

**Canadian Bible College
Calgary AB.
Foundations of Youth Ministry
CED/PST 324
Fall 2003**

Instructor: Rev. Tim Moore

I. Course Description

This course is an examination of the place of youth ministry in the total program and function of the local church. We will reflect on present and historical practise in youth ministry, and detect our convictions while evaluating our practices. We will pay special attention to the theological framework for repentance, grace, redemption, incarnation and hope in youth ministry. We will try to see clearly the community context of youth ministry. We will begin to think creatively in the areas of networks, resources, communications and curriculum. A framework for an ongoing honest assessment of improvement and spiritual readiness will be examined in youth ministry for the long haul.

II. Course Objectives

- A. To develop a theological and biblical framework of youth ministry in the local church.
- B. To examine a brief history of youth ministry.
- C. To develop a theological practise regarding repentance, grace, redemption, and hope as it applies to teens and perhaps parents.
- D. To think creatively when approaching “networks”, training resources and curriculum.
- E. To begin to determine the foundation for what a 14 year old disciple looks like.
- F. To develop a clearer understanding of being a career youth minister.
- G. To begin pulling together theological, cultural, developmental and sociological principles and understanding that will give rise to a philosophy of ministry.

III. Course Textbooks

Required Texts:

- Dean, Clark, & Rahan. ***Starting Right*** Zondervan Publishing House: Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2001.
- Robbins, Duffy. ***Youth Ministry Nuts and Bolts***. Eugene, OR. Wipf and Stock Publishing. 1999.
- God, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ. ***The Word of God***. World: Our Universe. 0.

Recommended Texts:

- Dunn R.R. *Reaching a Generation For Christ*. Moody Press: Chicago, Ill. 1997.
- Olson, Elliot, Work. *Youth Ministry Management Tools*. Zondervan: Grand Rapids. 2001.

IV. Course Attendance, Lateness and Participation:

In order to benefit from this course, each student is expected to attend and participate in all classes. Since this course is preparation for actually tasting what ministry will be like in the field, you are only allowed to miss (skip or ditch) 20% of scheduled classes. For each class missed you must have a substitute attend the class for you. A student missing more than 20% of scheduled classes will not be able to receive a passing grade for the course. In the cases of severe or prolonged illness, or other extenuating circumstances, the Academic Vice President may grant extensions. (This required attendance is very similar to having a job in Youth Ministry, if you don't attend you won't have a job for long).

V. Course Requirements

- A. Readings and Summaries:** Each student will complete at least ten (10) hours of reading from three texts listed in this syllabus. A five (5), page summary is to be completed on your entire readings. Please include the texts (in proper bibliographic form) the titles of the texts read. The content of the summaries is, simply tell your instructor what you learned. Do not critique the author's ability to write. **Due: November 25, 2003.**
- B. "God Talks":** Each student will present two "talks" which will be five to seven minutes in length. Each and all talks are to be typed and handed in to the instructor on our due date, while the delivery date may be some time later in our course of instruction. The topic of your two talks will be selected from the following short list, hope, grace, redemption, or repentance. Each outline and talk will consist of a title, illustration, scripture, two or three main points and verdict. Don't panic. Remember to begin delivery with title and illustration. We will try to follow a simple, hook, book, look and took, format. **Due: September 30, 2003.**
- C. Filing System:** Begin a filing system on the following six topics; self-esteem, peer pressure, student leadership, trends, parent teen relationships, sermon outlines, theological issues, and four others of your choice. There are to be three articles in each file. **Due: December 12-17, 2003.**
- D. Illustration File:** Each student is to build an illustration file. These illustrations are not copied from *Illustration books* or *Internet services!*

They are to be found in newspapers, magazines, TV shows, movies et cetera. This file must contain ten usable illustrations to “bring home” a theological point in a youth talk. Illustrations are to be labelled topically and theologically. Sources are to be noted, even if you just copy an article, write at the topic of the article, found where, and date topic theology.

Due: December 12-17, 2003.

E. “U-Asked For it”: Class participation is a big deal. When in ministry “networking” is a big deal. Therefore each student will submit ten questions that relate to youth ministry to be discussed in class.

Due: October 23, 2003.

F. “Your Teen Years”: Rewrite your teen years from age 13 to graduation from High School. Include ups and downs, failures/frustrations and successes you experienced as a teenager. Interact with these experiences and give account of how this will affect you as a youth pastor. This paper is to be typewritten and 3-5 pages in length.

Due: September 11, 2003.

G. Teen Interviews: Making contact with the teenage culture is essential for all youth workers. Your assignment is to create ten questions that would provide you with insight into a teenager’s world. You are to interview 3 teenagers (grades 7-12). You may share this assignment with another classmate. You are to submit these questions/answers and observations (what you learned) typewritten. Please include the sex and age of the teenagers interviewed. **Due: December 2, 2003.**

VI. Course Evaluation Summary

A. Reading Summaries	Value 15%	Due Date: Nov. 25
B. God Talks	Value 15%	Due Date: Sept 30
C. Filing System	Value 15%	Due Date: Dec 12-17
D. Illustration File	Value 15%	Due Date: Dec 12-17
E. Your Asked for it	Value 10%	Due Date: Oct. 23
F. Your Teen Years	Value 15%	Due Date: Sept. 11
G. Teen Interviews	Value15%	Due Date: Dec. 2

Recommended Reading List:

Benson, Warren. Senter, Mark. *The Complete Book of Youth Ministry*. Chicago, Ill: Moody Press. 1987

Borthwick, Paul. *Organizing Your Youth Ministry*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1988.

Burns, Jim. *The Youth Builder*. Eugene Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1988.

Burns, Ridge. *Create In Me a Youth Ministry*. Victor Books. 1986 & 1994.

Fields, Doug. *Purpose Driven Youth Ministry*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1988.

Christie, Les. *Unsung Heroes*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan. 1987.

Dausey, Gary. *The Youth Leaders Source Book*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan. 1983.

Johnston, Ray. *Developing Student Leaders*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan. 1992.

Overholt, Dave. & Penner, James. *Soul Searching the Millennial Generation*. Toronto, Ontario: Stoddart Publishing Co. Ltd. 2002.

Rice, Wayne. *Junior High Ministry (Revised Edition)*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan. 1987.