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## THE CVTS CODE

Christian Vocational Training School (CVTS) affirms certain essential basic principles and values. CVTS is also a community (made up of smaller families) and in that regard, upholds certain basic principles and standards of behavior that underlie its educational purpose. The Code will serve as a guide for the students, faculty, and administration.

**LOVE will guide our interactions. EXCELLENCE will guide our work.**

Based upon this Code, it is expected of everyone who participates in the teaching/learning/discipling at CVTS that:

1. The guidance of the Holy Spirit will be honored.
2. Students will be challenged to engage both their hearts and minds.
3. Students' personal information and that of faculty will be kept confidential.
4. The classroom environment will be safe for everyone.
5. The thoughts and opinions of others will be treated with respect.
6. Faculty members will be prepared for each class meeting.
7. Students will complete assigned reading and tasks.
8. Students will arrive on time and be prepared to participate.

The CVTS Code is designed to protect and promote principles and standards that are in keeping with our educational mission:

*To provide biblical education and training that will facilitate the aspirations of Ephesians 4:1, which exhorts us to "...walk worthy of the **vocation** wherewith [we] are called" (KJV). We nurture the life of the heart and the pursuit of truth within our school environment through effective teaching, learning, practice, and development. We encourage the continual development of the character of Jesus Christ in each believer's life.*

### MISSION

Christian Vocational Training School (CVTS) is a private Christian school that offers training for adult men and women to realize and advance their Christian vocations. We seek to provide biblical education and training that will facilitate the aspirations of Ephesians 4:1, which exhorts us to “...walk worthy of the **vocation** wherewith [we] are called” (KJV). We nurture the life of the heart and the pursuit of truth within our school environment through effective teaching, learning, practice, and development. We encourage the continual development of the character of Jesus Christ in each believer’s life.

### PHILOSOPHY

*We believe* that the Word of God is the foundation for all of our teaching and instruction.

*We believe* that every believer must be a “doer” of the word, not simply a hearer.

*We believe* that every believer is called to a unique Christian vocation that God alone has ordained.

*We believe* that one of the keys to success in ministry is preparation through practical training and directed study that is focused on the individual’s unique vocation in the body of Christ.

*We believe* that an academic degree or seminary education is not required of every believer to fulfill his or her purpose in the body of Christ.

### APPROACH

In Scripture, men and women devoted their lives to train or “disciple” others who would follow them for a season and eventually lead others. Christian vocational education reflects this type of ministry training. CVTS employs volunteer faculty members with proven proficiency and maturity in their area of ministry who will be able to teach through their own experiences—both failures and successes—and become personally involved in the development of each student. The mentoring relationship between faculty and students remains central to this process.

## 2009-2010 CALENDAR

**Fall 2009**

- August 1 - Online registration begins
- Aug.30 - Onsite registration begins
- Sept. 12 - Student Orientation Brunch
- Sept. 13 - Last day of registration
- Sept.14 - First day of classes
- Oct. 21 - Last day of classes (6 weeks)
- Nov. 23-28 - **Fall Break - no classes**
- Dec. 16 - Last day of classes (13 weeks)

**Spring 2010**

- January 1 - Online registration begins
- Jan. 15 - Course outlines due
- Jan. 17 - Onsite registration begins
- Jan. 18 - Early start classes begin
- Jan. 31 - Last day of registration
- Feb. 1 - First day of classes
- Mar. 29-Apr. 2 - **Spring Break - no classes**
- Apr. 2 - Ordination Ceremony (Good Friday)
- Apr. 28 - Last day of classes (12 weeks)

**Summer 2010**

- May 1 - Online registration begins
- May 21 - Course outlines due
- May 23 - Onsite registration begins
- June 6 - Last day of registration
- June 7 - First day of class
- July 28 - Last day of classes



## >>BECOMING A STUDENT

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## ENROLLMENT

### WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

Christian Vocational Training School seeks to train all believers interested in furthering the development of their Christian lifestyle and/or ministry. Thus, the general requirement for enrollment in CVTS is the profession of Christian faith.

### HOW TO ENROLL

You may enroll in individual courses or in Programs of Study by completing a registration form and paying all required fees. You can register by:

1. Submitting a completed paper registration form to the CVTS registration office at Colorado Christian Fellowship during posted registration times. Registration forms may be downloaded from the CVTS Web site ([www.cvtsonline.org](http://www.cvtsonline.org)) or they may be picked up at the registration office. Registration fees must be paid in full in order to complete registration.

### OR

2. Registering for classes via the Internet. Registration fees must be paid in full in order to complete an online registration. Students may register for classes by visiting CVTS on the Web at [www.cvtsonline.org](http://www.cvtsonline.org).

Programs of Study are designed to be completed over two semesters (fall/spring). At the time of registration, all students must register for both fall and spring courses. Additional Program of Study requirements are included in specific Program descriptions on pages 11-19.

The CVTS Registration Office is located at 10630 E. Iliff Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014 (in the Havana Place Square, at the southeast corner of Iliff Avenue and Havana Street, just east of the Olive Garden restaurant). The Registration Office accepts paper registrations only during posted hours.

## COSTS OF ENROLLMENT

For the 2009-10 academic years, the following fees are applicable:

Individual Courses	\$25 <sup>1</sup>
Workshops	\$15 <sup>2</sup>
Program of Study Tuition	\$75

The only other expense for CVTS students is the cost of books, which can vary. The average book price is \$15. You are encouraged to consider book costs when calculating total expenses. Course books can be purchased at the Healing House Bookstore, although separate policies apply.

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<sup>1</sup> There is no registration fee for any of our Bible Studies, Book Talks, or the Crown Financial Study.

<sup>2</sup> There is no registration fee for the How to Share Your Faith workshop or How to Read Your Bible workshops.

### COURSE OPTIONS

CVTS offers you, as a student, a broad variety of individual courses. In addition, CVTS has grouped several courses into Programs of Study. These two options are described below.

#### OPTION 1: ENROLL IN INDIVIDUAL COURSES

Enrolling in an individual course is a popular option for students who want to take certain specified courses and for those who are “trying out” CVTS. This option also allows you to continue your Christian education without enrolling in a lengthier program. You can choose individual courses and take them at your own pace.

If you want to continue your studies after completing a Program of Study, you may also enjoy this option. For example, after completing the Program of Study in Ordained Ministry, you may want to take a new class offered in your area of ministry, or some other area.

With some exceptions (i.e., closed classes or prerequisites), every class offered through CVTS is available to all students.

Individual courses are offered in:

- Bible Studies
- Communication Studies
- Discipleship Studies
- Family Studies
- Financial Studies
- General Studies
- Lay Counseling Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Ministry Studies
- Performance Arts Studies
- Prayer Studies
- Visual Arts Studies
- Wellness Studies

**OPTION 2: ENROLL IN A PROGRAM OF STUDY**

A Program of Study is a group of selected courses bundled to provide training in a specific area. Each Program of Study is designed to encourage you to pursue more comprehensive and focused study of specialized areas of interest. Programs of Study consist of traditional classes, along with workshops and practical experience. These Programs are planned so that you can complete the program over two consecutive semesters beginning in the fall. When you successfully complete a Program of Study, you will be awarded a certificate of completion.

