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**APPALACHIAN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
2018 ACADEMIC CATALOG**

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***A Ministry of*
APPALACHIAN MINISTRY NETWORK**

ENDORSEMENTS

The Appalachian District School of Ministry has been recognized and endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God as a member of the Association of Assemblies of God District Schools of Ministry.

The school has also been endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the Appalachian District Council of the Assemblies of God as the official ministerial training program for those seeking credentials through the Appalachian District Council of the Assemblies of God.

DISCLAIMERS

Courses completed through the Appalachian District School of Ministry that are required by the Assemblies of God for credentials meet the educational requirements of the General Council for the respective level of credential.

Completion of the courses, however, **does not guarantee that a ministry credential will be granted**, nor that preferential treatment will be given to those completing the required ministerial training courses through the School of Ministry. The credentialing of ministers is a process **separate from** completion of the educational requirements.

AD-SOM is a non-accredited Bible institute endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God for ministerial training. An articulation agreement has been made between the Assemblies of God Association of District Schools of Ministry and certain AG colleges and universities. Likewise some other institutions of higher learning also consider classes taken through AD-SOM toward credits awarded for prior learning or life experience. However, courses completed through the school of ministry do not automatically qualify for college credit.

2018 Class Schedule

Spring Semester:

February 17

- Level 1 - AG History, Missions & Governance
- Level 2 - Systematic Theology
- Level 3 - Pentateuch

- LCL Track - AG History, Missions & Governance
- BT/SG Track - Elective

March 24

- Level 1 - Acts
- Level 2 - Conflict Resolution
- Level 3 - Discipleship & Disciple-Making

- LCL Track- Conflict Resolution
- BT/SG Track - Discipleship & Disciple-Making

April 21

- Level 1 - Ephesians
- Level 2 - Old Testament Survey
- Level 3 - Theology of Prayer & Worship

- LCL Track - Elective
- BT/SG Track - Old Testament Survey
- Specialized - Media in Ministry*

May 19

- Level 1 - Personal Evangelism
- Level 2 - Romans
- Level 3 - Psalms

- LCL Track - Personal Evangelism
- BT/SG Track - Elective

June 23

- Level 1 - Spirit-Empowered Churches
- Level 2 - New Testament Survey
- Level 3 - Pastoral Ministry

- LCL Track - Spirit-Empowered Churches
- BT/SG Track - New Testament Survey

Fall Semester:

August 18

- Level 1 - How to Interpret the Bible
- Level 2 - Introduction to Homiletics
- Level 3 - Church Administration, Finance, & Law

- LCL Track - Church Administration, Finance, & Law
- BT/SG Track - How to Interpret the Bible

September 22

- Level 1 - Life of Christ
- Level 2 - Eschatology
- Level 3 - Preaching in a Cultural Context

- LCL Track - Life of Christ
- BT/SG Track - Elective
- Specialized - Youth Ministry*

October 20

- Level 1 - Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
- Level 2 - Leadership Skills
- Level 3 - Biblical Counseling

- LCL Track - Leadership Skills
- BT/SG Track - Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

November 17

- Level 1 - Ethics in Ministry
- Level 2 - Introduction to AG Missions
- Level 3 - Corinthian Correspondence

- LCL Track - Elective
- BT/SG Track - Bible Studies & Small Group Ministry
- Specialized - Bible Studies & Small Group Ministry*

NOTE: In the event that any single class has less than two students, classes will be combined and held in a location mutually beneficial to those taking the class.

Credentialed Ministry Internship and Assimilation Program

This program exists to assimilate the student from the learning environment of classroom training to the practical application in the field of ministry. Participants develop ministry skills through interaction with a local mentor and the program director. Participation is required for persons seeking ministerial credentials or advancement.

Training for the Service Within the Local Church

AD-SOM recognizes that a significant number of students do not desire to gain ministry credentials with the Assemblies of God, but wish to serve more effectively as members and adherents within their local church. To better equip such individuals, AD-SOM offers two academic tracks and quarterly specialized ministry classes. Should students taking part in these tracks or specialized classes later desire to fulfill educational requirements needed for the credentialing process, the courses they have already taken will apply and the remaining classes may be achieved through the standard training levels (Levels 1, 2, & 3).

