

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

PASTORAL APPRENTICESHIP CURRICULUM

Foundational Reading

- Lectures to My Students by Charles Spurgeon
- On Being a Pastor by Derek Prime and Alistair Begg
- Some Pastors and Teachers by Sinclair Ferguson

1st Trimester – The Pastor and Church Leadership

Training and Topics:

- Review of Church Constitution, Confession, Teaching Positions, etc.
- Attendance and Review of Staff and Elder Meetings

Required Reading:

- The Deliberate Church by Mark Dever
- The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman
- The Advantage by Patrick Lencioni

Recommended Reading:

- Nine Marks of a Healthy Church by Mark Dever
- Prodigal Church: A Gentle Manifesto Against the Status Quo by Jared Wilson
- The Conviction to Lead by Al Mohler
- The Trellis and the Vine by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

2nd Trimester – The Pastor and Preaching

Training and Topics:

- Preaching Practicum and Evaluation

Required Reading:

- Christ-Centered Preaching by Bryan Chapell
- Homiletics by Karl Barth

Recommended Reading:

- Expositional Preaching by David Helm
- He Is Not Silent by Al Mohler
- Preaching Christ in All of Scripture by Edmund P. Clowney
- Preaching and Preachers by Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- Saving Eutychus by Gary Millar and Phil Campbell
- The Supremacy of God in Preaching by John Piper
- Why Johnny Can't Preach by David Gordon

3rd Trimester – The Pastor and Corporate Worship

Training and Topics:

- Developing a Worship Service
- Discussion of University Reformed Church's Worship Philosophy
- Leading in Baptism, Communion, Weddings, Funerals
- Public Speaking and Worship Leading Instruction

Required Reading:

- Christ-Centered Worship by Bryan Chapell
- Engaging with God: A Biblical Theology of Worship by David Peterson
- The Pastor's Book by Kent Hughes

Recommended Reading:

- Doxology and Theology by Matt Boswell
- Rhythms of Grace by Mike Cospers
- Sing! by Keith and Kristyn Getty
- Worship by the Book by D. A. Carson
- Worship Matters by Bob Kauflin and Paul Baloche

4th Trimester – The Pastor and Pastoral Care

Training and Topics:

- Case Studies
- Visit w/ Professional Counselor
- Visitation Discussion

Required Reading:

- The Minister as Shepherd by Charles Jefferson
- The Shepherd Leader by Tim Witmer
- The Pastor and Counseling by Jeremy Pierre and Deepak Reju

Recommended Reading:

- Concerning the True Care of Souls by Martin Bucer
- Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp
- Solution-Focused Pastoral Counseling by Charles Kollar
- The Christian Ministry by Charles Bridges
- The Reformed Pastor by Richard Baxter
- The Transforming Community by Mark Lutherbach

5th Trimester – The Pastor and His Spiritual Life

Training and Topics:

- Intentional Practice in Prayer

Required Reading:

- A Praying Life by Paul Miller
- Finally Free by Heath Lambert

-The Doctrine of Repentance by Thomas Watson

Recommended Reading:

- A Quest for Godliness by J. I. Packer
- Dangerous Calling by Paul David Tripp
- Holiness by Grace by Bryan Chapell
- Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome by Kent Hughes
- Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
- Praying with Paul by D. A. Carson
- Resilient Ministry by Bob Burns and Tasha D. Chapman
- The Imperfect Pastor by Zack Eswine
- The Pastor's Justification by Jared Wilson
- The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

6th Trimester – The Pastor and His Family

Training and Topics:

- Dinner and Family Worship with Pastor Aaron Halvorsen and Family
- Interview of CBC Elder and Wife
- Meeting with Local Family Counselor
- Meeting with Financial Planner

Required Reading:

- Family Worship by Donald Whitney
- Parenting by Paul David Tripp
- The Meaning of Marriage by Tim Keller

Recommended Reading:

- A Neglected Grace by Jason Helopoulos
- Families at the Crossroads by Rodney Clapp
- God, Marriage, and Family by Andreas Kostenberger
- Gospel-Centered Parenting by William Farley
- Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp
- The Family Worship Book by Terry Johnson
- The Shepherd Leader at Home by Tim Witmer