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"What's life all about? Is it worth trying to do right? What **is** right? Is there any hope? Can we believe in **anything**? Yes, we can!

"When people ask the hard questions, it's time to go 'back to the basics.' Especially so when many are ready to believe almost anything—the bizarre stories in the supermarket tabloid, the latest theories of the talk-show host, the spiritualist saga of the movie star.

"The old, old Story takes on fresh meaning with each new circumstance. And for those who never learned about the faith, the direction definitely lies ahead. **Forward** to the basics!

"... God's dealings with humankind are sheer drama. They run from the beginning of the world to its end — 'creation' to 'consummation."

—Gabriel and Dorothy Fackre,

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A COURSE OF STUDY IN THE ESSENTIALS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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Penn West Academy

Following a four year cycle of study and prayer,



The Penn West Academy helps busy people learn about the Christian faith, train in the skills of ministry, and develop more deeply in prayer, all the in context of a community of faith.

Faith

The Academy curriculum engages the major points of our faith: How do we know Jesus? What does the cross mean? How have people understood the Bible through history? Where do baptism and the Lord's Supper fit in the Christian life?

Skills

Grow in knowledge as you learn what the parts of the worship service are (and why we do them!). Learn how to organize a Bible Study, sermon, or a congregational meeting.

Prayer

Strengthen your relationship to God while creating a lifelong habit of study of the Bible.

Community

No one makes this journey alone. Students and faculty work together on hearing God's personal call for your ministry.

2019-2020 Schedule:

This four-year program asks for your commitment of time, energy, and good-will.

September 13 and 14, 2019— Introduction to the Program and Picnic

October 11-12, 2019

March 13-14, 2020

May 8-9, 2020

Instructional Schedule:

Fridays: 6:00-7:20 PM Special Block 7:30-8:50 PM Church History

Saturdays:

8:00-9:20 AM Worship & Preaching 9:30-10:50 AM Covenant & Polity 11:00AM-12:20 PM Old Testament 12:20-1:30PM Lunch 1:30-2:50PM New Testament 3:00-4:20PM Theology



Students and Fees:

There are two types of students in the Penn West Academy Program: Certificate and Audit.

Certificate students attend all offered programs during the four year cycle, turning in academic work in each subject. The cost of the full program is \$150 a year.

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Students on both the Certificate and Audit track are responsible for the costs of any books and materials assigned.



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