

**Krishna River Preacher-Training School**  
(a work of the Ibrahimpatnam Church of Christ)

**Handbook of Instructors and Students**  
(2016 - 2017)

The training of men to preach the gospel of Christ is a serious undertaking. Instructors involved in the work must be men most Christlike in their teaching and practice. Preparing to preach the gospel of Christ is perhaps the most important use of time a man can make other than the day-to-day responsibilities of the gospel preacher. Students involved in the pursuit must dedicate themselves to serious study and personal spiritual growth. The policies enumerated in this handbook describe the kind of commitment expected of both instructors and students. By these policies the students will know what to expect from their instructors, and what the instructors expect of the students.

**REGARDING INSTRUCTORS**

1. Instructors in the school shall be only those men who are recognized by the leadership of the Ibrahimpatnam Church of Christ to be sound in faith, practice and teaching.
2. Instructors shall set an example, both in public and in private, at all times exemplary of a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
3. Recognizing the importance of the purpose of the school, and respecting the time and effort the students are giving to their training, instructors shall give every effort to be on site, and begin each class period, at the appointed time.
4. Instructors shall prepare daily lessons with a view to completing each scheduled subject within the number of classroom hours allotted for that subject.
5. Each instructor will be at liberty to employ his own teaching style, and to use his own judgment regarding teaching methods and examination schedules.

**REGARDING STUDENTS**

1. Students accepted for enrollment shall be only those men who...
  - a. Are faithful to Christ and committed to continuing that faithfulness, as evidenced by...
    - i. ...their not teaching or practicing anything contrary to sound doctrine as defined in the New Testament, and by...
    - ii. ...faithful attendance in all assemblies of the church and enthusiastic cooperation with other Christians in the work of the church, and by...
    - iii. ...giving truthful and scriptural answers during the pre-enrollment application and interview process.

- b. State a commitment to...
    - i. ...receiving intensive training pertinent to preparation to preach the gospel, including a minimum
      - (1) of forty hours of classroom instruction per week.
      - (2) average of 20 hours of study each week outside the classroom.
    - ii. ...preach and/or teach the gospel faithfully upon completion of the training program.
    - iii. ...abide by all rules and policies of the Krishna River Preacher-Training School, including specific requirements of each instructor.
  
  - c. (If married)
    - i. Conduct his home in a way such that his wife and any children who live in his home who have been baptized are continuing faithful to Christ in assembling and working with the church.
    - ii. Have his wife supportive of his decision to preach, and his commitment to train for such preaching.
2. Students retained in the training program shall be only those who...
- a. ...continue to hold to the beliefs and practices under which they were accepted for enrollment,
  - b. ...make satisfactory progress toward the objective of training to preach the gospel, including
    - i. Maintaining an overall average score not lower than 75%, with no individual course scored lower than 70%.
    - ii. Practice those principles taught in the classroom, including
      - (1) public and private conduct exemplary of a faithful Christian.
      - (2) participation in campaigns of public evangelistic and/or benevolent work sponsored by the Ibrahimpatnam Church of Christ, and such events elsewhere as may be designated by the director of the school as required.
      - (3) scriptural leadership of the church in worship when called upon to do so.
  - c. (If enrolled as an unmarried student, but deciding to marry while enrolled)
    - i. Require his new wife to complete the questionnaire for wives of students.
    - ii. Require his new wife to complete an interview with the director or his designated representative.

**Krishna River Preacher-Training School**  
**New Student Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire**

1. What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long have you been a member of the church of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In which church are you currently a member? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What service have you given in the church since you were baptized?
  - a. Led the church in prayer. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Led the church in singing. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Served the Lord's supper. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Preached. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Taught a class. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Carried benevolent aid to the needy. \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Taught the Bible to the lost outside the assembly of the church. \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why do you want to study the Bible?
6. What goals do you have in service to the Lord?
7. How do you think this school will help you to achieve those goals?
8. Will you commit yourself to studying full-time for two years? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Will you study outside of class and be prepared for each day's class work? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which of the following is your legal status?
  - a. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first wife? \_\_\_\_\_ (Wife complete her questionnaire.)
  - b. Single (never married) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Widowed \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Separated \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Briefly state the reason: \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Living together but not married \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you have children (or others) living with you for whom you are legally and financially

responsible? \_\_\_ (If “Yes”):

- a. What ages are they? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Are they respectful of your authority in the home and of the laws of the community? \_\_\_
- c. Do they attend all the assemblies of the church when able? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you drink alcoholic beverages? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is drunkenness wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Is drinking alcoholic beverages wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you smoke or otherwise use tobacco products? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are you engaged in any business venture? \_\_\_ If yes, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Do you have any physical disabilities or chronic health problems that may affect your ability to keep the school schedule or do the assigned work? \_\_\_\_\_

According to my present knowledge, all the above answers are true and complete. I hereby apply for enrollment in Krishna River Preacher-Training School, and I commit myself to abide by all rules and policies of the school.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Krishna River Preacher-Training School**  
**Questionnaire for the Wife of a Student Applicant**

1. What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is your current marriage your first marriage? \_\_\_\_ If “No,” briefly state the circumstances ending your previous marriage or marriages.
3. Are you a Christian? \_\_\_\_ If “No,” skip to question #4.
  - a. How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What service have you rendered to Christ since you were baptized?
  
  - c. What are your goals in the church?
4. Do you fully support your husband’s decision to preach the gospel? \_\_\_\_
5. Do you fully support your husband’s commitment to a 2-year full-time intensive training program? \_\_\_\_
6. Do you try to be present in all assemblies of the church? \_\_\_\_
7. Do you try to have all your children (if any, still living with you) in all assemblies of the church? \_\_\_\_
8. What are your goals for your husband? \_\_\_\_
9. Do you drink alcoholic beverages? \_\_\_\_
10. Do you smoke or otherwise use tobacco products? \_\_\_\_
11. Are you engaged in any business venture? \_\_\_\_ If yes, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you have any physical disabilities or chronic health problems that may affect your ability to keep the school schedule or do the assigned work? \_\_\_\_\_

According to my present knowledge, all the above answers are true and complete. I understand my husband’s commitment, and will continue to support him as he studies in Krishna River Preacher-Training School.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_