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## From the President & Director of WOL Hungary

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Dear friend,

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to make disciples of all nations. In one word, a disciple is a "follower" of Jesus Christ. That summarizes the commitment of the Word of Life Hungary Bible School. It is our passion to help young people learn to follow Jesus Christ personally, bring others to Him through evangelism, and teach them to follow Him through discipleship.

The Word of Life Hungary Bible School is committed to carrying out this great task through the dynamic teaching of the Word of God, through the emphasizing of a personal, living walk with God, and through helping students serve God in a meaningful practical ministry. Some of the most respected evangelical pastors and teachers in Hungary and the world are standing together with us in this as guest teachers and speakers.

The Word of Life Hungary Bible School is an exciting place to be and we invite you to join us so that together we can reach the next generation for Christ.

On the Victor's Side,



Alex Konya

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## From the Executive Dean of the Bible School

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Dear Prospective Student,

As believer's who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we know that the Word of God provides the answers to life's questions and direction for the future. When we know and understand the Word of God, we can share these answers with others. We can share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, and then teach them by word and by example how to grow in their relationship with Him. However, preparation is necessary to effectively accomplish these goals. This is why the Word of Life Bible School is so important in the process of preparing young men and women to meet the challenges, needs and opportunities of this time of change. This is why we are committed to thoroughly training our students in the knowledge and practice of the Word of God.

We are thrilled that you soon may be a student in the next Bible School class. As you read through this catalog, I would ask that you prayerfully consider joining other young men and women whose goal is to prepare for a lifetime of effective service for our Lord in these exciting days of change.



Dave James

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## Word of Life Hungary Bible School

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## A Brief History of Word of Life International

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When Word of Life Founding Director, Jack Wyrzten, began preaching in street meetings in 1934, no one envisioned the world-wide ministry that Word of Life Fellowship would become. As the ministry expanded into radio broadcasts, rallies, youth camps, overseas missions and Bible Clubs for local church youth programs, the evangelistic zeal never changed. The primary goal of Word of Life has always been to share the Bible's message that men can have their sins forgiven, receive eternal life, and begin a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Eventually this goal led to a Bible School program to train young people as future Christian workers and leaders. The first Word of Life Bible School was started in Brazil in the 1960's. In 1970, the second Bible School (with a present enrollment of over 700 students) was started in the United States, near the location of the Word of Life International Headquarters in Schroon Lake, New York. Since that time other Bible Schools have been founded in several of the nearly 50 countries around the world where Word of Life missionaries are working.

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## A Brief History of Word of Life Hungary

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Word of Life's involvement in Hungary goes back to the early eighties when evangelistic teams from Word of Life Germany began traveling to several Eastern Bloc countries. During their travels, special relationships were begun with a number of churches and individuals, which eventually opened the doors to further opportunity in Hungary. In 1984 one of the leaders of Word of Life met an unsaved Hungarian businessman which led to developing contacts with high-level officials in the Hungarian government. Although we were able to have several weeks of youth camp in the summers of 1985 and 1986, the political climate seemed to indicate that we would not be able to begin a full-time ministry here. But in the spring of 1989 the Lord opened the doors to begin negotiations with the government, and in April, Word of Life Hungary (Élet Szava Alapítvány) was incorporated. During this same month, the Lord led Eric Murphy and his wife, Lynne, to become the director of the newly formed ministry.



In June, 1989, an agreement was reached with the government allowing us to lease the 78 acre castle property in Tóalmás. When discussing the method of payment, we were asked if we could provide free weeks of camp for children of the Hungarian trade union. We promptly agreed. Therefore, we began receiving 430 youth each summer as our lease payment. God not only provided the property, but the campers who needed to hear the gospel! The same facility that had once been used in the communist era to teach atheistic values would now be used to proclaim the Word of God.



The Murphys arrived in January 1990, with only 187 days to prepare for the opening of the first summer camp. Considerable renovation was done, including the installation of showers, bathroom facilities, a sewage treatment system, dredging of the lakes and re-organizing the dormitories into more efficient usage of space. The Lord led a Hungarian lawyer, Ildikó Barbarics, to join the staff. Her help was invaluable since all the renovation and all seven weeks of camp that summer were done totally through translation. We

look back and see the miracle that God performed for such an undertaking to have been successful.

In recent years a friend of the ministry stepped forward and formed a Hungarian corporation that purchased the property from the Hungarian government. The property has since been donated to Word of Life Hungary.

The present staff consists of many Hungarians as well as American and German missionaries who serve with us in ministry and support roles that include managerial, teaching, office, translation, housekeeping, cooking and maintenance responsibilities.

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## Overview of the Word of Life Hungary Ministry

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### *Summer Camps*

Word of Life Hungary's camping ministry began on our Tóalmás castle property with seven weeks of camp during the summer of 1990. In 1991 the camping season was extended to 10 weeks. In the eleven summers between 1990 and 2000 more than 10,000 campers have spent a week with us. Of these, several thousand have made public professions of



faith in Christ, while many more have made personal commitments of dedication to live for the Lord.

The weeks of summer camp are filled with sports and games and solid biblical instruction. Each day there is a morning Bible hour and an evening meeting that includes special music, skits, and messages from God's Word that challenge the youth to trust Christ for salvation or to walk more closely with Him. The first three weeks of youth camp are for children ages 8-12. The remaining weeks are for young people ages 13-25 and are theme-oriented. During these weeks the campers receive special instruction in vocal or instrumental music, basketball, soccer, volleyball and computers, as well as English and German language instruction. The final week of the season is generally a family camp.

To conduct summer camps with as many as 200 campers each week requires a tremendous staff of counselors and helpers. The Lord has faithfully provided us with such a staff each year.

### ***Other Camps and Conferences***



Throughout the time Word of Life has ministered in Hungary, much of the focus has been on evangelism and discipleship apart from the regular summer camping season. There are winter camps as well as special conferences, such as the annual Ladies Conference in the fall and the Pastors Conference in the spring. We also occasionally host other ministries which desire to use our facilities. In 1992 and again in 1999, Word of Life Hungary

hosted Euro-Youth, a Europe-wide youth missions conference conducted by Word of Life International, in conjunction with its many fields in Europe. Because of our central location between Eastern and Western Europe we are often a stopover point for various ministry teams that are traveling in or through Hungary. We have also hosted a number of groups from American Christian high schools.



### ***Country-Wide Ministry***

Apart from ministry at our facilities in Tóalmás, Word of Life Hungary has always been very active throughout the country. Almost every weekend of the year Word of Life team members are in Hungarian churches speaking in their regular services or helping them with various special events and programs that include various forms of evangelism and discipleship. Such ministry has included concerts by the Word of Life Hungary Brass Team, vocalists Dave James and Eric and Lynne Murphy, saxophonist Al Konya. There have also

been evangelistic rallies as well as Missions and Bible conferences. Businessmen's seminars throughout Hungary has also been a special means of outreach.

### ***Bible Clubs***

In the fall of 1993, we began the Word of Life Bible Club program in three local churches. Since then the club ministry has grown to nearly 20 clubs and we expect this number to continue to increase over the next several years. Over the years many teens have trusted Christ for salvation through the Bible Club ministry. Of these, many have been involved with our camping ministry as helpers and counselors. We have also seen a good number enroll as students in the Bible School. We anticipate growing interest in the club program and have plans for steady, controlled growth over the next few years. As we are able to develop trained Hungarian leadership we will be able to more aggressively pursue expansion of this phase of our ministry.



