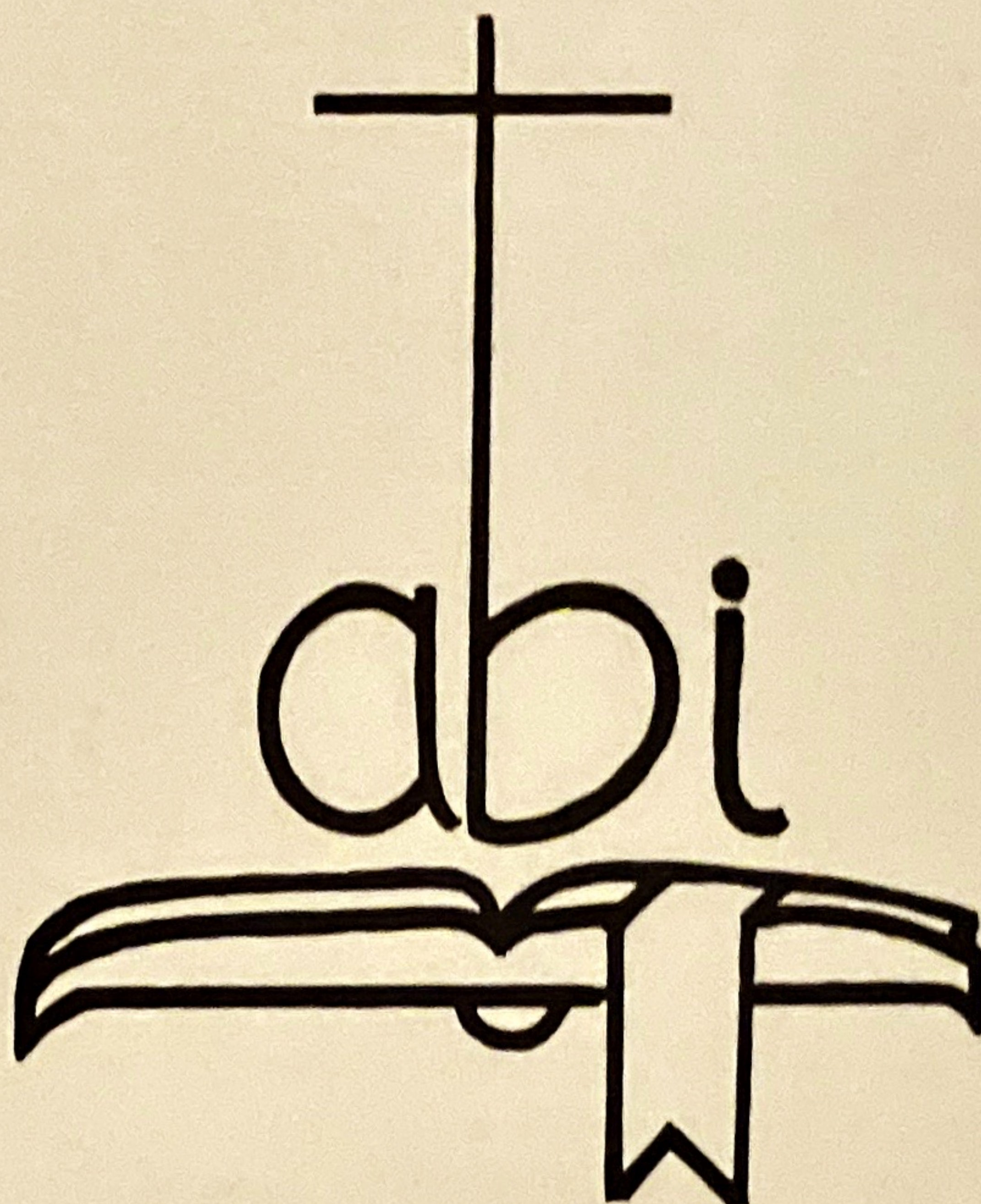


ALBANY BIBLE INSTITUTE
ESTABLISHED 1912



**AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY
TRAINING GOD'S PEOPLE FOR SERVICE
IN LOCAL CHURCHES**

**“FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE
PAST WAS WRITTEN TO TEACH US,
SO THAT THROUGH THE ENDURANCE AND THE
ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES
WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE.”**

ROMANS 15:4

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HISTORY

Albany Bible Institute had its beginning in 1912 as the Young Women's Bible Training Movement. The purpose was to train women in the Scriptures in order to serve Christ at home and abroad. Through the diligent efforts of Mrs. Harriet Christie and Miss Lucy Jones the school was incorporated in 1915. Facilities at 7 High Street were initially rented for classes and fellowship. God blessed abundantly and soon these quarters were outgrown, making larger facilities necessary. Through prayer and work a building at 107 Columbia Street was rented and eventually purchased. Not long thereafter more space was again needed, and in 1922 property at 281 State Street was secured. Six years later the adjoining building at 283 State Street was purchased, which was owned by A.B.I. for over 50 years until its sale in 1987. At present, offices are housed in the Mekeel Lodge at Camp Pinnacle in Voorheesville.

Many people prayed and served faithfully through the years to make Bible instruction available in the Capital District. Mrs. Christie went to be with Christ in 1946, and the torch of leadership was passed to Dr. Herbert Mekeel as Board President and Miss Mary Rogers as Director. After Miss Rogers' Homegoing in 1976 Michael Hupp assumed leadership. He was followed by Rev. William James, Rev. Carlton Walker, and Rev. Donald Lyon.

