



Student Handbook 2026

Student Application

Pilgrim Bible School
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An Invitation to Pilgrim Bible School

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

-2 Timothy 3:14-17

These verses give three ingredients in Christian development. In verse 15, the teaching Timothy received in childhood suggests many years of instruction. Christian development requires much instruction and study. A term at Bible School is designed to aid your parents and church leaders in the teaching program of your spiritual development.

The second ingredient is the Scriptures. It is the instruction of God's Word that will best aid a person to spiritual maturity. We believe that all Scripture is given for our development, and it serves as the criteria for all of our instruction here at Bible School.

The third ingredient for spiritual development is obedience to revealed truth. Verse 14 contrasts the apostates in verse 13 to the faithful children continuing in the knowledge they possess. We want to inspire obedience to God through our Bible School efforts.

We give you a hearty invitation to make a firsthand observation of the blessings students receive as they spend time together around the Word and in fellowship together.

As a Bible School Board, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Bible School. It is our desire that your experience with us will prove to be a rich blessing to you. If we can be of any assistance, we welcome your call at any time.

Sincerely,

The Pilgrim Bible School Board

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Student Handbook

VISION & MISSION

The Pilgrim Bible School was founded and dedicated for the express purpose of the following:

1. To promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in its fullness.
2. To promote respect for the entire Word of God.
3. To promote appreciation for a conservative view of applications to Bible doctrine and principles.
4. To establish individuals in the true faith, thus fortifying them against false teachings.
5. To help preserve Anabaptist views and practices which are based on scriptural principles.
6. To promote these ideals in a Christian way, that gains the respect of each student.

To accomplish the above stated purposes, certain guidelines have been established for Christian conduct for all students while attending Pilgrim Bible School.

The school seeks to serve all those who may attend from any age group and denomination. A commitment to study the Word, to live a life of holiness, and to participate in practical Christian service are essential ingredients to a profitable Bible School experience.

A person's race, ethnic, or denominational identity will not be a basis of discrimination.

APPLICATION AND TUITION

We welcome your interest in the program offered by Pilgrim Bible School. To apply as a student at the school, send in a completed application form for board evaluation and approval. You must be a minimum of 17 years old to apply for the three 3-week terms in MS, and a minimum of 20 years old to apply for the senior term. There may be some special exceptions granted to this age limit.

A \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is required with the application. The total tuition per student is \$475.00, leaving a balance of \$450.00 for the student to pay at the school. It is appreciated if the student can pay the balance during the first week of the term. No individual should feel excluded if they are not able to meet these costs. Tuition does not include personal items and other incidental expenses.

Students wishing to spend more than one day at the school or to attend less than three weeks are required to register, to be subject to school regulations, and to pay tuition of \$25.00 per day.

Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Upon approval, you will receive a letter of enrollment including various details about registration and travel. Please read the letter thoroughly.

Familiarize yourself with the school standards and other information in this brochure.

A student who enrolls at Pilgrim Bible School agrees to subject himself to the rules and regulations during his enrollment.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Students should arrive at the Bible School between 11am & 4pm the Monday prior to the beginning of the term. Volunteers from the Darbun congregation can provide transportation to and from the New Orleans International Airport. The Airport code is MSY.

Book your flight to arrive before 1pm on Monday. There will be two hours driving time to the Bible School. Airport transportation costs are \$40 per student per trip payable to the secretary at Bible School. Students shall plan to leave the Bible School no later than 12pm Friday (the day after the closing program). Return flights should be booked to depart no earlier than 10am Friday.

To arrange for pickup and drop off, contact Curtiss Point at 601-517-7089 at least two weeks before your arrival date.

Please provide student name(s), phone number, arrival and departure times, airline, and flight numbers. If possible, please email your itinerary to southernrentals29@gmail.com.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

You are required to take a course for each class period unless other arrangements are made by special permission from the principal. *Separation* and *Nonresistance* are recommended subjects unless previously taken. Any course or class change after you have attended a class period must be cleared with the principal and respective teachers.

STUDY TIME

A study period will follow each class period. The teacher for the previous class will oversee the study period.

BELLS

Every bell at PBS means something. Bells will be relied on rather than alarm clocks and alarm watches. Prompt response is always expected. This discipline is very valuable for a smooth operation and for training for life.

