Church Planting Seminar in Minneapolis
Steve Childers, Steve Ogne, Ed Stetzer & Others
RTS Doctor of Ministry Elective Course 2DME 853
Bethlehem Baptist Church (John Piper, Sr. Pastor), Minneapolis
July 23-27, 2007

Course Description

The Church Planting Seminar is designed to equip church planters (before and after first public worship), 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. A specialized track designed for more experienced church planters, coaches and supervisors will be offered at the same time (running concurrently) as the “Basic Training” track.

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 (Worship, Prayer, Discipleship, etc.)
- 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
- Coaching church planters & leaders
- Raising up leaders from the harvest for the harvest

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)*.

- **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 (representing 100 + years of church planting experience & mistakes!).
Church Planter Training Manual

The Church Planter Training Manual (seminar notes) by Dr. Childers will be made available for purchase ($40.00 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.

Integration Paper

Students will complete a 15-20 page integration paper that is due October 31, 2007. 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 conference. (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, 2007.

Childers, Steven L.
2007 Church Planter 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

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.
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
2002 The Prevailing Church. Chicago, IL: Moody.

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  
1990  

Winter, Ralph D. and Steven C. Hawthorne.  
1992  

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Allen, Roland  
1962  
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Amberson, Talmadge R. (ed.)  
1979  

Anderson, Leith  
1992  
1993  

Becker, Paul  
1992  
*Dynamic Church Planting.* Vista, CA: Multiplication Ministries.
1996  
*Dynamic Daughter Church Planting.* Vista, CA: Multiplication Ministries.

Brock, Charles  
1981  

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  
1990  

Faircloth, Samuel D.  
1991  

Francis, Hozell C.  
2000  

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.  
1991  
*Prepare Your Church for the Future.* Tarrytown, NY Fleming H. Revell Company.

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

Hurn, Raymond W.

Jones, Ezra Earl

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

Lewis, Larry L.

Lewis, Robert

MacNair, Donald J.

Mannoia, Kevin

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

Murray, Stuart.

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

Patterson, George and Richard Scoggins

Ratliff, Joe S.

Redford, Jack.
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  
*Handbook for House Churches.* [online], accessed 1 December 1999,  
http://genesis.acu.edu/cplant/archive/contr036

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; Eerdmans.

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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**Multicultural Church Planting Resources - Articles**

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<td>Logan, Robert E. and Jeannette Buller</td>
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<td><em>Cell Church Planter's Guide.</em> ChurchSmart Resources.</td>
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<td><em>Where Do We Go From Here?: A Guidebook for the Cell Group Church.</em></td>
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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
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

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**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.

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