



# MARANATHA BAPTIST SEMINARY

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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DLE 811 -  
The Model and Methods of the New  
Testament Shepherd Dr. Bud  
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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The New Testament model of local church leadership is rooted in the ancient pastoral function of the shepherd. David, the keeper of his father's flock, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, wrote a descriptive treatise on his guild, known to us as Psalm 23. Our Lord reinforced this model of leadership in His teaching of the disciples concerning His being the Good Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd and the Great Shepherd. This course will begin with a study of the Old and New Testament passages relating to that model.

The methods of the New Testament shepherd are revealed to us primarily by the example of our Lord and in the epistles of the Apostle Paul. We will consider issues such as balancing administration and ministry; the pastor's preaching; his family; and his personal relationship with Jesus Christ and his flock. Also, a significant focus will be given to the role of the shepherd in the discipline of the flock, providing some practical case studies for consideration and discussion.

Our goal in the study of this topic will be to garner a Biblical overview of the model and methods of the New Testament pastor. Though not an exhaustive study, it will provide the class with a foundational perspective of the role of the shepherd upon which other New Testament principles can be properly established. This course will hopefully assist the busy pastor in better fulfilling his primary role of the shepherd of the sheep. (4 credit hours)

## COURSE TEXTBOOKS

The three textbooks are from different perspectives for your study of the role of the pastor - from historical to practical to devotional. These will be a blessing to you.

Baxter, Richard. *The Reformed Pastor*. Scotland, UK: Banner of Truth, 1981.

Criswell, W.A. *Criswell's Guidebook for Pastors*. Nashville, TN: Broadman, 1980.

Keller, Phillip. *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008.

Additional reading may be done from the Bibliography, other books in the area of shepherding, or sources used in preparation for your Course Project. Total reading for the class should be a minimum of 2000 pages. Keep track of your reading using one of the Reading Reports in the Research Module in my.mbu.edu.

## PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

**Doctor of Ministry Outcomes.** By the time a student finishes the Doctor of Ministry degree, he should be able to demonstrate clearly and Biblically the following outcomes.

1. Articulate and apply Biblical and secular models of leadership to a ministry context. Graduates will be able to formulate and describe a personal philosophy/style of church leadership and be able to defend it as appropriate to New Testament congregational polity.
2. Effectively communicate God's Word in both an interactive teaching venue and a public preaching setting so that Biblical content is doctrinally accurate, informative, and sustains listener engagement/attention.
3. Demonstrate the ability to effectively plan, organize and deploy Gospel outreach and discipleship ministry programs for a typical small, medium or large congregation.
4. Display essential skills and knowledge of pastoral leadership and preaching through the production of an integrated project that includes a motivational sermon(s), a formal article and a practical outline of a proposed program that would seek to address an issue, problem, or opportunity for improvement common to a typical Baptist church.

This course focuses on the first Ministry Outcome.

**Course Objectives.** By the end of this class, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the Old and New Testament teaching concerning the model and methods of Biblical shepherding.
2. Articulate how he personally implements the Biblical model and methods in his own congregation.
3. Evaluate his own effectiveness in that implementation.
4. Articulate a plan or at least a potential plan to improve the effectiveness of his own shepherding ministry.
5. Encourage members of his congregation to appreciate and support the role of the shepherd as God's leader of the flock under the authority of Jesus Christ.

The course is so constructed that the student will learn not only through lecture, reading, writing, planning, and organizing, but also through interaction with the concepts of authors and fellow students.

## CLASS SCHEDULE and ASSIGNMENTS

1. Pre-class (August 17 - September 13):
  - a. Read the textbooks in the four weeks prior to the class meeting. There is no need to bring the books to class, but please prepare a minimum of five key ideas or thoughts from each chapter of the textbooks. Upload a copy to the class site.