### ***Bible School***

The Word of Life Hungary Bible School opened in September, 1994 with 22 students from two countries, Hungary and the United States. Now, as many 60 students study here in a given year. Our graduates include students from 17 different countries. The details of the Bible School program can be found on the following pages.



## Overview of the Bible School program

The Word of Life Hungary Bible School is a two-year program of study at the undergraduate level, consisting of six academic quarters and two practical ministry quarters. As is true in all Word of Life schools, we seek to provide a balance between academics, discipleship, ministry and fellowship. As an international Bible School, we provide a unique experience for anyone who desires to know the Word of God and prepare for a lifetime of faithful service to the Lord.



The school year is based on the quarter system, with 10 weeks per quarter. Therefore, students earn one credit for every 10 hours of classroom instruction. This means, for example, that a 2-credit course involves 20 hours of classroom instruction. There are 16 academic hours per week in Bible or ministry-related courses. The resident faculty normally teaches six of these hours, while the guest lecturer teaches the other 10 hours. This means that students earn 1 or 2 quarter-credits for each guest lecture course, depending on whether it is a one or two-week course.

In addition to the Bible and ministry courses, the school requires language study of all students. Hungarians study English, native English speakers study Hungarian, and other

foreign students are given a choice to study either Hungarian or English. Language study earns 3 credits per quarter.

A third area of credit is that of Christian service. Students earn 1 credit each quarter for Christian service, which includes the student's ministry, work assignment and overall character development. One credit is earned during the practical ministry quarter for their service as well.

The core curriculum is divided into first-year and second-year courses. However, first and second-year students generally attend the guest lecture courses together, meaning that most guest lecture courses are taught every other year. Exceptions to this include certain basic courses taken by first-year students during the first five weeks of the fall quarter and some taken by only second-year students because of necessary prerequisites.

Enrollment in the Bible School is open to Hungarians, native English speakers and others who can demonstrate sufficient fluency in English by means of a proficiency exam. In order to be accepted as a student, an applicant must give testimony to being a born-again believer

in Jesus Christ, have a sincere desire to study the Word of God, be open to teaching that conforms to the letter and spirit of Word of Life's doctrinal statement, and sign the Word of Life Standard of Conduct.

Graduation is based upon 1) successful completion of all academic and practical ministry requirements, 2) fulfillment of all financial obligations or agreement in writing to fulfill those obligations through the scheduled payment program and , 3) agreement with the Word of Life Statement of Faith. Students who do not meet this last criteria, in order to receive a diploma, will be required to 1) submit a paper that details the area of disagreement and reasonably defends the student's position based upon sound biblical exposition and 2) personally present and defend this paper to the satisfaction of a faculty board of review.

### *Mission Statement*

The mission of the Word of Life Bible School, as an undergraduate level Bible institute, is to help men and women develop the strong spiritual foundation necessary to be godly servants and to prepare them for leadership in the Christian community. Through a unique blend of biblical classroom instruction, personal discipleship, practical ministry experience and Christian fellowship, our students will acquire the skills needed for the work of evangelism, discipleship, biblical preaching, teaching, and counseling, and the training of others in these same areas of ministry.

More specifically, the purposes and goals of the Word of Life Hungary Bible School are such that a graduate will be someone . . .

. . . who has a good working knowledge of the Word of God.

. . . who possesses the skills necessary to correctly and effectively observe, interpret and apply the Word of God in his own life and ministry.

. . . who possesses the skills and has had experience in various areas of ministry that include personal evangelism and discipleship, nouthetic counseling, and expository preaching / teaching with the goal of winning the lost, edifying believers and training others to also do the work of the ministry.

. . . who is motivated to pursue a personal ministry that is consistent with his spiritual gifts, abilities, education, training and experience.

. . . whose conduct, convictions, and character that conform to the teaching of the Word of God and the example of Christ.

. . . who has a vision for and commitment to Christian service that will lead him to support a local church and the cause of world missions with his time, talents, prayers and finances.

## ***Philosophy of education and training***

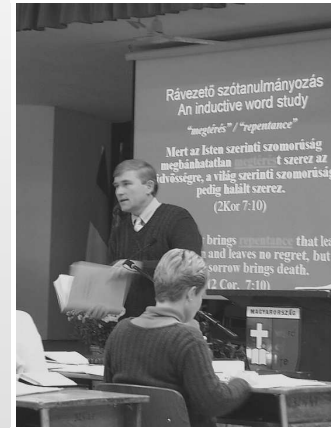
The Word of Life Hungary Bible School faculty and staff are committed to excellence in preparing our students for a life of ministry of the Word of God. Therefore the Bible School and School of Pastoral Ministries programs are designed to provide every student with a thorough working knowledge of God's Word (through classroom instruction), provide an atmosphere in which they can maintain a close relationship with God (through emphasis on personal Bible study, prayer, worship and Christian fellowship), and provide the skills necessary to influence other lives for God (through practical ministry experience).

With these things in mind, it is important to recognize that the Bible School and School of Pastoral Ministries are not simply academic institutions. The primary goal is to help each student become a personal disciple of Jesus Christ. This means that classroom instruction, campus life, and ministry experiences are used to shape the students' thinking in such a way that Christian principles are applied to all areas of one's life. In this way each student's life can be one that is Christ-centered, and therefore morally pure, ethically and doctrinally sound, and capable of having significant influence in both individual lives and in society as a whole.

In keeping with these fundamental commitments, the Word of Life Hungary Bible School, as in every Word of Life School around the world, uses the Word of God, the Bible, as its primary textbook. This is because we are committed to the fact that the Bible is God's inerrant, infallible, and authoritative written revelation. Such a commitment to the character of the Word of God demands a system of doctrine that is theologically consistent and that affirms the great fundamentals of the Christian faith. Therefore, the Bible is taught from a premillennial dispensational perspective derived from a grammatical-historical interpretation. The truths recognized as required by such an approach include the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible; the virgin birth and deity of Jesus Christ; His bodily resurrection; the sinful, depraved nature of man; salvation by faith alone in the efficacious, substitutionary death of Christ, the security of the believer; the sufficiency of the Scriptures to deal the issues of life; the imminency of the pretribulation rapture of believers; and the premillennial return of Jesus Christ to the earth.



Each member of the staff and faculty of the WOL Hungary Bible School is committed to the spiritual growth of every student and to helping each one learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. There are many opportunities for staff and students alike to learn, serve, fellowship and grow together. We believe that each student should be known and cared for personally, which means that a lot of attention is given to cultivating close relationships between the students and staff at every level.



Because the balanced Christian life consists of both the clear understanding and the practical application of the Word of God, we also seek to provide effective ministry opportunities for each student. Throughout the academic school year each student has a supervised ministry. During the summer practical ministry quarters, each student serves for 8 weeks, either in the Word of Life Hungary camps or in an approved ministry.

## ***Educational / Philosophical Distinctives***

The commitment to excellence in preparing men and women for a lifetime of effective service to the Lord means that the Word of Life Hungary Bible School and School of Pastoral Ministries are characterized by certain distinctives that set these programs others. These major distinctives are set forth below.

### **A Commitment to the Truth and Authority of the Word of God**

We are completely and firmly committed to the truth and authority of the Scriptures as the inspired, inerrant, infallible revelation of God. We believe that the Bible is absolutely trustworthy and accurate in every detail, including in matters of science, history, doctrine and prophecy. We believe that it is fully complete and sufficient as the basis for dealing with every question of life.