Bells are rung to call students to meals, chapel services, and class periods. A warning bell rings five minutes before the close of each class, followed by a final single bell. Students are requested to respond promptly to bells for class, meal, and chapel times. Five rings of the bell calls everyone to the chapel at any time, day or night. If this occurs at night, it will be an emergency. In such a situation, dress sufficiently to be presentable and report to the chapel.

One long blast of the bell indicates a fire alarm. Directions will be given for fire drills near the beginning of each term.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Rising time	6:00
Breakfast buffet	6:45 - 7:15
Personal devotions	7:35 - 7:50
Chapel	8:00 - 8:25
Class period 1	8:30 - 9:20
Study period 1	9:20 - 9:50
Class period 2	10:00 - 10:50
Study period 2	10:50 - 11:15
Bible Reading & Prayer.....	11:25 - 11:50
Lunch	12:00
Class period 3	12:50 - 1:40
Study period 3	1:40 - 2:05
Class period 4	2:15 - 3:05
Study period 4	3:05 - 3:35
Chorus	3:45 - 4:45
Activity for ½ students.....	4:50 - 5:40
Supper & jobs	5:45
Activity for ½ students.....	6:35 - 7:25
Evening Service or activity	8:00
Fellowship & Snack	8:40 - 9:20
Prepare for bed	9:20 - 9:50
Quiet time	9:50 - 10:00
Lights out	10:00

CHAPEL

Spiritual guidance and instruction are given daily. Weekly student body chapels give students an opportunity to exercise Christian leadership.

To have an orderly situation, each student is assigned a seat in the classroom near the beginning of each term. The student will occupy this seat each chapel period, each Bible reading period, and each fasting service. An attitude of reverence is expected, and a definite practice of maintaining silence should be established upon entering the classroom for services.

Attitudes of expectancy and reverence prepare us to receive God's blessing.

CHORUS

Chorus period is one of the daily highlights of the Bible School. Singing is to bring glory to God and inspires the singer and all who are listening to a greater love and commitment to their Creator and Savior. Chorus is a required class period.

DATING

At the Pilgrim Bible School we are interested in fostering healthy Christian relationships. Courting is permitted only for those who are eighteen years old or older.

The following regulations apply to any courting couple whether both or one is attending the school.

Permission may be given for a two-hour date once a week. If it is necessary to leave the school, a chaperon shall accompany couples. All permission for dates and questions about dates shall be cleared with the principal or matron.

Dating couples shall not sit next to each other in any assembly, and shall not spend time together in halls or rooms. The principal will give two half-hour time slots for couples to visit.

A hands-off policy between brethren and sisters is the expected standard.

DINING ROOM

No students are allowed in the kitchen without permission.

When excused after meals, students should leave the dining room area promptly unless assigned to do dishes. The dishwashing schedule will be planned by the principal and matron. Students are not allowed to rearrange the schedule without approval by the principal.

DORMITORY LIFE

We believe that dorm life can be profitable and enjoyable when every student is respectful and cooperative. Every occupant should practice the Golden Rule. We expect everyone to be respectful of the rights and property of others. Everyone should make their contribution in keeping the dorm clean and in good order, keeping personal belongings in the proper place and having beds neatly made before morning chapel.

There shall be no talking, whispering, or eating in the hours between evening quiet time and the morning rising bell. Dorms are to be quiet during class times and study periods. Loud and boisterous talking and laughing is not acceptable at any time.

In light of the Bible teaching on temperance, we discourage an excess of snack foods. The school provides beverages. The principal will give direction for the use of all other beverages.

DRESS STANDARDS

Christians must remember that their dress is an indication of moral character. We believe that the dress and grooming of an individual provide a major part of his testimony, consequently, training in this area is of great importance.

All are expected to wear attire that respects the Bible principles of modesty, without ornamentation, non-conformed to the fads and fashions of the world and expresses humility and simplicity.

For everyone:

Watchbands shall be black or of a subdued dark color and shall not be trimmed with gold or silver.

Ornamental pins and other extras

shall not be worn.

Dress shoes shall be black, and are required for classes and services. Shoes for activities & work shall be dark in color above the sole with no large logos or bright, contrasting colors.

Clothing displaying modern name brands will not be accepted.

Outer garments for cooler weather shall follow the Biblical principle of nonconformity to worldly fashion and shall be without ornamentation. Tight fitting and pullover sweaters are not accepted.

