

EVAN6221 Church Revitalization

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Pastoral Ministries Division

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Mission Statement

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

Pastoral Ministries Division Mission Statement

To prepare leaders by the development of the skills necessary for performing pastoral ministries, primarily within the context of the Church, and to assist churches, organizations, and individuals through the gifts and skills of Division members.

Core Value Focus and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

- The core values of the seminary include: Doctrinal Integrity, Characteristic Excellence, Spiritual Vitality, Servant Leadership, and Mission Focus. Each school year one of the core values is highlighted. **The core value of Spiritual Vitality will be emphasized during the course.**
- The Curriculum Competencies to be addressed include Disciple Making and Servant Leadership.

Course Description

The purpose of this class is to help students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to lead plateaued and declining churches in a variety of settings to become revitalized. This course provides the conceptual tools necessary to understand and work effectively in revitalizing churches by using a case study approach.

Student Learning Objectives

In order to serve churches effectively through team ministry, the students, by the end of the course, should:

- Be able to apply their knowledge and comprehension of key issues germane to effective church revitalization.
- Value leadership skills necessary for effective church revitalization.
- Be able to identify possible causes of plateau and decline of a local church in order to develop a strategy for revitalization of the selected local church.

Course Methodology

This course will feature a variety of teaching/learning methods including lecture, dialogue, required reading, small and large group discussions, testimonies, reports, research/reflection project and personal evangelistic efforts in the context of church revitalization.

Textbooks

A Sense of Urgency – John Kotter

Critical Issues in Church Revitalization – Reggie Ogea (available on Blackboard)

Comeback Churches: How 300 Churches Turned Around and Yours Can, Too – Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson

There Is Hope for Your Church: The First Steps in Restoring Health and Growth – Gary McIntosh

Assignments

1. Each student will read the required textbooks and submit an integrative analysis for each book. The assignment is to be double-spaced and four to five pages in length, involving the following components: (1) summary of the contents of the book, including strengths and weaknesses, (2) discussion of five [5] key insights and issues addressed in the book, (3) synthesis of five [5] implications of the book for 21st century church revitalization. The integrative analysis must employ formal style according to Turabian, 6th edition, regarding cover page, margins, pagination, footnotes, headings/subheadings, etc. No first person allowed. The assignment is due May 18th at noon and it should be posted on Blackboard.

2. Each student will facilitate a presentation for the class based on his or her reading and integrative analyses of the required textbooks. The assignment of textbooks and sections to be presented per class schedule will be made during the first day of class. The best way to prepare for the assignment is to develop a working knowledge of the content of the four required textbooks.

3. Each student will develop a Church Revitalization Strategy for a church experiencing plateau or decline. The Strategy must employ insights from all of required textbooks, presentations, and class discussions. Specific instructions regarding the format, structure, and components of the Strategy will be given by the professor in class. The Church Revitalization Strategy paper should be ten to twelve pages, double-spaced and is due June 27th at noon on Blackboard.

Evaluation

Integrative Analyses of Required Textbooks	40%
Church Revitalization Strategy	25%
Class Presentation	25%
Class Participation, Interaction, and Decorum	10%

Grading Considerations:

- 1) Assignments will be penalized four points for each day they are late, weekends and holidays included.
- 2) All work submitted for this class is to be typed. Grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, etc. will be evaluated. Typographical errors and poor proofreading will be penalized. All due work will be submitted via the Blackboard.
- 3) The student should submit all assigned work to receive a passing grade for the class.

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Journals and Similar Materials – Leadership, Evangelism and Church Revitalization

Church Champions

Current Trends

Discipleship Journal

Evangelism

Growing Churches

Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education

Journal of the American Society for Church Growth

Leadership Journal

Ministries Today

NetFax

On Mission

World Evangelization