more information.

MISSION TRIPS:

June 1 to 21, 2009

December 1 to 20, 2009

Estimated cost around \$2,000

Ukraine

India

Elective Tracks

In addition to the basic training all receive while attending AFCOE, students can receive specialized instruction and mentorship by choosing a more specialized track. Sixteen hours of focused instruction will be available in one of the following three areas:

Health Evangelism: In this track you'll receive an overview of seminars that can effectively meet the physical and emotional needs of people. You will also assist in conducting a health seminar. In addition you'll learn to lead those attending these seminars to a study of God's truth for this time.

Advanced Bible Worker: Receive more extensive training in how to awaken spiritual interest, lead small groups, coordinate bridge events, gain decisions with confidence and teach an evangelism training class in your church that will equip lay members for successful outreach in your community. Learn how to be an efficient, professional Bible Worker.

Lay Pastoral: Discover how to clarify your call to ministry, how to understand church dynamics and be an effective leader of change. Learn how to conduct the special services of a church (dedications, communions, marriages, funerals, anointing services). Those who demonstrate superior ability and desire additional opportunities to preach will be assigned to local churches requesting an AFCOE speaker on a given Sabbath.