

Dear Fellow Servant,

The opportunity to be a servant for the Lord Jesus Christ is a privilege to be treasured. It has been said....

"There is nothing more challenging and difficult than service for the Lord. However, neither is there anything more glorious."

***School of Ministry* is designed to help you prepare for the wonderful opportunity of servanthood.**

Whether you have a vision for full time ministry or a vision for effective lay ministry within the church, this school will serve you well.

We have prayerfully designed our class curriculum, ministry opportunities and outreach programs with you in mind. Our hope is to equip you for the "work of ministry." I think you will find the school atmosphere warm, loving and encouraging.

After reading through this booklet, go to the Lord in prayer. He will guide your steps!

Pastor Pat Lazovich

INTRODUCTION

- Purpose and Vision
- Statement of Faith

PURPOSE AND VISION OF

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

The purpose of *School of Ministry* is to provide an atmosphere for spiritual growth and biblical training to equip students for the work of the ministry within the Body of Christ.

The vision of *School of Ministry* is growth:

- *SOM* is committed to the spiritual growth of the students.
- *SOM* is committed to equipping students with the tools needed to be an effective servant of God.
- *SOM* is committed to the study, understanding, and application of His Word.
- *SOM* is an instrument of God in each student's life to make them a productive member of the body of Christ

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We are Evangelical:

We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. We believe the Bible is the final authority in every area it addresses for every individual Christian, as well as for the church collectively.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21, John 10:35)

We believe there is one God who eternally exists as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that all things were created by Him and for Him.

(Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 45:21-22, Matthew 28:19, Colossians 1:16)

We believe that God the Son became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. That He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life (for He was without sin), died a substitutionary death for all mankind, was raised from the dead the third day, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God until His enemies are made His footstool.

(John 1:1, 14, Matthew 1:18-25, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Hebrews 10:12-13)

We believe the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. We believe the Holy Spirit regenerates, indwells, and seals believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He empowers them to live as His witnesses.

(John 14:16-17, John 16:7-11, Titus 3:5-6, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 1:8, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12-14, 1 Peter 4:10-11)

We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in His own image. He created them sinless, equal in value, dignity, and worth.

(Genesis 1:26-28, Ephesians 5:22-6:4, 1 Timothy 3:1-7)

We believe that, as a result of the Fall, all people are sinners by nature and in need of a Savior, and that Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior of the world. That salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Him. We believe that all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved eternally.

(Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:18-19, Matthew 1:21, 1 John 4:14, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9)

We believe there is one church, the body of Christ, consisting of men and women from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. We believe that each local congregation is an expression of that universal church. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 4:4, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Revelation 5:9, Acts 2:42-47)

We believe in the resurrection of the dead. Believers will be raised to life, and unbelievers to shame and everlasting contempt (hell).

(Daniel 12:2, John 5:25-29, Revelation 21:1-22:5)

We are Continuationists:

We believe that all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Scripture are available to, and active in His church today.

(John 14:16-17, John 16:7-11, Titus 3:5-6, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 1:8, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12-14, 1 Peter 4:10-11)

We are Complementarian:

We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in His own image. He created them sinless, equal in value, dignity, and worth. According to His purpose and design, God created to fulfill distinct but complementary roles in the contexts of marriage, family, and the local church.”

(Genesis 1:26-28, Ephesians 5:22-6:4, 1 Timothy 3:1-7)

We are Premillennial:

We believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth, to sit upon the throne of David and rule over the house of Jacob (Israel), and the entire cosmos, forever.

(Revelation 20:1-6, Luke 1:31-33, Isaiah 9:6-7)

We are Pre-tribulational:

We believe the church will be delivered from the “hour of trial” which will come upon all who dwell on the earth, being “caught up” in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (the Rapture).