The following Programs of Study are offered:

- Biblical Studies
- Christian Foundations
- Christian Ministry
- Discipleship
- Family Studies
- Lay Counseling
- Leadership
- Life Skills
- Prayer and Intercession

As a student who enrolls in CVTS Programs of Study, you should keep in mind that:

1. Enrolling in a Program of Study requires taking specific courses each semester for two consecutive semesters, beginning in the fall.
2. The tuition to enroll in a Program of Study is discounted to \$75 from the regular price of \$100+. This cost includes all courses and workshops included in the Program of Study during a single school year.
3. During fall registration, students will select all courses for the entire year.



## >>PROGRAMS OF STUDY

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## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Program of Study in Biblical Studies is an important component of CVTS. In particular, CVTS plans to develop this Program of Study into an accredited Associate's degree over the next several years.

The goal of this Program is to give you a full view of God's Word as a single Covenant in two parts and as a collection of smaller books. Our hope is that this Program of Study will encourage and cultivate a serious study of Scripture, and equip you with a solid biblical base for personal growth, Christian leadership, teaching, and ministry within the local church.

Several courses are included in this Program of Study, which should provide ample flexibility for you to create a track that reflects your interests. Each course is planned for adults of varying educational levels, and students should be prepared for rigorous study.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### **Fall**

#### Required

- Old Testament Survey
- Through the Bible in 90 Days

### **Spring**

#### Required

- New Testament Survey
- Exegesis: How to Read the Bible and Interpret Scripture

## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS

Seeing the world through a decidedly Christ-centered lens can be very difficult in our culture. Thus, it is tremendously important for all believers to have a clear understanding of the Christian faith and the function of the Christian Church. The Program of Study in Christian Foundations has been developed to clarify these roles while connecting students with significant core beliefs of the faith.

Major components of Christian faith and doctrine are emphasized, which allows students to develop a solid understanding of Christianity. If you wish to revisit the basic tenets of Christian faith and doctrine, or if you have recently become a Christian, you are an ideal candidate for this Program of Study.

Topics covered include:

the **What**—the Trinity; salvation; spiritual gifts; the Bible.

the **Why**—why sin exists; why the Bible is truth; why trust God; why Jesus came.

the **How**—how to share your faith with others; how to utilize spiritual gifts; how to live a full life.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### Fall

#### Required

- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop
- Understanding Your Salvation
- Old Testament Survey

### Spring

#### Required

- How to Share Your Faith Workshop
- Understanding Grace: The Power to Change
- New Testament Survey

## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

As a result of being born again, every believer is “called” into ministry. But what does it mean to be “called”? The Program of Study in Christian Ministry is designed to assist you in clarifying your role as a believer. A clear understanding of ministry is emphasized, and you are provided with the basic tools to effectively participate in ministry.

As with other Programs of Study, the coursework involved in the Program of Study in Christian Ministry is designed for adults of varying educational levels; however, you should be prepared for rigorous study. Successful completion of the Program of Study in Christian Ministry is dependent upon satisfying the requirements for all courses and completing required courses over two semesters.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### Fall

#### Required

- Apologetics: Know Why You Believe
- Identifying and Developing your Spiritual Gifts
- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop

### Spring

#### Required

- Spiritual Foundations
- How to Share Your Faith Workshop

*Students must also select one of the following Elective courses:*

- Christian Doctrine
- Exegesis: How to Read the Bible and Interpret Scripture

**PROGRAM OF STUDY IN DISCIPLESHIP**

Jesus beckons everyone to become his disciples, but without guided development and mentoring, many will never become true disciples. The Program of Study in Discipleship emphasizes the development of personal spiritual maturity beyond salvation. If you participate in this Program of Study, you will be challenged to search yourself and see who you (truly) are. CVTS believes strongly in the development of fully-functioning individuals who pursue healing and intimacy with the Father.

Guiding questions for the Program of Study in Discipleship include:

- 1) What does it take for you to be a fully functioning, spiritually mature individual?
- 2) How has love been misrepresented to you, and how did you adapt to this misrepresentation?
- 3) Do you know how to live victoriously in the spiritual conflict that surrounds you?
- 4) Are you able to love God and others and receive love from God and people?

This Program of Study is comprised of several classes that will give you a full awareness of what makes life work spiritually and emotionally. You will receive ministry in class along with do-it-yourself tools to walk in wholeness.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

**Fall**

## Required

- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop
- Embracing the Father's Heart I

*Students must also select one of the following Elective courses:*

- Becoming a Son of Covenant
- Shaping a Woman's Character I
- Who Am I, Really?

**Spring**

## Required

- Dialoguing with God
- Embracing the Father's Heart II

## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN FAMILY STUDIES

The Program of Study in Family Studies has been developed to provide biblical guidance leading to healthy families by focusing on two key components of the family unit: relationships and communication. The skills and modeling provided through the Program of Study in Family Studies offer alternatives for believers seeking to cultivate healthy families. This Program of Study is beneficial if you are seeking to start a family, or if you wish to influence existing families with new practices. Ideal candidates for this Program of Study include adults participating in blended, extended, and nuclear families.

The Program in Family Studies emphasizes managing finances and rearing children with wisdom, along with understanding the dynamics of healthy relationships, particularly within families. The initial course, Understanding Healing and Deliverance, is included to provide a solid foundation for the other courses.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### Fall

#### Required

- Family Relationships 101
- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop

*Students must also select one of the following Elective courses:*

- Crown Financial Study
- The Incredible Years

### Spring

#### Required

- The DNA of Relationships

*Students must also select one of the following Elective courses:*

- Becoming a Love and Logic Parent
- Managing Personal Finances Workshop

## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN LAY COUNSELING

Jesus called ordinary people to help ordinary people, and this model provides the basis for the Program of Study in Lay Counseling. This Program of Study emphasizes the development of believers in their ability to bring healing to people struggling with relational and emotional pain. Using a pure model of Theophostic Prayer Ministry, CVTS trains students to serve the local church. As a student enrolled in the Program of Study in Lay Counseling, you will learn how to identify a person's lie-based thinking and coping mechanisms. You also will learn how to lead an individual to experience truth from Jesus Christ.

Students enrolled in this Program of Study can expect to participate in courses that will provide a full picture of Theophostic Prayer Ministry.

As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study. Following the completion of required courses, students enrolled in this Program of Study will participate in an extended internship that will further their development through practice. However, it is important for students to note that this Program of Study is offered during every other school year in order to facilitate completion of the related internship.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### **Fall**

#### Required

- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop
- Theophostic Prayer Ministry Basic Training I
- Embracing the Father's Heart I

### **Spring**

#### Required

- Theophostic Prayer Ministry Basic Training II
- Embracing the Father's Heart II

## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN LEADERSHIP

The Program of Study in Leadership has been designed to help Christians develop the capacity to lead others well. Simple truths relating to leadership are evident throughout Scripture, particularly in the life of Jesus Christ. According to Scripture, leading others well requires compassion, patience, and purpose. These leadership traits are intended to be cultivated through these program goals:

1. Provide a foundational understanding of leadership.
2. Challenge students to lead themselves before striving to lead others.
3. Cultivate effective leadership behaviors.
4. Understand that leaders respond to the need for change.
5. Challenge students to examine their personal commitment to lead.