Local Church Leadership (LCL) Track– This track offers training for church administrators (or pastors who desire to be stronger administratively), board members, ministry team leaders, trustees, greeters, ushers, and virtually anyone who serves in a support capacity of local church leadership.

Bible Teacher/Small Group Leadership (BT/SG) Track– Whether you are a Sunday School teacher, small group facilitator, small group host, children or youth ministry leader, Bible study teacher, or anyone communicating the Word of God in a local church– this track will help you do it better. Electives are built in to permit students to take classes pertaining to their specific ministry.

Specialized Ministry Classes- These are quarterly classes that are designed to give practical ministry experience in areas needed in nearly every church ministry today.

Equipping Followers of Christ to Reach, Teach and Lead in Their Local Faith Communities and Beyond

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Appalachian District School of Ministry (AD-SOM) is a vital support to the ministry endeavors of churches and pastors. Knowledge gleaned from the classroom experience becomes a valuable tool that the Holy Spirit can use to further the purposes of God. Clergy and laypersons who understand not only “what to do” but “why to do it” will be far more effective than those who “just do it.”

AD-SOM integrates spiritual formation, relationship building, and academic achievement to provide a unique learning experience. Students not only acquire knowledge necessary for obtaining ministerial credentials, but also develop character and skills essential for effective ministry.

Statement of Purpose

The Appalachian District School of Ministry exists to provide training for those sensing a call to ministry, whether as credentialed ministers of the Assemblies of God, or as equipped laypersons within the local church. The school seeks to promote a unified purpose for ministry within the Fellowship, providing doctrinal and practical instruction based upon common core values and shared ministry goals.

The Appalachian District School of Ministry subscribes fully to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, and commits itself to proclaim and support the principles and polity of the Assemblies of God. Additionally, the school commits itself to provide training courses that meet district and General Council educational requirements for ministerial credentials.

Structure

Classes are conducted once a month, nine times a year, at two different locations– Charleston, West Virginia and Wytheville, Virginia. Three courses are offered each month, one for each corresponding credential level (certified, licensed, ordained). Students participate in two 3 hour sessions of classroom instruction on Saturdays with a half hour designated for a provided lunch (instructors will also give appropriate breaks). A final exam is taken and scored during the class time with value-added instruction as part of the learning experience.

Prior to class, each student is required to work through the course text and text overview. A minimum of 15 hours of preparatory work is necessary. With the classroom time, students will have invested at least 21 hours per course.

The classroom instruction provides an overview of the material, practical applications, and opportunity for questions and discussion. Instructors use personal experience and a variety of teaching methods.

Instructors are limited to ordained ministers and college professors. Exceptions are made at the discretion of the director to permit the use of instructors with proven ministry or life experience directly relevant to the particular class study. Faculty members become natural mentors as they build relationships and share experiences with their students.

Student Policies

- Students are to register no less than two weeks prior to the course they wish to take. Early registration is encouraged to ensure adequate preparation time for class.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours

Kristi Pelfrey

Rev. Kristi Pelfrey serves as the Girls Ministry Director for the Appalachian Ministry Network. She attended Valor School of Leadership and Southeastern University. Rev. Pelfrey is a licensed minister.

Brad Puckett

Rev. Brad Puckett holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from Trinity Bible College. He is an ordained minister and has served as a lead pastor and a staff pastor. Rev. Puckett has a powerful salvation testimony and is a gifted communicator.

Bethany Puckett

Rev. Bethany Puckett is an ordained minister and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from Trinity Bible College. She has served as a co-pastor alongside her husband Brad. Rev. Puckett is a retreat and event speaker as well as a gifted teacher.

Brian Richardson

Rev. Richardson is a graduate of the Appalachian District School of Ministry. He is an ordained minister and has served as an administrative and staff pastor.

Loraine Taylor

Rev. Taylor holds a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from Jacksonville Theological Seminary. She is an Executive Presbyterian for the Appalachian Ministry Network and has served on the General Presbytery for the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Rev. Taylor is an ordained minister, a lead/senior pastor and has planted two churches.

