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## MAJOR CHOSEN: DOCTOR OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY

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### I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Doctor of Pastoral Theology degree is designed for pastors with a minimum of two years of pastoral experience and who hold the Master of Arts degree in a field of ministry training. This program especially seeks to accommodate those whose ministry responsibilities make participation in a regular seminary residence program impossible. The degree requires 60 hours beyond the Master of Arts degree and includes 3 hours of credit for the writing of a minimum 100-page dissertation on a ministry philosophy/practice topic pre-approved by the Dean of the Seminary.

### II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses you will especially enjoy:

*Ministry Management Principles* This course provides you with practical, time-tested principles of effective management as they apply to the local church and the Christian school. Topics to be covered include guidelines in leadership, effective communication, planning, organizing, implementing, and controlling.

*Expository Preaching from Biblical Historical Narrative* This course addresses vital hermeneutical principles for the interpretation and proclamation of the narrative sections of both the Old and New Testaments. One of the canons of Scripture, Old or New Testament, will be emphasized each week and written sermonic examples will be provided and discussed.

*Expository Preaching from Matthew* In this course you learn practical guidelines and hermeneutical principles involved in effective expository preaching from the Gospel of Matthew.

*The Pastor as Crisis Counselor* This class presents biblical strategies for handling crisis issues such as suicide, abuse, sexual perversion, addictive behaviors, marriage problems, divorce, terminal disease, and bereavement.



### III. AN OUTLINE OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Of the 60 hours required, 24 must be completed in-residence at BJU, and a maximum of 33 hours may be taken via satellite/video instruction from BJU’s Office of Extended Education with the prior approval of the Dean of the Seminary. In addition, you must complete the three-hour dissertation project. By following only the rotating schedule of two-week sessions in January and July, you could complete the in-residence portion of the program in as little as three years. A new cycle of ministry-related courses will be introduced every four years. You must select from the following courses.

The following course is required:  
 Ministry Dissertation Project ..... 3

24 hours must be selected from the following:  
 Ministry Principles & Practices ..... 4  
 Pastoral Ethics ..... 4  
 Interpretation and Application in Preaching ..... 4  
 Expository Preaching from Biblical Narratives ..... 4  
 Expository Preaching from Matthew ..... 4  
 Pre-Marital, Marital, and Family Counseling ..... 4  
 The Pastor as Crisis Counselor ..... 4  
 Current Biblical/Theological Issues ..... 4  
 The Theology and Practice of Prayer ..... 4

33 hours must be selected from the following:  
 Teaching Bible Principles ..... 2  
 Denominational Doctrines ..... 2  
 Church History ..... 3  
 Church History ..... 3  
 Church Meeting Management ..... 2  
 Crisis Counseling ..... 1  
 Premarital Counseling ..... 1  
 Family Counseling ..... 1  
 Foundations of Education ..... 3  
 Psychology of Education ..... 3  
 Philosophy of Education ..... 3  
 Reformation ..... 3  
 Baptist History ..... 2  
 Pastoral Ethics ..... 4  
 Ministry Financial Management ..... 4  
 Preaching Practicum ..... 3  
 Field Strategies in Missions ..... 3  
 Theological Issues on the Mission Field ..... 3  
 Biblical Geography & Archaeology ..... 3  
 Holy Land Studies ..... 3  
 European Studies: Early Modern Era ..... 3  
 New Testament Theology ..... 3  
 Old Testament Theology ..... 3  
 Fundamentals of Counseling ..... 3  
 Biomedical Ethics ..... 1  
 Christian Apologetics ..... 3  
 Total ..... 60

### IV. ABOUT THE FACULTY

All of our Seminary faculty members have extensive preaching experience in local churches, and over two-thirds of them have pastoral experience. Several are currently serving as pastors of small (and some not so small) churches on the weekends. These men know the problems of local churches, and they are sympathetic to the needs of pastors.

Several members of the faculty have been involved in writing material for Christian school textbooks, religious periodicals, and journals.



Here is a sampling of the faculty who teach in the program:

**Dr. David Beale**, chairman of the church history department, is a professor, renowned tour guide, and author. He earned B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at BJU and has taught here since 1978. He has authored numerous articles and books, the most recent of which is *The Mayflower Pilgrims: Roots of Puritan, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Baptist Heritage* (2000). He has led the “Mayflower” study tour group to England, Wales, Scotland, and Holland; and the “Seven Churches of Revelation and Footsteps of Paul” study tour group to Turkey.

**Dr. Steve Hankins**, dean of the Seminary and Graduate School of Religion, teaches courses in homiletics and Bible. As an undergraduate at BJU, he majored in Bible and public speaking. He later taught freshman speech. He received his M.A. in Bible and Ph.D. in New Testament Interpretation from BJU. He has been a member of the faculty since 1977, has over ten years of direct pastoral experience, and has authored two Bible textbooks and guides for Christian schools. He has spoken in over 500 churches and professional conferences and has served as a missionary lecturer in the Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Poland, Singapore and Malaysia.

**Dr. Randy Jaeggli**, chairman of the undergraduate division of Bible, served as pastor for four years before joining the BJU faculty in 1991. He earned his M.Div. and Ph.D. in Old Testament Interpretation from BJU, has taught courses in Hebrew and Bible, and has authored *More Like the Master*, a full-length study of the nature of God. He teaches an adult Sunday School class at his church in Greenville, and has also taught in Canada and Ukraine.

**Dr. Mark Minnick** received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from BJU and began teaching in 1980. He is currently a contributing editor of *Frontline* magazine. He was a contributing author of *From the Mind of God to the Mind of Man* and *God’s Word in Our Hands*. He also has served Mount Calvary Baptist Church (Greenville, SC) as senior pastor since 1989.

In addition, the classes in January and July are co-taught by some of the most experienced and successful pastors in America. This allows you to benefit from a great reservoir of knowledge and practical wisdom.

## V. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

**In the Ministry Resource Center** you will find a Christian periodical and tape library, duplicating equipment, complete topical files, and a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment.

**The Fundamentalism File** in the Mack Library provides a wealth of materials including over 110,000 articles on religious subjects and secular topics from a religious perspective.

**Davis Field House**, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.



**Completely equipped computer laboratories** are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.

**The Mack Library**, with 90,000 square feet of floor space and seating for over 1,200 students, gives you access to 294,000 volumes, 1,125 current periodical subscriptions, and more than 15,000 music, speech, and language recordings (in departmental library rooms elsewhere on campus). Mack Library offers access to over 65 electronic databases on the library web site. An interlibrary loan program is available through OCLC, a national database, for books not held in our library. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of the room in Westminster Abbey in London in which work was accomplished on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and history of the University.

**If you are planning to stay on campus**, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and there are awnings over the sidewalks to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Bookstore in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

## **VI. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION**

Bob Jones University understands the financial pressures you face and wants to do everything possible to help you afford your education. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America. The special January and July courses allow you to receive four hours of credit while paying for only three! In addition, you can take advantage of an extended payment plan that gives you up to six months to pay without any finance charge. Your Admissions Counselor or the Director of Student Financial Aid would be happy to discuss this with you.