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 Corinthians 15:51-55, Revelation 3:10)

STUDENT LIFE

- Practical Spiritual Guidelines
- Spiritual Opportunities
- Practical Christian Service

Practical Spiritual Guidelines

SOM serves those men and women who sense a call from God to be totally set apart for Him and who desire to reflect Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God we have the liberty to dress, act, speak and live as we wish, but we also have the law of love. Our desire is to build up our brothers and sisters without causing our neighbor to stumble. Even though we might have the "right" in the eyes of the world, by the law of love we forfeit all right to the self-life....it is the everyday cost of discipleship.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." (Galatians 6:14)

Therefore, clothing should be modest and appropriate for the occasion. Our campus is a non-smoking facility with no designated smoking areas near or on the grounds. *SOM* does not condone the use of tobacco products or other street drugs. These policies shall be enforced at all church functions on and off campus. Students will be asked to comply; refusal may result in immediate expulsion from *SOM*.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Church Attendance

Sunday is set apart for the worship of God, all *SOM* students are expected to attend a Saturday evening or Sunday service.

Bible Studies

SOM students are encouraged to attend a mid-week service to further their study of the Bible under their pastor.

Serving

SOM students will be required to serve during either a Thursday, Saturday, or Sunday service. This will be part of your grade.

***"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
II Timothy 2:15***

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SOM is designed to prepare an individual for ministry. The single most important ingredient is the ministry of the senior pastor upon the life of the student. In fact, the faithful attendance and dutiful attentiveness to one's senior pastor with his admonition to study the Bible, daily prayer and love one another may be sufficient to release a student's spiritual gifts for Christian service.

The other two ingredients, while subordinate to the first, are of equal importance. They are classroom instruction and practical ministry. In the classroom the student receives the necessary academics to become equipped for ministry. It is the student's participation in a practical ministry that the student actually exercises spiritual gifts and physical talents—one without the other is weak. Each of these is experienced in church as the senior pastor expounds upon God's Word specific to the student with application to life and ministry under the anointing of God the Holy Spirit.

These are the primary reasons why all *SOM* students are expected to persevere. Students are expected to love, win, equip and release disciples into His service. Students are expected to attend worship, attend Bible study class and serve His saints.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Curriculum Courses by Division

CURRICULUM / DATES

School of Ministry Program

Semester 1

Late Aug/Sept to Nov

Pneumatology & Church History

Semester 2

Jan to March/April

NT Survey & Christology

Semester 3

May to July

OT Survey & Bibliology

Semester 4

Aug/Sept to Nov/Dec

Soteriology & Eschatology

Semester 5

Jan to March

Hermeneutics & Biblical Counseling

Semester 6

April to June/July

Apologetics & Biblical Theology

COURSES BY SEMESTER

Pneumatology

This course is a systematic introduction of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, specifically the personality and work of the Holy Spirit and His expression in the philosophy of ministry of Calvary Chapel as founded by Senior Pastor Chuck Smith.

Church History

This course is a study of Church history to include the 21st century. The Christian story is divided into the great ages of the church while exploring contemporary developments such as changes in the Islamic world.

New Testament Survey

This course surveys the entire New Testament as a unified work of the Holy Spirit as a progressive revelation of the character and work of God especially in the persons of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. This study is designed to motivate students to discover God's truth by their own initiative and investigation.

Christology

This course is a systematic introduction to the doctrine of Jesus Christ and all topics related to the deity of Jesus, His virgin birth, sinless life, physical death, bodily resurrection and ascension into heaven and eternal ministry as it relates to His Lordship over the church and all believers.

Old Testament Survey

This course surveys the entire Old Testament as a unified work of the Holy Spirit. It is a progressive revelation of the character and work of God concerning prophecies regarding Jesus Christ and the power indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Bibliology

This course is a systematic introduction of the doctrine of the Bible focusing on the origin of the Bible with a cursory examination of the nature of revelation, inspiration, inerrancy and illumination of the Scripture.

Soteriology

This course is a systematic introduction of the doctrine of salvation. The class will confront the issue of salvation as it originates in the mind of God, depends upon the grace of God, requires the ministry of the Holy Spirit, centers on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and demands a human response that results in a new position and relationship to God.

Eschatology

This course is a systematic introduction of the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. The class will complete an in-depth review of the interpretation of prophecies as they relate to the Second Advent in relation to biblical covenants, the rapture, the tribulation, the millennium and the eternal state.

Hermeneutics

This course will examine the science of the methodological principles of interpretation of the Bible known as hermeneutics, which enables students to determine the meaning of Scripture in its literal-grammatical-historical context.

Biblical Counseling

This course is a biblical study of counseling from God's perspective. The major emphasis is on what the Scriptures say about the process of counseling one another with biblical warnings concerning man's method of counseling.