Alvin Thomas

Rev. Thomas is a church planter and founder of Fireplace Church in Blacksburg, Virginia. Formerly a young adult pastor, Chi Alpha pastor, and youth care worker with Teen Challenge, Rev. Thomas holds a Bachelor's Degree from Southwestern University and a Master's Degree through Regent University.

Greg Webb

Rev. Webb is an alumni of the Appalachian District School of Ministry. He attended Southeastern University and has served in various ministry roles including senior pastor, staff pastor, and evangelist. Rev. Webb is an ordained minister.

Jim and Teresa Gibson

Jim and Teresa are veteran Children's Ministry Leaders having served in two Appalachian Ministry Network churches over several years. Together, the Gibsons effectively teach our Children's Ministry class at the Charleston campus site.

Joseph Hoggard

Rev. Hoggard holds a Bachelor's Degree from Southeastern University and is an ordained minister. He has planted churches, pastored established churches, and served as a Network Presbyter.

Chris Hunt

Rev. Hunt is an ordained minister and a graduate of the Appalachian District School of Ministry. Originally from Bournemouth, England, Chris is a graduate of Bournemouth & Poole College with a degree in Sports Progression. Prior to coming to the United States, he served as a youth pastor in the UK. Rev. Hunt has served in various churches in both Virginia and West Virginia including youth, associate and lead pastoral roles.

Rebekah Jarrell

Rev. Jarrell is an ordained minister and a graduate of the Appalachian District School of Ministry. She serves as a lead pastor at Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

John Jordan

Rev. Jordan holds a Bachelor's Degree from Cumberland College and a Master's Degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister and has served as a pastor and youth pastor. Rev. Jordan is the assistant superintendent of the Appalachian Ministry Network, a member of the Board of Regents of Southeastern University and the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God.

Jacob King

Rev. Jacob King is a Southeastern and KidMin Academy graduate with over 12 years of Children's Ministry experience in local church environments. He has a heart to train and equip other Children's leaders and volunteers to achieve Gods desire in their lives and ministries. Rev. King is an ordained minister.

Adam Pelfrey

Rev. Adam Pelfrey attended Southeastern University and the Master's Commission of Griffin, Georgia. He also completed ministerial classes through AD-SOM. Adam has served as a youth and discipleship pastor and is currently the Youth and Christian Education Director of the Appalachian Ministry Network. He is an ordained minister.

- of preparatory self-study in advance of the class session.
- Students are required to read the course textbook(s) and to complete the course text overview prior to class.
- Students are to complete all assignments required for the course prior to the class session, and are to submit them to the instructor at the beginning of the class.
- Students must attend both the morning and afternoon class sessions, complete the required assignments, and successfully pass the course exam in order to receive credit for the course. (Grade = Attendance, 20%; Text Overview, 40%, Exam, 40%)

Attendance

Students are required to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions for AD-SOM classes in their entirety to receive full credit for courses. The following guidelines apply in regard to tuition and exclusions:

- If a student has registered but cannot attend an AD-SOM session for any reason, the student can apply unused tuition payments to any future course within one year of the original absence. **To have the full amount of tuition applied, students must contact the AD-SOM office no later than the Monday prior to the scheduled class. Students not giving proper notice of the absence will have ten dollars (\$10) withheld from their account to cover the cost of the provided lunch.**
- If a student cannot attend **one** of the sessions due to an unforeseen emergency—such as illness, family crisis (injury or death), or church/ministry crisis (parishioner injury or death)—occurring immediately prior to or during an AD-SOM session, he/she must consult with the director before missing the session or leaving the campus during class. In such cases students will not receive credit (10 points) for the missed session but will receive credit for the course.
- **Absences are not permitted for non-emergencies—**other than those previously noted.



Enrollment & Registration

1. Contact the AD-SOM office for an enrollment application. Complete the form and return it to the office with the enrollment fee. Upon receipt of application and acceptance into the program, registration information will be sent.
2. Return the registration form and payment of fees no less than two weeks prior to the desired course session. Registration is required on a class-by-class basis. **Students are not registered for class until all fees are paid in full.**
3. Read the textbook(s) and complete the text overview as soon as you receive them. *A minimum of 15 hours of preparatory study is required prior to the class session.* A basic knowledge of the information covered in the textbook is expected when students arrive on campus.
4. Arrive for class at the meeting site by 9:00 a.m., prepared and ready to learn. First time students are required to attend the new student orientation at 8:30. Bring all pre-class assignments, completed and ready for submission.

