

PMSE8306 Senior Pastor Special Event  
ProDoc Seminar Proposal  
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**Fall Trimester, 2008**  
**September 10-12**

### **Seminary Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **NOBTS Core Purpose, Core Values, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

The purpose of this course is to carry out the mission of NOBTS as is reflected through the core values and the core competencies in the following ways:

#### Core Values

1. Doctrinal Integrity- The course will follow the confessional commitments that are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.
2. Spiritual Vitality- The professor will teach that leadership without spiritual vitality is ineffective for the Kingdom of God.
3. Mission focus- The mission focus of the course will center on leadership in the local church.
4. Characteristic Excellence- The professor will teach that leadership is a service to Christ and therefore should be rendered with characteristic excellence.
5. Servant Leadership- The professor will teach that servant leadership is the supreme model of leadership.

Core Competencies- The seminar will address four of the seven competencies.

1. Biblical Exposition- The students will utilize biblical principles in evaluating pastoral ministry models.
2. Disciple Making- Students will consider the importance of the discipleship in pastoral leadership.
3. Interpersonal Skills- The professor will challenge students to see the vital connection between interpersonal skills and pastoral leadership.
4. Servant Leadership- Students will examine pastoral leadership styles in light of the revelation of servant leadership as taught by Jesus.

## **Course Description**

This course will incorporate a major conference designed for senior pastors. The seminar will initially be held in conjunction with the Timothy/Barnabas Pastor's School sponsored by First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga. Students will attend conference sessions designed to encourage, and inspire participants as well as equip them to perform pastoral leadership and ministry at the highest possible level. As deemed appropriate, other conferences of similar content may be utilized in the future. In addition to attending the conference sessions, students will complete other designated course requirements. Included in the required readings for the course will be various subjects related to the practice of pastoral ministry and specifically in the area of ministerial ethics.

## **Course Objectives**

At the conclusion of this seminar the student should be able to:

1. Identify and discuss major issues of pastoral leadership responsibilities in the local church from the perspective of the conference presentations and the other readings and assignments
2. To articulate a positive affirmation of the call to shepherding ministry at the student's current place of ministry
3. To envision an expansion of the shepherding ministry in the student's current place of ministry through the enlistment and training of others
4. To synthesize the principles gleaned from the conference and other seminar assignments into an action plan for personal improvement in pastoral leadership and ministry skills

## **Course Methodology and Information**

Methodology will include small group interactions, essays, and discussions as well as on-site class sessions with the professor and other seminar participants. Students will have attendance requirements for most conference events and seminars. The students will receive a schedule prior to the seminar.

## **Course Textbooks**

Blackaby, Henry, and Richard Blackaby. *Hearing God's Voice*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2002. ISBN 080542493-8

Bridges, Charles. *The Christian Ministry*. Carlisle, Pennsylvania: Originally printed in 1830, reprinted. ISBN 0-85151-087-6

Kinnaman, Gary D., and Alfred H. Ells. *Leaders that Last: How Covenant Friendships Can Help Pastors Thrive*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2003. ISBN 0-8010-9163-2

Sanders, J. Oswald. *Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Chicago: Moody Press, 1994. ISBN 0-8024-6799-7

MacArthur, John. *The Book on Leadership*. Nashville: Nelson Books, 2004. ISBN 0-7852-6251-2

Trull, Joe E., and James Carter. *Ministerial Ethics: Being a Good Minister in a Not-So-Good World*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1993. ISBN 0-8054-1056-2.  
Note students may also use the second edition, 2004 version

### **Course Requirements**

Pre-Seminar Assignments:

#### Before the Conference

- 1. Textbook Readings and Critiques:** Prior to the seminar, students will read and submit a three-page (double spaced) critique on each of the following:

: Blackaby, Henry, and Richard Blackaby. *Hearing God's Voice*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2002. ISBN 080542493-8

Kinnaman, Gary D., and Alfred H. Ells. *Leaders that Last: How Covenant Friendships Can Help Pastors Thrive*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2003. ISBN 0-8010-9163-2

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The purpose of this assignment is not to summarize the books but to evaluate each author's work in terms of how it does or does not relate to biblical truths and ministry application. Students should suggest possible application of each text to their current ministry situation. First person may be used, but otherwise use Turabian form. Please omit any biographical data about the author. **Due first day of the conference on September 10.**

- 2. Summary-** Prior to the seminar the student will read *The Christian Ministry* by Charles Bridges and will then give a succinct one-page double spaced summary of each of the five parts of the book (total of five double spaced pages). The student should summarize the most helpful principles found in the section and include a

three to five sentence critique. Turabian form is not required. **Due first day of the conference on September 10.**

**During the Conference:**

**Oral Report of Conference Sessions:** During the conference, students will report on conferences sessions as assigned. Assignments will be given at the beginning session of the conference.

**Post-Seminar Assignments:**

**ALL POST-SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 17, 2008.**

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**1. Trull and Carter Assignment:** The student will read *Ministerial Ethics* by Trull and Carter. Using the various examples of ministerial codes found in the text and utilizing the principles found throughout the text, the student will write a personal ministerial code of ethics. A two-page double spaced justification and commentary will accompany the written code.

**2. Conference Application Assignment:** Students will write a paper (minimum 6 pages doubles spaced) identifying various ways they can incorporate the principles gleaned from the conference and other seminar assignments into an action plan for personal improvement in pastoral leadership and ministry skills.

**Evaluation**

Textbook Critiques-	40%
Bridges Summary	15%
Class participation and report from conference	10%
Conference Application Assignment	20%
Personal Ethics Code	15%

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Below is the schedule for this year. We will meet at 4:00pm. in the lobby of the Gatlinburg Convention Center Hotel prior to the beginning of the conference. From there we will go to an area where we can have our first session. Please complete your registration before then. Our first session will go until about 5:30p.m. so you will not

have much time to register afterwards. The dinner and first session begins at 6:00p.m. Two of the sessions will be before the conference begins on both Thursday and Friday mornings. We will give you the specific times and the rest of the meeting schedule at our initial meeting on Wednesday.

#### WEDNESDAY September 10

3:00pm Registration Begins  
6:00pm Dinner & Session I (Men & Ladies Combined)

#### THURSDAY September 11

8:30am Devotions  
9:00am Session II  
10:30am Break  
11:00am Session III  
12:00 Afternoon Free  
  
6:00pm Dinner & Special Guest "This Hope"

#### FRIDAY September 12

8:30am Devotions  
9:00am Session IV  
10:30am Break  
11:00am Session V  
12:30pm Dismiss

#### Registration Information

Registration will be online at [www.timothybarnabas.org](http://www.timothybarnabas.org) The cost including lodging, meals, and conference fees is \$350 per person (two participants lodging in each room) or \$599 for spouse and student. **This is in addition to the tuition that you must pay NOBTS for the three hour course. Significant scholarship help is available for the conference. Please contact Dr. Echols for an application for a scholarship. Scholarship applications should be sent to [Star.Lee@fbcw.net](mailto:Star.Lee@fbcw.net) Send the online application with payment. Please copy me so that I can make sure that you receive a room that we have reserved. It may indicate that the conference is closed. If so, let me know and I will work out the registration with Star Lee, the contact person listed on the website at [www.timothybarnabas.org](http://www.timothybarnabas.org).**

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