



# ACCELERATE PROSPECTUS 2024



# Welcome Nau Mai, Haere Mai

On behalf of the Faith Bible College Trust Board, I am delighted to share our excitement towards this new chapter that is taking place on our campus.

At Faith Bible College's 50th celebration, held over 5 years ago, two scriptures were spoken over Faith: Isaiah 42:9 and Isaiah 43:18-19. These scriptures announced that God was calling for changes to our beloved campus and college.

The board termed this guidance of our journey as our 'first book' and 'second book'. Fellow trustees and I have been working with and praying through this concept, using scripture from Matthew 13:52, which reads "And He said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.'" With immense enthusiasm, we have watched and received the Lord's help about which aspects from our 'first book' (referencing early days of operation) are to be carried forward and what 'new' things God is guiding us into.

To Accelerate course students, you will experience "new" things and "old". In the early years of Faith, we operated on a short-term course framework, internally designed to solely focus on the Word of God and the Spirit of God. As the years progressed, our framework grew to include units from national education providers, but now, in our second book, we have returned to the internally designed framework. We are assured this training and teaching focus will accelerate the transforming work of the Spirit for those joining us in the continuing Faith Bible College story.

So welcome, come in, and feel at home. Let's believe together for a great journey in God's faithfulness, Love, and Power to transform lives in a short amount of time.

Ngā mihi nui,  
**Ps. David Dishroon**  
Board Chairman







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# About Us

Since 1969, Faith Bible College has equipped God's people for ministry, teaching the practical and spiritual tools required to encourage a lifetime's discipline of study. Our focus is to see God transform people. Transformed people transform communities. Transformed communities transform the world.

Circa 1963, newly-weds Des and Carley Short were set to complete their studies at the Elim Bible Institute in New York, when on their last night, a visiting missionary from the Philippines prayed for Des and Carley, prophesying their return to New Zealand where God will raise up an end time training centre from which He would internationally send out many people to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God. Henceforth, the vision for Faith Bible College was planted, and the seed, bearing today's fruit, was to sprout.

Promptly returning to New Zealand via ship, Des and Carley obediently waited on the Lord to direct

their paths. Come 1968, pray-fully believing it was the right time, Des and Carley purchased a beautiful 20 acre green-scape property in the heart of a (then undeveloped) suburb in Tauranga called Welcome Bay. One year later, in 1969, Faith's first cohort of students graduated, and now, more than 50 years later, Faith Bible College has mentored, ministered, and equipped over 4,000 (and counting) graduates serving God in many spheres of influence.

Carley passed away in 2021, and Des, now in his late 90s, has gracefully stepped back from the day-to-day operations of the college. Towards the end of 2023, Des moved into a local retirement village, where he enjoys sharing his profound biblical insights and passion for the truth.

Faith is now under the caring stewardship of Des's family, who, along with a close-knit board and a team of dedicated individuals, carry on the college's legacy with warmth and determination.



*Term 3 Student Intake, 1969  
(first year of operation)*





# Course Content

**Duration: Six Weeks** (*Monday 17th June - Friday 26th July 2024*)

**Location: On-Campus** (*749 Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga, New Zealand*)

Curated for those searching for a deeper understanding of the doctrines of Christian faith, Accelerate by Faith Bible College is a systematic course designed to stimulate hunger for God's Word; equipping Christians with the practical and spiritual tools required to encourage a lifetimes discipline of study beyond the surface. Building on weekly topics of study, Accelerate will progress through these topics under the guidance of our excellent teaching staff. Classes will run on-campus Monday through Friday from 8:40am to 1:00pm NZT with afternoons free for focused personal study, course prep-work, Q&A sessions with lecturers, and more.

Whatsmore, Accelerate will host 12 evening sessions on-campus on End-Times, running every Tuesday & Thursday evening from 7pm-8:30pm for the duration of the course. These sessions are open to the wider public, free of charge, and will strengthen believers' understanding of their faith to stand without compromise in a world that continually turns from God and His values.

## **Week 1: Who is God/Who Am I?**

Delving deep into age-old questions, explore the profound implications of the fall of man and unravel the mysteries of the kingdom and government of God.

## **Week 2: Hearing God**

Through His Word, prayer, and prophecy, unlock the course of divine communication and experience a deeper connection with the Almighty. Discover powerful study methods to discern and interpret God's voice within His Word, and cultivate a heart that eagerly seeks His guidance.