Jesse Bass

Rev. Bass is one of the first alumni of AD-SOM to serve as a faculty member. He is an ordained minister and is currently a lead pastor. Rev. Bass attended Southeastern University.

Thomas Carver

Rev. Carver is the Music and Spiritual Life Pastor of Calvary Assembly of God. He is an ordained minister and holds a Bachelor's Degree from Southeastern University. Rev. Carver serves as the Music Director for the Appalachian Ministry Network.

Jerome Coleman

Rev. Coleman is an ordained minister and a graduate of the Appalachian District School of Ministry. He has served as a lead pastor, is currently serving in a staff pastor roles.

Adam Coombs

Rev. Coombs is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. He received his ministry training through the New York District School of Ministry and AD-SOM. He currently serves as a lead pastor, having served in various ministry roles previously.

Lisa Dillon

Rev. Lisa Dillon serves as the Financial Administrator and Women's Ministries Director for the Appalachian Ministry Network. She graduated from Virginia Western Community College and attended Bluefield State College. Lisa has served as the Network Risk Reduction Training Coordinator since 2009. She also serves as a consultant to Network churches relating to financial matters, financial software, and church & clergy law taxes. Rev. Dillon is an ordained minister.

Sarah Dillon

Rev. Sarah Dillon attended the University of Valley Forge, as well as the Appalachian District School of Ministry. She is a certified minister, serving as a youth pastor and administrative assistant for the Appalachian Ministry Network. Sarah teaches the Specialized Ministry Course, *Media in Ministry* and is passionate about resourcing the local church to effectively use media to communicate the gospel.

Richard Dunn

Rev. Dunn is an ordained minister and a highly respected missionary having served across the globe in many fields with Assemblies of God World Missions. He is a graduate of Southeastern University. He previously served as a church planter, lead pastor and chaplain. Rev. Dunn is currently involved in global church planting.

ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

The Appalachian District School of Ministry is proud of its faculty and staff. They represent many years of cumulative experience in education, ministry, and Christian service. In addition to those listed below, several other specially skilled and gifted people work with the school to provide a quality training program.

David Dillon– President

Rev. Dillon is Superintendent of the Appalachian Ministry Network and the former director of AD-SOM. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bible from Southeastern University. He is an ordained minister and has served as a district youth and Christian education director, pastor, and youth pastor. He also holds a Teacher's Diploma from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. Rev. Dillon serves as a member of the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God and is the former president of the Assemblies of God Association of District Schools of Ministry (DSOM).

Tony Raffa– Vice President of Academic Affairs/Director

Rev. Raffa holds a Bachelor's Degree from North Central University and a Master's Degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister and serves as Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Appalachian Ministry Network. He has served as a lead pastor, associate, and youth pastor. He also served as a Christian school principal/administrator. Rev. Raffa is a member of the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God.

John Thompson, PhD– Vice President of Student Ministries

Dr. Thompson is the internship director for the school of ministry. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Old Dominion University, a Master of Business Administration from Radford University, and a PhD in Theology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister and has served as a pastor, evangelist, short-term missionary, and chaplain.

Betty Raffa– AD-SOM Administrator/Registrar

Betty is the person on the team who will answer most of your questions regarding admissions, registration, etc. Prior to her service at the network office, she has served as a church administrator, staff member of a CPA firm, and supervisor/recruiter for a national temporary employment agency. She attended Ohio University, majoring in Business Administration.

Joshua Crouse- Virginia Campus Site Director

Rev. Crouse is an ordained minister and a graduate of Liberty University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with special emphasis in crisis counseling, biblical counseling, and life coaching. He has been in active ministry for eleven years as youth pastor, associate pastor, campus pastor, and Christian school administrator.