The Program of Study in Leadership is based on biblical models for leading. Principally concerned with teaching Christians how to lead for change, this Program of Study acknowledges that the practice of leadership is not limited to those who work for local churches. As a student enrolled in this Program of Study, you will learn that the concepts and skills involved in leadership will be effective wherever God places you. In fact, the desired candidates for this Program of Study include ministry leaders, family and community leaders, ordained ministers, workforce leadership, and those currently involved in or pursuing leadership positions.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### Fall

#### Required

- Understanding Leadership Workshop
- Principles of Leadership
- Be the Change

### Spring

#### Required

- Leading Teams
- Leading Change

## PROGRAM OF STUDY IN LIFE SKILLS

Many adults experienced an unhealthy and dysfunctional childhood and never have had emotional, social, or spiritual health modeled for them. It isn't an accident that some adults are happier and realize their destiny while others do not. The Program of Study in Life Skills is designed to assist you in developing successful and effective lifestyle choices. The courses included in this Program of Study are packed with wisdom if you want to gain effective control of your life. It is important to understand the principles that work and discover why other things don't. This Program of Study has been developed to provide modeling, training, and accountability.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

### **Fall**

#### Required

- Interpersonal Communication
- Family Relationships 101
- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop

### **Spring**

#### Required

- Boundaries: How to Say No and Still Have Friends

*Students must also select one of the following Elective courses:*

- Managing Your Emotions
- Safe People

**PROGRAM OF STUDY IN PRAYER AND INTERCESSION**

Prayer is intimate communication with our heavenly Father, and it is a practice to which every believer is called. Through this Program of Study, you can expect to be guided toward a lifestyle of prayer and intercession that will lead to intimacy with the Father. You can expect to grow and develop in your calling to prayer. You will develop greater intimacy with God, closer connections with one another, and stronger discipline in prayer.

*As a potential student, you are encouraged to read the appropriate descriptions for each course included in this Program of Study.*

**Fall**

## Required

- Basics of Christian Prayer
- Intercessory Prayer
- Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop

**Spring**

## Required

- Dialoguing with God
- An Intercessor's Life



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Financial Studies	(33)
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Leadership Studies	(36)
Ministry Studies	(37)
Performance Arts Studies	(44)
Prayer Studies	(44)
Wellness Studies	(46)

## BIBLE STUDIES

*We strive to offer classroom study of various books of the Bible, which is key to Christian faith. This allows our students to be challenged in their awareness of scripture while growing in relation to God and others. Because of the number of books in the Bible, specific descriptions are not included in this section. However, more specific information about which specific books are offered for study is included in the Schedule of Courses for the semester in question.*

### How to Study Your Bible (BS-215W)

Through this series of one-day workshops, you will learn to observe, interpret, and apply the Word of God to your daily life. You will be taught methods of responsibly handling God's Word that can be applied to any portion of Scripture, at any time. Each workshop is useful for all Bible students, particularly if you wish to overcome barriers to reading Scripture. The skills and tools provided in this workshop will allow you to interact with God's Word in such a personal way that each insight gained will be yours for life.

### Introduction to the Bible (BS-100)

This course provides introductory insight into the Bible so that you can feel more comfortable reading it. Through this course, you can expect to gain a general understanding of the Bible, understand the Bible as a historical book, and understand the differences among various versions of the Bible. In addition, you can learn to more easily find each book in the Bible based on its location, grouping, and historical relevance.

### New Testament Survey (BS-210)

It takes discipline to be a student of God's Word, and this discipline can get lost in the constant busyness of life. For many Christians, it has become a habit to view Bible verses in isolation, without developing an awareness and appreciation for the larger context of the passage. Through this course, you will develop a sense and awareness of God's plan for redemption presented in the New Testament. This course will give you a foundational knowledge of the entire New Testament, while providing information related to the purpose, history, authorship, and central theme of each New Testament book.

## Old Testament Survey (BS-205)

The Old Testament, rich with history, action, and deep truths, gives meaningful insight into the purpose of life and the world's creation. These and other significant ideas are examined through this course, which provides a foundational knowledge for understanding the character and intentions of God as revealed through Scripture. This course will introduce you to the collection of books that make up the Old Testament of the Bible. You can expect to explore the purpose of each book, the historical background, authorship, and central themes.

## Through the Bible in 90 Days (BS-200)

Through a specially-designed Bible and by reading only 12 pages a day, you can read the Word of God from cover to cover in just 90 days. The insights provided in this course will change your perception of Scripture forever. Whether seasoned or fresh in your knowledge of him, this course will motivate, energize, stimulate, and inspire you!

## COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*Effective communication is a foundation for all other skills. For the courses included in our Communication Studies, we strive to provide quality training in key areas that provide our students with the ability to interact well with others. Each course is planned to provide both instruction and practice, encouraging students to develop fluency in communicating.*

## American Sign Language I (CS-210A)

This course is designed to teach you about sharing the Word of God with the deaf, and offer insights about ministering to the deaf community. You will be introduced to gestured communication techniques, deaf culture, and to American Sign Language vocabulary. Everyday terms, as well as religious signs, will be taught. You will learn approximately 300 signs, the ASL manual alphabet, number system, and basic ASL linguistic grammar rules.

## American Sign Language II (CS-210 B)

This course builds on the principles and vocabulary learned in ASL I. You will focus on vocabulary building, receptive and expressive skills practice, and knowledge of deaf culture.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of American Sign Language I.

### American Sign Language for Leaders Workshop (CS210W)

This workshop is recommended for those involved in leadership roles. It is designed for those who are involved in personal ministry with little or no time for traditional ASL classes. In this workshop, you will learn basics about the deaf community, deaf culture, the manual alphabet, and signs and gestures for basic communication with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. There also will be opportunities to practice your newfound skills. If you are interested in expanding your influence to include members of the deaf community, consider signing up for this workshop.

### Basic Communication (CS-100)

This course serves to refresh your fluency with consuming and producing information. Through this course, you can expect to revisit practical listening techniques, including note-taking and organizing. Ideal students for this course are those who wish to “brush up” on their communication skills or who wish to become stronger students.

## DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES

*Our Discipleship Studies courses offer a wide-range of opportunities for students to grow closer in their walk with God. All courses included in this category are planned to help students learn core principles of Christian discipleship, and our view is that each course will help students develop some component of their lives as disciples. Students focusing on becoming true disciples are encouraged to consider multiple Discipleship courses. In addition to the courses listed below, CVTS offers Book Talks, which are less formal classroom environments for the study of different Christian fiction selections. More detailed information about which specific books are offered for study is included in the Schedule of Courses for the semester in question.*

### Do Something Different for a Change (DS-200)

The work of experiencing change can be challenging for many Christians. After receiving counseling, hearing great sermons, studying Scripture, and developing a lifestyle of prayer, experiencing a changed life can still appear out of reach. Through this workshop, you will learn core principles related to change, especially how to overcome barriers to ushering change into your life. Using biblical principles for change, combined with best practices from psychology, this workshop promises to clarify your role in receiving God’s best for your life.

### Becoming a Son of Covenant (DS-260)

Becoming a Son of Covenant is a 12-week study of the relationship that Jesus, in his humanity, had with our heavenly Father. This program is designed to: 1) lay a foundation for men, 18 years and older, about what it means to be a “spiritual son” through the *covenant* established by God; 2) bring men into an understanding about the position of “sonship”; and 3) help men understand what it really means to “cut covenant” with the Father. Men who enroll in this course should be interested in operating in the fullness of God’s plan and purpose for their lives, as true sons of God. If you successfully complete this course, you will be eligible to participate in a rite-of-passage ceremony and membership in the Sons of Covenant men’s organization.