## **Week 3: Equipped to Serve**

From grace to sanctification, redemption to reconciliation, gain a deep understanding of these concepts and their significance in your spiritual journey; equipping yourself with wisdom and compassion to serve with love and purpose.





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#### **Week 4: Covenant-Keeping God**

Explore the intricate aspects of covenant relationships, tracing their origins from the Covenant God made with man in the garden of Eden to the covenant with Noah and the promises to Abraham, and the lesser-known yet profound Salt Covenant, understanding its significance in ancient and contemporary contexts.

#### **Week 5: Under Construction – The Church**

Uncover the dynamic construction of the Church, rooted in the rich tapestry of biblical history and prophecy. Explore the profound meaning of ‘church,’ derived from the Greek ‘ekklesia,’ and its evolution from the Old Testament Temple to the New Testament Church. Examine Jesus’ promise to build His Church and the perpetual appointed times of God, spanning both Old and New Testaments, and gain insight into the tradesmen given to build the Church, the indispensable five-fold gifts bestowed upon the body: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

#### **Week 6: Kaleidoscope**

Journey into the enigmatic events of Jesus’ three days in the heart of the earth, unlocking the depths of His redemptive work between death and resurrection. Explore the reality of the good fight of faith, equipping yourself with a deeper understanding of your spiritual adversary and the weapons at your disposal. Gain insight into the broadness and beauty of the God of Creation, whose majesty and splendour transcend human comprehension.

#### **Accelerate Evening Sessions:**

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the Book of Revelation in our captivating evening sessions, open to all. Delve into its enigmatic passages, exploring untraditional perspectives and unravelling the profound messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor. We’ll decode the significance of signs and symbols, relating them to the complexities of our modern world, and more. Join us as we journey through Revelation, unlocking its timeless truths and discovering its relevance for today’s age.



# Teaching Staff

*of Accelerate by Faith Bible College*

**Shirley  
Carpenter**

Shirley Carpenter's journey spans over five decades of dedicated teaching ministry. Shirley incorporates Jewish thought and perspective into her teachings, enriching her audience's understanding of the Word. Through her teachings, she inspires other to embark on a deeper study of scripture, fostering a greater connection to faith and enlightenment.

**Frank  
Sharplin**

Faith Bible College graduate and Course Coordinator, Frank Sharplin will be one of the adjunct lecturers for Accelerate. Frank is the Senior Pastor of Welcome Bay Community Church here in Tauranga and is passionate about musical worship, Israel, and discipleship through sound Biblical teaching.

**David  
& Linda  
Dishroon**

Faith Bible College graduates (and chairman), David & Linda Dishroon have been involved with the College for over 40 years, and are a father and mother in the faith. They are Pastor's at Changepoint Church here in Tauranga and will be adjunct lecturers for Accelerate, as well as part of the pastoral care team for students.

**Tony  
Mckeown**

Tony will be joining us in Week 6 to teach us how to fight the good fight; looking at the weapons God has equipped us with and the enemy who opposes us. Tony is the Senior Pastor of Eden Church in Auckland and has extensive experience teaching God's Word in various settings and a passion for motivating people to find their God-given potential.

## Pat Buckley

Pat Buckley is a remarkable individual whose journey at Faith Bible College began in 1997 as a student and has since become an unwavering steward of our ministry's legacy on the Board of Trustees. Pat will be teaching intermittently throughout the course, including during our evening sessions on the Book of Revelation.

## Wayne & Libby Huirua

Wayne and Libby will be joining us for a day in Week 6 to wrap up the Accelerate course. They have over 30 years' experience in church worship and the Christian music industry and are Pastors and lecturers at Equippers College in Auckland. They have a heart for local church worship ministry and equipping and mentoring the next generation through preaching, teaching, music, and pastoring.

## Candace Olson

Candace Olson is a beacon of inspiration, combining a wealth of knowledge with a vibrant personality. Leaving her career as an educator, she followed her God-given passion and transitioned to become a motivating Bible teacher. With her unique blend of wisdom and charisma, Candace captivates audiences, leaving a lasting impact on all who have the privilege of learning from her.

