

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY ELECTIVE  
**Innovation and Ministry: Creative Church Conference**  
Fellowship Church, Grapevine, Texas  
*January 22-27, 2002*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Effective, growing churches are often known for their expression of creative and innovative ways to reach the unchurched. This elective will partner with one of the fastest growing churches in America, the Fellowship Church, to explore the creative side of ministry today. This cutting-edge church of over 14,000 will challenge each participant to rethink present ministry practices and programs. Also, this elective will incorporate solid classroom interaction to help facilitate the learning experience.

**PRE-SESSION READING LIST** (see note at the bottom)

- Clegg, Tom and Warren Bird. *Lost in America: How You and Your Church Can Impact the World Next Door*. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing, 2001. (176 pages)
- Frazer, Randy. *The Connecting Church: Beyond Small Groups to Authentic Community*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing, 2001. (246 pages)
- Gallup, George, Jr. and Timothy Jones. *The Next American Spirituality: Finding God in the Twenty-First Century*. Colorado Springs, CO: Cook Communications, 2000. (196 pages)
- McLaren, Brian. *Church on the Other Side: Doing Ministry in the Postmodern Matrix*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing, 2000. (240 pages)
- Rainer, Thom S. *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched and Proven Ways to Reach Them*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing, 2001. (304 pages)
- Richardson, Rick. *Evangelism Outside the Box: New Ways to Help People Experience the Good News*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000. (190 pages)
- Smith, Chuck, Jr. *The End of the World As We Know It: Clear Direction for Bold and Innovative Ministry in a Postmodern World*. Waterbrook Press, 2001. (256 pages)

**POST-SESSION READING**

Due to the early date for this seminar some of the above reading can be deferred until AFTER the conference and class time. Each participant is STRONGLY urged to complete as much of the reading list as possible prior to the event. Also, the book listed below is not available until January and will be added to any post-session reading you have left.

Stanley, Andy and Ed Young Jr. *Can We Do That? 24 Innovative Practices That Will Change the Way You Do Church.* (unknown Publisher). January 2002 (202 pages)

**Total Page Count - 1810**

### **Tentative Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- ↪ Fly into Dallas/Ft. Worth airport (meet at airport at 3:00 PM)
- ↪ DINNER
- ↪ Evening Session (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

#### **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- ↪ Class Session: (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM)
- ↪ DINNER
- ↪ Evening: Church visit in the area

#### **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

- ↪ Class Session (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM)
- ↪ DINNER
- ↪ Evening: Group Time (entertainment)

#### **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

- ↪ Creative Church Conference (8:00 AM – 4:30 PM)
- ↪ Group Time: (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM)

#### **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

- ↪ Creative Church Conference (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM)
- ↪ Church Service at Fellowship Church (5:00 PM)
- ↪ Dinner and Group Time

#### **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

- ↪ Church Service at Pantego Bible Church-Ft. Worth (9:00 AM)  
*Randy Frazee, Senior Pastor*
- ↪ Fly out of Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport any time after 12:00 p.m.