

To prepare you to serve God's children as a well-educated and equipped pastor, knowledgeable of His word and how to rightly divide the Bible, skilled in leadership, trained to minister, and walking in His character as His under-shepherd.

What You Will Learn?

You will take general education classes, those dealing with Bible and theology, courses on leadership, those dealing with general ministry, and either biblical languages or pastoral leadership classes. These will prepare you to lead people to Christ, to disciple them well, and to shepherd in a God-pleasing way.

What You Can Do With This Degree?

Upon graduation, you will be eligible to serve on a church staff, in a para-church ministry or as church planter or missionary, where you will minister to the people for whom Christ died. Some students will be able to secure their pastoral license while they are a student and others will be eligible to apply for their pastoral license upon graduation. Most graduates seek employment through the church they are active in during their educational experience, while others desire to travel to fresh fields within churches or other Christian organizations. Some continue on to graduate education to hone their skills or to become eligible for ordination within their denomination.

The pastoral ministry curriculum is designed to train students who are preparing for pastoral ministry or for those who want to pursue a graduate degree. The goal of the Pastoral Ministry curriculum is to help students to love God and people and to develop the heart and mindset of a pastor and shepherd.

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Pastoral Ministry, students will demonstrate:

- The nurturing aspects of leadership, such as mentoring, counseling, visitation, and crisis ministry.
- An ability to communicate God's Word in a way that is accurate, clear and relevant. The ability to equip others in order to do church as a team.

Course Offerings

PM 3305 Principles of Church Ministry

PM 4301 Creative Biblical Communication

PM 4302 Pastoral Care & Counseling

LD 4313 Church Administration

PM 4252 Mentored Ministry Lab

PM 4330 Pastoral Ministry Practicum

PM 4331 Pastoral Leadership Practicum

Pastoral Ministry Elective (3 credits)

Faculty Spotlight: Mike Ward



"I love to teach! It is what God has called me to do!" In fact, my personal mission statement is "to teach, mentor, and equip, through education and servant-leadership modeling, those whom God is calling to lead 21st century churches." If that is you, then this is the degree plan you should follow. I have three master's degrees, including a M.A. in Transformational Leadership from Bethel Seminary. I am a retired Air Force colonel with 30 years of active duty. I have been saved nearly 50 years and spent the last 20 years of my life in full time ministry as a pastor and an educator. Oh, and did I mention that I love to teach, and that it would be an honor to help you reach your full potential as a pastor serving in God's kingdom?



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