

# 2025 Course Offering

## First Period

### **Media Effects**

**Harry Argo-Virginia Beach, VA**

As with all technological advances, there are effects- some immediate and recognizable, some more subtle. The same is true with digital media. We'll start by exploring its effects on the Kingdom of God. Then we'll discuss God's design and media's effect on the heart and brain. Values and worldviews are foundational to life, but also significantly shaped and influenced by media. Finally, we'll look at vision clarity and building a shield of faith to counter the effects of media so that we can live well in this present age.

### **The Book of Hebrews**

**Marvin Zeiset-Manheim, PA**

The Book of Hebrews was written to Jewish Believers. The writer's purpose seems to focus on the supremacy of the New and Better Covenant. Better is one of the key themes of this book. We are also recipients of this Better Covenant, that is built upon Better Promises, by a Better Mediator, giving us a Better Hope. With these spiritual blessings, he calls us to walk in holiness. Eleven times he says, "Therefore Let Us." May we treasure the richness of this book as we study it together.

## Second Period

### **Biblical Manhood (Monday—Friday)**

**Duane Weber-Reading, PA**

The call to Biblical Manhood needs to sound loud and clear. The spiritual temperature of our churches is in direct correlation to the spiritual condition of our men. What can we as leaders do to call our men toward being the authentic men that God wants them to be? How can we build a framework within our churches to help our men face the issues of today; leadership, materialism, purity, fatherhood, priorities, burden for missions and a commitment to the local church? That is what this class will examine.

### **The Blessing of Friendship & Hospitality (Monday, Tuesday)**

**Joyce Martin-Mohnton, PA**

As Christian women we all enjoy the blessing of having friends. There are different levels of friendships; how do we as women of husbands in leadership, navigate those friendships? Come prepared to share your friendship stories. Second we'll explore the Blessings of Hospitality. A hospitable person is friendly, generous, and cordial to regular acquaintances and to people they have just met. With our busy schedules, how do we cultivate friendliness and generosity in our world today? May we encourage each other as we discuss the development of the gift of hospitality.

### **Living in the Spirit (Tuesday—Friday)**

**Carolyn Weber-Allenford, ON**

The Holy Spirit is a precious gift to every believer that affects who I am and what I do with my life at this moment. How can I be more aware of the Spirit's presence in my life? How can I live fully and passionately in the place that God has called me to serve and bring forth an abundant harvest for the Kingdom of God? God has promised to fill us with His Spirit but what is our part?

### **The Journey of Serving (Wednesday—Friday)**

**Donald Hollinger-Myerstown, PA**

In this study we will focus primarily on deacons, their roles, and how to practically live out God's call on our lives. However, the study will be applicable to serving in general. How can we be earthen vessels helping earthen vessels to carry heavenly treasures? What can we learn from New and OT personalities? Finances naturally impact how God's kingdom goes forward.

### **Effective Communication (Monday—Wednesday)**

**Anthony Hurst-Robesonia, PA**

Communication is the connection that allows thoughts, emotions, ideas, and influences to flow between people. For this communication to be a blessing, Biblical principles and methods need to be honored. We will discuss barriers to effective communication and then explore numerous aspects of communication including preparing presentations, clear delivery, connecting with your audience, using visuals, and developing confidence.

## Third Period

### **Christianity Among Worldviews**

**Steven Brubaker-Guys Mills, PA**

Everyone's worldview has functional answers to five foundational questions. We will explore those questions, the answers given to the questions by the prevailing worldviews of the day, and the answers that Jesus and the Bible give to the questions.

### **How Did the Early Anabaptists Interpret the Bible?**

**Edsel Burge-Shippensburg, PA**

1. How did wider access to the Bible in both the original languages and new translations impact the Anabaptists? 2. How did the Anabaptists understanding of the role of the congregation in interpreting the Bible differ from Catholic and Protestant approaches? 3. How did the Anabaptist understand the relationship of the Old and New Testaments? What use did they make of the Apocrypha? 4. How did the Anabaptists resolve the tensions between Letter and Spirit and literal versus figurative interpretations? 5. How do modern approaches to the Bible interpretation (dispensationalist, modernist, neo-Calvinist, feminist, and Red-letter Christianity) agree or conflict with early Anabaptist understandings?

**"THE ENTRANCE OF THY WORDS GIVETH LIGHT." Psalm 119:130**

## General Information

**Registration:** Monday, February 17, 2025, 10:00 am. - 12:00 Noon

**Dismissal:** Friday, February 21, 2025 - 1:00 P.M.

**Items to bring:** Bible, notebook, gym shoes, bedding & towels (if not staying in motel)

**Costs:** Institute Rooms - \$15.00/night, Meals - \$5.00/meal. An offering will be taken to help cover costs.

**Reservations:** Registration is required for classes, lodging, and meals. Lodging is available in campus dorms and apartments on a first come-first served basis. Due to limited space, make reservations early. Lodging is also available in area homes and motels. For more information, call the SMBI office at (717) 485-4341 or email at [smbi@smbi.org](mailto:smbi@smbi.org)

**Please pre-register @ [smbi.org](http://smbi.org) in consideration of all involved.**

**(Day visitors are also expected to pre-register.)**

# You're Invited

## Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute

### Join us for Ministers' Week

February 17 - 21, 2025

(Pre-registration is required by  
registering on our website - [smbi.org](http://smbi.org))

### Forty-Seventh Annual Ministers' Week



The 2025 Ministers' Week is designed to help church leaders practically apply doctrinal teachings in their local churches. The classes are designed for those in leadership but we welcome anyone who has a desire to study the Word of God.

The Ministers' Week is a five-day program of in-class study. Each one in attendance may enroll in a maximum of three courses. There will be approximately nine hours of teaching per subject.

Infants are permitted to attend, but we request sensitivity to distraction while classes are in session. All daily visitors must contact the office in advance and upon arrival because of limited space.

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### Motel Accommodations

Anyone desiring to have motel accommodations is asked to make reservations with the motel of your choice.

Following is a list of several motels in the area.

When making reservations, be sure to tell them you are associated with Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute.

Days Inn, Breezewood - (814) 735-4352

Holiday Inn Express, Breezewood - (814) 735-7666

Wiltshire Motel, Breezewood - (814) 735-4361

### Daily Schedule

7:15 am	Breakfast
8:00-9:05	Period 1
9:20-10:25	Period 2
10:40-11:45	Period 3
11:45	General Assembly
12:30	Lunch
1:45-2:45	Period 1 continued
3:00-4:00	Period 2 continued
4:15-5:15	Period 3 continued
5:30	Supper
7:00 pm	Recreation & Activities

\*Monday is the afternoon schedule only

\*Friday is the morning schedule only and concludes with the SMBI Choir

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