Student Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Honor

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a Christlike and biblical manner at all times, in both their personal conduct and pursuit of their studies, striving to maintain the highest of ethical standards, including honesty and integrity. Failure to adhere to such standards may result in the student's dismissal from AD-SOM, subject to the decision of the school's administration.

In the classroom, students should be respectful of their peers and instructors. Behavior that is disruptive to the learning process and disrespectful to others will not be tolerated and will be addressed, first by the instructor of the class, and if necessary, by the administration. Students refusing to be cooperative may be dismissed from the school.

Handheld electronic devices are to be used only with permission of the instructor. During the instruction time students are not to be engaged in social media, personal texting, etc. unless instructed to do so as part of the learning process. Students communicating through any electronic means during the final exam will receive a failure for the class and be required to complete the course again before credit would be awarded.

Students are expected to complete the required course assignments of their own effort. While it is reasonable and beneficial for two or more students from the same family, church or community to study together, it is essential that each student's work be his/her own. No students should combine their study results to make a common line of thought that appears identical on multiple pre-class session text overviews. Situations of this nature will be brought to the attention of the school's administration and will be investigated to determine if discipline is warranted.

TEXTBOOKS

(Course, Textbook, Author)

COURSES (Listed by Levels*)

Level 1: Entry Level Ministry (Fulfills Academic Requirements for Certified Minister Application)

AG History, Missions &
Governance

Acts

Ephesians

Personal Evangelism

Spirit Empowered Churches

How to Interpret the Bible

Life of Christ

Intro. to Pentecostal
Doctrine

Ethics in Ministry

Level 3: Advanced Ministry (Fulfills Academic Requirements for Ordained Minister Application)

Pentateuch

Discipleship & Disciple-
Making

Theology of Prayer and
Worship

Psalms

Pastoral Ministry

Church Administration,
Finance, and Law

Preaching in a Cultural
Context

Biblical Counseling

Corinthian Correspondence

Level 2: Intermediate Ministry (Fulfills Academic Requirements for Licensed Minister Application)

Systematic Theology

Conflict Resolution

Old Testament Survey

Romans

New Testament Survey

Introduction to Homiletics

Eschatology

Leadership Skills

Introduction to AG Missions

Specialization Classes (Quarterly Practical Ministry Classes)

Media in Ministry

Age Level Ministry
(Even years– Youth Ministry/ Odd
years– Children’s Ministry)

Bible Studies and Small
Group Ministry

***NOTE: Courses for Church
Leadership Track and
Christian Education/Small
Group Leadership Track are
all listed within the Level and
Concentration course
information. See schedule
for class dates and see page
20 for details regarding
these tracks**

Ordination (Level 3) Continued

Discipleship & Disciple-Making, *Choose the Life*, Bill Hull

Pastoral Ministry, *The Pentecostal Pastor*, Zenas Bicket, Wayne
Goodall, and Thomas Trask

Pentateuch, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Pentateuch*, Herbert
Wolf

Preaching in a Cultural Context, *Preaching to a Shifting Culture*, Scott
Gibson

Psalms, *How to Read the Psalms*, Tremper Longman III

Theology of Prayer, and Worship *The Spirit Helps Us Pray*, Zenas Bicket
and Robert Brandt

Specialization Classes

Media in Ministry, *Audio, Video, and Media in Ministry (Nelson’s Tech
Guides)*, Clarence F. Richmond; *Ministry in the Digital Age*, David T.
Bourgeois

Children’s Ministry (offered on odd years), *Building Children’s
Ministry*, Tina Houser; *Making Your Children’s Ministry the Best
Hour of Every Kid’s Week*, Sue Miller

Youth Ministry (offered on even years), *Curriculum to be determined*
Bible Studies and Small Group Ministries, *Leading Life-Changing
Small Groups*, Bill Donahue

Textbook Purchasing and Responsibility

AD-SOM uses Christian Book Distributors as the school’s primary source for offering textbooks. While students are at liberty to use any other source for purchasing their required books, they are also responsible for making certain they have the correct editions and/or volumes being used. ***Credit will not be given for incorrect answers on overviews or exams due to the purchase or use of incorrect materials.***

The web address for Christian Book Distributors on-line portal for AD-SOM books and materials is:

www.agsom.christianbook.com

TEXTBOOKS
(Course, Textbook, Author)

