Mentoring For Ministry Course
“Empowering the Church Through Mentoring”
RTS, Atlanta
Summer of 2011

Course Title – Mentoring for Ministry (4DM830)

Class Schedule: 8-5pm on Tuesday-Friday, July 26-29

Purpose of the Course – To empower the Church to Fulfill the Great Commission Through Biblical Mentoring Methodology

Course Description – This Mentoring Training Course is designed to be a practical overview of the ministry of mentoring and its broad application to all areas of church life. It is structured to cover the fundamental aspects of the biblical paradigm for mentoring as well as offer a comprehensive overview of this topic including current literature. Tools will be offered to assist students to follow the model of Jesus, the Master Teacher who laid down for His followers a pattern of worldwide ministry impact that centered around mentoring. The atmosphere will be one of interactive learning designed to develop in students a balance of knowledge (learning), understanding (equipping), and wisdom (engaging) in the fine art of mentoring. Also, guest presenters who have developed actual mentoring models will be featured throughout the course.

Course Objectives:
- The overall goal of the class is to stir our zeal for mentoring, root it in the soil of biblical content, and ground it on the foundation of sound theology.
- To build confidence to overcome the natural distractions inherent in doing mentoring.
- To de-mystify mentoring and make it practical and understandable.
- To learn insights, approaches, and practices in mentoring that are current and relevant to influencing people in today’s culture.
- To learn a comprehensive view of mentoring as a process, not as point action.

Topics to be Covered:

The Current Climate
- Introduction and Overview
- Cultural Considerations
- The Current Leadership Deficit in the Church
- The Vibrant Relationship Between Community and Spirituality

The Biblical and Theological Foundations Mentoring
- Mentoring Rooted in the Theology of the Trinity
- Scriptural Basis for Mentoring
- New Testament Terms for Mentors and Protégé’s
Historical Precedents
The Rabbinic Model – Jesus Contemporaries
The Spiritual Director Model – Monastics and Mystics
The Pastoral Model – Richard Baxter
The Seminary Model – The Log College

Review of Current Literature
Renewed Interest in Mentoring
Emerging Definitions
Mentoring Explosion

Ministry Model
A Mentoring Paradigm that is Biblical
Mentoring and Church structure
A Paradigm for the Mentoring Church
Mentoring Spheres of Application and Sub-congregations
Mentoring Word Pictures

Course Requirements - three components:

1. Assigned reading of approximately 2,000 pages to be completed before attending the classroom session.

2. A one-week (four days) session of classroom meetings for lectures, reflection, and evaluation. Tuesday-Friday, July 26-29 – 8-5pm.

3. A post-session integration paper growing out of the reading and class work must be submitted on some aspect of Mentoring. The specific topic must be approved by Dr. Saxon by the end of the class week and the completed assignment must be submitted by October 31, 2011.

Required Reading List

*Approximately 2,000 pages of reading should be done from the following books before the week of class.

* 다음 목록으로부터 약 2,000 페이지 정도의 독서를 강의 시작하기 전에 완료


하워드 & 윌리엄 헨드릭스. 멘토링으로 성장하는 법(출판사: 요단) 416 페이지

데이빗 베너. 영혼 돌봄의 이해(출판사: 기독교문서선교회) 293 페이지


폴 스탠리 & 로버트 클린턴. 인도: 삶으로 전달되는 지혜(출판사: 네비게이토) 272 페이지


로버트 오토. 마entor, being a mentor(출판사: 하처리스트) 321 페이지


밥 빌. 멘토링(출판사: 디모데(도)) 333 페이지


팀 엘모어. 팀 엘모어의 멘토링(출판사: 진흥) 288 페이지


레기 캠프벨. 멘토 예수(출판사: 크리스천 석세스) 223 페이지


데이빗 베너. 거룩한 사귀에 눈을 뜨다(출판사: IVP) 335 페이지


스티브 & 로이스 레이비. 21 세기 제자도(출판사: 복있는 사람) 456 페이지


데이빗 베너 & 캐리 문. 영혼 돌봄의 이해(출판사: 기독교문서선교회) 293 페이지


키스 앤더슨 & 랜디 리스. 영적 멘토링(출판사: IVP) 261 페이지


데이빗 스토다드. 마음으로 하기의 영향력 있는 멘토링을 위한 10 가지 원리(출판사: 국제제자훈련원) 289 페이지

로버트 콜맨. 주님의 전도 계획 (출판사: 생명의 말씀사) 210 페이지


리차드 백스터. 현대인을 위한 참된 목자 (출판사: 프리셉트 성경연구원) 353 페이지


유진 피터슨. 균형있는 목회자 (출판사: 좋은 씨앗) 294 페이지
Teacher/Professor – This course will be led by Dr. James Saxon, an ordained PCA minister since 1979, who has actively served in the pastorate for the last 32 years. He was converted to Christ at the age of twenty while a student at the University of Alabama. His conversion was so dramatic that he decided against going into the business world with his Marketing Degree and instead began pursuit of his call to pastoral ministry by enrolling in RTS Jackson in the summer of 1975. After serving as a youth director and taking a year internship at the well-known Spanish River Presbyterian Church in Boca Raton, Florida, he discerned God’s calling to go into church planting. He founded and pastored the Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church, in Tampa, Florida for 20 years and had oversight of the founding of one daughter church, Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Brandon, Florida. He joined the staff of the fast-growing, outreach-minded Church of The Apostles in Atlanta in the fall of 2000. Since coming to Apostles, he has served in a variety of staff roles and has recently assumed the role of Director of ApostlesLife.

In addition to being a successful church-planter, James spearheaded the founding of the Southwest Florida Presbytery in the early 1990’s, and then led the effort to host the 2000 General Assembly in Tampa by that presbytery. He graduated from the RTS Doctorate of Ministry program in the spring of 2005, completing his dissertation entitled, “Empowering the Local Church through Mentoring” which featured a practicum that field-tested mentoring seminary students as a part of their theological education. He was motivated to address the topic of Mentoring in his dissertation due to the dynamic results he experienced in his long-term Tampa pastorate during which he had the opportunity to test a variety of ministry methodologies ranging from large groups to one-to-one relationships. It was through this experience that he came to understand the unique transformational power of mentoring.

He is currently the director of the ministry initiative entitled ApostlesLife, the outreach ministry strategy for the next twenty years of the church. He also oversees the men’s mentoring ministry track entitled “Next Generation - Small Group Mentoring”. He also supervises three departments – Children’s, Student, College and Young Adult ministries.

Since 2005, he has served as a guest lecturer at RTS Atlanta and has taught two courses, Evangelism and Pastoral Care. This summer he will be teaching Introduction to Pastoral and Theological Studies. Though he is currently involved in outreach ministry, he is a pastor at heart and his life ministry verse is Colossians 1:28, “And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ.”