### Boundaries: How to Say No and Still Have Friends (DS-205)

Boundaries are invisible, personal property lines. They define your personhood and individual desires. This course focuses on how boundaries are set and how they are identified. This course will help you answer the question, “Why do I have difficulty setting boundaries with others?” Learning the concept of setting and managing boundaries in life will result in taking effective control over the life God wants you to realize.

### The Character of a Man (DS-265)

Jesus’ relationship as a Son to his Father birthed his character as a man. Many men wish to develop character similar to Jesus and walk in the true relationship of a son with the Father – as Christ did. These same men struggle to understand manhood, which is easily defined as “an adult male.” Man’s real struggle, however, is in the development of character. As author Bruce Marchiano writes, “While many books have emphasized Jesus as the Son of God, few have considered His identity as the Son of Man.” In this course, you will discover the character of Jesus the man in his humility, fearlessness, integrity, respect for women, and much more.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Becoming a Son of Covenant.

## Character Makeover (DS-245)

Do you notice that you do not always see in the mirror what you believe God sees in you? Are you wrestling with walking in agreement with your heavenly Father concerning your identity and your lifestyle? During this course, you can expect to be challenged to be made over from the inside out.

## Communication that Releases Life (DS-235)

Good communication is the key to successful relationships with family, friends, and co-workers. What a difference there is in every relationship when you know what to say, how to say it, and when the time is right to say it. This course will help you develop approaches that bring health and strength to interpersonal relationships. Biblical truth, properly believed and used in your communication, heals the hurts *between* people as well as the hurts *inside* them. This is a productive course if you want to speak the truth in love.

## Dialoguing with God (DS-240)

Prayer is intended to be a conversation – a two-way dialogue between you and God. It's only when a believer learns to speak *and* listen that the limitless potential of communication with the Father is opened. In this course, you will learn the keys to hearing God's voice, especially what his voice sounds like. You also will learn to hear God's voice through the power of journaling, which is recording what God says.

## Embracing the Father's Heart I (DS-210A)

God wants to have an intimate relationship with you. He not only wants you to experience his abundant love, he also wants you to be a vessel, pouring out his love to others. But faulty ways of thinking and acting allow Satan to rob you of the relationships God wants you to have with him, family, friends, and coworkers. In this course, you will learn how to find hidden, core pain and gain healing from emotional woundedness, identify generational patterns and survival mechanisms, and, ultimately, minister God's healing love to others.

## Embracing the Father's Heart II (DS-210B)

This class builds on the principles learned in Embracing the Father's Heart I. As a student in this course, you will continue to gain skills in finding hidden core pain, identifying generational patterns, identifying survival mechanisms, and more.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Embracing the Father's Heart I.

### Every Single Woman's Battle (DS-275)

In contemporary society, it is difficult for single women to maintain their purity. In fact, the culture seems to encourage women to use their bodies to gain power and personal fulfillment. This was never God's plan, but it also was never God's plan for single women to fight this battle on their own. Through this book-study for single women, you will be engaged in transparent discussion that will encourage and challenge you to resist pressure and reclaim your purity by building a strong foundation of integrity.

### God in Christ (DS-270)

This course is a rich and edifying study that examines the details of the life of Jesus - his birth, life, death, resurrection, and reign in heaven. Join this course and study the awesome implications of God coming to earth in human form. That man should be made in God's image was a wonder, but that God should be made in man's image is an even greater wonder. Learn how to be an overcomer and live a victorious life by studying and meditating on Jesus Christ as fully divine and fully human.

### How to Share Your Faith Workshop (DS-110W)

While statistics today reveal that 5% of Christians have personally led someone to Christ, this definitely was not the case in the early centuries of the Church. The book of Acts says that *all* the early believers went about "preaching the word"—in other words, sharing our faith. This practical one-day workshop equips believers for the most vital and exciting task ever – sharing the Christian faith with others!

### Identifying and Developing Your Spiritual Gifts (DS-100)

Every believer has been given a spiritual gift! This course is designed to help you discover the gift(s) God has graciously given and begin the process of developing and using those gifts to help and bless others. You will be given an assessment at the beginning of the course to help highlight areas of giftedness that will then be explored.

### Living an Extraordinary Life (DS-203)

God is calling us all to live extraordinarily by faith. This course is designed to teach the principles of faith and provide guidance as you learn to practice faith in your daily life. During this course, you will hear God's wake-up call for your life. By listening to God, you will experience more of who he is, delve deeper into your spiritual life, take risks, and surrender.

### Making Small Groups Work Workshop (DS-290)

If you would like to be trained in the art of leading groups of people with like interests (and have fun doing it), you can't afford to miss this training. You can expect to see a clear picture of the type of interaction necessary to bring life into a group of any size. You will learn how to guide conversations through questions, create a safe environment for relationship-building, handle difficult situations, and keep group meetings dynamic and life-giving. This two-day workshop is recommended for you if you lead small groups, and is required for Care Group leaders.

### Managing Your Emotions (DS-215)

Anger is a God-given emotion, but how to manage it is not always taught. Consequently, unmanaged anger can be an access point for the enemy. In this course, you will learn to manage your emotions. You will learn how to win in the war against the enemy, how to stop letting him divert your blessings, and how to stop reacting and begin responding. This course promises to result in life-changing behaviors as you learn to break destructive patterns of thoughts, beliefs, and behaviors.

### Pattern for Living (DS-213)

Pattern for Living is an in-depth and deeply spiritual study of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. You will learn and experience the meaning and purpose of the Ark of the Covenant and its journeys, the furniture in the Holy Place, the offerings, the priests, and much more. You also will learn firsthand how God, in all of his holiness, comes to us seeking fellowship and a dwelling place. Come and experience the story of redemption revealed so beautifully in this study of the Tabernacle.

## Prophetic Worship (DS-115)

Worship is used to create an environment that allows people to experience the Father's presence. A prophetic worship environment is distinct because it comes from the Father's real-time communication with his children. During this course, you will learn how to contribute to a prophetic worship environment and how to respond to the Father when prophetic worship happens. Key principles of a prophetic worship environment will be explored, along with your role in responding to the Father's beckoning.

## Safe People (DS-225)

Safety is the primary key to all successful relationships. Are you a safe person? Do you know how to find relationships that are good for you and avoid those that aren't? In manageable steps that promote progress, this course will help you restructure your approach to relationships. You will learn how to stop being a victim and start enjoying the healthy, reciprocal relationships you want and need. This may be the most important "safety course" you will ever take.

## Sex, Men and God (DS-285)

For most young boys, learning about being sexual comes through television, locker rooms, and music. Many fathers are unable to coach their sons sexually, so when these boys become men, most of this errant information remains and negatively affects their married sexual life. The purpose of this course is to help men develop a healthy understanding of their sexuality and learn to become sexually successful in marriage (the best sex ever). As a man, you can expect this course to help you retrain your thinking about being sexual, gain freedom from your sexual past, and learn to guide your sons toward healthy sexuality.

## Sincere Faith (DS-280)

Too often the phrase, "God knows my heart," is used to excuse poor choices and a lack of wisdom, although the faith behind the phrase is sincere. In this inductive study, you will be challenged to examine the differences between having faith that means well and having faith that is based on the truth. This course will examine faith toward God and the completed work of Jesus at the Cross. This course also will teach you how to view the Word as the standard for your faith-walk.

## Spiritual Foundations (DS-105)

The basic principles of the Christian faith are significant. However, our lives sometimes prevent us from developing a clear understanding of such important teachings as faith, baptism, the church, the Holy Spirit, sacraments, and spiritual gifts. Through this course, you can expect to learn about the foundational doctrines of Christianity. In particular, you will be carefully guided to a greater understanding of God, an increased capacity to participate in the life of the church, and an understanding of what it means to walk in the Spirit.

