

Tyndale Theological Seminary

COURSE	PASTORAL MINISTRY			PM525	3.0 ECTS
PROFESSOR	Dr. Edward Searce, Pastor, Grace Church, Normal, Illinois, USA				
SCHEDULE	Winter	2012	Jan 15-27		
CONTENT	<p>Being involved in local church ministry demands specific pastoral skills for effective ministry. For this reason the course will consider the pastor's call, shepherding and leading people in the church, pastoral visitation, pastor's tasks, planning and conducting worship services, personal life (family, pastor's wife and children), special events in the church, weddings, funerals, child dedications, relations in the community and with other churches, harmony and reconciliation in the church, church business meetings, financial stewardship, administration, prayer in the church, church membership, and general education in the church.</p>				
Entrance Requirements	None				
Objectives	<p>By the end of the course, each student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will have expressed cost and privileges involved in congregational discipleship, including the commitment necessary in being involved in Christian ministry (personal call to ministry) and care for people (i.e. pastor, missionary, or other vocational Christian worker). 2. Will have articulated guidelines regarding theological boundaries when working with other churches, denominations, Christian leaders, etc. 3. Will have planned in outline form a worship service and/or particular ceremony along a particular theological/biblical theme as well as an annual plan of activities and meetings for the vocational ministry. 4. Will be able to identify personal, spiritual, and/or moral problems among church members (church conflict), and provide guidance towards a solution (case study). 5. Will be able to evaluate and give advice regarding a church situation involving theological, liturgical, and/or pastoral aspects (can involve church finances) or problems. 6. Will have created a list of ideas that are helpful in encouraging and motivating church members to reach out into secular society through living and proclaiming the gospel. 7. Will have summarized the boundaries of acceptable behavior of a church leader in relation to members of the opposite gender and of one's personal family. 8. Will have created a plan to strengthen church families and the mentoring of current church leaders. 9. Will have devised a list of means to effective communication in the local church. 				

	<p>10. Will be able to describe the necessary steps for helping the church members develop vision, mission, motivation, core values and use of spiritual gifts in and for the local church.</p> <p>11. Will be able to critically evaluate the tensions and competing responsibilities of the personal and professional relationships he/she will likely have in his/her vocational ministry.</p> <p>12. Will be able to identify key components for sustaining longevity in ministry.</p>
Evaluation Methodology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading attestations (15%) 2. Response paper to readings in <i>Effective Pastor</i> (15%) 3. Response paper on <i>Ministry Teams</i> (10%) 4. Personal Calling Paper (10%) 5. Longevity in Ministry Paper (10%) 6. Ministry Ceremony (Wedding, graduation, commissioning) Paper (15%) 7. Vision Paper on anticipated ministry (15%) 8. Annual Ministry Plan (10%)
Educational Strategies	<p><u>Note: will need to work on this</u></p> <p>Objectives 1, 7: Short paper Objectives 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12: written assignment Objectives 4, 5: Case study</p>
Literature and/or Textbooks	<p>The student is expected to read closely and become thoroughly acquainted with the following: (1) Course notes; (2) Various assigned articles, documents, and book chapters. See attached document for details.</p>
Specific Assignments	<p>See attached pages.</p>
Journaling	<p>Many of the reading assignments are accompanied by a period of time to write in a journal your reflections on what you have read. Those reflections should include your responses to at least the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key ideas, thoughts, or methods found in the material I have read? 2. What new ideas, thoughts, or methods have I learned in this material? 3. What ideas, thoughts, or methods found in the material do I disagree with? 4. What ideas, thoughts, or methods (familiar or unfamiliar) found in this material do I most need help in learning or applying?

TIME REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY / ASSIGNMENT	HOURS
Class Sessions (24)	24
A Ministry From God: Read 200 pages from Lawrence, <i>Effective Pastoring</i> Read article given out by Dr. Searce "The Call & Calling" (15 pages) Write 2 page research paper on Personal Calling	13 1 6
A Ministry of the Word of God: Read Peterson, <i>Working the Angles</i> , Chap 3 (21 pages) Read article given out by Dr. Searce "Understanding Mentoring" (11 pages) Write 3 page essay on your ministry's "Mission, Vision, Values" Write 6 page response paper to readings in " <i>Effective Pastor</i> "	1 1 5 6
A Ministry to the People of God: Read 100 pages from Dodd <i>Empowered Church Leadership</i> Read article given by Dr. Searce " <i>The Power of Ministry Teams</i> " (19 pages) Write 2 page response to reading " <i>The Power of Ministry Teams</i> " Read approximately 105 pages from Van Yperan, <i>Making Peace</i> Read article given by Dr. Searce "Can Worship Leaders Worship?" (15 pp)	7 1 2 7 1
A Ministry to the Servant of God: Write one page chart on Annual Ministry Plan for your ministry Write a two page Ministry Ceremony (Wedding, graduation, commissioning) Write two page Longevity in Ministry paper	3 3 3
Total Hours	84