### **Biblical Interpretation Using a Consistent and Normal Hermeneutic**

The approach to Biblical interpretation that is both taught and modelled in the Scriptures is one that is consistently grammatical and historical in nature. Consequently, the Bible as a whole and in every part is to be understood in light of the historical and literary context in which it was written. In practical terms, this means that the Word of God is to be interpreted according to a literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic based upon a normal reading of the text. Such a hermeneutic allows for the different styles of its authors, the different literary genres, and the use of figures of speech, symbolism and types, but avoids the subjective and inconsistent interpretations that result from allegorical, mystical or neo-orthodox approaches.

### **A Dispensational Understanding of History**

Although some opponents would claim that dispensationalists interpret the Bible according to a “dispensational hermeneutic,” we believe that dispensationalism is actually the *product* of a consistent grammatical-historical hermeneutic. The Bible reveals that God administers His program and purposes on the earth in various ways according to specific responsibilities, conditions and commandments he has given man. These dispensations are not distinguished by various ways of salvation, but rather by ways of life and tests of man’s obedience to God’s revealed will during particular periods of time. These revealed dispensations include, but are not limited to, the past dispensation of the Mosaic Law (which began with the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai), the present dispensation of the church age (which began on the day of Pentecost), and the future dispensation of the millennial kingdom (which will be preceded by the pre-millennial, pre-tribulational rapture of the believers of the church age and inaugurated by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth).

### **An Integrated and Systematic Approach to Understanding and Communicating Biblical Truth in the Core Curriculum.**

Given our commitment to the Word of God, we believe that it is very important for every student to have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures and also be able to communicate this truth to others. To accomplish this we have designed the core curriculum such that for many of these courses there is continuity, progression and comprehensive integration.

We begin laying a foundation during the first six weeks of the first quarter, when first-year students take several basic courses before they join the second-year students in the Bible exposition courses taught by the guest lecturers. These courses are Personal Evangelism (10 class-hours), Bible Study Methods (30 class-hours), Survey of Theology (30 class-hours) and Old Testament Backgrounds (10 class-hours). Beginning in week seven students begin the Comprehensive Bible Survey course which is taught by the resident faculty. Later in the year, New Testament Backgrounds (10 class-hours) is taught in a guest lecturer slot, prior to students beginning the New Testament portion of the Bible survey course. Then Biblical Communication I & II help the student learn to effectively communicate what they have learned.

The following is a quick overview of these major courses in the core curriculum.



*Personal Evangelism* helps prepare the students to immediately begin focusing on the lost and developing the ministry skills needed to reach them for Christ.

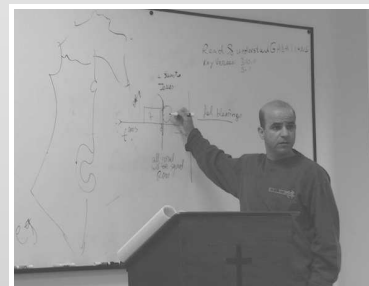
*Bible Study Methods* is designed to teach students how to correctly observe, interpret and apply the Word of God for themselves. By helping the students develop a consistently biblical hermeneutic at the beginning of their studies, we give them the tools they will need to more readily analyze, synthesize, correlate and apply the biblical truths and principles that they will be taught throughout the two-year program.

*Survey of Theology* is actually a condensed course in systematic theology. By introducing the students to each of the traditional areas of systematic theology at the beginning of their studies, they already have a basic working knowledge of the major theological concepts and related Scripture passages before they begin the Bible Survey course or the expositional and ministry-related courses taught by the resident faculty and guest lecturers. This is very important when considering the following: In a more traditional Bible institute curriculum in which Systematic Theology is taught over a period

of a year or longer, a student would normally be taught eschatology near the end of their studies. However, it is quite possible that they would have a course on the Thessalonian epistles or Revelation several weeks prior to that. Theological concepts and biblical exposition would be presented for which the student might not be fully prepared.

*Old Testament Backgrounds* is the final basic course taught before the first year students begin the Bible Survey course and the exposition courses with the guest teachers.

*Comprehensive Bible Survey* is a 180 class-hour diachronic and synthetic survey of the entire Bible. The course focuses on the historical background, literary structure, overall theme and message, and general argument of each book. However, in addition to the traditional format of Bible survey courses, this course incorporates theological summaries at the end of major sections or eras so that the student’s theological understanding is developed corresponding to the progress of revelation. By shifting hours from a traditional systematic theology course into the diachronic Comprehensive Bible Survey course two main things are accomplished. The student is 1) better be able to think through the events of the Bible from an historical perspective, and 2) better able to synthesize the major doctrines of the Bible from both a



traditional systematic theology perspective and from the perspective of the progress of revelation.

***Biblical Communication I and II*** is designed to help the student integrate and utilize the tools learned in Bible Study Methods and the knowledge gained in Survey of Theology and Bible Survey with basic principles of public speaking and homiletics to produce and deliver expositional messages. Each student is required to deliver a 6 minute evangelistic testimony and 4 expositional messages, 2 of which a 10 minutes in length, and one each of 15 minutes and 20 minutes in length.

#### **A Diverse Guest Lecture Program with Some of the Best Bible Teachers of this Generation**

There are 16 hours of Bible and ministry-related courses each week. The resident faculty teaches the core curriculum courses for 6 of these hours. The other 10 hours are taught by guest teachers of the highest caliber. The guest lecturer program offers a unique depth to our program that few schools can match. Each week successful pastors, seminary professors and well-known authors teach a book of the Bible or a course in some area of practical ministry. Dr. Mark Bailey, Dr. Roy Zuck, Dr. Homer Kent, Dr. Tom Constable, Dr. Jimmy DeYoung, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. John Davis and Dr. Stanley Toussaint are just a few of the many who have taught in our school over the years. During the student's two years of study in the Bible School he will sit under the teaching of 40 or more of the best Bible teachers of this generation.

#### **A Unique Blend of Classroom Training, Personal Discipleship and Practical Ministry Experience with a Dynamic Spiritual Emphasis**

Although we have a one of the finest educational programs available in any Bible institute, our program is about much more than simply academics. Each member of the staff and faculty is committed to the spiritual growth of every student and to helping each one learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. There are many opportunities for staff and students alike to learn, serve and grow together. The small-school setting means that you will be known and cared for personally.



In addition to great teaching and personal attention, each student is personally involved with some type of ministry each week. Hungarian students have the opportunity to serve in one of many ministry opportunities including local church ministries, WOL Bible Clubs, sports evangelism and the WOL Hungary evangelistic sing team.

Foreign students discover what it means to be a missionary for two years. They have the experience of living in a foreign

country, learning to get along in a new culture, and studying a new language, while building relationships with local believers and developing ministry skills serve in one of the ministries specifically for English speakers, including working with international churches in Budapest and English language clubs in local villages.

The key to making all this work together is make sure each member of the staff and student body have a vital, personal relationship with the Lord. Our main admissions requirements are that the potential student be able to give testimony and evidence of being born again, that they desire to walk with the Lord and that they desire to grow spiritually. Classes, chapels, conferences, camps, social activities, personal discussions and the many fellowship opportunities are all intended to enhance the spiritual life of each person involved.

#### **An Exciting International Environment**

Hungary is a unique country in the heart of Europe. Although something of a cultural and linguistic island it is truly a crossroads between the East and West. Since the opening of the Bible School in 1994, we have had students from 12 different countries with foreign students making up fully one third of our total enrollment. Of our foreign student total, nearly one half have been from the United States. Since every aspect of our entire program is bilingual, any student who knows either Hungarian or English can participate in our program.



