



Lay Institute for Evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

This is  LIFE (Lay Institute For Evangelism)

We are so glad that you have chosen to experience LIFE! While we have tried to be complete, this handbook may leave some questions unanswered, so feel free to give us a call. Each member of our staff attended a school similar to LIFE and are acquainted with the *excitement* and *faith* that it takes to interrupt work, school, and family life for the privilege of learning how to better serve the Lord. We have been praying that the Lord would call you to the field's that are white with harvest and for this reason we are looking forward to experiencing LIFE with you.

How LIFE began...

The Lay Institute for Evangelism (LIFE) is an ASI sponsored lay training school located in Florida with classes being held at Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland as well as Forest Lake Academy in Orlando. LIFE came into existence through the generous gift of a dedicated Seventh-day Adventist businessman by the name of Larry Sharley. Because of the visionary insight of Mr. Sharley, LIFE is now a fully operational Evangelism training school dedicated to equipping Seventh-day Adventist church members to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

Life exists to *Inspire* and *Instruct* Christians to become *Involved* in winning souls for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Objective

In keeping with LIFE's Mission Statement our ultimate goal is to *Inspire* and *Instruct* Christians to become *Involved* in winning souls for the Kingdom of Heaven. Recognizing that not every person can leave their occupation/family/ and responsibilities for our Operation Mission LIFE program which lasts 16 weeks, LIFE accomplishes our Mission Statement via the following programs:



Onsite Training

Two Week Bible Study Boot Camp (BSBC) (Summer/Fall Term)

Three Week BSBC/Multi-Media Course (Summer/Fall Term)

Four Week Evangelism Cycle/BSBC/Multi-Media Course (Summer/Fall Term)

Five Week Summer Institute (Summer Term)

16 Week Operation Mission LIFE (Fall Term)

Weekend Intensives at your local Church (Spring/Summer)

One Night per Week for 6 Weeks at local churches (Spring/Summer)



Online Training Classes

Online video training modules available beginning Fall of 2009

Online audio training modules available beginning Fall of 2009

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Housing:

Summer Institute 2009, the 2 week, 3 week, and 4 week programs--Summer Institute will be held on the Lady Lake Church campus. You will have the privilege of two roommates for this course. You will need to bring twin sheets/blankets, and your own pillow. You will also need your own wash cloth, towel, and personal toiletry items.

Operation Mission LIFE 2009, the 2 week, 3 week, and 4 week programs--These programs will be held on the beautiful campus of Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland, Florida. You will enjoy the privilege of having two roommates for this course. Bedding will be supplied. Families will have a slightly higher cost due to housing and meal needs.

Guests:

If you are expecting guests during the course, please speak to our Administrator so that arrangements can be made for housing/food.

It is only by special arrangement/emergencies that any LIFE student may miss classes during the term. If the student is wanting to travel on the weekends and be off of Campus, he/she must submit that request in writing. You will find the form for this in the "Forms" section.

Laundry Facilities:

Laundry facilities are available on the Pine Lake Retreat Campus for a fee. And there are laundromats in Groveland (7 miles from Camp).

Laundromat facilities are available in the Lady Lake Church at no cost.

Meals:

The cost per meal for **guests** is \$7.00/meal. Payable to LIFE. All visitors should contact LIFE prior to arrival so that those preparing the meals can be prepared. The number to contact is 1-888-MAT 28:19.

Dress: (The final determination as to the appropriateness of clothing will be left to the discretion of the on-site staff, namely Pastors Scott and Phillip, and Eleida E. Feliciano.)

For Men:

Classroom attire should be suited for learning. No shorts or t-shirts with off-color designs/slogans. It should be kept in mind that the Uniform of a Christian shows which side he/she is on.

Recreational attire should be modest with no tight fitting clothing.

Swimming attire--shorts should come close to the knee, a colored t-shirt must be worn.

For Ladies:

Classroom attire should be suited for learning. Skirts should come below the knee. No cleavage should be shown. No tight fitting clothing.

Recreational attire should be modest with no tight fitting clothing.

Swimming attire--shorts should come close to the knee, a colored t-shirt with appropriate under clothing must be worn.

Adornment:**The Seventh-Day Adventist Church Manual Speaks...**

“To dress plainly, abstaining from display of jewelry and ornaments of every kind, is in keeping with our faith.”— Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 366. It is clearly taught in the Scriptures that the wearing of jewelry is contrary to the will of God. ‘ . . . not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array’ is the admonition of the apostle Paul (1 Tim. 2:9). The wearing of ornaments of jewelry is a bid for attention which is not in keeping with Christian self-forgetfulness. SDA Church manual p. 176, Paragraph 4

Attendance:

Class attendance is mandatory. If you have visiting family or friends, it is your duty to let them know that you will not be able to miss any classes while they are visiting. Any absence must be approved by Eleida E. Feliciano, Phillip Sizemore, or Scott Moore. Excess absences for any reason will be grounds for dismissal. **See weekend leave request form below.

