CHURCH PLANTER BASIC TRAINING SEMINAR
Steve Childers, Steve Ogne, Ted Powers, Ed Stetzer & Others
RTS Doctor of Ministry Elective Course 2DME 817
Chicago, IL
July 25-29, 2005

Course Description

CHURCH PLANTER BASIC TRAINING is designed to equip church planters and coaches with the principles and strategies needed for starting and developing healthy, growing, reproducing churches. In this intensive and comprehensive learning experience, planters and coaches will learn, in hands-on ways, how to develop a biblical vision for ministry, philosophy of ministry and church development.

Lectures, discussion, and workshop activities will allow participants to formulate vision, values, mission, and strategy that can find immediate application in the field. Church planting methodology (Seven Seasons of Church Planting) will be surveyed from pre-birth to reproduction.

Some topics to be covered:
- Confirming the church planter’s call
- Determining the ministry focus group
- Designing a church planting action plan
- Creating a church planting proposal
- Establishing a core group and launch team
- Developing gospel-centered ministries
- Mentoring church ministry leaders
- Leading the church to healthy growth
- Managing conflict in the church
- Ordering the church planter’s private world
- Establishing a church multiplication movement

Special Note: Many Christian leaders in the U.S.A. and abroad have taken this training, not primarily to learn how to do church planting themselves but to learn gospel-centered principles and strategies for church growth that will lead their churches to renewal and multiplication in church planting.

BASIC TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

CHURCH PLANTER BASIC TRAINING will be led by:

- **Steve Childers**, Professor of Practical Theology at RTS Orlando, author of the *Church Planter Basic Training Manual* and President of Global Church Advancement (GCA).

- **Steve Ogne**, Church planter trainer, coach and consultant for Church Resource Ministries (CRM) & coauthor (with Bob Logan) of *The Church Planter’s Toolkit*.


- **Ed Stetzer**, Church planter trainer, coach and consultant for the North American Mission Board (SBC) and author of *Planting New Churches in a Postmodern Age*.

- **Other Veteran Trainers** representing various denominational, generational and cultural perspectives (& 100+ years of church planting experience & mistakes!).
The CHURCH PLANTER BASIC TRAINING MANUAL (Seminar Notes) by Dr. Childers will be made available for purchase ($35.00 by check or cash only & made payable to: “The Church Planting Center”) at the seminar registration table when you arrive. Although this manual is listed in the Required Reading section of the syllabus, it is not to be considered as a required reading text. Note: This manual is not available for purchase apart from the seminar.

Integration Paper

Students will complete a 15-20 page integration paper that is due October 31, 2005. The integration paper is the heart of the student’s work outside class and will determine the major portion of the final grade. The integration paper will be a real or hypothetical “Church Planting Proposal” showing the application of the principles taught in the course. The proposal should include the new church’s values, vision, philosophy, strategy, timeline, resources, etc. Models of Church Planting Proposals will be made available at the seminar. (Alternative integration papers must be approved by Dr. Childers before the end of the seminar on Friday.)

Required Reading

D.Min. credit students are required to read and report (see attached reading report form) on approximately 2000 pages of reading (not previously read) from the following reading lists. The Reading Reports (one-page each maximum) are also due October 31, 2005.

Childers, Steven L.
2004 Church Planter Basic Training Manual. Orlando, FL: Global Church Advancement, Inc. (Not to be considered as a required reading text—see above.)

Lovelace, Richard

Malphurs, Aubrey

Miller, John C.

Schwarz, Christian
1996 Natural Church Development. Carol-Stream, IL: Church Smart Resources.

Stetzer, Edward

Warren, Rick

Very Highly Recommended:

Keller, Timothy and Allen Thompson
Supplemental Reading List

In the event that you have already read some of the books on the “Reading List”, you may choose additional books from this supplemental list to fulfill your 2000-page reading quota.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED READING

Biehl, Bobb and Glen Urquhart

Bosch, David J.

Church Multiplication Training Center
2002 Get Ready! Get Set! Go! CMTC Bootcamp & Restart Training Manuals, Ft. Wayne, IN: CMTC.

Clowney, Edmund.

Conn, Harvie M. (ed.)