- b. Write a discussion forum post explaining your current pastoral work and how it is practically implemented in your ministry (approximately 1000 words).
  - c. Read your classmates' posts and respond to at least two of them. Your responses should advance the discussion.
  - d. While working on these pre-class projects, also begin creating a list of what you view to be the key characteristics of pastoral ministry. Annotate your list, identifying why (Biblically, theologically, practically) these key characteristics are so important. We will discuss this in class.
2. Class (September 14-18)
- a. We will meet via Zoom technology Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM CST with time out for lunch and breaks.
  - b. On the first day of class we will focus on the textbooks. Be ready to discuss the three required texts.
  - c. We will discuss the model and methods of shepherding during the second through fourth days of class. You will be expected to contribute to the discussion.
  - d. On the final day of class, we will review and discuss Course Projects.
3. Post Class (September 19 - December 12):
- a. During the first three weeks after class, you will develop the plan for your Course Project. (September 19 - October 10)
    - i. Create a Course Project plan that will facilitate in some way the advancement or implementation of the model and method of shepherding in your local ministry.
    - ii. Your plan should include a Biblical and theological basis for your goals, as well an outline of your project.
    - iii. No later than October 10, post your plan in the Discussion Forum provided in MyMaranatha. Attach your file to your post - other students will open the file; the file should be a Word or PDF document.
  - b. During weeks four and five, read and respond to your classmates' Course Project plans. (October 10-24)
    - i. In your response, you should mention both positive aspects of the project and constructive criticism about how the plan might be improved.
    - ii. Your responses to your classmates should be approximately 300 or more words.
    - iii. Read your classmates' comments about your plan. Make any adjustments to your plan that you think are appropriate.
  - c. During weeks six through twelve of class (October 24 - December 12), you will implement your Course Project plan in your own local ministry.
    - i. By December 13 submit your final project results via MyMaranatha with all of the parts mentioned above.

- ii. Include an evaluation of the implementation of your plan in your local ministry (approximately 1000 words). You should comment on what went well, what went poorly, and how you would change your plan if you implemented it again.
- iii. Also submit a final reading report, indicating all reading done for the class. Use one of the Reading Reports in the research module.

**GRADING**

Textbook Reports	10%
Total Reading	10%
Class Participation	10%
Pre-class Discussion Forum	10%
Annotated List	10%
Shepherding Plan	30%
Shepherding Plan Evaluation	10%
Post-Class Discussion Forum	10%

GRADING SCALE	
94-100	A
92-93	A-
90-91	B+
85-89	B
83-84	B-
81-82	C+
75-80	C
73-74	C-
64-72	D
0-63	F

**Academic Success Center.** One source for academic help in any course is the Academic Success Center. If you require specific targeted academic help for any reason contact the Academic Success Center located in the Cedarholm Library. If you would like more information regarding targeted academic help, please contact the Academic Success Center director at [academicsuccess@mbu.edu](mailto:academicsuccess@mbu.edu).

**ADA Policy.** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, the law requires that all students with disabilities be given a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Academic Success Program Director, in the Library, (ph. 920/206-2340) or email [academicsuccess@mbu.edu](mailto:academicsuccess@mbu.edu) .

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## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Every student will need a web browser to interact with MyMaranatha in order to complete their coursework. The most important aspects of the web browser you use are **the type of browser and the version of the browser**. Please see the browser specs listed by the IT Department at <https://www.mbu.edu/specs/>. As you begin classes make sure your browser is the most up to date version. You can contact [IT support](#) on their webpage at <https://my.mbu.edu/ICS/Campus Life/IT/> or at 920-206-2322 or send an email to [support@mbu.edu](mailto:support@mbu.edu) to obtain help in updating your browser.

A current version of the following Internet Browser types is fully supported:

- Google Chrome (recommended)
- Internet Explorer
- Mozilla Firefox

At this time these browser types are not fully supported as they have known problems:

- Older versions of Safari
- Microsoft Edge

### **What about using a tablet or phone to interact with MyMaranatha?**

MyMaranatha can be accessed via a tablet or phone but not every feature has been designed to interact with a phone or tablet. **Taking an exam or a quiz must be done on a laptop or computer as this function is not fully supported on a tablet at this time.**

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY/RECOMMENDED READING**

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J. Oswald. *Spiritual Leadership*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 1994.

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Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Howard. *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 1955.

**Recommended by the faculty of MBS:**

*Shepherding God's Flock: Biblical Leadership in the New Testament and Beyond*, Benjamin Merkle and Thomas Schreiner, Kregel Publications

*Pastoral Ministry: How to Shepherd Biblically*, John MacArthur, Thomas Nelson, INC.

*The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart*, Harold Senkbeil; Lexham Press

*Dangerous Calling*, Paul David Tripp, Crossway

*Church Elders: How to Shepherd God's People Like Jesus*, Jeramie Rinne, 9marks: Building Healthy Church Series, Crossway Publishers