All students are expected to arrive and leave PBS dressed in keeping with these standards and shall bring clothing to fully support these standards. Students enrolled from church groups whose pattern of nonconformity may differ from these standards are requested to honor the standards of their own group unless those standards are considered by the administration to be a threat to the principles of nonconformity as applied and upheld by the school.

For brethren:

Shirts shall be long sleeved, medium to light in color, and appear to be a solid color. Solid colored shirts are encouraged. Sport shirts, (two pockets, pocket flaps, and contrasting buttons) are not permitted. The traditional look of the lighter shirt and darker trousers is to be honored in all dress and casual wear. Jeans and pants with outside pockets are not permitted.

Brethren shall wear a plain suit coat. Other clothing, footwear, and headgear shall not be of fashionable, sporty, or Western styles. This includes articles of clothing worn for work or other activities.

Brethren shall have a regular

tapered haircut and avoid the gelled hair look

Shirt collars are to be closed for all classes and worship services. Pajamas are required for nightwear. Night pants shall extend below the knees.

Plain coats shall be worn as directed by the administration.

For sisters:

Our application for modest apparel for the sisters is the basic cape dress. Dresses shall not be tight fitting and they shall reach to at least midway between the knee and the ankle. The sleeves shall be worn to the elbow. Sleeve endings shall be simple without ruffles.

Materials shall not be transparent and shall be of subdued modest colors and patterns, avoiding the shiny, shimmering fabrics, which draw attention to the wearer. Collars shall be simple and modest. If the dress has no collar, the neckline shall not be a square-neck, a v-neck, or scalloped. Flowers should not be bold. Bold and contrasting fabrics will not be accepted. Leg wear should be dark in color and shall be worn in all areas of public life. The shoes for our sisters shall not have heels over 1 3/4" high, be low cut or have exposed heels and toes.

Immodest types of clothes and footwear, anklets, and low necklines are not permitted.

Fashionable hairstyles, the intertwining of the hair in ornament, and hair barrettes that draw attention to oneself shall be avoided. If a part is used it shall be a full part.

Clothing shall be free from decorations such as lace, smocking and ruffles.

Modest knee-length or longer

nightgowns with sleeves are required for nightwear.

The covering application to be honored at all times is a two-piece type of sufficient size so that the bottom comes below the bun to the neck and the front comes forward to a position (on top of the head) in front of the ears. The front piece shall be at least 1 1/2" wide. The hair shall not be cut and shall be free from current worldly arrangements, which do not express a spirit of meekness and sobriety.

FALSE TEACHING

Promotion of false teachings or questionable teachings will not be tolerated. The Board or Principal must first approve all reference books and Bible helps allowed at the school. The King James Version shall be the standard text.

LAUNDRY

The school provides laundry facilities and soap.

LEAVES

No student is permitted to leave the school grounds without permission of the principal.

We approve student attendance at weddings of members of the same congregation of where students have a personal invitation.

Leaves for funerals will also be granted. Such leaves shall have prior parental approval.

MAIL

Mail goes out at 9:00 A.M. each day except Sunday and holidays. Deposit outgoing mail in the mail slot in the stacker on the table in the hallway. A return address should be put on all mail that goes out. Incoming mail will be placed on the table in the hallway under the initial of your last name. You may pick it up at noon.

MUSIC & ELECTRONICS

Radios, portable audio devices, and musical instruments shall not be brought to Bible School. All recordings that do not meet Pilgrim Conference music guidelines shall not be brought to the campus.

All student electronic communication devices, such as smart watches and laptops, shall be handed into the office and will be given for use under the direction of the administration.

CELL PHONE USE

It is our vision to help our youth detach from the electronic social world and to focus on personal spiritual development and to connect socially with the group at Bible School.

1. Daily cell phones times are given with direction from the principal.
2. Phones should be used primarily to communicate with family.
3. We ask that students limit their phone use to once a day. Earbuds shall not be used.
4. The principals shall give direction to limit cell phone use when they feel it is hindering good Bible School focus.

OFFICE

Books and writing supplies are available at the office. Students are not permitted in the office without permission from the administration.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictures taken at school must represent the school properly. Persons on pictures must be properly dressed (no nightwear). We forbid photo taking during worship services and class periods, except during a time designated by the administration.

Personal photos for exchange must be approved by the principals and shall give expression of modesty and simplicity. The dress standard in the photos shall be representative of PBS standards.

Sisters: Formal dress and sleeves extending below the elbow.

