

**Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
Continuing Education  
VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
BRANCH CAMPUS  
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**PTHB 535 THE PASTORAL MINISTRY**

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**SPRING 2002**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will focus on a consideration of the pastor's work in the local congregation, including a study of one's role in leading and serving the congregation. Emphasis is given to the roles and expectations facing pastors today. Also, some attention will be given to the specific duties found in pastoral ministry such as the preparation for and conducting of weddings, funerals, and baptismal services.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Articulate a thorough biblical theology for pastoral ministry with Scriptural references relating to the work of a servant leader.
2. Understand the crucial role of the Holy Spirit in the empowering of the pastor for the work of the ministry.
3. Recognize the various roles that are encompassed in pastoral ministry.
4. Develop a plan for the training and equipping of pastoral staff and volunteer workers for ministry in the local church and in the community.
5. Assess the proper role and involvement of the pastor in denominational and community events.
6. Recognize the need for sensitivity in conducting funerals, weddings, Holy communion, Water Baptism and other types of events associated with a pastor's role in the church and community.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS**

Berkley, James D., Ed. Leadership Handbooks of Practical Theology, 3 Volumes. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1994.

Anderson, Leith. Leadership That Works: Hope and Direction for Church and Parachurch Leaders in Today's Complex World. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House, 1999.

Johnson, Spencer, M.D. Who Moved My Cheese? New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1998.

**RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS**

Anderson, Ray S. The Soul of Ministry: Forming Leaders for God's People. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997.

Trask, Thomas E; Wayde I. Goodall and Zenas J. Bicket, Editors. The Pentecostal Pastor. Springfield, MO: The Gospel Publishing House, 1997.

Shawchuck, Norman; Roger Heuser. Leading the Congregation: Caring for Yourself While Serving People. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1993.

Sweet, Leonard. Aqua Church: Essential Leadership Arts for Piloting Your Church in Today's Fluid Culture. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing, 1999.

Basic Outline:

- Introduction
- A Biblical Base for Ministry
- God's Call
- The Pastor's Personal Life
- The Pastor and His Study
- The Pastor's Professional Life
- Weddings, Funerals, Membership, Baby Dedications, Water Baptism and Communion
- The Pastor and...Christian Education, Evangelism, Counseling, Sr. Adults, and Youth
- The Denomination
- The Multiple Staff Church
- Women in Ministry
- The Pastor and Social Issues
- Seeking a Position and Writing a Resume

## **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS**

The Instructor will use lecture, discussion, student participation, handouts, and audio-visual presentations. Students will be involved through group projects, discussion and practical participation.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Since we learn spiritual awareness and growth from one another, attendance at all classes is required by each student. Absences may effect the final grade for the course.
2. Students are expected to read the textbook, Leadership That Works: Hope and Direction for Church and Parachurch Leaders in Today' Complex World, and seven Parts from the textbook, Leadership Handbooks of Practical Theology, and all handout material. The student must read a minimum of 1,000 pages for this course.
3. Interactions for the assigned reading are due at the first class. A sample interaction form is attached to this syllabus.

The student will submit three such interactions for the text, Leadership That Works: Hope and Direction for Church and Parachurch Leaders in Today' Complex World; One in which you agree with the author, one in which you disagree with the author and one which presents a new view of ministry with your interactions.

The student will also prepare seven additional interactions from the text, Leadership Handbooks of Practical Theology. These volumes are divided into Parts, i.e., Vol. II, Part I: Evangelism Pp. 1-87. You may choose any of these parts for your reading and interaction assignments. Only one interaction is required for each of these Parts but you may do as many as you wish.

No interactions are required for the text, Who Moved the Cheese.

4. Students are expected to participate in class discussions.
5. A final examination will be given for this course. Further information regarding the exam will be shared by the professor during the course.
6. A writing project of 14 -16 pages setting forth a thorough review of the challenges found in pastoral ministry will be due one month after the last day of class. Late papers will be penalized.

## **GRADING PROCEDURES**

Pre-session Interaction sheets	25%
Class Attendance/Participation	25%
Writing Project	25%
Final Examination	25%

**COURSE DATES**

January 18-19

February 15-16

March 15-16

April 19-20

(Fridays 6pm-9:30pm, Saturdays 9am-6pm)

**SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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**SPECIFIC DATA**

Syllabus prepared by Roscoe Leach, November 2002.

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**INTERACTION SHEET (SAMPLE)**

Course Title and Number PTHB 535 The Pastoral Ministry

Professor Roscoe L. Leach Spring 2002 Extension

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Book: Berkley, James D., Ed. Leadership Handbooks of Practical Theology,  
Vol. 2

Part II: Missions Page 94 from which interaction paragraph is taken.

(Under World Christians)

Second, Disciples of Jesus Christ are to recognize the interconnectedness of his whole body, the universal church. What happens in one part of the worldwide body of Christ affects all other parts. We are involved in kingdom work together. What the Holy Spirit is doing among Chinese believers will affect the Swedish believers, and vice versa. Disciples do not go it alone.

**INTERACTION**

The student will now interact with the above material which he/she has chosen. The first type of interaction will be one in which the student agrees with the author. The second type of interaction will be material which is new but offers acceptable application to the student's personal theology. The third type of interaction will be one in which the student disagrees with the author. These interactions should be thoughtful but need not be longer than one page.

It may be more difficult to find material in which you disagree...but several of your interactions should fall in this category.

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Ministry Overview for Roscoe L. Leach

Prepared July 2001

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I am single having lost my darling wife Lena Mae five year ago. My health is very good.

Education: B.A., Southern California College (Vanguard University)

M.Div., Ashland Theological Seminary

D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary

Pastoral: 27 years. My pastoral experience includes multiple-staff churches and those with Christian schools.

Missionary: 7 years---First A/G missionary to Holland. Established the Dutch Bible School and Teen Challenge ministries of Europe.

College: 6 years teaching. 4 years administration.

Current: I serve as a staff pastor at Christian Life Center, Bensalem, PA. This is a large growing church in the Philadelphia area. I direct the Pastoral counseling of the church, chair the mission board and direct the adult education programs.

Other: While pastoring in Ohio I served for 5 years as a district presbyter. I currently serve as vice-president of the Board of Directors of Access Services, a Christian organization that serves the needs of mentally challenged persons in 5 Pennsylvania counties. I am a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Ministry Statement: All of my adult life I have been committed to the preaching and teaching of the gospel. This is my joy and privilege. Reaching the lost with the message of salvation and the training of believers to become mature saints is what Jesus asked us to do. The local church is where this task of conversion and growth is developed best. It is my desire to use my gifts and experience in ministry that will make a difference.

References on Request.

At Valley Forge Christian College I taught the following subjects:

Those subjects with an asterisk (\*) were my concentration.

New Testament Survey	Book of Acts*	Assemblies of God
Distinctives*	Worship in the Church*	Evangelism and Discipleship*

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Foundations of Spiritual Disciplines*	Introduction to Missions	
Church Planting*	Church Growth*	Urban
Ministry		
History and Philosophy of Missions		
Principles of Administration (Church)*		
Church Management*	Pastoral Ministry and Practice*	
Topics in Pastoral Ministry	Foundations of Biblical Preaching*	
Expository Preaching*	Evangelistic Preaching	
Preaching Cross-Culturally	Preaching from Jesus' Parables	
Preaching Resources*	Topics in Preaching	

I have also taught classes for AGTS and FEAST.