# Bible School Curriculum

## FALL QUARTER

### FIRST-YEAR COURSES

Bible Study Methods . . . . .	3
Bible Survey . . . . .	3
Personal Evangelism . . . . .	1
Survey of Theology . . . . .	3
Old Testament Backgrounds . . . . .	<u>1</u>
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### SECOND-YEAR COURSES

Bible Survey . . . . .	4
Biblical Communication I . . . . .	2
Church Planting . . . . .	1
1,2,3 John . . . . .	1
Pastoral Epistles . . . . .	2
Galatians . . . . .	<u>1</u>
	11

### BOTH 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR STUDENTS

Christian Service . . . . .	1
English / Hungarian Language . . . . .	3

#### Even years / Odd years

Zechariah / Job . . . . .	1
Exodus / World Religions . . . . .	1
Life of David / The Cults . . . . .	1
Isaiah / 1,2 Peter, Jude . . . . .	<u>2</u>
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## WINTER QUARTER

### FIRST-YEAR COURSES

Bible Survey . . . . .	6
New Testament Introduction . . . . .	<u>1</u>
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### SECOND-YEAR COURSES

Biblical Communication II . . . . .	2
Apologetics . . . . .	1
The Church in Hungary . . . . .	1
Charismatic Movement . . . . .	1
Roman Catholicism . . . . .	1
Introduction to World Missions . . . . .	<u>1</u>
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### BOTH 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR STUDENTS

Christian Service . . . . .	1
English / Hungarian Language . . . . .	3

#### Even years / Odd years

Judges / James . . . . .	1
Life of Christ / Church History . . . . .	2
Genesis / Writings of Solomon . . . . .	2
Jeremiah / Para-church ministries . . . . .	1
Ezekiel / Demonism and the occult . . . . .	1
Acts I / Intro to Christian Education . . . . .	1
Acts II / Psalms . . . . .	<u>1</u>
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## SPRING QUARTER

### FIRST-YEAR COURSES

Bible Survey .....	6
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### SECOND-YEAR COURSES

Creationism .....	2
Missions Seminars .....	2
Christian Family .....	1
Youth Ministries .....	1
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### BOTH 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR STUDENTS

Christian Service .....	1
English / Hungarian Language .....	3

#### Even years / Odd years

Daniel / Philippians .....	1
Joshua / Biblical Ethics .....	1
Ezra, Nehemiah / Follow-up and Discipleship .....	1
Gospel of John / 1,2 Thessalonians I .....	1
Ephesians / 1, 2 Thessalonians II .....	1
Romans / Revelation .....	2
1 Corinthians / Comparative Protestant Theology .....	1
Hebrews / Dispensationalism .....	1
Biblical Counseling I / Biblical Counseling II .....	1
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## SUMMER QUARTER

### BOTH 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR STUDENTS

Christian Service .....	2
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## BIBLE SCHOOL COURSES TAUGHT BY THE RESIDENT FACULTY

**Apologetics:** An introduction to developing a reasoned response to critics of the Christian faith. This course examines the relative value of evidence as provided by logic, history, archeology and Scripture in confronting anti-theistic thought, and balances this with the inherent value and necessity of presuppositionalism. *(1 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

**Bible Study Methods:** A study of the principles of inductive Bible study focusing on the three major steps of observation, interpretation and application. These steps are presented in detail and the students' skills are developed as the principles are applied to the study of several biblical passages. Emphasis is given to the study of the Bible in its historical and grammatical context, from both analytical and synthetic perspectives with a view to the major purpose of Bible study—changed lives. Included in the course is a brief summary of various inadequate approaches to Bible study which have historically led to doctrinal aberrations and misuse of the Scriptures. *(3 credit-hours — 1st year)*

**Biblical Communication I:** An introduction to basic communication theory and skills, emphasizing the use of the principles learned in Bible Study Methods to develop and deliver an expositional message that is biblically accurate, clear, interesting and relevant. To satisfy the requirements of the course, students must speak before the class twice. The first speaking assignment is a six-minute evangelistic testimony of the student's salvation experience and life in Christ, following a predetermined format. The second speaking assignment is a ten-minute expositional message which the student will have derived from a selected biblical text, using a four-step process—1) exegesis of the text and development of 2) an exegetical outline, 3) an expositional and finally 4) an homiletical outline. In addition, the student will develop these three types of outlines for two other biblical passages. *(2 credit-hours — 2nd year)*

**Biblical Communication II:** A course designed to build upon and continue the development and refinement of skills learned in Biblical Communication I. Students will complete three speaking assignments—a ten, fifteen and twenty message. As in Biblical Communication I, all messages will be video-taped and the students will be involved in the evaluation process. *(2 credit-hours — 2nd year)*

**Comprehensive Bible Survey:** A diachronic and synthetic survey of the entire Bible focusing on each book's historical background, literary structure, overall theme and message, general argument and contribution to theological understanding in the progress of revelation. Bible history is divided into 8 eras and each book of the Bible is studied in the context of the time period with which it deals. In addition to the traditional format of Bible survey courses, Comprehensive Bible Survey traces the development of the major doctrines of the faith in

each era of God's program. Upon completion of this course the student should be able to clearly think through the events of the Bible from an historical perspective, as well as the major doctrines of the Bible from both a traditional systematic theology perspective and from the perspective of the progress of revelation. *(18 credit-hours — 1st and 2nd year)*

**Church in Hungary, The:** A broad survey of the history of the church in Hungary. This course studies the transition from paganism to Catholicism under the reign of Hungary's founding king, traces the development of Christianity through the eras of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, and analyzes the political and religious forces of the past 200 years that have shaped the present-day situation. *(1 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

**Creationism:** An overview and evaluation of the main issues in the Evolution versus Special Creation controversy using a blend of the "Scientific Creationism" and "Biblical Creationism" approaches. The intelligent design / creationism model is demonstrated to be the best explanation of the scientific, archeological and geological evidence, while the main weaknesses of the evolutionary model are also exposed on the basis of this same data. The evidence is also evaluated in light of the Biblical record of the Creation and Noah's Flood. *(1 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

**Christian Family, The:** A study of what it means to have a Christ-honoring Christian marriage and family. Topics include "Steps-toward Marriage and Choosing a Mate," "Child-discipleship and Discipline," "Conflict Resolution," "The Role of the Husband / Wife," "Spiritual Oneness in the Home," among others. *(1 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

**Critique of the Charismatic Movement:** An in-depth look at the Charismatic Movement from both theological and historical perspectives. The major distinctive beliefs and practices of the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement will be evaluated in light of the Scriptures. The purpose of the course is to equip the student to responsibly handle relevant biblical texts concerning signs and wonders in both the Old and New Testaments and the work of the Holy Spirit in the present age. The student will be able to provide a biblical response to the experiences and claims of this movement. *(2 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

**Cults, The:** A study of the common characteristics of cults in general and selected cults in particular. Through this study the student is made aware of what defines a cult and how to spot identifying marks of cultic groups, This study also surveys some of the most common cults, including their origins, characteristics and doctrinal deviations. It concludes with practical instruction concerning how to reach people who have been involved with or are currently in a cult. *(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Demonism and the Occult:** A brief study of the nature and dangers of the occult. This course study also deals with the issues of demonic attack and possession. The course emphasizes the sufficiency of Scripture as the biblical basis for dealing with these problems. In addition, practical instruction is given in how to relate these truths to the believer's personal life and ministry to others. *(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**English I, II, III:** Required of all Hungarian students and offered as an option for foreign students whose mother-tongue is not English. A placement exercise is given at the beginning of each year. *(3 credit-hours — 1st and 2nd year)*