## Understanding Grace: the Power to Change (DS-125)

A major turning-point in the lives of many believers is accepting God's grace, which Dr. James Richards defines as "God's ability working in man, making him able to do what he cannot do in his own ability." Without an understanding of this grace, you can easily continue old ways of life as though forgiveness is to be earned. If you are frustrated by failure when trying hard isn't enough, or if you simply want to learn about grace, enroll in this course and learn about God's grace, and have your life changed forever.

## Understanding Your Salvation (DS-120)

This course is planned for those who want to examine what the scriptures teach about the basics of the Christian life and how to become true disciples of Jesus Christ. You can expect to be developed in discipleship by learning what God has done and is doing for you, becoming excited about who you are in Christ, learn to study and apply God's word, and become a faithful disciple.

## Who Am I, Really? (DS-230)

Formerly entitled, *The Search for Significance*, this course is designed to transform your self-esteem by helping you explore who you are in the eyes of our heavenly Father. If you enroll in this course, you will learn how to break through and overcome the destructive self-talk messages that cause you to see yourself according to the pattern of the world. For example: God says you are deeply loved. Do you live your life as though this is true? God says you are valuable to him. Do you struggle with feelings of worthlessness? God says you are acceptable as you are. Are you *celebrating* your identity or trying to change it? Come and learn to live your life in the freedom of who you are in Christ.

### Your Place in God's Purpose (DS-202)

This study will help you understand that God has a purpose for each of us, and we can experience this when we have accountability in our lives. Throughout this course, you will focus on such questions as: "What is a call from God?" "When am I called?" "Who are the called?" "Why does God call us?" "How do I live out that call?" If these are the types of questions you ask, this may be the class for you.

### Your Work Matters to God (DS-255)

Work is often central to life. And depending on your view of work, it can be difficult to incorporate Christian principles into a work environment that appears overrun with culture and less-than-desirable habits. This course has been designed to assist you in gaining a sound understanding of how your faith and relationship with God can have a tremendous impact on your employment. This course is not focused on proselytizing coworkers, but it is geared toward helping you experience the kingdom of heaven at work. You will be challenged to develop a consistent approach to life and work that will cause coworkers to take notice.

## FAMILY STUDIES

*The emphasis of our Family Studies courses is to strengthen the family unit. Each course included is developed to address specific aspects of families so that students can partner with God in bringing health into their families. Students interested in learning to participate in healthy families are encouraged to consider multiple Family Studies courses.*

### 2 Becoming 1: Taking Ownership of Your Marriage Workshop (FS-100W)

Within the context of a marriage, learning the actual meaning of the scripture "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh," (Genesis 2:24) is a real challenge. This workshop intends to focus on becoming one with your spouse by first becoming whole.

#### 4 Cs for Your Marriage: Commitment, Conflict, Community and Covering Workshop (FS-105W)

This workshop intends to provide to married couples the relational skills that can help increase fruitfulness in marriage. Focusing on commonly misunderstood aspects of healthy marriages, this workshop will empower husbands and wives to take another look at their marriages and accept the challenge to practice important skills that can produce marriage longevity.

#### Becoming a Love & Logic Parent (FS-210)

In this course, you will learn parenting practices and techniques that will help children become more responsible and their families happier. Parenting with love and logic is about raising children while using a win-win philosophy. Parents show love in a healthy way and establish effective control. Children win by learning responsibility through solving their own problems, and they acquire tools for coping with the real world. Love and logic helps parents and children establish a rewarding relationship built upon love and trust.

#### Blending and Extending Families Workshop (FS-110W)

This workshop is intended to provide a healthy arena to for you and your spouse to discuss some of the challenges associated with blending two families as well as those that come with in-laws and the difficult challenge of an extended family. As a result of this workshop, you can expect to learn healthy ways to cope with these and similar unique family challenges.

#### Divergent Paths: Loving a Spouse Who May Be Unequally Yoked (FS-115W)

Through this workshop, you can learn to respond lovingly to a husband or wife who appears to be heading along a different spiritual pathway. Whether your husband or wife is not a believer, attends a different local church, or otherwise doesn't appear to be walking alongside you as you pursue God, this workshop can help you fulfill Paul's encouragement that "the unbelieving husband [can be] sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife [can be] sanctified through her husband" (I Corinthians 7:14).

## Family Relationships 101 (FS-205)

When you choose to turn your family toward emotional health, you begin to heal the world in which you live. Through this course, you will have an opportunity to examine the family-reinforced behavior traps—from addiction and co-dependency to loss of will and denial—and learn to make conscious choices that will transform your life and the lives of your loved ones. Through the understanding you gain in this course, you can heal yourself and then use what you learned to help heal your family.

## Marriage 101 (FS-225)

This specially-designed course is intended to prepare those who are interested in or plan to be married *and* to provide support, guidance, and encouragement to those who are married but have not benefited from revisiting the foundation of their union. Through this course, you can expect to gain insight into the roles of husbands and wives, understand marriage as God-ordained, and find appropriate ways to satisfy and be satisfied in marriage. This course is required if you wish to be married at CCF, and encouraged if you want to enhance your marriage.

## The DNA of Relationships (FS-220)

How you feel about life is often a result of how you feel about relationships. Do you damage the most important relationships in your life? Do you fail to take care of yourself and fail to cultivate the most important relationship—your relationship with God? In this course, you will examine how you are designed for relationships—with others, with yourself, and with God. It's part of your relational DNA. This course will present a new paradigm for understanding the dynamics of healthy relationships.

## The Incredible Years (FS-200)

The Incredible Years Parenting Class is a 12-week class designed to help parents develop practical skills in playing with children, praising them, setting limits, and handling misbehavior. This course is geared toward parents of children ages 2 to 8 years of age. Brief, videotaped vignettes of parents interacting with children in family life situations will be used to illustrate child-rearing concepts. As a student in this course, you will learn new skills through observation, discussion, role-playing, and home-practice activities.

## FINANCIAL STUDIES

*Learning to manage one's finances can be challenging, especially in changing economic times. The courses included in this category are intended to assist students in developing practical knowledge of managing finances while learning God's ways of handling money.*

### Crown Business by the Book (CF-215)

Larry Burkett's best-selling *Business by the Book* has taught thousands of business people how to transform their businesses and marketplaces. This course, based on Burkett's book, will teach you how to practically achieve success and conduct business according to biblical principles. This study also teaches you how the Bible can help you succeed in the business world. You will also benefit from the video teaching by Dave Rae, president of Crown Financial Ministries.

### Crown Financial Study (CF-100)

This is a fun and detailed group study designed to teach you how to become faithful and responsible stewards over the possessions God has given you. Emphasis is placed on starting and maintaining a household budget. There is detailed instruction and hands-on practice to help you get your finances in order. God wants his children to be good stewards over all he has given them—money, house, family, ministry, everything. Don't wait any longer to experience the freedom and the joy that comes from handling money God's way!

### Differentiating Mortgage Loans Workshop (CF-205W)

Housing is generally the largest item in a budget and often causes budgeting problems when families make poor decisions when choosing a mortgage loan. In this workshop, you will learn about the various types of mortgage loans and how to recognize a reliable loan program. The workshop also addresses predatory lending and what programs to avoid.

