

Ministry Apprenticeship Program

First Baptist Church, Fairdale

January Introduction: Welcome, Calling, and Qualifications

- * Titus 1:5-9/1 Timothy 3:1-13
- * 2 Timothy 1:8-9
- * Ephesians 4:11-16
- * Romans 12:3-8

What does it mean to be called by God?

How do people know that they have been called?

What types of callings are there?

How should we think about the qualifications for biblical offices?

Do these same qualifications apply to all callings or just to elders and deacons?

How should we measure whether we (or others in the church) meet these qualifications or not?

February Biblical Theology

- * Luke 24:13-32
- * Luke 24:44-49
- * Graeme Goldsworthy, *According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*

How can we be sure that we are interpreting and understanding the Bible as a whole and individual passages correctly?

How/In what ways/To what extent does the NT fulfill the OT?

Do all the parts of the Bible fit together? If so, how?

Does the Bible tell one unifying story? If so, what is it?

March

Bible Study

* 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

What are some principles of Bible study that we should stick to?

Should all parts of the Bible be studied and understood that same way?

What methods of studying the Bible have you found helpful?

What are some tools or resources that you have found helpful when studying the Bible?

April

Ecclesiology

* Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25

* Mark Dever, *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*

What is meant by the term “healthy” when referring to churches?

What are the essential marks of a healthy church?

How can church members help their church to be more healthy?

How should church members relate to their pastors/church leaders?

What responsibilities do church members have toward one another?

How should church members help one another to remain faithful and grow in Christ?

What responsibilities do church members have in leading the church and identifying/choosing leaders?

May

Prayer/Visitation

* Matthew 6:5-15

* James 1:27

How important is prayer in the lives of believers?

How important is prayer in the life of the church?

How do you make time for prayer in your personal life?

Do you pray differently in public than in private? If so, how?

Do you find it difficult or easy to pray for/with others in person? Why?

Do you feel comfortable visiting people in the hospital or in their homes?

What things do you try and do with/for people when you visit?

Do you regularly send cards to people that you are not able to visit?

June

Evangelism/Missions

- * Colossians 1:24-29
- * Romans 10:8-15
- * Matthew 28:18-20
- * John Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions*

*What is the gospel/How would you explain to someone how to be saved?
Do you feel confident/comfortable explaining the gospel to someone? What about asking for a response?
How can churches/church members who are not missionaries best support missions?
How can churches recognize those God is calling to serve as missionaries?*

July

No Meeting

August

Parenting/Family Ministry

- * Joshua 24:15
- * Proverbs 22:6
- * 1 Timothy 5:8
- * J. C. Ryle, *Five English Reformers*

*What does Scripture teach us about the roles and responsibilities within the family?
How are the roles in the family reflected in the church?
How can we be faithful in “training up” our children?
How do we set priorities for our family?
Why is the health of the family so vital to the health of the church?
In what ways can we as church leaders/volunteers support and help parents as they work to raise their children to serve the Lord?*

September Abuse in the Church

* Ephesians 5:22-6:9

How should churches think about/deal with abusive situations that occur within the church?

What about when the church/church leaders become aware of abuse that has happened outside the church?

What safety guards can churches set up to try and mitigate or even eliminate the possibility of abuse happening within the church?

What types of abuse should church leaders be aware of and on the lookout for within the church?

What signs that could point to abuse should church members and leaders be sensitive to?

Who bears responsibility for reporting abuse?

What types of abuse or suspicions of abuse should be reported?

Who should abuse or suspicions of abuse be reported to?

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