**Follow-up and discipleship:** A study of biblical discipleship as exemplified in the Gospels, Acts and in the ministry of Paul. This course provides a basic step-by-step program of how to personally "disciple" a new believer and suggestions for helping those who have been believers for a longer time. There is also instruction concerning how to implement an effective follow-up program in the local church for new believers. *(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Hungarian I, II, III:** Required of foreign students whose mother-tongue is English and offered as an option for other foreign students. *(3 credit-hours — 1st and 2nd year)*

**New Testament Introduction:** A brief survey of the inter-testamental period and the forces which led to the development of the 1st-century world. Emphasis is given to understanding the political, cultural and religious world in which Jesus and the Apostles lived and ministered. *(1 credit-hour — 1st year)*

**Old Testament Backgrounds:** A survey of the historical, geographical, political and cultural setting of the Old Testament. Emphasis is given to understanding the physical features of the Holy Land as the "playing board" upon which biblical history developed. *(1 credit-hour — 1st year)*

**Personal Evangelism:** A study of the principles and practice of personal one-on-one evangelism. This course focuses on the content of the gospel and its effective presentation in both "confrontational" and life-style forms of personal evangelism. Open-Air evangelism techniques are also presented. After completing the classroom work, students go out to a local open-air market and into Budapest for several hours of practical ministry training. *(1 credit-hour — 1st year)*

**Roman Catholicism:** A study of contemporary Roman Catholic theology using a compilation of material from Catholic documents, including catechisms, theological works and the Vatican II documents. The course takes the form of comparative theology as Catholic doctrine and dogma is studied in light of Scripture, with the goal being that the student will be able to more effectively share the good news of personal salvation and assurance of that salvation in Christ alone. *(2 credit-hours — 2nd year)*

**Survey of Theology:** An introductory survey of the nine major Bible doctrines as typically represented in systematic theology (Bibliology, Theology Proper, Angeology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Christology, Pneumatology, Soteriology, Eschatology). This course is designed to provide the student with a fundamental working knowledge of correct Bible doctrine and to prepare the student for the Comprehensive Bible Survey course and the various exposition courses taught by the visiting lecturers. *(3 credit-hours — 1st year)*

**World Missions, Introduction to:** An introductory study of world missions that includes a survey of the biblical theology that forms the basis, reason and purpose of world missions, a brief history of missions, an overview of the philosophy and function of faith-mission agencies in general, the role and responsibilities of the individual missionary, and a look at current trends in missiology. *(1 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

## BIBLE SCHOOL COURSES TAUGHT BY GUEST LECTURERS

**Bible Exposition Series:** This series involves the expositional study of most of the major books of the Bible by outstanding guest lecturers each week. The objective of the course is to give the student a more detailed knowledge of the Word of God than can normally be accomplished in Bible survey. The following books of the Bible are taught during the two-year program of study.

### OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
Exodus . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Joshua . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Judges . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Ezra / Nehemiah . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Psalms . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Writings of Solomon . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
Isaiah . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
Jeremiah . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Ezekiel . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Daniel . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Hosea . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Zechariah . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>

### NEW TESTAMENT

Gospel of John . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Acts . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
Romans . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
1 Corinthians . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Galatians . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Ephesians . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Philippians . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
I, II Thessalonians . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
I, II Timothy, Titus . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hours)</i>
Hebrews . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
James . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
I Peter . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
I, II Peter / Jude . . . . .	<i>(2 credit-hour)</i>
I, II III John . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>
Revelation . . . . .	<i>(1 credit-hour)</i>

**Biblical Counseling I:** A basic introduction to biblical counseling that surveys and evaluates the major theories and methods that characterize various counseling approaches as practiced today. Emphasis will be given to developing a balanced nouthetic approach to counseling that focuses on the sufficiency of the Bible in meeting man's needs in every area of life, as well as the authority and responsibility of believers to minister to those needs.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Biblical Counseling II:** A study of the application of nouthetic counseling principles to various real-life situations including camp-counseling, counseling in relation to personal and mass evangelism, follow-up and discipleship, and informal counseling of one's peers.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Biblical Ethics:** A study of issues in ethics within the framework of a biblical theology. Attention will be given to the concept of absolute truth and biblical mandates, as well as general and specific cases of moral dilemma which lack clear biblical instruction. The course will provide scriptural guidelines that help in deciding between various alternatives of which all are less-than-desirable.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Children's Ministries:** A course designed to acquaint students with the basic philosophy and methods of children's ministries in general and the specific ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Hungary. Attention will be given to the special opportunities and rewards of evangelizing and discipling children

*(1 credit-hours — 2nd year)*

**Christian Education, Introduction to:** A study of the educational ministry of the local church and other organizations dedicated to equipping believers for a life of service to the Lord. The focus will be on the fundamentals of a Bible-centered educational program, setting teaching and learning objectives, basic principles of effective Bible teaching and communication, and lesson preparation.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Church History:** A survey of Christianity from the first century to the present. Emphasis will be given to the major persons, events, and theological developments that have shaped the course of church history during the last 2000 years.

*(2 credit-hours — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Church Planting:** A study of the principles and procedures in establishing new churches and branch works. The course will include a study of the theology and examples found in the New Testament concerning churches and church planting. It will also involve practical considerations for both home-country and cross-cultural church planting that would draw from the Bible, case studies, and research conducted in this area of ministry.

*(1 credit-hour — 2nd year)*

**Comparative Protestant Theology:** A comparative study of the basic theology and practices of the major denominations, as well as the independent movements of Protestant Christianity in both America and Europe. Attention will be given to the development of the doctrinal distinctives and current trends that continue to shape the character of Protestant Christianity today.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Dispensationalism:** A survey of God's program as progressively revealed in the Scriptures through various covenants and prophecies. Attention will also be given to the grammatical-historical hermeneutic which forms the basis for a dispensational understanding of the outworking of God's plan in history and which distinguishes dispensationalism from other systems.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Life of Christ:** A study of the earthly life of Jesus Christ. This course will focus on the nature and purpose of various aspects of His life and ministry including His birth, baptism, public ministry, His progressive self-disclosure of His identity and mission, His rejection, sacrifice, and ultimate victory over sin and death.

*(2 credit-hours — 1st or 2nd year)*

**Missions Seminar:** A unique course designed to acquaint the student with many of the missions organizations currently operating in Hungary and to acquaint these agencies with our students. During the spring quarter, a representative from one of ten different mission agencies will be given two hours each week to present the work of that mission to the second-year class and discuss possible ministry opportunities for these graduating students. Students will be required to write a brief summary of each presentation and a final paper that discusses the overall status and effectiveness of missions in Hungary.

*(2 credit-hours — 2nd year)*

**Para-church Ministries:** A study of the various types of para-church ministries, their purposes and objectives, and their relationship to the local church. Emphasis will be given to the biblical basis and function of para-church ministries in general and the responsibility of these groups to support and augment the ministry of the local church.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

**World Religions:** A broad survey of the history and basic tenets of the major non-Christian religions of the world. Emphasis will be given to evaluating the claims of these religions in light of biblical truth and formulating a biblically informed response to them with a view to more effective evangelization and discipleship.

