

## 2. Doctrine 2

This course focuses an entire term on the centre of our faith – Jesus Christ.

Who was he? What did he do?

Sept 10	Adam: Man of Dust
17	Adam: Man in Sin
24	Christ: The Man from Heaven
Oct 1	<i>(Labour Day Public Holiday)</i>
8	Christ Crucified
15	Christ Exalted
22	The Spirit of God
29	The Call of God
Nov 5	Turning to God
12	The Justice of God
19	God's Choice

## 3. Apologetics

Written from the conviction that apologetics is more than just intellectual and philosophical debate, this course addresses how people feel toward Christ and the gospel as well as how they think about Christ and the gospel.

Sept 10	The Christian Apologist
17	Varieties of approach
24	Faith and reason
Oct 1	<i>(Labour Day Public Holiday)</i>
8	Concepts of truth
15	Arguing for the existence of God
22	Intellectual barriers to faith: traditional questions
29	Intellectual barriers to faith: alternative world views
Nov 5	Intellectual barriers to faith: Christian doctrines
12	Personal barriers to faith
19	Apologetics in action

*For more information speak to a member of staff or visit the website.*

# NCAC Ministry Training Program

## Semester 2, 2007

There is an old saying that “those who can, do – while those who can’t, teach”! A pretty awful saying really – especially if you are a teacher!

Something of the same cynical attitude can at times be taken to the issue of Christian training. The suggestion is sometimes made that we feel so guilty or embarrassed at the little that we are actually ‘doing’ that we turn to endless bouts of ‘training’ so as to busy ourselves and appease our troubled consciences.

You will notice from the program detailed below that we have sought to make our training program as specific, manageable and directed as we can. We hope and pray that God will use this program for the equipping of many of his people and to result in a whole lot of doing!!

## **The Program**

Our Ministry Training Program is split into two separate streams – the PTS (Prepared to Serve) and the PTC (Preliminary Theological Certificate).

PTS is designed to deal with character and conduct. It addresses the most basic and foundational matters of Christian faith and life. It aims to treat the most essential aspects of faith as it is exercised in both the personal/private disciplines of the Christian life as well as in public Christian service and witness.

PTC is a Moore College correspondence course and the perfect entry point for theological study. It has been in use now for generations and its scope has extended well beyond Sydney (having been translated into multiple languages!). It includes a wide range of units from the fields of Biblical Studies (eg. New Testament 1, Old Testament 2, Romans, Ephesians, etc) and Christian Thought (eg. Doctrine 1, Early Church History, Ethics, Apologetics, etc).

## **The Details**

Each of the streams will be conducted at the Naremburn site (either the Rectory, the Church or the Hall) on Monday nights (10 Sept – 19 Nov – excepting the Public Holiday on Oct 1) from 7:30pm – 9pm.

PTS costs nothing, while the PTC courses cost \$80 a subject (or \$120 for a couple sharing the same notes). These fees go entirely to the External Studies department of Moore Theological College (see [www.moore.edu.au](http://www.moore.edu.au)) and cover the notes, an examination, and administrative costs.

Rick is primarily responsible for the PTS stream, while a range of the staff will take care of PTC.

## **Enrolling**

To enrol in any of the courses, email [office@ncachurch.com](mailto:office@ncachurch.com), call the office on 9906 7110 or talk to a member of staff.

## **Semester 2 PTS Schedule**

<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Foundations</b>
Sept 10	The Beauty of Grace
17	The Uniqueness of Christ
24	The Sufficiency of Scripture
Oct 1	<i>(Labour Day Public Holiday)</i>
8	A Living Faith
15	A Growing Church
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Church Life</b>
Oct 22	The Place of Praise, Worship, Music & other parts
29	Earnest Prayer – in public and in private
Nov 5	Carefully Reading the Bible – in public & in private
12	Ready to Welcome & the Ministry of the Pew
19	The Pleasure of Witnessing & Answering Questions

## **Semester 2 PTC Schedule**

*There are three options being offered for PTC this semester: 'Introduction to the Bible', 'Doctrine 2' & 'Apologetics'.*

### **1. Introduction to the Bible**

This course provides an overview of the entire Bible, plus helpful hints on how to understand its main themes.

Sept 10	The Book of Books
17	Interpreting the Bible
24	From creation to new creation
Oct 1	<i>(Labour Day Public Holiday)</i>
8	Israel and God's purposes
15	The promised land and God's good purposes
22	The Kingdom of David & God's purpose
29	God's purpose renewed
Nov 5	Jesus the fulfiller of God's purpose
12	The Gospel for the nations
19	Awaiting the fulfilment - The Apostles