

**FOUNDATIONS OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY**  
**PTh 210**  
**Course Outline**  
**Fall, 1998**

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***Required Texts:***

DeVries, M. (1994). *Family-Based Youth Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Dunn, R.R., & Senter, M.H. (1997). *Reaching A Generation For Christ*. Chicago: Moody.

Fields, D. (1998). *Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Robbins, D. (1990). *The Ministry of Nurture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

***Course Description and Objectives:***

This introductory course will explore the complex and dynamic foundations of ministry to youth and their families. Through assigned readings, class discussion, written assignment, and field observation, the student will gain an understanding of the theological, developmental, and socio-cultural factors that shape and inform youth and family ministry. Special attention will be given to the family-based model and the practices of worship, discipleship, outreach, fellowship, and ministry.

***Course Schedule:***

<b>Class Dates:</b>	<b>Class Topics/Readings:</b>
Sept. 8	The Big Rocks: Character, Understanding, and Competency in Youth and Family Ministry
Sept. 10	What Will Come Out the End of the Tube?: A Framework for Understanding Youth and Family Ministry Readings: Ch. 1 <i>Reaching a Generation for Christ</i>
Sept. 15	Looking Behind to Look Ahead: A History of Youth Ministry Readings: Ch. 5 <i>Reaching A Generation For Christ</i> Ch. 1 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>



Nov. 5	Preparing Committed Youth: Discipleship Readings: Ch. 9 <i>Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry</i> Ch. 14 <i>The Ministry of Nurture</i>
Nov. 10	Challenging Core Youth: Ministry Readings: Ch. 10 <i>Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry</i> Ch. 15 <i>The Ministry of Nurture</i>
Nov. 12	No class: Mid-term break
Nov. 17	As The Mobile Turns: A Focus on the Family Readings: Ch. 4 & 5 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>
Nov. 19	Inclusive Family Ministry: Christian and Non-Traditional Families Readings: Ch. 6 & 7 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>
Nov. 24	The Tightrope: Extended Families vs. the Need for Independence Readings: Ch. 8 & 9 <i>Family-Based Youth Ministry</i>
Nov. 26	Called or Cursed to Youth and Family Ministry? Readings: Ch. 11 <i>Reaching A Generation For Christ</i>
Dec. 1	What We Do = Who We Are: Christ-like Character and Discipline Readings: Ch. 1 <i>Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry</i>
Dec. 3	Doing Less and Being More: Incarnational Relational Ministry Readings: Ch. 10 <i>Reaching A Generation For Christ</i> Ch. 2 <i>The Ministry of Nurture</i>

**Course Requirements:**

<b>Due:</b>	<b>Assignments:</b>	<b>Grade Weight:</b>
Oct. 9	Adolescent Spiritual Health Profile	25%
Oct. 26	Book Response: <i>The Ministry of Nurture</i>	20%
Nov. 16	Youth and Family Ministry Survey	25%
Dec. Exam Period	Comprehensive Exam	30%

**Course Guidelines:**

- 1) Attendance at class is expected from each student. After three (3) unexcused absences (per term), the instructor reserves the right to ask a student to withdraw from the class.
- 2) The written assignments are due on the dates specified. Extensions will only be granted upon request of the student at least two (2) weeks prior to the due date. In the case of illness or other extenuating circumstances, exceptions will be made.
- 3) Exams must be taken at the times specified. The student must inform the instructor immediately if there is a problem with taking a test on a certain date.

**Grade Structure:**

Percentage:	Letter Grade:	Grade Point Weight:
96-100	A+	4.0
91-95	A	4.0
86-90	A-	3.7
82-85	B+	3.3
75-81	B	3.0
72-74	B-	2.7
68-71	C+	2.3
63-67	C	2.0
60-62	C-	1.7
56-59	D+	1.3
50-55	D	1.0
0-49	F	

**On Reserve:**

Barna, G. (1995). *Generation Next: What You Need to Know About Today's Youth*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

Borgman, D. (1997). *When Kumbaya Is Not Enough: A Practical Theology for Youth Ministry*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers.

Ford, K.G. (1995). *Jesus For a New Generation*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Long, J. (1997). *Generating Hope*. Downer's Grove, IL; InterVarsity Press.

Shelton, C. (1989). *Adolescent Spirituality: Pastoral Ministry for High School and College Youth*. New York, NY: Crossroad Publishing Company.