## Jim Dube

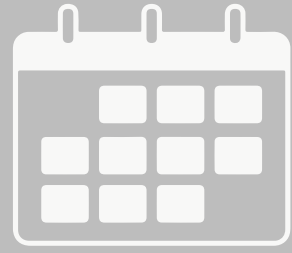
Jim Dube` is a revered figure in the realm of faith, known affectionately as a "father in the faith" for his unwavering dedication and years of teaching ministry. With a reservoir of wisdom that runs deep, Jim enriches hearts and minds with his rich teaching, leaving a profound imprint on all who encounter his message.

## Shirley Davies

Shirley Davies is a vibrant nonagenarian (90-something year old) whose spunk and energy belie her age. With decades of devoted study in the Word, Shirley is a beacon of wisdom, particularly drawn to the fascinating realm of end-times prophecy. Shirley's boundless energy and unwavering dedication to her faith make her a truly inspirational figure to all who have the privilege of knowing her.



# Why Choose Faith Bible College?



Vibrant  
Social  
Events  
Calendar



6 International  
Sister Schools

More Than



4000

Successful Graduates

Ministry  
Opportunities



Greenscape  
Campus

International  
Reputation



Collaborative  
Learning  
Spaces



Mentorship



# Fees

## *Course costs:* **Individual**

Fees are inclusive of Course Costs, Accommodation & Hospitality.

\$1,500 New Zealand Dollars

Fees must be paid in-full before **Monday 17th June 2024** (applicable to both international and domestic students). *Please note: Faith Bible College are not a registered partner with StudyLink.*



## *Course costs:* **Married Couples**

Fees are inclusive of Course Costs, Accommodation & Hospitality.

\$2,500 New Zealand Dollars

Fees must be paid in-full before **Monday 17th June 2024** (applicable to both international and domestic students). *Please note: Faith Bible College are not a registered partner with StudyLink.*





# Accommodation

Students will enjoy living onsite our 20-acre property located in Welcome Bay, close to Mount Maunganui and Papamoa Beach.

Our facilities include communal recreational rooms, a prayer walk, and community garden, all available for student use. Meals are provided three times a day in the communal dining room, promoting communication and relationship-building among students.

Additionally, the Carley Short Prayer House is open 24/7 for both individual and group prayer and worship sessions.

# Enrollment

*In 4 Easy Steps...*



# 1

## Complete The Online Application Form

Via our website: [www.fbc.ac.nz/courses](http://www.fbc.ac.nz/courses)

# 2

## Submit A Pastoral Reference

Via our website: [www.fbc.ac.nz/courses](http://www.fbc.ac.nz/courses)

# 3

## Receive A Formal Offer Letter

A member of our faculty will contact you directly concerning the outcome of your application to study with Faith Bible College.

# 4

## Apply For A Student Visa (International Students ONLY)

Information for this can be found on the Immigration New Zealand website.



If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Accelerate Course Coordinator, Ps. **Frank Sharplin** - [frank@fbc.ac.nz](mailto:frank@fbc.ac.nz)



# International Students

To study at Faith Bible College, you will need to provide a Pastoral Reference, and be proficient in written and spoken English.

## Study in New Zealand

Faith Bible College has a committed International Student Support team ready to help with immigration matters including student visas.

## Study Visas

Details surrounding studying in New Zealand are available from the Immigration New Zealand website. If you have any questions, or concerns, you can contact our International Student Support below.

## Insurance

Whilst not mandatory, visiting student may want to consider medical and travel insurance, as most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services. Please note: Faith Bible College are not liable for any healthcare and/or insurance costs for students.

## Fees

Fees are inclusive of Course Costs, Accommodation and Hospitality, and

are \$1,500 NZD (Per Individual), or \$2,500 NZD (for Married Couples). As an international student, you are required to pay your fees in New Zealand Dollars, which may incur an exchange, and/or conversion fee. Fees must be paid in-full before Monday 17th June 2024.

## Social and Scenic Trips

Each week, international students are invited to join campus activities and/or day trips around the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Regions. These are a great way to explore iconic, local sights. Information about these trips is shared during Orientation.

## Application Process

- 1 Complete Online Application  
[www.fbc.ac.nz/courses](http://www.fbc.ac.nz/courses)
- 2 Submit Pastoral Reference  
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- 3 Receive Formal Offer Letter
- 4 Apply For a Student Visa  
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