Cordeiro, Wayne

Covey, Stephen R., (A. Roger Merrill)
1992 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.

Erickson, Millard J.

Finzel, Hans

Gibbs, Eddie

Greenway, Roger S.

Guder, Darrel L.

Guder, Darrell L., et. al. (eds.)

Hesselgrave, David J.
Hiebert, Paul G.

Hunter, George

Hughes, Kent and Barbara

Logan, Robert E. (Steven L. Ogne) (Neil Cole)
1995  *Church Planter’s Toolkit*. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)
1995  *Churches Planting Churches*. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)
1995  *Raising Leaders for the Harvest*. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)

Macchia, Stephan A.

McLaren, Brian D.

Miller, Darrow

Moore, Ralph

Nebel, Tom
2002  *Big Dreams in Small Places: Church Planting in Smaller Communities*. St Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.

Newbigin, Lesslie

Pope, Randy

Sande, Ken

Schaller, Lyle E.

Shenk, David W. and Ervin R. Stutzman

Walling, Terry B. and Rick Tansey
2003  *Maximum Health: Navigating Your Church to Greater Health*. ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)
Walling, Terry B.  
2002 *Advancing Leaders: Discovering Your Ultimate Contribution.* ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)  
1999 *Focused Living Resource Kit.* ChurchSmart Resources (www.churchsmart.com)  

Wagner, C. Peter  

Winter, Ralph D. and Steven C. Hawthorne.  

**RECOMMENDED READING**  

Allen, Roland  

Amberson, Talmadge R. (ed.)  

Anderson, Leith  
1993  

Becker, Paul  

Brock, Charles  

Bunch, David T. and Barbara L. Oden  
1991 *Multihousing Congregations: How to Start and Grow Congregations in Multihousing Communities.* Atlanta: Home Missions Board.  

Chaney, Charles L.  
1993 *Church Planting at the End of the Twentieth Century.* Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.  

Cheyney, Tom, J., David Putman and Van Sanders, (eds.)  
2003 *Seven Steps for Planting Churches.* Alpharetta, GA: North American Mission Board, SBC.  

Dayton, E.R. and D.A. Fraser  

Faircloth, Samuel D.  

Francis, Hozell C.  

Galloway, Dale and Warren Bird  
2003 *Starting a New Church: How to Plant a High-Impact Church.* Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press.  

George, Carl E.  
Graham, Thomas 1987 How to Select the Best Church Planters. Evangelical Missions Quarterly Vol. 23 (1): pp. 70-79.


Harris, Richard H., compiler. 2002 Reaching a Nation through Church Planting. Alpharetta, GA: North American Mission Board, SBC.

Herron, Fred 2003 Expanding God’s Kingdom through Church Planting. Lincoln, NE: iUniverse.


MacNair, Donald J. 1976 The Birth, Care and Feeding of a Local Church. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.


Neighbour, Ralph Jr. and Lorna Jenkins (eds.) 1990 Where Do We Go From Here? A Guidebook for the Cell Group Church. Houston, TX: Touch Publications, Inc.


Redford, Jack. 
1977

Ridley, Charles R. 
1988

Romo, Oscar I. 
1993

Sanchez, Daniel R., Ebbie C. Smith, and Curtis E. 
2001

Schaller, Lyle E. 
1993
*Center City Churches: The New Urban Frontier.* Nashville: Abingdon Press.

Scoggins, Dick. 
1999

Sjogren, Steve and Rob Lewin 
2003
*Community of Kindness: A Relational Approach to Planting and Growing a Church.* Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

Silvoso, Ed 
1994

Steffen, Tom A. 
1997
*Passing the Baton: Church Planting that Empowers.* La Habra, CA: Center for Organizational & Ministry Development.

Suarez, Gustavo V. 
2004

Sullivan, Bill M. 
1997

Sylvia, Ron 
2004
*Starting High Definition Churches.* Ocala, FL: High Definition Resources.

Tidsworth, Floyd 
1992

Timmis, Stephen (ed.) 
2000

Tinsley, William C. 
1985
*Upon This Rock: Dimensions of Church Planting.* Atlanta, GA: Baptist Home Mission Board.

1996
*Breaking the Mold: Church Planting in the 21st Century.* Dallas: Creative Church Consultations.