Brethren: The principle of lighter shirt/darker pants shall be followed. The top button shall be closed and if an outer garment is worn it shall be the plain suit coat.

Photo albums, pictures, and pictures brought to school for exchange must be cleared with the principal.

Because of the entertainment aspects of moving pictures, camcorders are not permitted.

PRAYER

All students are expected to attend the daily prayer services regularly and are encouraged to exercise the privilege of prayer and fasting.

REVERENCE

Reverence shows good taste and is a mark of character. All boisterous speech, the causing of unnecessary noises, and other distractions should be carefully avoided. No gum chewing.

REVIVALS

Revival meetings are held during the first weekend of each term as an opportunity to students and faculty for spiritual challenge and renewal.

Revival meeting schedule:

Friday - 7:30 P.M.

Saturday - 9:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sunday - 9:00 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

SOCIAL CONDUCT

Someone appointed by the principal will supervise physical activities. There will be no games during class periods, study periods, or mealtimes. We do not permit skits, plays, or drama of any kind. No electronic games of any kind are permitted. This includes video games and electronic sound games.

Only quiet games such as crossword puzzles, Bible quizzes, puzzles, etc. are permitted on Sunday afternoons. Each student must maintain personal cleanliness.

Buy and selling among students is not permitted without permission by the principal.

Students are encouraged to get some outdoor exercise each day on the school grounds. No one is permitted outside the building after dark or during class time without permission.

SONGBOOKS

Hymns of the Church is the songbook used for Bible School. Students may bring their own copy for use during the term. Books are available for sale at the Bible School.

SUPPLIES

Bring bedding for a single bed (sheets, blankets), pillow, towels, and wash cloths. Each student shall be responsible to properly mark all personal items of clothing and bedding.

If available, bring the current Rod & Staff Sunday School quarterlies and *Doctrines of the Bible*. Bring your *Martyr's Mirror* if you plan to take a course in church history.

VEHICLES

Vehicles may only be used with permission from the principal. When vehicles are used, they shall be driven courteously and in a way that gives a consistent witness in the community.

Only those vehicles which meet our church standards will be used in school and community activities.

Students are not permitted in vehicles for visiting, listening to music, etc.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome but shall contact the principal about their plans. Those who visit the school during class periods are expected to take in the classes. Daily schedules are available at the office. Visitors are free to participate but should not dominate class discussions.

Please be considerate of students' schedules, assignments, and responsibilities at all times.

Visitors are permitted in the dormitories only by permission of the principal.

Please help us to maintain a reverent atmosphere by respecting the school regulations. We want your visit to be profitable to you and to the school.

WEEKENDS

Each Saturday afternoon the faculty is responsible for planning a program of educational, inspirational, or informative value for the student body. This program is generally of an informal nature. Cottage meetings, street meetings, tract distribution, singing, etc. may be scheduled in the community.

WORK

Regardless of the number of people using the school facilities, there is always a considerable amount of repair work and routine cleaning that needs to be done.

Because of this, all students are required to help keep the building and grounds presentable. To accomplish this, work schedules will assign each student to their particular task. All students must help keep the Bible school neat and orderly

YEARBOOK

A school yearbook will be compiled each year including class reports, faculty messages, informative articles, school statistics, and pictures.

Students will have various opportunities to contribute to the yearbook through staff appointments and reporting assignments.

Class Descriptions

A Study on the Gospel of Matthew

This study helps us grow in our relationship with Jesus as we view Him through the eyes of a former public official who wrote to his own people, the Jews. This course examines the proofs Matthew offers to show that Jesus is indeed the Messiah.

Issues That Faced the Mennonite Church in America

The Mennonite Church has faced countless issues in a constantly changing world. Those who understand past issues and how the church related to them will be better equipped to face present issues. This study should help us to “earnestly contend for the faith which us once delivered to the saints.”

Youth and Social Identity Issues

Every young person faces the question, “Who am I?” As we transition from childhood to adulthood, we make choices that affect our identity. Outside of Christ, we pursue an identity in earthly things and pleasures. In Christ, we find our identity in a relationship with Jesus and serving Him. This class challenges us to lift our eyes to eternal values and release our hold on temporal things.

Salt & Light: Becoming Trustworthy Stewards

This class is for anyone who finds him/herself in possession of God-given assets, and wants to handle them with the faithfulness required of stewards. Biblical principles lay the foundation for discussing the specifics of how to live them out. The topics cover a wide range: budgets, debts, giving, loans, credit cards, saving, health care, work ethic, and more: all with a Kingdom focus.