*(1 credit-hour — 1st or 2nd year)*

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## Admissions Information

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### *Admission Requirements*

1. Each applicant must be 17 years old at the time of application.
2. Each applicant must have successfully completed high school (or have obtained a G.E.D.) in order to be enrolled as a regular student who would receive a Word of Life diploma upon graduation. Others will be considered on an individual basis and will be enrolled as auditing students who will receive a certificate of completion.

Those who are applying to the School of Pastoral Ministries must have successfully completed the Word of Life Bible School or an equivalent course of study, or must have been in full-time Christian service for at least 4 years. Those who have questions concerning this may contact us directly. Those who are not graduates of the Word of Life Bible School may be required to take the Bible Study Methods and Biblical Communication courses, as well as a theology proficiency exam. Those who lack adequate knowledge of theology may be required to take the Survey of Theology course as well.

3. Each student must give testimony of being a born-again believer in Jesus Christ and indicate a sincere desire to study the Word of God.
4. Each applicant must be in general agreement with the Word of Life Statement of Faith and be willing to receive instruction in areas of disagreement. The applicant must also agree to abide by the Bible School Standard of Conduct.
5. Each applicant must be in sufficiently good health to participate in the activities of the school.
6. Each applicant must be fluent in either Hungarian or English. Students who do not speak English as their first language may be sent a proficiency exam that should be completed as quickly possible.
7. Foreign students must possess a valid passport to travel to Hungary and to attend the Bible School.
8. Foreign students must contact the Hungarian embassy in their country and obtain a student visa before traveling to Hungary. You will need an official letter of acceptance, which is also a letter of invitation, from the Bible School in order to apply for this visa.
9. Students from certain countries may be required to certify their ability to pay for their schooling and personal needs in order for the government to grant permission to stay in Hungary.

### *Admissions Procedure*

1. Submit an application for admission following the instructions printed on the application.
2. Submit your personal biography that includes your testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.
3. Foreign students should enclose the non-refundable application fee of \$60 (USD) or the equivalent in convertible currency. Hungarian students should enclose the non-refundable application fee of 1500 HUF or a validated postal check for this amount.
4. Have an official copy of your high school and / or all college transcripts sent to us, whether you graduated or not.
5. Give the reference forms to the people listed on your application and have them sent directly to us.
6. Be sure to attach two recent photographs (preferably passport type) to your application.
7. Read and sign the Statement of Faith / Standard of Conduct and return this with the application.
8. The Bible School reserves the right to request a personal interview either by phone or in person if deemed necessary.
9. After we have received all of the above-mentioned we will review your application materials and inform you of our decision in a timely fashion with an official letter of acceptance.
10. Foreign students must apply for a student visa at the Hungarian embassy in their country. The letter of acceptance will also serve as the official letter of invitation that is needed for this visa.

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## Residency Requirements

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All single students are required to live on campus. At the present time there is no married student housing on campus. However, we will help married students secure adequate housing in town when we are certain they will be attending the Bible School.

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## Graduation Requirements

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In order to receive a Word of Life Diploma each student must meet the following graduation requirements. Students who otherwise complete the program, but fail to meet all of these requirements will be issued a Certificate of Attendance.

1. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (Hungarian system) or 2.0 (American system)
2. Successfully complete the minimum course requirements for each course. This means the student must receive at least a 2.0 (Hungarian system) or 1.0 (American system) for each course.
3. Successfully complete all ministry requirements
4. Be in full agreement with the Word of Life Statement of Faith.

Exception: Students who are not in full agreement with the Word of Life Statement of Faith must submit a written explanation to the Executive Dean at least 2 months prior to graduation. This document must give details concerning the areas of disagreement and include supporting biblical reasons and references. The paper will then be reviewed by the faculty and the student will be interviewed. The faculty will then determine whether or not to grant an exception to the Statement of Faith requirement. Students who fail to submit this paper or who are denied the exception will not graduate with a diploma, but will receive a certificate of attendance.

5. Sign a repayment agreement for any outstanding school bills

Because graduation is such a special occasion in the Bible School year, all students are required to attend the graduation ceremonies. Exceptions to this may only be granted by the Executive Dean of the Bible School.

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## Financial Information

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### ***Room, board and tuition costs for the Bible School***

The cost of room, board and tuition for on-campus students for the 2004-2005 school year is \$4,400 (USD). (Significant financial aid packages are available for certain students as explained below.)

If a student desires to pay in a currency other than U.S. Dollars, the equivalent must be paid based upon the current average exchange rate at the time. This does not apply to Hungarians

paying in forints (HUF) since the cost in HUF is established in the spring for the following school year.

Room, board and tuition fees are subject to change in each subsequent year due to inflation. However, room, board and tuition fees will remain the same for the second year of enrollment for each student.

### ***Explanation of financial aid packages***

Our goal is to provide an affordable education for all students, while also meeting our operating expenses. The financial aid packages that we offer are not intended to be discriminatory, but rather reflect an attempt to take into account different personal and national economic situations as well as the specific commitment Word of Life Hungary has to ethnic Hungarians.

Basic financial aid packages, which are applied directly to the room, board and tuition fee, are generally available to students in either category 1 or 2 listed below. In order to qualify for financial assistance, each student is required to fill out a Financial Aid Application form. The final amount of financial assistance may be increased or decreased based upon the individual student's ability to pay. This means that students in category 3 also may be eligible for some financial assistance.

### ***Category 1 Financial Aid Package***

Hungarians and Hungarian-speaking students from other Central/Eastern European countries are eligible to apply for the Category 1 Financial Aid Package.

The Category 1 Financial Aid Package for the 2004-2005 school year is such that the final cost for most Hungarian-speaking students is 16.000 HUF per month for 11 months.

The entire yearly fee of 176.000 HUF may be paid in full at the time of registration or in 11 monthly payments of 16.000 HUF (due on registration day and the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, October-July).

Since the entire Category 1 Financial Aid Package is financed by Word of Life Hungary, we have established the "Student Partnership Fund." Word of Life Hungary actively seeks partners to participate in this unique scholarship program in order to cover the cost of our subsidy, while also providing additional financial assistance to our students beyond that of the Category 1 Financial Aid Package.

### ***Category 2 Financial Aid Package***

Students from Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, most of Asia, and most of Central and South America are eligible to apply for the Category 2 Financial Aid Package.

The Category 2 Financial Aid Package for the 2004-2005 school year is such that the final cost for most students in this category is \$2600 (USD) per year.

The entire fee of 2600 USD may be paid in full at the time of registration or in 10 monthly payments of 260 USD (due on registration day and the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, October-June).

### ***Category 3 Financial Aid Information***

Compared to the cost of education in many countries, the basic room, board and tuition cost of \$4400 for the 2004-2005 school year represents an exceptional value. Because of this, students from Western Europe, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Israel, Japan, South Korea are not generally eligible for additional financial assistance. However, all students with specific financial needs are encouraged to fill out a Financial Aid Application which will be considered as funds become available.

The entire fee of 4400 USD may be paid in full at the time of registration or in 10 monthly payments of 440 USD (due on registration day and the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, October-June).

### ***Dependents of Missionaries***

Students who are dependents of full-time missionaries from Category 3 countries and regions, but who are serving in Category 1 and 2 countries and regions are eligible to apply for the Category 2 Financial Aid Package.

### ***Dependents of WOL Staff Members***

Students who are dependents of full-time WOL Staff Members from Category 3 countries are eligible to apply for the Category 2 Financial Aid Package. Otherwise, the normal financial aid packages are available based upon the categories above.