Towns, Elmer L. (Douglas Porter) 
1985

2003
*Churches that Multiply.* Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press.
Multicultural Church Planting Resources (Source: Stephen Um)

Appleby, Jerry and Glen Lewis Van Dyne

Asante, M.K.

Atkinson, D.R., Morten, G., Sue, D.W. Counseling

Augsberger, David W.

Balds, Wesley D.

Banks, James A.

Banks, William.

Beaver, Dr. R. Pierce.

Bennett, Lerone, Jr.

Bieler, Stacey and Dick Andrews

Blackwell, James.

Blount, Brian K. and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale (eds.)

Blubaugh, J.A. and D.L. Pennington
1976 Crossing differences...interracial communication. Columbus: Charles Merrill.

Bochner, S.

Bok, Derek.
Buswell, J. Oliver, III.

Cenkner, William (ed.)

Chandler, Paul Gordon and John R. W. Stott

Clegg, Tom and Warren Bird

Cone, James H.

Dayton, Edward

Dresser, Norine

DuBose, Francis M.

DuBose, W.E. Burghardt.

Ellis, Carl F.
1983 Beyond Liberation. Downers Grove, IL; InterVarsity Press.

Ellison, Craig (ed.)
1974 The Urban Mission. Grand Rapids, MI; Erdmans.

Elmer, Duane

Emerson, Michael O. and Christian Smith

Fong, Kenneth Uyeda.

Foster, Charles R.

Garber, Julie (ed.)
1993 Many Cultures, One in Christ (Covenant Bible Study). Brethren Press.

Gladwin, John.

Haselden, Kyle.
Hesselgrave, David  

Law, Eric H. F.  

Liebenow, R. Mark and Mark Liebenow  

Lee, Jung Young  

Lingenfelter, Sherwood G. (Marvin Keene Mayers)  

Mayers, Marvin.  

Montgomery-Fate, Tom  

Myers, Bryant L.  

Olmos, Edward James (ed.), Lea Ybarra, Manuel Monterrey, Carlos Fuentes (Introduction)  

Ortiz, Manuel  

Perkins, John.  
1976  *Let Justice Roll Down: John Perkins Tells His Own Story*. Glendale, Calif.: Regal.  

Phillips, Tom, Bob Norsworthy and W. Terry Whalin  

Ramachandra, Vinoth  

Rhodes, Stephen A.  

Roembke, Lianne  

Salley, Columbus and Ronald Behm.  
1970  *Your God is Too White*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.  
Storti, Craig  

Stott, John and Robert T. Coote (eds.)  

Woodley, Randy  

Yep, Jeanette, Peter Cha, Paul Tokunaga, Greg Jao, and Susan Cho Van Riesen  

### Multicultural Church Planting Resources - Articles


Banks, James, A.  

Blackard, Tammy.  

Bochner, S.  

Finley, Gordon E.  

### Cell Church Planting Resources

Beckham, William A.  

Comiskey, Joel  


Finnell, David  

Logan, Robert E. and Jeannette Buller  
2001  *Cell Church Planter's Guide*. ChurchSmart Resources.

Neighbour, Ralph W.  
1990  *Where Do We Go From Here?: A Guidebook for the Cell Group Church*. Spring Arbor.

Stockstill, Larry  
Mentoring Resources

Biehl, Bobb and Glen Urquhart  

Clinton, J. Robert and Paul D. Stanley  

Engstrom, Ted  

Hunter, George  

Kram, Kathy E.  

Murray, Margo  

Phillips-Jones, Linda  

WEB SITES

Church Multiplication Training Center  cmtcmultiply.com
Church Resource Ministries (Ogne & Walling)  cmnet.org
Church Smart Resources (Publisher)  churchsmart.com
Coachnet (Logan)  coachnet.org
Great Commission Ministries (Kerns)  gcmweb.org
Global Church Development (Childers)  churchplantingcenter.com
NewChurches.com Ministries (Stetzer)  newchurches.com
Purpose Driven Ministries (Warren)  saddleback.com
Redeemer Ministries (Keller)  redeemer2.com
Third Millennium Ministries (Pratt)  thirdmill.org
Willow Creek Network (Hybels)  willowcreek.net

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# Reading List

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