### Managing Personal Finances Workshop (CF-200W)

With bankruptcies at an all-time high, consumer debt rising and unemployment claims increasing, planning is essential for all those seeking to develop a financial plan. The Father has directions and principles for managing his money. By learning his plan, there will be little temptation to make poor financial decisions. This budget workshop will help you learn biblical principles regarding credit, spending, debt, savings, and other financial goals.

**GENERAL STUDIES**

*Courses included in this category are those that are intended to provide solid biblical instruction that will serve as a basis for other courses. Courses included in this category also include special topic courses that are offered.*

**Becoming a Student Again (GS-100)**

Life is demanding. Adding an education can be very difficult for adult students, especially those who have been away from the classroom for a number of years. This course will help you learn to balance the various demands of life while adding evening education. You can expect to gain skills in managing time, studying, taking notes, preparing for tests, and reading carefully. By the end of the course, you can expect to be better prepared to take on the demands of a CVTS education.

**Biblical Israel (GS-300)**

The nation of Israel has cultural and historical significance that is relevant to the study of Bible and to Christians developing a world view. Not only that, but many believers also lack the frame of reference that allows them to connect significant biblical events to circumstances in the Middle East. This study of Israel and its biblical history will equip you with the information and context that promise to serve your study of the Bible well. As a student in this course, you can expect to learn historical details as well as cultural practices, as these will broaden your understanding of Scripture and your study of the humanity, divinity, and teachings of Jesus Christ. This course will culminate in a 12-14 day journey to Israel in spring 2011, if you choose to register for the trip.

**Movies: A Christian Perspective (GS-200)**

Movies are a major cultural voice in American culture. They convey an array of messages about the human experience. However, in spite of the deep truths presented in many popular films, many Christians avoid watching some movies because they are not overtly Christian. A guiding question for this course is: If a film is not "Christian-based," can it teach truths about the Father and holy living? In this course, you will gain tools to critically examine movies through the lens of thoughtful Christianity.

## LAY COUNSELING STUDIES

*Courses included in this category are those that CVTS uses to train students to bring healing to people struggling with relational and emotional pain. For CVTS, Lay Counseling is an area of practice through which trained individuals lead others to experience truth from Jesus Christ; we utilize a Pure Theophostic Prayer Ministry model to accomplish this.*

### Theophostic Prayer Ministry Basic Training I (LC-110)

In this course, you can expect to discover a means of helping people find freedom from lifelong emotional pain that has held them captive. The information included in this course will allow you to witness the Lord Jesus touch people in powerful ways that result in genuine, sustained freedom. Theophostic Prayer Ministry is intentional and focused prayer with the desired outcome of an authentic encounter with the presence of Christ, resulting in a transformed life. Through this healing tool, you can help other believers come to know the Father relationally and experientially.

### Theophostic Prayer Ministry Basic Training II (LC-115)

Building upon the foundation established in Theophostic Prayer Ministry Basic Training I, this course will further develop you to serve as a prayer minister who wishes to bring healing to others. Through this course, you can expect to better comprehend and apply the essential information about Theophostic Prayer Ministry that is included in the TPM Basic Seminar Manual 2007. You will gain practical tools to bring healing to others while pursuing your own healing. This course is a requirement to be developed as a Lay Prayer Counselor. As a student enrolling in this segment of the training, you must have successfully completed Part I.

### Understanding Healing and Deliverance Workshop (LC-100W)

Why are woundedness and deliverance two sides of a coin? Why is the ministry of deliverance so important to a believer? How and why do believers become demonically oppressed? What are the characteristics of demonic activity? Why is it important to understand the supernatural legal system and the power of agreement? In this workshop, these and many other questions are explained to equip you to live life as an overcomer. Jesus says that if a person (experientially) knows the truth, the truth will set him or her free, so that he or she can have a life of stability, prosperity, and empowerment through learning the principles taught in this workshop. Life will never be the same again.

## LEADERSHIP STUDIES

*Leadership is a response to a need for change. Each course included in this category is based on this belief, and collectively these courses will help students learn to model the change they hope to see in others and in organizations. The central model for change presented in these courses is Jesus Christ, whose personal life and ministry provides opportunities for us to learn to lead.*

### Be the Change (LD-230)

This course can be stated simply: *before you can lead others, you must learn to lead yourself.* For the duration of this course, you will be challenged to do first for yourself what you want to see in others. As a result of this course, you will learn how to “be the change you want to see,” and you also will learn ways to measure growth and change. This course is ideal for anyone who wants to learn how to lead, although you should understand that others are more likely to do what they see rather than what they hear.

### God’s Plan for Leading His Church (LD-220)

Many believers have experienced a form of traditional church leadership that was never questioned. This was never God’s plan. Many of today’s churches come with various titles and positions such as bishop, deacon, elder, apostle, etc. These titles have led to questions about who can serve, who appoints, and what qualifies these individuals. Through this course, you will come to understand God’s plan for leadership including such topics as: 1) the role of elders; 2) a woman’s role in ministry; 3) specific functions of leadership; and 4) the purpose of accountability. In this course, you will learn what true church leadership and governance look like.

### The Heart of a True Leader (LD-210)

Most people recognize that leadership is more than an expression of a person’s title or position. Leadership is an expression of a person’s heart. As portrayed in Scripture, the Old Testament story of Nehemiah demonstrates the role of the human heart in walking in godly leadership. In this course, you can expect to question your understanding of leadership and examine your own role.

### Leading Change (LD-240)

This course is planned to help you learn to identify the need for change in your church, at work, or in some other organization, and work to bring needed change. Leading change requires wisdom, insight and analytical skills, but most importantly, it requires a relationship with God and an understanding of His kingdom. Through this course, you will learn to utilize these and other skills in your work to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth around you.

### Leading Teams (LD-235)

Learning to lead others requires developing our communication skills as well as our ability to work with different people. However, leading others also requires a solid sense of direction and sensitivity to God's heart and the needs of those you serve. Through this course, you will learn principles of intergroup dynamics and effective communication, while also learning how to develop and share your vision.

### Introduction to Christian Leadership (LD-100W)

This Saturday workshop, formerly Understanding Leadership, is designed to introduce students to the basic principles involved in leading others well. Several key components of leading others will be discussed, particularly: How do I lead well? What is the role of influence in godly leadership? How do I measure the impact of my leadership? How do I communicate my destination?

### Principles of Leadership (LD-200)

This course provides insights on how to become a better leader in the areas where God has called you to lead, whether on the job, in the local church, or in your family. Learning about the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership will teach you to apply life-changing principles to become a great leader. In this course, you can expect to address and explore the many aspects of leadership and the laws that enhance your effectiveness as a leader.

## MINISTRY STUDIES

*In general, Ministry Studies focuses on developing the diverse aspects of the body of Jesus Christ that function in the church and world today, in hopes of increasing the effectiveness of Christian ministry. Our goal is based on Ephesians 4:12, which encourages us "to prepare God's people for works of service" (NIV). The courses included in this category are intended to help students develop their ability to serve (i.e., minister to) others.*

### Advanced Teacher Training (GM440)

The role of a teacher is to help believers to be firmly grounded in truth. The more you understand how people learn, the more effectively you can help them to be grounded. Through this course, you can expect to learn about kinds of learning, habit formation processes, nurturing faith in your students, and themes of Christian maturity toward which you can teach. In addition, you can expect to learn about the major psychological viewpoints that influence education and apply to them biblical influences and insights that can really impact that way you teach.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Teachers Training (GM-340).