The Doctrine of Nonresistance

This course highlights Jesus' teachings related to His followers' response when they are treated wrongfully. It compares Old and New Testament doctrine, as well as providing a practical look at the tests we may encounter in everyday experience.

Courtship and Marriage

God has intended that the courtship experience be a time of seeking to know God's perfect plan for our lives in a pure and God honoring way. In this class we examine God's directives, which when followed, provide the foundation for a happy Christian marriage. This book is highly recommended for every teenager.

Plain Speaking

Plain Speaking takes the reader through all of the steps of developing and delivering an effective talk or devotional message. Topics include making eye contact, using illustrations, controlling speaker's fright, and rousing introductions and conclusions.

Foundations From Genesis

This course shows how truths humans need in order to have a relationship with God are laid down in the beginning, in Genesis. It expands these truths with study into other passages as well. Firmly established in the study is the concept that God does not change. His foundations are firm and sure. We can know how He expects us to live in the life in order to prepare for eternity.

Application Form

Pilgrim Bible School - 2026

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Your age when attending Bible School _____

Single _____ Married _____ Male _____ Female _____

Which term would you prefer attending?

First Term _____ (Jan 5 - 22) 3-week term

Second Term _____ (Jan 26 - Feb 12) 3-week term

If the term you selected is full, are you open to attending the other term if available? _____

Have you attended Bible School before? _____

If yes, name the Bible School _____

Parents _____

Are you a church member? _____

Church Group _____

Congregation _____

Bishop or Pastor _____

Pastor's Telephone (_____) _____ - _____

Pastor's Email _____

Questionnaire

The following questions will be reviewed prior to enrollment at Pilgrim Bible School. While all answers are only approximate, please circle the **number** that you believe **best** applies.

For the Student

1. How is your devotional life on the basis of frequency, consistency and meaningfulness?

Serious Need 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good
Average

2. What kind of relationship do you have with your parents based on your openness, obedience and honesty?

Serious Need 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good
Average

3. What is your relationship with your church based on obedience, openness with leaders and closeness to other church members?

Serious Need 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good
Average

For the Head of Household

4. Describe the respect and cooperation you receive from your child at home.

Serious Need 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good
Average

5. What is your comfort level with the friends your child is choosing?

Serious Need 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good
Average

6. How well does your child relate to others in friendliness, adaptability, and flexibility?

Serious Need 1 2 3 4 5 Very Good
Average

Class Selections

1st & 2nd Terms 2026
Check classes of your choice

1st class period 8:30 - 9:20

- _____ A Study on the Gospel of Matthew
- _____ Issues That Faced the Mennonite Church in America

2nd class period 10:00 - 10:50

- _____ Youth and Social Identity Issues
- _____ Salt & Light: Becoming Trustworthy Stewards

3rd class period 12:50 - 1:40

- _____ The Doctrine of Nonresistance
- _____ Courtship & Marriage

4th class period 2:15 - 3:05

- _____ Plain Speaking
- _____ Foundations From Genesis

Chorus 3:40 - 4:40

Your signature on this application acknowledges that you have read this handbook and that you plan to abide by and uphold the standards of Pilgrim Bible School.

Signature _____
Cell Phone (_____) _____ - _____
E-mail _____

Please send your application to:

Postal: _____ or Grantville, PA 17028
Lyndon Martin
556 Ridge Road
Register online:
www.pilgrimbibleschool.org

Faculty

	First Term	Second Term
Principal & Matron	Lyndon & Mary Burkholder	Jason & Christine Sensenig
Asst.Principal & Matron	<i>Pending</i>	Nolan & Delores Snyder
A Study on the Gospel of Matthew	<i>Pending</i>	Nolan Snyder
Issues That Faced the Mennonite Church in America	Dave Sweigart	Stuart Bauman
Youth and Social Identity Issues	<i>Pending</i>	Stuart Bauman
Salt & Light: Becoming Trustworthy Stewards	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>
The Doctrine of Nonresistance	Vernon Martin	<i>Pending</i>
Courtship & Marriage	Vernon Martin	<i>Pending</i>
Plain Speaking	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>
Foundations From Genesis	Dave Sweigart	<i>Pending</i>
Chorus	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>