Certification (Level 1)

AG History, Missions and Governance, *People of the Spirit*, Gary McGee; *General Council Constitution and Bylaws (Current Edition)*
Acts, The Book of Acts, Stanley Horton
Ephesians, Ephesians, Francis Foulkes
Ethics in Ministry, Ministerial Ethics, A Guide for Spirit-Filled Leaders, T. Burton Pierce
How to Interpret the Bible, Living by the Book, Howard Hendricks
Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine, Bible Doctrines, A Pentecostal Perspective, William Menzies and Stanley Horton
Life of Christ, Life of Christ, Ralph Riggs
Personal Evangelism, Becoming a Contagious Christian, Bill Hybels and Mark Mittenberg
Spirit-Empowered Churches, A Spirit-Empowered Church: An Acts 2 Ministry Model, Alton Garrison

License (Level 2)

Conflict Resolution, Making Peace: A Guide to Overcoming Church Conflict, Jim Van Yperen
Eschatology, Our Destiny: Bible Teaching on the Last Things, Stanley Horton
Introduction to Homiletics, Anointed Expository Preaching, Stephen Olford
Introduction to AG Missions, Missions in the Age of the Spirit, John York
Leadership Skills, The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, John Maxwell
New Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Merrill Tenney
Old Testament Survey, The Old Testament Speaks, Samuel Schultz
Romans, Romans, F.F. Bruce
Systematic Theology, Systematic Theology, Stanley Horton

Ordination (Level 3)

Biblical Counseling, The Complete Guide to Crisis and Trauma Counseling, H. Norman Wright
Church Administration, Finance, and Law, Leadership Handbook of Management & Administration, James Berkley
Corinthian Correspondence, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Stanley Horton

COURSES
(Listed by Concentration)

Bible

	New Testament Survey
Acts	Old Testament Survey
Corinthian Correspondence	Psalms
Ephesians	Pentateuch
Life of Christ	Romans

Theology

AG History, Missions & Governance	Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
Eschatology	Systematic Theology 1
	Theology of Prayer and Worship

Practical Ministry

Age Level Ministry	Introduction to Homiletics
Bible Studies and Small Group Ministry	Leadership Skills
Biblical Counseling	Media in Ministry
Church Administration, Finance, and Law	Ministerial Ethics
Conflict Resolution	Pastoral Ministry
Discipleship & Disciple-Making	Personal Evangelism
How to Interpret the Bible	Preaching in a Cultural Context
Introduction to AG Missions	Spirit-Empowered Churches

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Level 1:

Entry Level Ministry (Fulfills Academic Requirements for Certified Minister Application)

AG History, Missions and Governance

A study of the historical development and governing policies of the Assemblies of God. The Fellowship's history in America and its worldwide missions program is told through stories of the personalities involved. Includes a study of the ecclesiastical structure of the Assemblies of God, with particular attention to the General Council Constitution and Bylaws in relation to credentialed ministers, local churches, district councils, the General Council, and doctrines and practices approved and disapproved.

Acts

A detailed study of the origin and development of the apostolic church. The course emphasizes the Church's mission in its proclamation of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Included is an overview of Paul's missionary journeys.

Ethics in Ministry

An examination of the moral principles governing human conduct in light of the teachings of Scripture. Special attention is given to the minister's personal and professional code of ethics, and contemporary personal and social issues.

Ephesians

An exegetical study of the book of Ephesians with emphasis placed upon its doctrinal and moral teachings. Also highlighted is the book's theme of the glory of God in Christ and the believer's high calling to life in Christ.

Pastoral Ministry

A study of the practical aspects of pastoral ministry, including the pastor's call, preaching, teaching, church leadership, family life, and more.

Pentateuch

An in-depth study of the first five books of the Old Testament. Highlighting God's personal relationship with His creation and the loving covenants made with His people, the study examines the Pentateuch's revelation of God's character and the requirements for relationship with Him.

Preaching in a Cultural Context

The principles, process, and problems of communicating from one culture to another. Special attention is given to the development of attitudes and methods enabling effective communication of the gospel to people in other cultures.

