



PURPOSE

To train possible future pastors utilizing Biblical education, “hands-on” experiences, and personal mentoring. To equip men, who believe that God has given them a pastoral calling, for future service in either a domestic or international church.

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

- SOM is under the overall oversight of Pastor Mark Balmer and the elders of Calvary Chapel Melbourne
- Weekly oversight and coordination by Pastor Dave Folkerts
- SOM students will also be under the leadership of the various ministry leaders they may serve with on projects

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Male who is a committed follower of Christ for a minimum of the past 2 years.
2. Attend Calvary Chapel Melbourne for a minimum of 6 months.
3. Married for at least one year by start date. If single - not engaged or planning on being married during SOM time period.
4. Complete a School of Ministry application.
5. Signed agreement to School of Ministry Requirements.
6. Believe they have a “pastoral” (domestic or missionary) calling on their life.
7. Connected to others through involvement in a small group.
8. Contributing to God by serving and tithing at Calvary Chapel Melbourne.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

1. All SOM applications must be turned into the church office by October 31, 2010.
2. All applications will be reviewed and only the finalist candidates will be interviewed in November.
3. Finalist candidates and their spouse will have an interview with various pastors/leaders. Interviews will include character, verbal and written assessments.
4. Finalists must pass a state and federal background check.
5. Not all finalist candidates interviewed will be selected. The final selection will be by the elders in December. The class size is limited to 18 students to keep the size small enough for personal mentoring and interaction.
6. Selected candidates begin School of Ministry on Saturday January 15, 2011.

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Agree to a 2-year commitment requiring an average of 12 hours per week. The approximate breakdown of hours will be 7 hours in self-study Bible College, 2 hours in weekly class and 3 hours per week in hands-on ministry.
2. Weekly class will be most Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:45pm at CCM Melbourne campus. Many of these classes will be with Pastor Dave. Other pastors and guests will also be utilized to teach various pastoral training topics.
3. The Bible College work will be self-study through the Calvary Chapel Bible College Old and New Testament Survey series on MP3 audio recording by Pastor Chuck Smith (requires approx. 7 hours per week with sped-up version). There will be two 17 week semesters per year with time-off during summer, spring and Christmas breaks.
4. Lead 1-3 different church ministry projects over the course of the 2 years (approx. 2 hours per week).
5. Teach a minimum of 30 times in a small group and 5 larger group expositional teachings (approx. 1 hour per week). Credit will be given for past work in these areas up to half the required total.
6. Serve on one foreign mission trip (credit given for previous approved adult trips).
7. Observe one baptism, funeral and wedding by CCM.
8. Shadow a ministry leader or serve at least one week in the following ministries.
 - I. Youth
 - II. Children
 - III. First Impressions
 - IV. Prison Ministry
 - V. Local Outreach
9. Attend one weekend SOM retreat.
10. Attend one group weekend trip at own expense to observe other churches.
11. Visit 3 non-CCM churches and write one page report on each experience.
12. Read one assigned book per 4-month period and complete a book report (total of six throughout the 2 years).
13. Attend 3-5 different special training sessions.
14. Attend the following (credit given for past attendance).
 - I. Calvary Leadership Training (CLT)
 - II. Biblical Counseling Workshop
 - III. Tools for Bible Study Seminar
 - IV. E-Start (or Mission's 101)
 - V. Newcomer's Orientation
 - VI. Altar Counselor Training
 - VII. Overcoming Depression Seminar
 - VIII. Couple's Conference or Retreat (if married)
 - IX. Men's Conference
 - X. Men's Retreat
15. Maintain a log of activities fulfilling School of Ministry requirements and turn-in progress 3 times a year.
16. Missed classes must be listened to online and 1-2 pages of notes turned in within 3 weeks. SOM director must be notified in advance of missing a class.
17. SOM students will also participate in quarterly fellowship times to build relationships.

DISCIPLINE PROCESS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SOM REQUIREMENTS

- First time - Verbal exhortation
- Second time – Written and verbal exhortation
- Third Time – Dismissal from the School of Ministry

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **SOM for Wives.** There will be a monthly meeting for the wives of the SOM participants. These sessions will be held Saturdays from 4:00-5:45pm. Various speakers will cover topics important for a pastor's wife. Pastor Dave's wife Barb will lead this group. The purpose of the SOM for wives is for fellowship, character building and learning how to support their husband in his calling. Childcare will be provided.
- Students who have already completed Old or New Testament Survey Bible College classes through Calvary Chapel will not need to repeat these courses.
- Owning or having access to a computer with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint and a printer is required for all students. Students must have email and Internet services as well.
- First time applicants to Calvary Chapel Bible College of Costa Mesa, CA will need to complete the Bible College application during the first week of class.

FINANCIAL COST

- \$50 per semester for Bible College classes (\$200 total)
- \$50 approx. for portable MP3 player (optional since computer will work) and \$35 for MP3 CDs
- Costs of books (6 x approx. \$15 = \$90)
- Cost of Mission trip (approx. \$800-\$2,000 depending on location chosen)
- Cost of trips, retreats and conferences (approx. \$500 total)

COMPLETION

- All requirements must be completed, logged and turned into the school director before graduation. Failure to complete work or turn-in completed log sheet will mean unsuccessful completion.
- Successful completion does not guarantee a staff position, financial support or ministry position.
- Upon graduation the student will be issued a diploma as a certificate of completion. Calvary Chapel Melbourne's School of Ministry is not accredited.