Apologetics

This course will examine the biblical principles supporting a rational defense of the Christian faith by examining the way people think beginning with their belief (or non-belief) in the existence of God and concluding with the biblical purpose of apologetics, that is to win a person to Christ with a ready defense of the hope that lies in every believer with meekness and fear.

Biblical Theology

This course is a systematic introduction of the doctrine of God, His nature, characteristics and attributes.

School of Ministry Program

Cost per semester: \$140

Total Tuition: \$840

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition & Fees

Refund Policy

FEES

Registration Fee (1 time only) \$25.00

Textbooks and Syllabi Varies with course

REFUND POLICY

Prior to first day of classes students are eligible for a full refund of tuition. On or after the first day of classes, refunds are given according to the following schedule:

Weeks Attended-Percentage of fees refunded

Up to 2 weeks 80%

Up to 3 weeks 70%

Up to 5 weeks 60%

Up to 6 weeks 50%

* no refund after 6 weeks

SOM reserves the right to change tuition and fees without notice.

***SOM* POLICIES**

Enrollment

Enrollment will be based upon commitment. Instead of viewing SOM one term at a time, we will keep our focus on the big picture, *graduation*. Therefore, once a student expresses his or her desire to complete the program, he or she will be deemed enrolled for the entire program. Consequently re-enrollment each term by full time students will not be necessary. The Registrar will make all the arrangements for the full-time student to enter all the classes of each ensuing term. It will be the student's responsibility to request permission from the Registrar for an excused semester drop, then student must wait until following rotation to re-enroll and complete the commitment.

Tuition

Tuition will be based upon commitment in like manner as enrollment. Instead of viewing tuition one term at a time, we will focus on the big picture, *graduation*. For example, at the current tuition cost, the full two-year SOM tuition would total \$840.00. Full payment for tuition is expected on the first day of each individual term.

Financial

Financial arrangements will be based upon commitment in like manner of tuition. Therefore no certificates will be issued until all tuition and fees are paid. At this time SOM is not able to offer any financial aid.

Attendance

Regular and consistent attendance is expected for each course that is being facilitated. Each student is permitted ONE excused and ONE unexcused absence per class, per semester. Any more than TWO total absences per class, per semester, will result in an incomplete for that particular course and will be expected to be retaken prior to completing SOM, when that course becomes available again. Excused absences are considered any that have been approved by their facilitator PRIOR to that evenings study. Unexcused absences are any that are not previously arranged, outside of an unforeseen emergency. Exceptions may be made by the facilitator/ Pastoral staff, depending on the circumstances.

Saturday/Sunday Morning Worship

And Thursday Bible Study-

SOM students will be expected to attend two teachings of their Pastor per week.

Serving-

SOM students will be expected to serve at one of the four teachings per week. This will be tracked and is part of your grade.

Practical Christian Ministry-

All students are required to participate in a practical ministry. This is not an option. It would be difficult to determine which is more valuable, the classroom instruction or the practical experience in ministry. Each helps prepare a servant of the Lord for Christian service. While latitude is given for the type of ministry, no allowance will be made for a student not in ministry. It is incumbent upon the student to seek out and enlist in a practical ministry.

The student has two weeks from the first day of class to notify one of the Pastors of his/her ministry.

Students are encouraged to allow themselves to be stretched and challenged by their ministry leader. Students should not permit themselves to become too comfortable with a ministry that does not test their ability to serve and persevere. *SOM* recognizes that all God's people are gifted with certain spiritual talents. Therefore, certain activities that fall within these spiritual gifts, may be naturally (or super-naturally) easy or comfortable. Nevertheless, students should encourage their ministry leader to push them out of their comfort zone especially in the safety of their home church to become better prepared to serve the Lord wherever He may send them.

The following is a list of several practical ministries available to participate in:

Children's Ministry Teacher/Assistant

Nursery helper

Jr. High/Sr. High

Prayer Room

Worship Team

Greeting/Usher Ministry

Healthy Hallelujah Ministry

Men/Women's Ministry

Audio/Video Ministry

Javalujah Coffee House Ministry

Bookstore

Information Center

Security Ministry

Practical Christian Ministry must be a bonafide ministry (with accountability) performed on a consistent basis.

