

Zarephath Bible Seminary

Thanksgiving Service



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Principal's Desk

Simple but Special Christmas 2020

This year ZBS's community is celebrating a simple Christmas with so many brothers and sisters around the world due to the threats of Corona Virus. This time Christmas is simple, but it is very meaningful and special because the Savior of the World has been born to save the world. If we see Christmas in the first century, it was amazingly simple but was a significantly special. Most of the people who met with Jesus Christ in His early days were simple but very committed people and their worship and dedication to the Lord was incredibly special. The place where Jesus was born was a simple place but became a special place of worship. The shepherds were simple, but they became special when they worshipped Jesus the very first time. Their worship was amazingly simple but incredibly special as Jesus was their focus and they gave the best to Him alone.

In this 21st century we have many things, there are modern people, modern music instruments, modern languages, modern liturgy, modern cloths and food items, modern decorations items, modern trends but simple worship with dedication and love is missing in our lives, families, churches.

This Christmas reminds us about the real spirit of Christmas. Christmas is all about worshipping Jesus, dedicating our lives to Him, and loving Him with all our heart, strength, and spirit. Due to Corona Virus threats we might be isolated with only our immediate family. There might be many things missing and it seems that we must celebrate Christmas in a remarkably simple way, but it is alright. It was a simple Christmas in the first century, but people celebrated it in a special way. You can also make it special by worshipping the Lord in your homes, which will be a simple worship in your perspective but in Jesus' perspective it is a special worship. Material things are not so important, but our worship, dedication, and love for Him must be special in this Christmas Season because Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Principal Rev. Shahbaz Boota



Fall Semester's Prayer and Orientation Day

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New Gas connection at the ZBS New Campus

We are thankful to the Lord that we can get the Gas Connection at the new ZBS Campus. Previously we were using gas cylinder and woods for our kitchen and heating purposes. This is indeed a great blessing for all students, staff families we want to thank God that at different construction and renovation works are ongoing in the new campus. We have better facilities for students and staff.



M.Div. Modules in Fall Semester 2020

Spiritual Formation taught by Dr. Paul Lehmann

An M.Div. module on Spiritual Formation was held virtually on 19-23 September. It was taught by Dr. Paul Lehman and 23 students participated. We at ZBS feel the great necessity for spiritual formation along with other academic work. We feel busy in our family life, ministry life, as well as other issues in our life which spiritually weaken us. We need to refresh and always restore. That is why ZBS offers spiritual and Christian formation courses to help our students be refreshed and became strong in their Christian life.



By the Grace of God, we have done over half dozen Modules during COVID-19 pandemic. This was a challenging but a great learning experience to have online (Virtual) Classes first time at ZBS. This journey has opened door for so many students within the country and overseas students including, USA, Dubai, UK, Malaysia and Germany. Praise the Lord for these new doors for the expansion of ZBS's Ministry.

Theology of Suffering and Persecution (taught by Rev. Shahbaz Boota)

An M.Div. module on Suffering and Persecution was held and successfully completed from 21st to 26th of September 2020 at Zarephath Bible Seminary. There were 37 students present in the physical class and 13 students attended via Zoom.

It was a heart touching and life transforming experience for many students. They not only learned the biblical teaching of suffering and persecution, but especially how to biblically respond to suffering and our persecutors. Many shared their experiences of suffering during the last day when we had a special prayer meeting. The Holy Spirit did amazing work of healing and restoration. Many of them were able to forgive their persecutors who have caused suffering internally and externally. We praise God for this wonderful learning experience and the work of transformation in the lives of many students/leaders through this initiative. We are so thankful for the support of other wonderful friends for sharing in the chapel for spiritual formation of our students.



