



LEAVELL COLLEGE

AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Introduction to Ministry: LCCF1352-35 Hybrid Fall 2020 (211)

Class Dates: 8/31, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19

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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will be introduced to the philosophical and theological aspects of ministry. The primary thrust of the course is to help students develop a practical approach as well as skills that will enable them to function as under-shepherds in various ministry settings. Lectures are devoted to emphasizing a team orientation to the organization and administration of pastoral nurturing. This course is a prerequisite for all other pastoral care classes. *Prerequisite: None.*

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Be acquainted with basic concepts, methodologies, and resources pertaining to contemporary Christian ministry.
2. Gain personal insight concerning how one's calling, character, spiritual gifts, and personality traits contribute to Christian ministry.
3. Learn the basic theories, techniques and leadership methods related to organization and administration.
4. Develop a practical approach and skill set for function as an under-shepherd in a range of ministry contexts.

COURSE TEXTS

The following textbooks are required:

Iorg, Jeff. *Is God Calling Me?: Answering the Question Every Believer Asks*. Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2008. ISBN #978-0-8054-4722-4

Farmer, Jeffrey, editor. *Small Church, Excellent Ministry: A Guidebook for Pastors*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2017. ISBN #978-1498298865

Optional Textbooks:

Stowell, Joseph M. *Shepherding the Church: Effective Spiritual Leadership in a Changing Culture*. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1997. ISBN #978-0-8024-7821-2

Segler, Franklin M. *The Broadman Minister's Manual*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1969. ISBN #9780805423075

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Attendance and Participation** (5%)
Each student is expected to attend and participate in class.
2. **Book Review** (20%)
Each student will read **both** textbooks. Each student will complete a 5-7 page reflection that responds and addresses topics within EACH of the textbooks. The student will be expected to interact with the content, comparing the authors' perspectives and insights as well as adding their own. (For formatting issues, consult either the Leavell College Book Review guide or the Turabian tutor). **Due: September 21 & October 5**
3. **Midterm Exam** (15%)
The midterm exam will be given on Blackboard. It will cover all readings, class discussions, and lectures covered during the first half of the semester. **Due: September 21**
4. **Personal Ministry Handbook (PMH)**. (25%)
Throughout the semester, students will compile a handbook for various ministry situations and reflections. The handbook will include a statement of calling, interviews with experienced ministers, reflections on specific ministry opportunities, and preparations of formal ministry events such as funerals and weddings, among other things. Each student will complete specific entries assigned by the instructor throughout the semester.
5. **Group Project and Presentation** (25%)
The professor will place the students into groups. The groups will then develop a Ministry Event based upon the readings, the in-class discussions, and the direction of the professor. This will involve:
 - a) a five-page detailed explanation of the event
 - b) a one-page summary made available to every student, and
 - c) a 10-15 minute creative presentation made in class. **Due: October 19- in class!**

GRADING SCALE

- A: 93 - 100
- B: 85 - 92
- C: 77 - 84
- D: 70 - 76
- F: below 70

COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Dates	Topic	Reading Assignments	Writing Assignments
1	Aug. 31 Classroom	<p>Introductions, Syllabus, Overview, and Goals</p> <p>Is God Calling Me?</p> <p>Calling and Character</p> <p>Leadership and Administration</p> <p>"Preaching, Shepherding, & Pastoral Care"</p> <p>"Evangelism"</p> <p>"Discipleship"</p>	<p><u>Read</u> – Iorg, Chapters 1-3</p> <p><u>Read:</u> Iorg, Chapters 4-6; Farmer 9-10</p> <p><u>Read:</u> Farmer: Chapters 1, 2, 6,7</p>	<p>Due on Blackboard by September 5:</p> <p>PMH: A reflection of personal calling</p>
2	Sept. 7- Sept. 12	"		<p>Due on Blackboard by September 12:</p> <p>PMH: Reflection Paper- Interview a pastor about family life and ministry.</p> <p>PMH: Chronicle a week-long ministry schedule.</p>
3	Sept. 14- Sept. 19			<p>Due on Blackboard by September 19</p> <p>PMH: Reflection paper-Discuss how self-care and accountability are crucial to a leader's personal and family well-being and growth? What are the tell-tale signs of this irreplaceable aspect of a leader's life and ministry being neglected?</p>
4	Sept. 21 Classroom	Mid-Term Exam		<p>All Due on Blackboard by September 21:</p> <p>PMH: Reflection paper- In what three ways has discipleship been misrepresented, misguided and underserved by the American Church?</p> <p>Iorg Book Review</p>

Week	Dates	Topic	Reading Assignments	Writing Assignments
5	Sept. 28- Oct. 3			All Due on Blackboard by October 3: PMH: Reflection paper: What is the genuine role of a pastor? How does indoctrination differ from pastoral caring, teaching and consoling a flock? PMH: A statement of identity and mission of the church.
6	Oct. 5 Classroom	"Worship, Weddings, & Funerals" "Worship & Ordinances" "Missions & Associations: IMB, NAMB, Association, Urban, Rural "	<u>Read:</u> Farmer 5 <u>Read:</u> Iorg 7	All Due on Blackboard by October 5: Farmer Book Review PMH: Journal a recent personal gospel conversation
7	Oct. 11- Oct. 17			All Due on Blackboard by October 17 PMH –Design an Order of Worship PMH – Develop an Outline for a Wedding PMH - Outline for a Funeral (Believer) PMH - Outline for a Funeral (Unbeliever) PMH – Reflection of a Hospital or Home Visit
8	Oct. 19 Classroom	Collegiate Ministry” Children & Parents” Group Presentations		October 19 in Class: Group Presentations

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

1. Attendance Policy: Leavell College follows the attendance policy as stated in the Leavell College catalog.
2. Policy for Late Submissions: All late assignments will be penalized five points for the first day and one point per day thereafter, with no assignments being accepted more than two weeks past the due date.

3. Plagiarism Policy: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all Leavell College students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source, submitting the same material for credit in more than one course, and committing other such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden. *Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we require that all sources be cited.* Any infraction may result in failing the assignment and the course. Any infraction will be reported to the Dean of Leavell College for further action.
4. Classroom and Online Decorum: Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of the others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times. Electronic devices should be used only for classroom purposes as indicated by the professor.
5. Special Needs: If you need accommodations for a disability, please set up a meeting with the professor for consideration of any modifications you may need.
6. Emergency Plan: In the event the NOBTS schedule is impacted due to a natural event, go to the seminary's website for pertinent information. Class will continue as scheduled through the Blackboard site. Please note announcements and assignments on the course's Blackboard site.
7. Technical Assistance: For general NOBTS technical help, go to www.NOBTS.edu/itc/

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