### Apologetics: Knowing Why You Believe (GM-215)

Apologetics is a branch of theology devoted to the defense of the divine origin and authority of Christianity. Many Christians, however, are not confident about giving an adequate reason for our faith. Through this course, you can expect to learn how to give an answer for your faith that is filled with gentleness and respect. This course will equip you with the knowledge to explain the seamless connection between reason and faith.

### Apostles training (GM-300)

This course is designed to offer a serious study concerning the modern-day apostolic movement, the emergence of the “new apostolic age,” the characteristics of the modern-day apostle and how today’s apostles differ from the first apostles. You will discover how the gift of the apostle works with the other five-fold ministry gifts, especially the office of prophet. This course provides foundational training for those called to the office of apostle and who have church-planting experience. This course meets the requirement for ordination.

## Children &amp; Youth Ministry (GM-240)

This course is a practical introduction to ministering to children and youth and is designed primarily for parents, children and youth workers, and teachers—those who interact with young people ages 0 to 18 years of age. This course answers critical questions such as: “What is the purpose of ministry to children and youth?” and “How much of an impact does my own childhood have on my ministry to children and youth?” Through interactive techniques including classroom discussion, direct teaching and query, collaborative learning, and practical exposure, you will learn strategies and methodologies relative to working with children and youth. Upon successful completion of the course, you will be prepared to become fully involved in Christian ministry to children and youth.

## Christian Doctrine (GM-230)

This course teaches the foundational doctrines of Christianity and the sacraments of the Church. In this lively and interactive class, students are carefully guided to a greater understanding of God. This biblically-based course is designed to teach students such fundamentals as understanding the person of Jesus Christ, the mission of the church, the Holy Spirit, sacraments, ordinances (baptism, communion, marriage, etc.), spiritual gifts, divine healing, and much more.

## Church Planting (GM-350)

This *invitation-only* course is structured as a year-long mentoring and coaching course. The goal of this course is to provide support and direction for a select group of church-founding pastors. Through this course, you will come together for reading, discussion, problem-solving, troubleshooting, and strategizing for vision development. If you are actively involved in pastoring your own church, or if you are *close to* starting a church, you are an ideal candidate for this course. Also, as a candidate for this course, you should be able to commit to two, full semesters of mentoring and training.

## Evangelists Training (GM-320)

This course is for those who want a serious study concerning the principles of evangelism that Jesus employed and the social and cultural challenges of modern life that affect evangelism today. You will gain a biblical understanding of evangelism while learning to develop a lifestyle of evangelism. You also can expect to learn to engage those who do not know Jesus through forming a relationship with them, sharing the Good News with them, nurturing their development, and encouraging their connection with other believers.

## Exegesis: How to Read the Bible and Interpret Scripture (GM-205)

This is a required course for all ordination candidates. The Bible as God's Word has eternal relevance. It speaks to everyone in every age and in every culture. Christians must learn to read, believe, and obey the Bible. In this course, you will learn to read Scripture with clarity so that you can apply the truths of the Bible to your life. This course will examine the different types of biblical literature so that you can learn to interpret and understand what God is saying.

## General Counseling Principles Workshop (GM-201W)

For those who are perceived as ministers, you can often be called upon to provide counsel for grieving families and individuals experiencing relationship difficulty. This workshop is ideal for active, practicing ministers of the Gospel interested in furthering their training, particularly Global Change Network, U.S.A. members, and ministers from other local congregations. This workshop meets the requirement for ordination.

## God's Shofar (GM-270)

In this course, you will come to understand why the most important sound you will ever hear will be the trumpet blast coming down from heaven. You will learn the importance and relevance of the shofar (trumpet) for the Body of Christ in today's world. Also, the Scriptures from Exodus 19 to Revelation will be connected in order to establish where and how the shofar is to be used. This study includes the spiritual and symbolic significance of the trumpet, as well as the literal and symbolic meanings of the natural animal horn.

## Homiletics: How to Prepare a Sermon (GM-200)

Preparing a sermon that is biblically accurate, interesting, powerful, and life-changing is an absolute must for those who desire to minister God's Word effectively. In this course, you will learn the importance of proper preparation, the interpretation of Scripture, how to organize material, use illustrations, and view an audience through the eyes of God.

## Introduction to the Prophetic (GM-125)

The term prophetic is used increasingly throughout the church today, and it refers to a category of gifts that maintain a vital function in the Body of Christ. Through this course, you will learn the difference between the prophetic gift and the prophetic office as well as develop an understanding of the role of the prophetic in the church. You also can expect to gain an understanding of the biblical importance placed on prophetic events and learn the importance of maintaining a loving heart when experiencing the prophetic.

## Managing Church Finances (GM-360)

Everything belongs to God. This course presents principles of financial management, accountability, fund-raising, tithing and accounting based on God's Word. You will learn solid financial practices for those in pastoral and support positions. You also will be introduced to sound stewardship principles, planning and budgeting, recording offerings, spending and giving, handling petty cash, and other basic legal and tax issues financial leaders should know and understand.

## Ministerial Practice (GM-203W)

This workshop is planned for five-fold ministers (current and in-training) who desire to be trained in the practice of Christian ministry. Through this workshop, you can expect to learn to administer communion and baptism along with house blessings, baby dedications, and several other rites and ceremonies that you may encounter in your ministry. This workshop is ideal for active, practicing ministers of the Gospel interested in furthering their training, particularly Global Change Network, U.S.A. members, and ministers from other local congregations. This workshop meets the requirement for ordination.

### Pastors Training (GM-330)

This course is a serious study—using Jesus as the model—of the biblical principles for pastoral ministry. You will learn how pastoral ministry has shifted from Jesus' example and will discover many of the modern-day challenges facing pastors today. The class also will focus on the various contexts in which pastors serve: senior shepherd, under-shepherd, etc. This course meets the requirement for ordination.

### Prophets Training (GM-310)

This course is designed to train, educate, and equip those who recognize the prophetic call on their lives. The purpose of this course is to prepare you if you have the gift of prophecy, or are called to the office of the prophet, to minister with confidence in the Holy Spirit. You will learn the purpose, nature and guidelines for giving and receiving personal prophecy. You also will have the opportunity to exercise your prophetic ability by participating in prophetic practicum. This is not an introductory course; if you wish to learn about the prophetic, please see Introduction to the Prophetic.

### Spiritual Warfare Workshop (GM-202W)

Learning to face the spiritual opposition that often follows being involved in ministry is an important part of ministry success. Through this two-part workshop, you will learn how effectiveness in ministry is closely-tied to your ability to engage in the supernatural war that surrounds us. This workshop is ideal for active, practicing ministers of the Gospel interested in furthering their training, particularly Global Change Network, U.S.A. members, and ministers from other local congregations. This workshop meets the requirement for ordination.

### Teachers Training (GM-340)

This course is a serious study that offers the basic principles for effectively teaching and communicating the Word of God. In this course, you will discover how to make teaching exciting and fulfilling, and how to inspire people to become thinkers, life-long learners, and doers of the Word (not simply hearers!). This course meets the requirement for ordination.

## Understanding Dreams and Visions (GM-210)

In order to accurately interpret dreams and visions, it must be recognized whether God, self or the enemy is the source of the information. In this course, you will discover the prophetic power of dreams and visions and how they fit in the life of the church today. You will be introduced to principles that will help you discern the voice of God in dreams and visions, interpret dreams and visions, and learn what the Bible says about them.

