

Community Bible Church
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CBC PASTORAL APPRENTICESHIP

The Pastor and Church Leadership

January – April 2019

TRIMESTER OBJECTIVES

The goals of this trimester are to:

- 1) Examine the nature and structure of a healthy, biblically rooted church.
- 2) Gain a greater appreciation for the necessity of competent, administrative leadership in pastoral ministry.
- 3) Begin to develop a biblical, theological, and practical approach to pastoral leadership in the church.
- 4) Gain first-hand exposure to normal church leadership discussions and decisions.
- 5) Realize our own personal inadequacies in leadership, and thereby gain a greater trust and dependency upon the Lord to build His church.

REQUIREMENTS

I. Reading and Discussion

A. Foundational Texts

1. [Lectures to My Students](#) by Charles Spurgeon
2. [On Being a Pastor](#) by Derek Prime and Alistair Begg
3. [Some Pastors and Teachers](#) by Sinclair Ferguson

B. Required Reading

1. [The Advantage](#) by Patrick Lencioni
2. [The Deliberate Church](#) by Mark Dever
3. [The Master Plan of Evangelism](#) by Robert Coleman

C. Suggested Further Reading

1. [The Conviction to Lead](#) by Al Mohler
2. [Nine Marks of a Healthy Church](#) by Mark Dever
3. [The Prodigal Church](#) by Jared Wilson
4. [The Trellis and the Vine](#) by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

II. Meetings

Each apprentice will attend at least one elder meeting and staff meeting during this trimester, is required to attend the family gathering in February, and is encouraged to attend other meetings of the church when possible and appropriate.

A. Elder Meetings

Apprentice	Dates	Time
Adam Johns	February 9 th ; April 13 th	6:30-10:30am
Martin DeWitt	January 12 th ; March 9 th	6:30-10:30am

B. Staff Meetings

Each apprentice is responsible to contact Mandy DeWitt to schedule a staff meeting visit.

C. Apprentice Meetings

The apprentices will meet together with Pastor Aaron for discussion and training, according to the following schedule:

Date and Time	Topic and Agenda	Reading Due
Wednesday, Jan. 23 rd 1-3pm	Prayer Introduction + Syllabus Review Reading Discussion	Dever, Chapters 1-12 Begg/Prime, Chapters 1-3
Wednesday, Feb. 27 th 1-3pm	Prayer Reading Discussion Foundational Documents Analysis	Dever, Chapters 13-21 Begg/Prime, Chapters 11-14
Wednesday, March 27 th 1-3pm	Prayer Reading Discussion Staff Meetings Analysis	Lencioni, All Ferguson, Chapters 1-3
Wednesday, April 24 th 1-3pm	Prayer Reading Discussion Elder Meetings Analysis	Coleman, All Ferguson, Chapters 4-9

III. Regular Responsibilities

- A. The apprentice should serve a minimum of four hours per week (on average) in ministry at CBC. Apprentices should seek to experience service in various areas of ministry within CBC (i.e. audio/video, nursery, setup, greeting, etc.), so as to better prepare them for pastoral leadership.
- B. The apprentice is expected to attend one session of Exploring CBC each year, and should make Sunday Services and other church events a priority.
- C. The apprentice must schedule (via Mandy DeWitt) and attend four or five 1-on-1 meetings with Pastor Aaron each trimester.
- D. The apprentice should sporadically shadow Pastor Aaron on congregant visitations throughout the trimester. See Mandy DeWitt to schedule shadowing opportunities.