



# CALVARY CHAPEL BIBLE COLLEGE

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To Calvary Chapel Bible College Students:

In just a few days, we mark the end of a unique, yet successful academic year here at Calvary Chapel Bible College (CCBC). It was a full circle moment as we kicked off our 2022/2023 school year back in the mountains of Twin Peaks, the place the Bible college first started in 1975. The past year was not without its challenges—construction and snow-mageddon to name just a few. But despite it all, we quickly settled into our new home, embraced the academic rigor, dug deeper in God’s Word, and established community. It is with a measure of pride and thankfulness that we say the aspirations and goals for establishing CCBC continues to be realized in this generation; now we must turn our focus to ensure the health and sustainability of this institution for generations to come.

CCBC has always been a place for a solid biblical education at a very affordable price. For years, we have intentionally kept student fees at a level to ensure access for as many who would want to enroll. Our paramount desire is to continue growing the quality of our institution as we equip women and men to fulfill their calling. Frankly, to achieve that goal, we must adjust our fee structure. **Starting with the 2023/2024 school year, we will raise our overall fees 20 percent, and 15 percent each year for the two academic years following.** While the proposed increases appear aggressive, the resulting costs still place us well below that of comparable intuitions.

The typical CCBC full-time on-campus student now pays \$4,400 per semester. Starting in August, that cost rises 20 percent to \$5,230; \$6,040 in 2024; and \$7,000 the year after. Online students will see a rise in tuition, but administrative fees will remain unchanged for now. Under our current fee structure, the college’s survivability is unsustainable. Case in point, at \$930 per semester, the current room fee translates to less than \$9 a day. Even at full dorm capacity, that would mean we would only cover about a third the facility’s expenses. In addition, the existing meal plan covers just the cost of food and falls short of covering the costs of preparation and cooking.

While the on-campus administrative fee has seen recent increases, tuition costs have not changed in three years, and housing and meals' prices remain untouched since 2019. We have been running at a significant deficit for many years, subsidized by our parent organization, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. It is the resolve of the CCBC Board and administrators to reverse the trend and chart a path toward growth and financial sustainability. We fully understand that for some, the increases will place an undue hardship. As enrollment and tuition rises, we are committed to subsidize at least 10 percent of total tuition through discounts and needs-based scholarships.

For current CCBC students who reenroll by May 30, 2023, some good news! For the fall semester only, you will get 20 percent off the new cost of tuition and fees, which means that essentially, you will be paying the same rates next semester as you did this one. The same offer is extended to students who were enrolled in the fall of 2022 and wish to resume with CCBC this August.

Our goal is to be a preeminent learning institution for the next 50 years, and our recent moves places CCBC on track to achieve that. We are well into the process of earning full accreditation by The Association of Biblical Higher Education and continue to attract well-qualified professors for a program that will expand to offer more disciplines in the near future. Our students have benefitted from being on a newly remodeled campus that is now single use and not shared with a conference center. And we remain committed to our stated goal to be a place where young people can lay a strong foundation by getting to know God through his Word and developing a servant's heart for the world he loves.

All this is only achievable with a solid financial structure in place. Our new proposal accomplishes that and ensures CCBC's viability for the long-term while still offering very affordable tuition and fees. So, whether you're enrolling online or in person, there is much to be excited about as the Lord continues to shape and direct this institution to disciple and equip generations of students to come.

Sincerely,

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Calvary Chapel Bible College