Outreach:

Mandatory. One of LIFE’s strengths is the opportunity to use what you learn. Every student in all of LIFE’s courses will be required to participate in Outreach activities. Refusal to participate or skipping Outreach activities will not give you the opportunity to experience soul-winning first hand and will result in your dismissal from the program.

Duties while at LIFE:

During your time here at LIFE, you will be assigned specific weekly projects that aid in the upkeep of the facilities, as well as the preparation of the meals. The Bible says that the one who is faithful in the least will be faithful in much. Your participation in the activities assigned to you on a weekly basis are appreciated, necessary, and mandatory. Failure to participate in the assigned weekly duties will be grounds for dismissal.

Dismissal of student/Students desire to leave the program:

LIFE reserves the prerogative to dismiss any student for their willful refusal to participate in the activities of LIFE.

If you are dismissed for willful refusal to follow LIFE’s policies as listed in this handbook or those policies shared with you throughout the LIFE course, there will be no refund of monies paid and a forfeiture of any equipment you acquired while as a student of LIFE..

If a student wishes to leave the program of their own choice within the first 15 days of the program, that student will receive a 50% refund of monies paid and will forfeit the equipment that was acquired while as a student of LIFE..

If a student wishes to leave the program of their own choice after the first 15 days but before the 30th day of the program, that student will receive a 25% refund of monies paid and will forfeit any equipment acquired while as a student of LIFE.

If a student wishes to leave the program of their own choice after the first 30 days of the program, that student will not receive any refund of monies paid and will forfeit any equipment that was acquired while as a student of LIFE.

Weekend Leave Policy:

You must have administration approval for any leave during your stay at LIFE. If you are under the age of 18 you may not leave campus without a faxed permission slip from your parents. This fax must include their signature and the location to which you will be going and the method of transportation. Fax number: 352-557-4554.

Student must return by 12:00 pm Sunday afternoon. There will be no Weekend Leaves approved during the Evangelistic Meeting. All students expecting to leave during the Thursday/Friday of Thanksgiving must fill out a Weekend Leave request form and must return by 12:00 pm the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

**Program Costs: (includes food/transportation once you are in Orlando/books/lodging)
Those coming with families, please contact us for information on the additional costs. 888-MAT 28:19 or info@ComeExperienceLIFE.com**

Summer Institute 2009 (Full Summer Program)--\$1500

Summer/Fall Two Week Bible Study Boot Camp (BSBC)--\$750

Summer/Fall Three Week BSBC/BSBC Media Course--\$1000

Summer/Fall Four Week Cycle of Evangelism/BSBC/BSBC Media--\$1275

Operation Mission LIFE--\$4500 (Without New Macbook 13" Computer)

Operation Mission LIFE--\$4850 (Includes New Macbook 13" Computer. No, this price is not a typo. We at LIFE want to make sure that when you leave LIFE you are equipped to train the church that you call home.)

Insurance:

LIFE does not provide health insurance for students. Each student is responsible for his/her own health insurance.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In all of the courses offered, regardless of the Session you attend, our goal is to equip you to mentor others to be effective soul-winners too!

COURSES OFFERED IN SUMMER AND FALL

Outreach: (140 hours)

What you learn in the classroom must be put into practice. LIFE is a very practical program that utilizes approximately 14 hours of door to door ministry each week. The student will experience the satisfaction of giving Bible studies, holding health expos, working in an evangelistic meeting, etc. This is by far one of the most rewarding classes at LIFE.

Cycle of Evangelism: (20 hours)

This module is designed to introduce you to Evangelism being a *cycle* rather than an *event*. Topics covered during this module include:

- i. Necessary elements for maintaining revival in your life.
- ii. Having a fruitful and enjoyable prayer life.
- iii. Ways to study the Bible so that the Living Book is alive for you.
- iv. How to share your personal testimony effectively.
- v. How to recognize conviction.
- vi. How to foster decisions based on conviction.

Bible Study Boot Camp (BSBC) Module: (60 hours)

While teaching the fundamental Truths of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, this “sure to be favorite module” models for you in a Bible Study format how to:

- i. *Center* your study on Christ
- ii. *Mark* your study in your Bible
- iii. *Know* the study well enough to share it with confidence
- iv. *Defend* the difficult texts associated with each study

Be sure to **bring a Bible** that you will **feel comfortable marking** your studies in. This marked Bible will become your well honed Sword for giving Bible Studies as well as your sermon outlines for the BSBC Multi-Media Course. The suggested versions are KJV or NKJV.

