

Sunday School Curriculum Committee

Purpose: To develop an engaging, Bible centered Sunday School Curriculum for grades 1 – 12. All content is to be in alignment with the Word of God as well as the Vision, Mission, Purpose and Guiding Principles of the Apostolic Christian Church of America.

Philosophical Considerations: Before students graduates from an Apostolic Christian Bible Class what should they be exposed to in terms of knowledge, awareness, skills, opportunities, experiences?

- Teaching from the Bible is core. While Bible literacy is valuable, it is the transforming power of Christ that redeems souls that allows individuals to be his followers and become the “light of the world.” Matt. 5:14
- Sunday School Curriculum should engage parents and “come along side” what is being taught at home. In cases of unconverted or disengaged parents, Sunday School will likely become the primary source of Biblical teaching. For perspective, if the average Sunday School lesson is 30 minutes and students receive 50 lessons annually that equates to 25 hours of instruction per year or 300 hundred hours of formal instruction time from the first through twelfth grades. In their entire Sunday School experience, the typical student will receive less than the equivalent of 8 weeks of classroom time in a public/private school. This reality behooves the team to be very prayerful and intentional about what is taught. It is incumbent upon the teachers to be in the Word and sensitive to the Spirit.
- Print is only one form of media and can become quickly outdated. Other means of communication including links, videos should be considered. Knowledgeable guest speakers could be leveraged. The format should allow the material to be easily updated.
- Teachers need to have the ability to adapt the curriculum to their local environment.
- Many resources of talent and information currently exist within the brotherhood. For example, it is within the Elders Teaching Resource (ETR) Mission help ground Sunday School teachers in sound doctrine. ACCFS has Sunday School lessons and will continue to produce pertinent material. Other church ministries to tap include Gateway Woods HarvestCall and Onward Media.

Scope of Work: The Scope of Work can be viewed in four phases

- Phase 1: Determine an overarching philosophy that will guide curriculum development.
- Phase 2: Research existing materials within (and outside) the brotherhood. Perform a gap analysis which may include a survey of leadership.
- Phase 3: From the inputs received, develop a Strategic Plan to incorporate existing resources and create new materials into a comprehensive curriculum. Prior to proceeding, the Strategic Plan will be reviewed/approved by Onward Media.
- Phase 4: Implement the Strategic Plan. This phase will include expanded teams.