### ***Dependents of other Christian Workers***

Students who are dependents of full-time Christian workers who are serving in Category 3 countries are eligible to apply for a \$500 per year discount.

### ***Tuition costs for off-campus students***

We have structured the costs such that the cost of room and board is 65% of the total school bill and the cost of tuition cost is 35% of the total *after the financial aid package is applied*. Based upon this formula, the cost for tuition for off-campus students in each category is listed below.

**Category 1:** 5600 HUF per month for 11 months

**Category 2:** 910 USD per year

**Category 3:** 1540 USD per year

Note: This does not include any meals except required banquets. Meals must be paid for individually.

### ***Other Fees / Costs***

**Textbooks:** The cost of all required textbooks is the responsibility of the students. At the present time this cost is less than \$100 for books published in English, and even less for those published in Hungarian. English speaking students from the U.S. and Canada will be sent a list of books that they should purchase and bring with them. Some of our textbooks are also available in Romanian and German. We ask students from these countries to bring books with them as well if possible.

**Residency Permits for Foreign Students:** All foreign students are required to have a student visa prior to traveling to Hungary (see Admissions Information). This is only valid for a short period of time. Foreign students are required to obtain a 2-year residency permit during the first couple of weeks of the fall quarter. (We assist students in this process.) The student will be required to undergo certain medical exams and submit application papers. The total cost for this is currently about \$200.

**Ministry Transportation Costs:** In general the Bible School will work to secure transportation funds from the churches and other ministries in which our students minister on the weekends. However, when this is not possible, students are responsible for their own public transportation costs.

**Personal Transportation Costs:** Students who require transportation by Word of Life will be charged a transportation fee. The cost is \$25 per trip to the airport or the train station in Budapest. Transportation fees may be charged for any trip over 8 km (5 miles) in a Word of Life vehicle.

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## Student Life

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### *The School Year*

The Word of Life Hungary Bible School operates on the quarter system. The fall quarter is 11 weeks, with the winter and spring quarters being ten weeks each. The summer ministry quarter consists of eight weeks of camp, of which the students are required to participate in seven.

The fall quarter generally begins registration on the second weekend in September and runs until the end of November. The first two weeks of the winter quarter are usually the first two weeks in December. Winter quarter classes usually resume the second or third full week in January. There is a two week spring break in March or April (depending on the calendar), with the spring quarter ending the last week in May. This is followed by a two or three week summer break and seven or eight weeks of summer camp. Graduation is held on Sunday afternoon, the day after the last day of camp.

### *Daily Schedule*

**Quiet Time:** Each day begins with a half-hour quiet time. We believe the Word of God is important and that personal application of His truth comes as we develop our personal relationship with Him.

**Chapel:** Chapel services are held on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, as well as before class on Wednesday through Friday mornings. The chapel services feature worship and prayer time, as well as messages from God's Word by the resident faculty and staff, and visiting speakers.

During the winter quarter second year students may have the opportunity to speak in chapel as part of the Biblical Communications course. These are definitely a highlight of the year. During the spring quarter the School of Pastoral Ministries students lead and speak in a series of chapels.

**Classes:** Sixteen hours of Bible-related classes are held each week, Tuesday through Friday morning. Ten of these hours are taught by a guest teacher and may be an expositional study of a book of the Bible or a practical ministry-related topic. The other six hours are taught by one of the resident professors and are generally one of the foundational courses.

Students also attend 3 hours of language class each week. Hungarian students study English, while native English-speaking students study Hungarian. Other English speaking students generally have a choice as to which language they will study, unless it is determined that they need to improve their English skills, in which case they are required to study English.

**Work Program:** We believe that it is important for students to develop a well-balanced life that is both disciplined and productive. Therefore students participate in a work program of 4-8 hours per week during which they may be involved in any number of areas of need around the school and camp property.

**Study hours:** We believe that every student should have the opportunity to succeed in his or her studies to the highest degree possible. And because the overall Bible School program is intensive, we have required evening study hours, Monday—Thursday. All first-quarter students have required study hours, but after this, those whose grades place them on the Honor List for the previous quarter do not.

**Evening Devotions:** Students have the opportunity to develop their personal ministry skills and build relationships with one another through the evening devotions that are held in the dorm rooms on Monday—Thursday evenings.

### *Weekend Ministries*

Each student is involved in some type of ministry each week. These ministries include Word of Life Bible Clubs, Evangelistic Sing Team, and the Sports Ministries Team. English-speaking students have opportunities to minister English language clubs, on the Sing Team or at one of several churches in Budapest that has an international congregation. Other opportunities to minister throughout the year include evangelistic meetings and occasionally visits to schools, prisons, orphanages and retirement homes.

### *Church Attendance*

Word of Life is committed to the ministry of the local church and the importance of local church in the life of every believer. Therefore, all students are required to regularly attend church services on Sunday. Preferably this will be in the church where they regularly minister. For those who remain in Tóalmás over the weekend there is a local Bible church.

### *Summer Camps / Practical Ministry Quarter*

The Bible School graduation requirements include two practical ministry quarters which occur during the summers after the first and second academic years. Most students are involved in the summer camping ministry at our castle property in Tóalmás. The summer camping program is generally eight weeks from about the third week in June through the first or second week in August. Of these eight weeks, students are required to serve for seven. Many of the students minister as counselors, while others fill some other leadership position in the camp.

There are also many other missions organizations in Hungary that occasionally request that our students help them during the summer from one to three weeks. These requests are reviewed and granted on an individual basis.

Foreign students generally have the opportunity to return to their home countries during the summer to serve in a Word of Life or other approved ministry.

All students are encouraged to serve their second summer in Hungary or Europe so that they can attend graduation.

### ***Athletics / Sports***

The Bible School property includes a full-size soccer field, three volleyball courts, a four-goal basketball court, ping-pong tables, a swimming lake with a water-slide and trails for running and walking. The winter weather also allows for skating and sledding. We also occasionally have access to the school gym in town, which is modern and has facilities for indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, and tennis.

## **Accreditation / Credit Transfer / Placement**

The Word of Life Hungary Bible School is not officially recognized by the Hungarian government as an accredited school. We operate independently under the charter of the Word of Life Foundation as a course of study. However, the ministry of Word of Life is well-known throughout Hungary, the United States, and in dozens of countries around the world. This recognition means that many other schools accept credits earned in our program (as described in detail below) and allows us to help our graduates find full-time ministry opportunities both within Word of Life, with many other mission organizations, and in local churches.

### ***Credit Transfers to Other Colleges and Universities***

We are thankful that Word of Life Hungary Bible School graduates may transfer credits earned here to a number of fine, accredited Christian Colleges and Universities in the United States. This is possible because of the excellent academic quality of our program and because we are an international ministry of the same parent organization as the Word of Life Bible Institute in Schroon Lake, New York.

### ***Which Schools Will Accept Our Credits?***

Currently, we have formal credit transfer approval from the following schools: *Moody Bible Institute, Washington Bible College, Columbia International University, Lancaster Bible College, Philadelphia College of Bible, Practical Bible College* and *North Greenville College*. However, this does not mean that no other Christian colleges accept our credits. Other schools that have accepted our credits include *Toccoa Falls Bible College* and *Liberty University*. In general, any Christian college that accepts credits from Word of Life Bible

Institute in the U.S. will accept ours as well. It is important for you to know, however, that each school reserves the right to make final decisions concerning issues of credit transfer.

