



encounter revival ministries

2015 Course Catalog

A Message from the Administrator

At the Encounter Leadership Center, a balanced individual is the desired product. Combining practical experience opportunities with diligent and careful teaching of Biblical truth is the avenue for developing young adults who are “filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding [and] walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work...” (Colossians 1:9-10). The pages that follow outline the framework for one year of discipleship training. The courses we offer are interesting and challenging, and good grades are something to strive for with enthusiasm. It is the tests of life, however, that we as a ministry trust you will pass with flying colors as you apply the truths of God’s Word.

Our staff is committed to helping you in any way possible. As you pursue the certificate that we offer and consider future academic plans, we stand ready to assist you so that you may be salt and light in this present world.

In pursuit of truth,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a trailing flourish.

Jimmy Van Dyck
National Administrator

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About Encounter

Parent Organization

Encounter Revival Ministries, Inc. is an organization that was established by Ardy Parlin in 1992 in Charlotte, NC. This ministry was founded to challenge and encourage believes with the truths of God's Word. The means used to accomplish this purpose was through a team of college-aged young people who traveled into churches and schools for week-long meetings. This team utilized practical Bible teaching, God-honoring music and dramas, and testimonies to communicate the message of revival and spiritual awakening. From the very beginning, Encounter has had a strong commitment to discipling the young adults that traveled with the team.

After 5 years of ministry in Charlotte, Encounter moved its headquarters to Harrisburg, PA. Over the next few years, Encounter increased its sphere of influence to summer camp, foreign missions, and publications. Also during this time several credible Christian colleges began to recognize the discipleship training of Encounter for credit. The Encounter Leadership Center (ELC) was established in 1999. The ELC is mobile in nature with Encounter team members taking classes at the headquarters and while traveling in meetings.

Mission Statement

To impact the young and old with the truths of God's Word for salvation, revival, restoration, reformation, spiritual renewal, and discipleship through . . .

- * Practical Bible Teaching.
- * Discipleship of Young Adults.
- * Music... God-honoring and Uplifting.
- * Extended Local Church Ministries.
- * Printed Materials.
- * Christian School Chapels.
- * Foreign Missions Service.
- * Conferences and Retreats.
- * Summer Camp for Juniors, Teens, and Families.

Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE in one God, creator and sustainer of the universe, Who is eternally existent in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

WE BELIEVE that the Bible, both the Old and New Testament, is inspired of God and is His authoritative Word, and it is without error in all and is the supreme and final authority in matters of belief and conduct.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died on the cross as the substitution for sinful man, rose bodily from the dead and ascended to heaven, and is exalted at God's right hand as the mediator between God and man.

WE BELIEVE that all people have sinned and are guilty before God and cannot see the kingdom of God, except through the new birth, which takes place through the repentance of sin and faith in God and that one becomes a new person in Christ only by the grace of God.

WE BELIEVE in the work of the Holy Spirit to convict people of sin and guide in spiritual growth and that every believer is to live and walk in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit in order to bear fruit to the glory

of God and not follow the lust of the flesh.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, which is made up of all believers, and is locally a group of baptized believers who are organized and committed to doing God's will in worshipping and witnessing concerning Jesus Christ and proclaiming Biblical truths of holy living, compassion for others and living a life that demonstrates the power of God in a person's life.

WE BELIEVE that all believers are called into a life of obedience to the Word of God and to a holy and righteous life.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ will personally and visibly return to raise the dead and call the living to stand before the throne, where the righteous will be rewarded and the lost will be judged. God will establish His kingdom, a new heaven and earth, and He will be glorified forever.

WE BELIEVE that God has commanded that people should not engage in any intimate sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Genesis 2:24, 19:5, 26:8-9; Leviticus 19:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1, 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

WE BELIEVE that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; I Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23)

Missions Foundation

During your experience with Encounter Revival Ministries, you will have the great opportunity of being a missionary by trusting God to meet your financial needs. Below is a description of what it means to be a missionary.

A missionary is one who has given himself to a specific task.

Our mission is revival and spiritual renewal of believers, proclaiming the message of salvation to the lost and assisting believers in spiritual growth.

Our mission base is Encounter Revival Ministries. ERM is a non-profit ministry under the direction of a board of directors and a general director. Our home office is located in Harrisburg, PA.

The financial structure of Encounter Revival Ministries is regularly checked and supervised by a certified public accountant. All mission funds and missionary accounts are kept and maintained with diligent supervision and Biblical accountability.

Understanding What It Is To Be A Missionary

1. Missionaries live by faith.
2. Missionaries believe that God has led them to a specific task.
3. Missionaries are open and willing to share their ministry and needs, leaving individuals to respond in their own way and time without pressure or manipulation.
4. Missionaries are willing to sacrifice time, money, personal expectations, and friendships in order to give themselves fully to the cause of sharing God's truths with others.
5. Missionaries must be ready to adjust to new circumstances and people on a regular basis.
6. Missionaries have a genuine desire to serve God and live in obedience to the Word.