Psalms

A study of the Psalms as the Hebrew-Christian prayer book and hymnal. The course includes a study of selected Psalms, noting the authorship, historical setting, structure, meaning, and spiritual application of each.

Theology of Prayer and Worship

A textbook study of biblical prayer stressing the importance and impact of prayer in contemporary life and ministry. The experiential learning aspect of this class will focus on an exploration of the scriptural and theological foundations for individual and corporate praise and worship. Various styles and formats of worship are discussed relative to both historical and contemporary settings.

Level 3:

Advanced Ministry (Fulfills Academic Requirements for Ordained Minister Application)

Biblical Counseling

A study of the biblical basis for pastoral counseling and the basic techniques of pastoral care. The course introduces the way these principles can be applied to help believers in the major areas of pastoral concern, including premarital and marital counseling, and counseling the sick, bereaved, and aged.

Church Administration, Finance, and Law

A study of the necessary business aspects needed in today's church. Study includes an overview of the American ecclesiastical law, addressing contemporary legal issues affecting churches and ministers, practical administration, and the financial management of non-profit ministries.

Discipleship & Disciple-Making

A challenge to today's believers to go beyond the preconceived notion of evangelism and realize that being a disciple and making disciples for Christ is indeed the heart of Christ's Great Commission to the church.

Corinthian Correspondence

An expository study of First and Second Corinthians. Highlighted are Paul's responses to the problems afflicting the Corinthian church, the appropriate operation of the gifts of the Spirit within the congregation, and Paul's views of Christian character and ministry.

How to Interpret the Bible

An introduction to various methods of Bible study, with special attention given to basic principles of scriptural interpretation. Emphasis is placed on devotional aspects of study for personal edification.

Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

An introduction to theology (its meaning and purpose) and historic Christian doctrines. Emphasis will be placed upon the *Statement of Fundamental Truths* of the Assemblies of God as the framework for this study.

Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus as recorded in the gospels and in light of the historical, cultural, and geographical settings of the first century. The course emphasizes the ministry of John the Baptist, the proclamation of the kingdom of God, the miracles and parables of Jesus, the passion, the resurrection, and messianic titles.

Personal Evangelism

A study of the contemporary history and practice of evangelism in the church, with an emphasis on the techniques and methods used in personal witnessing. The course also trains students in the art of lifestyle evangelism.

Spirit-Empowered Churches

A practical introduction and study of transitioning existing churches and planting new churches to become life-giving entities within the community. Emphasis is placed on personal discipleship of local church leaders whether their ministry call is pastoral or to serve voluntarily.

Level 2:
Intermediate Ministry (Fulfills Academic Requirements for Licensed Minister Application)

Conflict Resolution

A study devoted to the resolution of conflict in the local church. The reasons for churches becoming unhealthy and how God wants to heal them are examined. The lordship of Jesus Christ and His methodology in resolving conflict form the basis of this study.

Eschatology

An advanced study of the doctrine of last things, including topics such as death, Resurrection and Rapture, views of the Tribulation, millennial views, judgment, and the final state of the righteous and the wicked.

Introduction to Homiletics

A study dealing with sermon delivery that provides a hands-on approach to developing sermon preparation skills. The course content addresses audience analysis, the speaker's physical appearance, gestures, credibility, voice usage, and personality.

Leadership Skills

A study of the principles of leadership, applicable to all phases of life and ministry. Practical applications are offered to help students use these principles in the local church situation.

Introduction to AG Missions

An introductory course in the science of missions, surveying the theology, history and methods of Christian missions in general and within the Assemblies of God.

New Testament Survey

An overview of the books of the New Testament, emphasizing the key facts and teachings of each book. Applications to contemporary life and ministry are included.

Old Testament Survey

A study of the books of the Old Testament, acquainting the student with key facts in each book. The development of God's plan of redemption throughout the Old Testament canon is highlighted.

Romans

A practical study of Paul's letter to the Romans. The course deals with the book's background and its relation to the rest of Paul's writings. The book's relevance to every day Christian living is a featured theme.

Systematic Theology

An introduction to theology and a detailed study of the following theological areas: Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Anthropology, and Soteriology.