Whenever a student would like to transfer credits to a school with which we do not yet have a formal credit transfer agreement, our Academic Affairs office provides that school with the information needed to evaluate our academic program. The school then notifies us of their decision. Since schools usually require detailed academic information, it is best for the student to notify our Academic Dean *as soon as he feels he may want to attend that school*. We will then begin work on official approval for the credit transfer.

### ***How Many of My Credits Will Transfer?***

Each school makes that decision based upon a number of factors. Normally, schools will only accept credits for courses in which the student has earned a grade of “C” or higher. Christian schools usually accept at least one full school year of our credits, but often it can be more. Our Academic Affairs office either has that information on file or can obtain it for you. Acceptance of your credits by secular schools will probably be significantly less. Upon request, we will send official transcripts of your grades to any school.

### ***When and How Do I Apply to Another Christian School?***

You should begin making plans for your next school during the summer between your first and second year of study with us. We have a number of school catalogs in our library for your use. You may copy application forms and use them to begin the application process as soon as possible. You may want to personally contact prospective schools to get their latest catalog and application information.. *You should plan on making your final decision by January of the year you graduate and notify us immediately of this decision*. As soon as we know of your plans we will begin helping you with the process of credit transfer as well as with any scholarships for which you may be eligible as a Word of Life graduate.

### ***What about Financial Aid and Scholarships?***

Your Word of Life diploma may be more valuable than you think! Because of the spiritual maturity of Word of Life graduates and the reputation of Word of Life schools in general, many American Christian colleges have given Word of Life USA graduates substantial scholarship help. A number of these schools also extend this courtesy to Word of Life Hungary Bible School graduates. In addition, Christian schools usually offer their own scholarships and various work-study programs to help students finance their education.

Other federal financial aid programs are often available to U.S. citizens, as well as to qualified international students. (American men must have also registered with the US Selective Service, i.e., military registration). Two of the most popular programs are *Pell Grants* and *Federal Stafford Loans* (FSL). Under a *Pell Grant* the federal government pays a portion of a student’s school bill by sending money (which does not have to be repaid by

the student) directly to the school. A *Federal Stafford Loan* is a low-interest rate student loan that the student does not have to begin repaying until after graduation. Pell Grants and Stafford Loans are both given based upon need and time of application.

In order to apply for federal aid you or your parents must fill out a form called a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). Prospective schools will have these available after January 1 of each year. You cannot be considered for financial aid until you have submitted this application and been officially accepted for admission at the school. Since financial aid is granted on a “first-come-first-serve” basis, you must apply as soon as possible after January 1.

## Word of Life Fellowship Statement of Faith

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are verbally inspired of God. They are without error in the original writings and they are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, who is eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, His death to pay the penalty for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation to God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.
4. We believe that all men have sinned and therefore are guilty before God and are under His condemnation.
5. We believe that all who, by faith, receive Jesus Christ are born-again of the Holy Spirit and therefore become children of God and are eternally saved, and that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to enlighten, guide, and enable him in life, testimony and service.
6. We believe that God gives spiritual gifts to all believers for the building up of the body of Christ. However, we believe that some gifts of the Spirit such as tongues and healing were evidently limited to the early church. We believe that God answers the prayers of His people and meets their needs according to His purpose.
7. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in Hell.
8. We believe that all believers are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and alliances.

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## Word of Life Standard of Conduct

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1. As a Christian organization, WORD OF LIFE Fellowship, Inc., holds a unique position in the world today. It is dedicated to the fact of the Lordship of Christ in all areas of life. The distinctiveness of WORD OF LIFE lies also in its philosophy and goals. Those who are associated with WORD OF LIFE, including Directors, administration, faculty, staff and students, form a community, and are not a group of autonomous individuals. They consequently bear certain responsibilities and obligations within the organization for the implementation of its purposes and goals. In order that the organization may function smoothly and that its goals may be realized, it is necessary that there be mutual commitment to a corpus of regulations which when embraced by all members, involves the willing surrender of certain individual purposes and goals.
2. Since WORD OF LIFE is a Christian organization, we must follow specific Biblical principles which relate to Christian behavior within the organization. WORD OF LIFE, therefore, prohibits practices which are clearly forbidden by the Word of God (for example, 1 Cor. 6:9-20: drunkenness, sexual immorality, dishonesty, etc.) Further, to expect the Christian to exemplify Christian love, consideration for the rights of others, honesty, and a high sense of Christian ethics, is to expect only that which the Word of God teaches to be primary in the character of the Christian (for example, Eph. 4:24-5:8).
3. WORD OF LIFE recognizes the principles of Christian liberty within the sphere of those things which are intrinsically innocent. However, WORD OF LIFE also recognizes that liberty needs to be restricted in certain instances. Scriptural precedent is found for this in Acts 15 and Romans 14, where certain practices inherently innocent were forbidden because they could do spiritual harm to other members of the Christian community.
4. Good verses for Biblical consideration concerning the above paragraph are:  
1 Corinthians 6:12 Lawful, but not expedient (not profitable for our good).  
1 Corinthians 10:23 Lawful, but not edifying.  
1 Corinthians 8:9 Could be a stumbling block.  
Romans 1:32 Christians are different, and by living like the world, we approve of it.  
There should be no pleasure in watching sin.  
Ephesians 5:6-7 Don't be deceived with vanity and participate in it.  
Colossians 3:17 Make sure it pleases the Lord, not emotions, flesh, or self.  
Hebrews 12:1-2 Lay aside weights as well as the sin.
5. WORD OF LIFE rejects the principle that exposure to and/or experimentation with the doubtful and objectionable elements of "life" is essential to the development of moral or intellectual discernment and or discrimination. WORD OF LIFE reserves the privilege to make the final decision for any full-time staff in any questionable area.

6. Certain principles of conduct are believed to be a necessary part of an effort to establish an atmosphere within which the goals of WORD OF LIFE may be realized. For this reason, WORD OF LIFE requires all members of its organization to refrain from the possession or use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco, from gambling and the use of traditional playing cards, from narcotics and hallucinogenic drugs (including marijuana), from participation in oath-bound secret organizations (societies), from social dancing of any type, from attendance at the motion picture theater and commercial stage productions. It is further expected that all members of the organization will actively support a local Bible-believing church through service, giving, and allegiance and exercise of Christian discretion and restraint in the choice of entertainment, including radio, television, audio, and visual recordings, the various forms of literature, and observance of the Lord's day.
7. WORD OF LIFE recognizes that observance of these regulations does not comprise the whole of one's responsibility to God and hence does not necessarily indicate that one is living a life of full commitment. The philosophy of WORD OF LIFE, however, maintains that one's willingness to obey these regulations shows a maturity and spiritual concern for the whole Christian community (for example, Gal. 5:13-24).
8. The conduct of any member of the WORD OF LIFE organization that is an offense to good taste, sound morality, or Christian propriety will not be acceptable. While some may not have personal convictions wholly in accordance with the above standard of conduct, the purpose underlying them necessitates the member's honorable obedience to them. If in conscience a member of the organization can no longer in integrity conform to them, he or she should withdraw from WORD OF LIFE. Willful disobedience of the above standards will bring about dismissal from WORD OF LIFE immediately.
9. To insure that the doctrinal position of WORD OF LIFE Fellowship, Inc., will be maintained in an uncompromising manner, and believing that a consistent and exemplary life should be expected of those who undertake the instruction and guidance of Christian youth, it is required that every member of the organization shall individually affirm the above at the time of initial appointment or employment and shall so re-affirm at such time as determined by the Board of Directors.

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