## Understanding the Gift of Healing (GM-150)

Before Jesus sent out his disciples, he instructed them to preach that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Then he said to them, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:7-8). Through this course, students will learn about the gift of healing as evidence of the kingdom of heaven while gaining a clear understanding of what it means to “heal the sick.” If you believe you have the gift of healing, or if you simply want to learn more about this gift, then take advantage of this course.

## Workplace Ministry (GM-250)

Workplace ministry is concerned with equipping men and women in all spheres of work and society to understand and experience their work as a holy calling from God. This course is designed to help you develop a mind-set that understands that work is your ministry. You will learn strategies for implementing ministry outside the four walls of the church—in business, government, and throughout the community.

## You and the Apostolic Church (GM-120)

This course is for anyone wanting to understand what is meant by an “apostolic church” or the “apostolic movement,” and highlights the notion that Christians have been called to be active players in the Body of Christ. The pattern for the “new” apostolic movement is the church in the book of Acts, which, first and foremost, was an apostolic church.

## PERFORMANCE ARTS STUDIES

*CVTS Performance Arts courses are intended to encourage the development of the Arts in the local church. Each of the courses included in this category is intended to provide quality training in several areas of performance as well as in areas that support performing arts.*

### Comedic Arts Workshop (PA-225W)

This workshop offers several guiding principles for your comedy material, including writing, delivery, and expression. You will have opportunities to develop new material in class and reshape existing material. Peer critiques will be used in this workshop.

### Dramatic Arts Workshop (PA-220W)

This workshop encourages the use of drama within the local church. You will work on building skills necessary for proper delivery, expression, and projection. You and your peers will have the opportunity to give and receive critiques within a safe environment.

### Literary Arts Workshop (PA-215W)

This workshop helps you build on your writing skills and generate creativity. Exercises are used to help develop your delivery of poems and short stories. In this workshop, you also can expect to learn the basics of book publishing.

### Prophetic Dance Workshop (PA-210W)

Dance can be a very effective way to communicate the Father's heart to others. While many are interested in dance, few have been trained to utilize this gift to connect others to the Father. Through this course, you can expect to learn warm-up techniques, key terms, and basic movements. You also will learn to utilize dance to communicate the Father's heart.

## PRAYER STUDIES

*We understand that prayer is essential to the life of the believer. Our Prayer Studies courses are intended to help believers develop clear understandings about prayer based on scripture. Students enrolled in these courses can expect to study scriptures related to prayer while also engaging in prayer with others.*

### An Intercessor's Life (PR-220)

Intercession is a historically significant aspect of the experience of believers. Biblical accounts of intercession indicate its impact on the people of God. This course will present an exploration of the history of intercession, beginning with Genesis. In this course, you can expect to learn about the process of intercession, as well as study biblical records of intercession. Likewise, you also will examine the different manifestations of intercession—different watches that lasted for periods of years and how different times in church history correlate to the priestly duties in the Tabernacle. A look at the life of notable intercessors also will be a part of this class.

### Intercessory Prayer (PR-210)

Intercession involves praying on the behalf of others, or for a particular cause, and calling on the provision of God to meet some need. In this course, you can expect to learn about intercession and develop your own intercessory habits. This course is not an introduction to prayer. It is designed to teach you the different aspects of intercession and its vital importance to the Body of Christ. This course is for those new to intercession as well as seasoned intercessors. Come expecting to hear, to learn, and to pray so that you can experience the power of intercession.

### The Basics of Christian Prayer (PR-100)

Through this course, you can expect to develop a deeper understanding of prayer as part of the lives of all believers. You also can expect to be challenged to further develop prayer in your own life. This course includes discussions on the purpose of prayer, spiritual warfare, weapons of warfare, hearing from God, and the difference between prayer and intercession. By the end of the course, you will understand the different forms prayer can take, and feel empowered to pray with confidence.

### The Power of a Praying Wife (PR-215)

This course is developed to provide support, direction, and training for wives who wish to partner with God to become the wives they were meant to be. You can expect to learn to partner with God in prayer concerning your husbands' emotional, professional, sexual, and spiritual well-being. In this course, you can expect to discover deeper intimacy in your marriage and deeper satisfaction in your connection with God.

## WELLNESS STUDIES

*Although many of our courses focus on the emotional and spiritual development of our students, we understand the importance of one's physical development. Paul encourages the Thessalonian church with the words, "May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Similarly, we encourage our students to consider learning to manage their bodies well. Each of the courses included in this category is intended to provide instruction in health and wellness within a safe and caring environment.*

### Aerobics and Nutrition I (WS-105)

This introductory course offers techniques and practices that result in better overall health for students. In this course, you can expect to learn how to make aerobic exercise less-daunting while learning key principles related to nutrition. This course is for male and female students of all ages and fitness backgrounds.

### Aerobics and Nutrition II (WS-205)

Building on the principles gained in Aerobics and Nutrition I, this course offers more rigorous techniques and practices related to personal physical health and well-being. As a student, you can expect to learn slightly more challenging techniques and aerobic maneuvers that will result in better overall health. This course is for men and women with some past aerobic experience.

### Beginning Fitness (WS-100)

As believers, God intends for each of us to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually whole, although our lifestyles often keep us from experiencing this wholeness. Through this course, you will learn basic principles for physical fitness within a safe, non-competitive environment for both men and women. You also will learn techniques for exercise and principles for listening to your body to become fit.



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You may officially withdraw from an individual course or Program of Study at any time. However, you are only eligible for a tuition refund during the first two weeks of the school term. If you wish to withdraw from an individual course or Program, you must request a refund within the first two weeks of the semester. **Tuition refunds will not be granted following the second week of the semester.** An automatic refund of tuition will be processed in the event of a course cancellation.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance is required of all students in order to successfully complete each course. General attendance requirements, based upon the course length, are listed below:

For 6 to 7 week courses, students may not be absent more than one (1) time.

For 8 to 11 week courses, students may not be absent more than two (2) times.

For 12 to 13 week courses, students may not be absent more than three (3) times.

Any other attendance requirements will be provided by the course instructor.

## CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY

CVTS may cancel a class meeting for the following reasons:

**Faculty Absence:** If a faculty member is unable to meet a scheduled class, and a substitute is not available, every effort will be made to contact you, as a student, about a class cancellation. Telephone and e-mail will be the primary means of alerting students.

*(Class Cancellation Policy, cont'd.)*

**Inclement Weather:** If it becomes necessary to cancel a class due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to notify students and faculty as soon as possible. Notification may be made by phone and/or e-mail. As a student, you are encouraged to call the CVTS Hotline (303-309-6296) to inquire about a class cancellation due to inclement weather. You also are encouraged to check the Web site ([www.cvtsonline.org](http://www.cvtsonline.org)) for class cancellation information.

**Low Enrollment:** CVTS may cancel an entire course due to low enrollment. If enrollment for a particular course is too low, the CVTS administration may cancel the course. In such cases, you will be notified by U.S. mail, phone or e-mail. As a student, you also will receive applicable refunds of tuition and fees paid.

#### CHANGE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

It is your responsibility to notify CVTS of any change of address, name, etc. that will affect your permanent records. Much of our correspondence is conducted through U.S. Mail, e-mail and on our Web site, [www.cvtsonline.org](http://www.cvtsonline.org). Changes can be made in person at the Registration Office, or by U.S. Mail, fax, or e-mail.

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