The Book of Romans (by Dr. Liaqat Qaiser & Rev. Ashkenaz Asif)

We at Zarephath Bible Seminary want to thank God for helping us to conduct an M.Div. module on the "Book of Romans," taught by Dr. Liaqat Qaiser (FGA Bible College) and Rev. Ashkenaz Asif Khan (Zarephath Bible Seminary). It was a blessed time with motivational teaching by both professors and wonderful personal examples. 49 students were registered for a weeklong module and were privileged to be taught by such experienced theologians and scholars. A big thanks to our respected teachers.



We are privileged to have Dr. Liaqat Qaiser from FGA Bible College and Rev. Ashkenaz Asif ZBS Principal Emeritus as guest professors at ZBS in Fall:





Leadership Seminar

The Seminar on the "Current Challenges in the Ministry and Leadership" went very well. God really used His servants Dr. Liaquat M Kaiser and Rev. Ashkenaz Asif Khan for practical teaching on the topic with personal burden, experience, and examples. Praise the Lord. It was a time of learning for ZBS's Students, some local pastors and graduates as well as for our staff and Faculty. There was a gathering of 120 leaders in this seminar including ZBS students, staff and graduates of Rawalpindi/Islamabad. Both Speakers shared some of the great challenges and how Pakistani leadership and churches can come out/overcome of these issues.

ZBS Foundation Day

ZBS was founded in October 1982 and we praise the Lord for successful and blessed 38 years serving and training men and women for the work of God in Pakistan and beyond. We had a special thanksgiving service at ZBS New Campus, Tarnol Rawalpindi. On this special program ZBS's staff, students, faculty, and some board members, pastors, and ZBS friends were present to celebrate this meaningful event. It was time to say a big thanks to all our pioneers, former principals, board members, Partner churches, supporters, and ZBS Friends for praying and supporting ZBS's ministry in Pakistan. We as the current ZBS team appreciate their great contribution and sacrifices towards the formation and development of ZBS ministry. All Glory be to our Lord and Savior.

Annual Sport Day

We enjoyed our time and fellowship as staff and students during ZBS' Annual Sports Day and Corn Harvesting at ZBS New Campus. It was a time of different activities, games, and fellowship but also enjoying the taste of fresh corn (Challis Party-Roasted and Boiled) from the field of ZBS New Campus. Sport and games are an important part of ZBS training as extra curriculum activities which are necessary for healthy men and women. Every semester we have a match of cricket, volleyball, and badminton. We do have cricket matches with different churches of Rawalpindi/Islamabad to have healthy relationship with churches and pastors and their youth as well as providing a health platform for our students.

Prayer Track and Prayer tower at ZBS

At ZBS we have a strong believe in prayer, fasting and daily reading and reflecting on the Word of God. To achieve these goals, we made a prayer walking track and prayer tower at the new campus of ZBS. It was made with the special desire that students, staff and whoever comes for spending time with the Lord can use these facilities for their quality time in prayer and study the word of God. This walking track will also provide a place to walk and jog for a good healthy body and mind.



ZBS's Students are praying and praising God at the new built Prayer Tower and Prayer track at the New Campus of ZBS



B.Th. Students - The book of Acts:

Rev. Amjad and Pastor Farhan Hameed taught this course on "The book of Acts" as team teachers. This course went very well. All students were blessed by this course. The students were given passages to perform dramas on stories of different chapters from the Book of Acts as part of their final assignment. This was very fruitful learning experience and we got wonderful feedback by students, staff and faculty who attended this blessed program. Students did this whole heartedly. we praise God for this hard worker batch.

We have 38 students in our Diploma and B.Th. class Fall Semester. We do have a good number of female Students who are getting training for the ministry in Pakistan. From 2021 we are praying and planning to start B.Th. Modular Program to help our pastors, Graduates and leaders to enhance their theological Education/Training.

Students are wearing different costumes during their Drama assignment. At ZBS We want to teach students not only Biblical truths by lectures, classrooms etc. but also through different extra curriculum activities including playing Drama, Music also through different activities, games, Sports and study and exposure cross culture tours during semesters and on summer break.