BSBC Multi-Media Module: (16 hours)

To enhance the sharing of the Truths taught in BSBC, this module teaches you how to use Multi-Media presentations not only in a Bible Study but to preach an Evangelistic Meeting. At the completion of this module you will have the “nuts and bolts” necessary to preach Evangelistic Meeting Sermons using your computer (or one that you borrow).

Revelation (20 hours)

Focusing on the New Testament’s apocalyptic book, this in-depth study of the book of the Revelation takes you through the seven churches, the seven seals, the seven trumpets, the seven plagues, the 144,000, etc. while revealing Christ.

COURSES OFFERED ONLY IN THE FALL

Literature Evangelism Module: (16 hours [classroom time])

This module is designed to enhance the opportunities for giving Bible Studies. Each Sunday we will be gaining Bible Study leads for follow up on the Wednesday and Thursday outreach times. Taught by successful Literature Evangelists this course will teach you suggested techniques for spreading the Gospel via the written word. (The funds that are donated for these books will be used to offset the costs of Operation Mission LIFE Multi-Media Module.)

Health Evangelism: (16 hours)

Learn the role of the health message as a productive entering wedge for public and personal evangelism, endeavoring to pattern after Christ's method of reaching souls. Students receive instruction in the principles of healthful living, natural remedies, and how to integrate a proper use of health into the cycle of evangelism through community health expo's, seminars, and door-to-door ministry.

Salvation in the Sanctuary: (16 hours)

Since, "the correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith," (Ev 221) it behooves each of us to study the sanctuary teaching so that we can stand on a firm foundation. Students will receive a thorough understanding of Christ and His ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

Appeals/The Art of Persuasion: (12 hours)

This module teaches you how to make sure the Truths that you present in a sermon or a Bible Study go to the heart. Eight hours of lecture and four hours of practical application.

Horizons (16 hours)

In this module the student will learn (1) who codified the Scripture and when was it codified, (2) how was the Scripture codified, (3) the chronological order of Scripture, (4) when were the books written, by whom, and what is the main purpose/thought of each book, (5) which of the Biblical authors were contemporaries, (6) and you will be required to memorize the canonized order of Scripture.

Homiletics: (8 hours)

This module teaches you how to preach. The student will learn the different types of sermons, how to write a sermon, how to present a sermon, the do's and don'ts of preaching. The student will be required to preach a 10 minute sermon.

Spirit of Prophecy (20 hours)

1 Thess 5:20-21 Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Today many despise prophesying. We have been given the plans that the enemy of souls is making for the greatest battle that has ever been fought. Only a fool would turn down the battle plans of the enemy in the middle of a war. In this class we will cover (1) Who was Ellen White?, (2) What has God given to us through her writings?, (3) From Early Writings to Last Day Events, (4) Does a true prophet ever err?, (5) Answering the critics of Ellen White.

Daniel (20 hours)

Focusing on the Old Testament's apocalyptic book, this in-depth study of the book of Daniel takes you from Chapter 1 of Daniel through to Chapter 12.

Relationships (4 hours)

This class teaches you what you should look for in a spouse, how to relate to the opposite gender, and appropriate steps that should be taken prior to marriage.

The Pauline Epistles: The relationship between Law and Grace (20 hours)

This class helps you defend the Law while uplifting God's Gracious Gift in Jesus. Focusing on some of Paul's most difficult to understand books we will study the controversial passages that are most often brought up in Bible studies. This class will focus on the book of Galatians and Romans.

Morals for Mortals (Ethics) (8 hours)

A foundation course in moral decision making in the fields ethics. The objective is to discover timeless norms by which to make basic ethical decisions across the professional spectrum. These norms are then applied to issues relevant to the student.

Judging the Sabbath (8 hours)

A course that delves into the actual meaning of Colossians 2:14-17.

Is the Sabbath done away with in these verses? What will you say when you are giving a Bible study on the Sabbath and these verses are brought into view? This class will prepare you for the inevitable questions that arise when you are sharing God's most precious Time with others.

World Religions (12 hours)

A foundation course in knowing how to witnessing to different religious backgrounds and persuasions. This course focuses on the major religions prominent in the United States and how to build bridges between them and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Church History (16 hours)

A course that winds through the history of the Christian church from the death of the Apostles to the present. When was Truth left behind and what religious groups and their leaders were responsible for studying and teaching the doctrines that we as Seventh-Day Adventists hold. You will study the timeline of history and the formation of Churches up to the present day.

Reaching Missing Members (4 hours)

In the United States it has been estimated there are just as many former/missing members of our congregations as there are attending members. This course focuses on how to bring those we love so dearly back into the Church.

Hermeneutics (16 hours)

This foundation course teaches the student the correct methods for extracting Biblical truths from the Bible. The student will be shown how they can be confident that the Word of God we have today is the same Word of God that was written by the Biblical authors. You will also be given the knowledge tools necessary for correct Biblical interpretation.