Encounter Life

For one year, an Encounter team member is involved in intensive training and ministry in local churches, Christian schools, summer camp, and foreign missions. The year begins with 4-5 weeks of learning music, discipleship, and ministry preparation. Training camp includes extensive rehearsals and discipleship classes that are heart-searching and geared to prepare members for public ministry.

Upon the conclusion of training camp, the team then leaves for week-long revival meetings in various churches and schools across the United States. During those meetings the team is involved in singing, children's ministry, and youth ministry. Team members participate in ministry areas such as drama, puppet shows, and counseling young people. The team also attends various discipleship classes to develop godly character, leadership skills and a greater understanding of God's Word. During the travel year, the team gets the tremendous opportunity to visit a foreign country and be involved in the evangelism of the lost and encouragement of the saints. This missions experience is supplemented by various forums with missionaries in the United States in preparation for the foreign ministry.

To conclude the year, the team is involved in a summer of camp ministry, where they are able to practice all they have learned during the travel year through twenty-four hour involvement in the lives of young people.



Ministry Philosophy of Finances

We **DO NOT** believe that missionaries need to “beg” for financial support or make people feel sorry for them. We believe that being a missionary is a high calling and that “where God guides, He will provide.”

The basic policy and belief concerning financial support is that it is our **opportunity** and **responsibility** to inform people as to **what** God is leading us to do, **how** that ministry will honor the Lord, and **how** it will be of eternal value to others. After we have shared our opportunity and the financial needs, we must be willing to **leave** the matter in the hand of the Lord believing that God will supply in His own time and way. In no way is a staff member to pressure, manipulate, or coerce people to become involved financially.

It is our joy and opportunity to trust God. Many years ago Hudson Taylor said that “God’s work, done in God’s way, will have God’s support.” Believing and trusting God are major areas of spiritual growth involved in being a missionary.



Academic Information

Encounter Revival Ministries' Foundation

Encounter Revival Ministries is committed to investing in young adults by providing an opportunity for teaching Biblical foundations for life and actively involving each person in the ministry. Our mission is to lay a foundation for young adults to build upon as they endeavor to live a victorious Christian life whether in the secular work force or Christian ministry.

We focus on six foundation stones:

1. **Bible Doctrines:** To develop one's personal relationship with Christ as well as spiritual sensitivity and growth through meaningful time in the Word daily.
2. **Practical Christianity:** To develop the joy of ministering and sharing God's truth with others.
3. **Principles of Bible Study:** To develop the ability to make decisions and to establish convictions, standards, and Biblical guidelines for living.
4. **Principles of Life Management:** To develop growth in one's personal, financial, mental, and spiritual life.
5. **Character Building:** To develop godly character.
6. **Principles of Leadership:** To develop skills necessary to influence others to follow after Christ.

We believe that a life built on these foundation stones will be an effective tool in the hand of God; it will touch others and bring glory to His name.

Course Description

Biblical Division

Bible Doctrines

This course is designed to give the student exposure to the fundamental doctrines and key theological issues pertaining to the Christian life. The course will examine the Bible systematically, while highlighting other important subjects and key theological terms as well.

three semester hours

Biblical Discipleship

This course is designed to give the student exposure to Biblical discipleship and insights into various writings that assist in establishing a solid Christian life and testimony.

three semester hours

Christian Leadership

In this course students learn principles of leadership that can be applied to real-life situations. Through the study of Biblical examples, Bible-based techniques and case studies, the course will provide the student helps for taking the Biblical principles he has learned and passing them on to others.

three semester hours

Practical Learning

Practicum Division

Missions Internship

This course is designed to give the student experience on the mission field through the ministry of Encounter Revival Ministries and insights into missions through the perspective of actual missionaries. A two week trip to a foreign field will be taken in the spring, and course requirements will be fulfilled throughout the academic year.

three semester hours

Camp Counseling Internship

This course is designed to give the student experience working with children and teens through the ministry of Mt. Lou San Bible Camp and insights into camp counseling.. The period of counseling will be seven weeks with one week dedicated to training and instruction.

three semester hours



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The Christian Leadership Center is just one aspect of ministry for Encounter Revival Ministries. With revival as our heartbeat, ERM seeks to accomplish the purpose of communicating God's truth through church-wide meetings, Christian school chapels, summer camp, conferences and retreats, and foreign missions ministry. The discipleship of the team members includes the academic course work and practical experiences detailed in this catalog. Each team member who completes the year successfully earns a Certificate of Completion, and a transcript with the team member's academic information is available to programs where the team member may transfer.



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