Through the years many have learned God's truth to serve Him more effectively. The purpose of A.B.I. remains the same: to provide instruction for spreading the Gospel in the Capital District and around the world. Classes in Bible study and on Bible-related subjects are offered throughout the area with the prayer and desire to see Christ glorified.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Statement of Purpose

The Constitution of the Albany Bible Institute defines its purpose as:

1. To spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. To teach the Christian faith and to train and disciple people for Christian service.

By offering Bible and Bible-related courses of instruction as well as seminars and workshops for continuing education Albany Bible Institute seeks to fulfill this purpose by equipping God's people for local church ministry and assisting in individual and church growth.

Doctrinal Statement

We believe in the Divine inspiration of the Bible; that the books from Genesis to Revelation are without error, and are the infallible authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to reign in power and glory.

We believe in the fall of man, his moral depravity, and the necessity of the new birth.

We believe in the substitutionary atonement through the shed blood of Christ, in justification by faith, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. This is God's provision for the salvation of lost and sinful men from the penalty and power of sin.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto eternal life, and they that are lost unto eternal punishment.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

This statement is signed by all Board and committee members, administrators, and faculty members.

Affiliation

Albany Bible Institute is an interdenominational evangelical ministry sharing the common bond of love for God, His Work, His world, and the desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread at home and abroad.

Location and Facilities

Albany Bible Institute has its offices and administrative center in the Mekeel Lodge at Camp Pinnacle on Pinnacle Road (County Route 303), Voorheesville, NY 12186. Classes are held at Camp Pinnacle and at various other locations throughout the Greater Capital District.

Administration

Albany Bible Institute is under the general oversight of the Board of Trustees, the members of which are elected for three-year terms by the constituency at the Annual Meeting each April. An A. B. I. Committee of six to twelve members is appointed by the Board to assist in fulfilling its purpose and goals. Policies and procedures are carried out by the administration.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Faculty

Albany Bible Institute utilizes the services of qualified Christian people as instructors. Teachers include vocational Christian workers as well as lay people representing many churches and ministries of the Capital District. A list of current faculty members is available on request.

Enrollment

Albany Bible Institute accepts students regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, or educational background who desire to learn God's truth. Registration forms are in the printed brochure for each term or may be obtained from the A.B.I. office. Applications for the certificate programs (see the section "Programs") are available from the office as well. Students may normally register until the second week of classes each term.

Attendance

Instructors will keep records of attendance for each class. No credit may be given if a student has more than two (2) absences unless approved by the Executive Director or Dean. It is requested that students be punctual so classes may begin on schedule.

Library

Albany Bible Institute is seeking to build a collection of books and other materials to assist students in their course work. In addition to these resources instructors often make books available to their students from their personal collections. Churches in the area may also be of assistance in opening their libraries to students for research and growth. Additional resources may be found in school and public libraries.

Grading

All students taking courses for credit will receive a grade for each course. The grade will be determined by the instructor after taking such factors

as papers, projects, examinations, and class participation into consideration.

Letter grades will be awarded as follows:

- A Excellent
- B Good
- C Acceptable
- D Below average
- F Failure

Some courses will receive no letter grade but will be evaluated on a "Pass/Fail" basis. An "Incomplete" (Inc.) will be assigned if requirements for the course are not met by a student seeking credit.

Audits

Anyone may audit any class provided he/she registers and pays the course fee. Such students are not required to complete assignments or take examinations. A change from audit to credit status may be made with the approval of the Executive Director or Dean through the second class session.

Schedules

Two terms are conducted each academic year: Fall and Spring. Specific dates and times for class meetings are determined according to the programs involved. More specific scheduling information will be found under the descriptions of the various programs. Final schedules will be announced in each term's brochure.

Course Cancellation

Normally a class will be cancelled if less than five students are enrolled. A course may continue with fewer than the minimum number if the Executive Director or Dean deems it warranted in the best interest of the students and program. A decision will be reached by the second class session. Full tuition refunds will be given in case of cancellation.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition

Albany Bible Institute tries to keep tuition at a minimum in order to make it possible for all who desire to participate to do so. Current policies are as follows:

1. Tuition costs are listed under the descriptions in the section "programs"

2. Any course may be audited but the appropriate tuition fee must be paid.
3. No discount will be given for late registration.
4. No new students may register after the second class meeting.
5. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting unless the course is cancelled.

Scholarship Aid

Help is available to students who are unable to meet tuition cost. Financial Aid forms may be obtained through the A.B.I. office.

Programs

All are encouraged to enroll in classes of their choice and participate in the various programs currently offered. Different programs, however, may be intended for and appeal to specific people. Questions concerning the purpose and target audiences for the individual programs should be directed to the A.B.I. office.

ADULT TRAINING

The purpose of this program is to provide Bible training as a basis for encouraging students in their personal Bible study and preparing them for service in their local churches. Two A.B.I. Certificate Programs are offered: Basic Bible and Bible Survey. All, however, are encouraged to take individual courses according to their interests and needs for personal enrichment.

The A.B.I. Certificate Programs may be adapted to meet the standards of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association (E.T.T.A.). Two E.T.T.A. Certificate Programs are available in the Adult Training curriculum: Foundational Church Ministries and Standard Church Ministries. Students meeting the requirements of both A.B.I. and E.T.T.A. will receive certificates from both upon completion of the programs. Those meeting the standards of either program will receive the appropriate certificate. The use of E.T.T.A. textbooks is mandated for E.T.T.A. approval. Those holding E.T.T.A. Certificates are eligible to become recognized to teach the courses for E.T.T.A. credit.

Course Key

- AT Adult Training
- EL Elective
- BL Bible Language