

WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY

Prospectus

Strengthening the church to accelerate a movement of holiness across the land.



FOUNDED IN 1974 by independent Methodists to provide graduate theological education in the Deep South, **WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY** was shaped by an unwavering commitment to both traditional Wesleyan holiness theology and the authority of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God.

The school has experienced numerous highs and lows. President John Niehof brought the seminary back from overwhelming debt. When he died suddenly, renowned holiness scholar Dr. John Oswalt stepped in as interim, and WBS was able to recover and usher in a new era. As a pioneer in the field of online education, WBS was able to survive and thrive through the COVID-19 global pandemic. Recognition as the first seminary approved by the emerging Global Methodist Church led to a time of unprecedented growth, which continues today under President Andy Miller III.

Thus, for 50 years, despite cultural changes around us, we have remained true to our founders' vision of a biblical, Wesleyan seminary that develops **trusted leaders for faithful churches**.

TODAY, we are seeing strong indications that the Holy Spirit is using this moment to **purify, renew, and revive** those churches willing to remain faithful. WBS is uniquely positioned to accelerate this renewal movement. We are also **nimble, flexible, and adaptive**. Most importantly, we have proven to be trustworthy in our steadfast commitment to the inerrant Word of God.

More and more students, donors, churches, and denominations are **recognizing us as a trusted partner**. Our challenge is to steward this moment well, as it seems clear that we have been raised up for such a time as this.



Overview

Programs

- DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
- MASTER OF DIVINITY
- MASTER OF ARTS
- MASTER OF MINISTRY
- GLOBAL METHODIST COURSE OF STUDY
- BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
- WESLEY INSTITUTE (LAY TRAINING)

Platform

WBS operates almost entirely online through polysynchronous learning (only doctoral students have required on-campus intensives). This structure allows students to be equipped for ministry without leaving their local ministry environment and minimizes overhead costs for facilities and maintenance.

Accreditation

- ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS
- ASSOCIATION OF BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Body Profile

WBS students are approximately 30% female and 70% male. 20% are 35 and under, 33% 36-50, 34% 51-65, and 20% over 65. Although concentrated in the Southeast, they reside across the US and 14 nations. Instruction is primarily in English, but WBS now offers a growing program for Spanish speakers. With Alumni in over 50 nations on six continents, the sun never sets on WBS.

The Numbers

ENROLLMENT	
633	Total Students Served (FALL 2025)
195	Degree Program Students
438	GMC Course of Study Students
AFFORDABILITY	
71%	Students Receiving Institutional Scholarships
\$622K	Annual Scholarships Awarded (FY2023)
\$174K	Federal Loans Disbursed (FY2026)
FINANCES	
\$1.25M	Net Tuition and Fees (FY2025)
\$1.5M	Total Giving (FY2025)
\$2.95M	Total Income (FY2025)
\$2M	Total Expenses (FY2025)
\$882K	Net Revenue (FY2025)
ASSETS	
\$5.6M	Long-Term Endowment (JUN. 2025)
\$9M	Total Assets (JUN. 2025)



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