Class Schedule 525 Pastoral Ministry

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January 16-27, 2012

DATE & TOPICS	READING DUE	ASSIGNMENT DUE
January 16 – Sessions 1 & 2 Reading assignment and short paper	Lawrence chapters 1-3 (46 pp)	
January 17 – Session 3 Orientation: Course Outline, Texts, Assignments	Article <i>Call & Calling</i> (15 pp)	Response to questions from sessions 1 & 2
January 17 – Session 4 <u><i>A Ministry From God:</i></u> The call of a Pastor		
January 18 – Session 5 <u><i>A Ministry of the Word of God:</i></u> The Pastor as a Preacher	Peterson Ch. 3 <i>Working the Angles</i> (21 pp)	
January 18 – Session 6 <u><i>A Ministry of the Word of God:</i></u> The Pastor as a Teacher		
January 18 – Session 7 <u><i>A Ministry of the Word of God:</i></u> <i>The Pastor as a Prayer</i>		
January 19 – Session 8 A Ministry of the Word of God: <i>The Pastor as an Evangelist</i>		<i>Personal Calling</i> paper
January 19 – Session 9 A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Shepherd</i>	Lawrence chapters 4-7 (55 pp)	

<p>January 20 – Session 10</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Shepherd (continued)</i></p>	<p>Reading from Dodd (50 pp)</p>	
<p>January 20 – Session 11</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as an Equipper</i></p>	<p>Article <i>The Power of Ministry Teams</i>” (19 pages)</p>	<p>Response paper to reading “<i>The Power of Ministry Teams</i>”</p>
<p>January 20 – Session 12</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Leader</i></p>	<p>Lawrence Chapters 8-9 (32 pp)</p>	
<p>January 23 – Session 13</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Vision Caster</i></p>	<p>Lawrence chapters 11 & 13 (38 pp). Reading from Dodd (50 pp)</p>	<p>Response paper to reading in <i>Effective Pastoring</i></p>
<p>January 23 – Session 14</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Mentor</i></p>	<p>Article <i>Understanding Mentoring</i> (11 pp)</p>	
<p>January 24 – Session 15</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Mentor (continued)</i></p>		<p>Essay on your ministry’s “<i>Mission, Vision, Values</i>”</p>
<p>January 24 – Session 16</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Peacemaker/Reconciler</i></p>		
<p>January 25 – Session 17</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as a Peacemaker/Reconciler (continued)</i></p>	<p>Reading from Van Yperan, <i>Making Peace</i> (105 pp)</p>	
<p>January 25 – Session 18</p> <p>A Ministry to the People of God: <i>The Pastor as Worship Leader</i></p>	<p>Article “<i>Can Worship Leaders Worship?</i>” (15 pp)</p>	

<p>January 25 – Session 19</p> <p>A Ministry to the Servant of God: <i>The Pastor Who cares for Self</i></p>		
<p>January 26 – Session 20</p> <p>A Ministry to the Servant of God: <i>The Pastor Who Cares for His Family</i></p>		Chart on Annual Ministry Plan for your ministry
<p>January 26 – Session 21</p> <p>A Ministry to the Servant of God: <i>The Pastor & Opposition</i></p>		
<p>January 27 – Session 22</p> <p>A Ministry to the Servant of God: <i>The Pastor & Time Management</i></p>		
<p>January 27 – Session 23</p> <p>A Ministry to the Servant of God: <i>The Pastor & Longevity in Ministry</i></p>		Ministry Ceremony (Wedding, graduation, commissioning)
<p>January 27 – Session 24</p> <p>A Ministry to the Servant of God: <i>The Pastor & a Philosophy of Ministry</i></p>		Longevity in Ministry paper Annual Ministry Plan for your ministry