Program Offered:

Certificate in Theology
(1 Year)

Diploma in
Intercultural Studies &
Evangelism
(2 Years)

Diploma in Theology
(3 Years)

Bachelor of Theology
(Full Time/Part
Time/Modular)

Graduate Diploma in
Christian Counseling
(2 Years)

Master of Divinity Full
Time/Part
Time/Modular)

M.A in Organizational
Leadership (Join
Program FCCU, DAI,
ZBS)

Master of Theology
(3 Years)

Evening Classes /
Extension Centers in
other Cities)

Certificate of
Discipleship/Ministry

New Addition

B.Th. Part-Time
Modular System
starting from
January 2021

A Journey to provide
the Quality Theological
Education/Training
through both Full-time
and Part-time options
in Pakistan and beyond

M.Th. Retreat at the New Campus

We thank God for the 16 people in the M.Th. class. These men and women are from different seminaries, denominations and backgrounds. This is the only M.Th. program in the country, run by Zarephath Bible Seminary and being offered first time in the history of Pakistan, to train Pakistanis in Pakistan for post-graduate degree. We hope these graduates will provide a committed, scholarly and servant-leadership to fulfill the needs of the church and Christian community of Pakistan. We had wonderful time of retreat with our M.Th. students. Most of our students have completed their course work and they are writing their thesis and major papers. We hope to have them graduated in 2021.

Umoja Training at Saddar Campus

UMOJA orientation was held on 24th October at ZBS campus Murree Road, Rawalpindi by Theological Educator's Forum, Tear funds and ZBS. Mr. Jamshed Gill led the training and Mr. Reheel from OTS also joined this training. It was fruitful training on "Community Transformation". The idea was to work together in unity and transform your local community. We at ZBS try to a balance training where our students learn not only the biblical knowledge but also attend other trainings to transform the community by using holistic approaches.

ZBS MAOL Classes Hosted at FC College Lahore

The second cohort of MAOL (Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership) has started in November 2020 and 35 students have enrolled from 10 different cities. 32 Students joined physical classes but three of them joined online. MAOL program is a joint venture of DAI (Development Associate International), FCCU (Forman Christian College and University) and ZBS (Zarephath Bible Seminary). We are so thankful to the Lord that 26 leaders have already graduated and are serving the Lord in the church, public sector, hospitals, schools, colleges and even in the courts, by providing committed, godly and servant leadership.

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ZBS is planning to celebrate 40 years of God's Faithfulness in 2023 to thank God for all His provisions and also to invite and thank all who have contributed to the formation and development of ZBS.



M.Th. Student's Retreat with Principal and Mentors



Umoja Training Conducted by PPI with the Collaboration of TEF/OTS Lahore



2ND Cohort of Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership at FC College



Celebration of ZBS Foundation Day with staff, faculty and with Students

ZBS Pictures Gallery



Postponing Christmas Celebrations and Graduation 2020

ZBS administration has decided to postpone our Christmas celebrations programs and Graduation 2020 due to 2nd wave of Corona Virus in the country. All educational institutions are closed as per Government order till January 10, 2021. Therefore, we are not able to do all our regular Christmas programs and Graduation 2020, which was scheduled for the 2nd week of December. We are fortunate that our regular classes were completed before the order of Government to close the education institutions in the country



Girls Winning Team



Evening Students are in the New Testament Class



ZBS
M.Div Modular Students
"BIBLE BACK GROUND"

Prayer points

1. Please pray for the construction work at the new campus. There are new policies and registrations required by the Government, ask that the Lord would continue to open doors for the development of ZBS.
2. Please pray that Lord would continue to provide for the needs of the ZBS staff, faculty and even our students who come from different backgrounds.
3. Please pray for our beloved country Pakistan, that the Lord would continue to provide to implement peace, stability, and justice in the country. Ask that God would strengthen and prosper our homeland in every aspect.
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9. Please pray for the New Initiative of starting the B.Th. Modular Program in 2021 to help many pastors and leaders to enhance their theological Education and Pastoral Training.



Training to Serve and Bless

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Open
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