Church Planting & Renewal Conference
Training Team: Steve Childers, Bob Orner, et. al.
RTS Doctor of Ministry Elective 2DME 853
Jan 24-27, 2012
Marriot Hotel, Lake Mary, Florida

Course Description

The Church Planting Conference is designed to equip church planters, coaches and supervisors 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. Some topics to be covered include:

- Vision: Why does the church exist? --> Vision Statement
- Focus: How well do I know my ministry focus group? --> Mission Statement
- Prayer: Who will pray with and for me? --> Prayer Plan
- Philosophy: How can I contextualize without compromise? --> Philosophy Statement
- Purpose: What are the church priorities in ministry? --> Purpose Statement
- Values: What are the church core motivations for ministry? --> Values Statement
- Styles: How does the Church do ministry well in this culture? --> Styles Statement
- Models: How will the church ministries work together? --> Models Plan
- Finances: How will I raise and manage the finances? --> Financial Plan
- Launching/Planning: How do I publicly launch the new church ministries? --> Ministry Plan
- Main Thing: How do I survive and thrive personally in all this? --> Personal Plan

Great for Pastors Too!: 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 and renewal that will lead their churches to renewal and multiplication in church planting.

The Seminar Instructors

- **Steve Childers**, Professor of Practical Theology at RTS Orlando, author of the *Church Planter Training Manual* and President of Global Church Advancement (GCA).
- **Bob Orner**, Church planter trainer, coach, consultant and Director of Training for Global Church Advancement (GCA) & Guest Lecturer in Practical Theology, RTS-Orlando.
- **Other Veteran Trainers** from various denominational, generational and cultural perspectives (representing 100 + years of church planting experience & mistakes!).

Church Planter Training Manual

The *Church Planter Training Manual* by Dr. Childers will be made available for purchase (included in the $99.00 seminar fee by check or cash only & made payable to: *Global Church Advancement*) 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.
Meeting With The Professor

All D.Min. credit students are required to meet with the professor of record (Dr. Childers) immediately following the training sessions on Wednesday, Jan 25 and Friday, Jan 27 for interaction (with peers & the professor) regarding the application of the seminar training to their lives and ministries and for clarification regarding the course assignments. Students are to meet with Dr. Childers at the conference registration table. Students are also required to attend the “Q & A Session” with the trainers following the training sessions on Thursday, Jan 24.

Integration Paper

Students will complete a 20-25 page Church Planting Proposal (including appendices, models, etc.) that is due May 1, 2012. 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.

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 May 1, 2012.

Childers, Steven L. 2011 Church Planting Foundations. Orlando, FL: Global Church Advancement, Inc. (Not to be considered as a required reading text—see above.)


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


Very Highly Recommended:

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)
2004  Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Free Press.

Erickson, Millard J.

Finzel, Hans

Gibbs, Eddie

Greenway, Roger S.

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

Hesselgrave, David J.

Hiebert, Paul G.
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<td>Hughes, Kent and Barbara</td>
<td>1997</td>
<td><em>Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome.</em></td>
<td>Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.</td>
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<td><em>Church Planter's Toolkit.</em></td>
<td>ChurchSmart Resources (<a href="http://www.churchsmart.com">www.churchsmart.com</a>)</td>
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<td><em>Raising Leaders for the Harvest.</em></td>
<td>ChurchSmart Resources (<a href="http://www.churchsmart.com">www.churchsmart.com</a>)</td>
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<td>Nebel, Tom</td>
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<td><em>Big Dreams in Small Places: Church Planting in Smaller Communities.</em></td>
<td>St Charles, IL: ChurchSmart Resources.</td>
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<td>Pope, Randy</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td><em>The Prevailing Church.</em></td>
<td>Chicago, IL: Moody.</td>
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<td>Walling, Terry B. and Rick Tansey</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td><em>Maximum Health: Navigating Your Church to Greater Health.</em></td>
<td>ChurchSmart Resources (<a href="http://www.churchsmart.com">www.churchsmart.com</a>)</td>
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<td><em>Advancing Leaders: Discovering Your Ultimate Contribution.</em></td>
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<td><em>Focused Living Resource Kit.</em></td>
<td>ChurchSmart Resources (<a href="http://www.churchsmart.com">www.churchsmart.com</a>)</td>
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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

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

George, Carl E.

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

Grigg, Viv
1992  
Cry of the Urban Poor. Monrovia, CA: MARC.

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.

Hiebert, Paul G. and Eloise Hiebert Meneses  
1995  

Hurn, Raymond W.  
1997  

Jones, Ezra Earl  
1976  

Jones, Tom, ed.  
2004  
Church Planting from the Ground Up. Joplin, MO: College Press.

Lewis, Larry L.  
1993  

Lewis, Robert  
2003  

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

Mannoia, Kevin  
1994  
Church Planting: The Next Generation. Indianapolis, IN: Light and Life Communication.

Mead, Loren  
1992  
The Once and Future Church. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute.

1995  
Five Challenges to the Once and Future Church. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute.

Murray, Stuart.  
2001  

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.

Nevius, John  
1958  

Patterson, George and Richard Scoggins  
1993  

Ratliff, Joe S.  
1994  

Redford, Jack.  
1977  

Ridley, Charles R.


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


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


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


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.  

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.  
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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 Resource Ministries (Ogne & Walling)  crmnet.org
Church Smart Resources (Publisher)  churchsmart.com
Coachnet (Logan)  coachnet.org
Global Church Advancement (Childers)  gca.cc
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
Please limit your report to one single-spaced page. Write approximately one paragraph per topic (Overview, Critique, & Application). Reports are due on the first day of class.

Title of Book
Complete Bibliographic Reference

**Overview**—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

**Critique**—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

**Application**—Offer some specific application to your own ministry—demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

**Best Quote**—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.
# Reading List

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## Course Objectives Related to Student Learning Outcomes

**Course:** 2DME853 Church Planting & Renewal  
**Professor:** Dr. Steven L. Childers  
**Campus:** Orlando

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<td><strong>Articulation</strong>&lt;br&gt;(oral &amp; written)</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Knowledge of church planting and renewal will be presented and articulated in both written assignments and a dialogical teaching approach.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Direct engagement with Scripture in the original languages will not be required. Student will demonstrate suitable use of Scripture and hermeneutical methods in understanding the priority of a healthy reproducing church.</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Material will be presented through the grid of Reformed Theology and Practice. Minimal emphasis will be placed on the Westminster Standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>By God’s grace and through interaction with the materials and each other, the student will die more to self, and deepen their affection for the Triune God, the Church, and their neighbor.</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Student will gain a deep understanding of the Mission of God, particularly as it applies to church planting.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Student reads books by authors that are not Reformed, and discusses the value of ecumenicalism as it applies to church planting and renewal.</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Materials will be presented that give the students a better understanding on how to teach and preach in a church planting context.</td>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>Materials will be presented that give the student a better understanding of the priority of worship in church planting and renewal.</td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>The student will grow in their understanding of the role of a shepherd in a church planting context.</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>The student will gain an understanding on how to interact denominationally, ecumenically and in the local context.</td>
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*In order to measure the success of the DMin curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the DMin outcomes.*