



CM/THEO 705 Pastoral Theology Fall 2025

Professor: Blayne Banting, PhD, DMin
Email: bbanting@briercrest.ca
Phone: 306.801.4763
Course Dates: October 20-24, 2025
Course Delivery Method: In-Person Modular

3 Credit Hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the many dimensions of vocational and co-vocational pastoral ministry leading to wise pastoral praxis. Students will bring biblical and theological texts to bear on pastoral acts of preaching, pastoral care, baptism, and the Lord's Supper leading to more effective pastoral leadership within the contemporary culture. This course will also touch on issues such as planning, scheduling, dealing with the expectations of others, performing weddings and funerals, functioning effectively with church staff (paid and volunteer), handling conflict and criticism, avoiding burnout, and other day-to-day aspects of the ministry.

COURSE INTEGRATION

This course will explore many facets of pastoral ministry from a biblical framework, to equip each student to experience fruitfulness as a pastoral leader in today's culture as a shepherd, spiritual guide, theologian, and missional leader. This course will cover the historical/theological foundations of pastoral ministry, the pastor's spiritual and personal life, understanding ministry contexts locally and culturally, the ethical dimensions of pastoral functioning, leading a church in missional spirituality and disciple-making amidst the challenges and opportunities of pastoring in a secular culture, and developing an informed theology of pastoral functions within a community of faith.

COURSE TEXTS

Siang-Yang Tan. *Shepherding God's People: A Guide to Faithful and Fruitful Pastoral Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2019.

James W. Watson and Narry F. Santos, eds. *Tentmakers: Multivocational Ministry in Western Society*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022.

Douglas D. Webster. *Pastoral Identity: True Shepherds in the Household of Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Ministry, 2023.

William H. Willimon. *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*. Rev. ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2016.

Students are expected to refer to Briercrest Seminary's Format and Style Guides and Guide for Writing Research Papers, available as PDF documents here: <https://www.mybriercrest.ca/seminary/documents/>.

These texts are available in store and online at the Briercrest Bookstore: <http://briercrest.ca/bookstore>.

Students are responsible for course materials and communication on Canvas (<https://briercrest.instructure.com>) and their myBriercrest.ca email account.

SEMINARY-WIDE OUTCOMES

Students will graduate:

1. Describing and demonstrating evangelical faith and values. (Assignments 2,3,5)
2. Preparing to serve God's kingdom in its diversity. Describe God, God's kingdom, and your calling (vocational sensitivity) within it, including the types of contexts and people you feel best prepared to serve. (Assignments 1,2,3,5)
3. Participating in the action of our Triune God through formation of the soul (i.e., virtue and spiritual integrity), mind (academic rigour), and strength (vocation). (Assignments 1,2,5)

COURSE OUTCOMES

1. Develop an enlarged, theologically shaped, passion for and confidence in the roles and responsibilities of pastoral ministry with greater confidence and biblical convictions. (Assignment 1,2,3,5)
2. Commit to ongoing growth in personal and corporate spiritual formation and mission, personal time management and planning, and family priorities. (Assignment 5)
3. Express key values and skills needed to lead well in various areas of pastoral ministry such as worship services, preaching, care, leading leaders and boards, planning, conflict and change, baptisms, communion, weddings, and funerals. (Assignments 1,2,5)
4. Develop an approach to pastoral leadership that expresses itself in disciple-making and leadership development. (Assignments 2,4,5)
5. Develop a theology and practice for pastoral ethics. (Assignment 1,5)

COURSE OUTLINE AND CONTENT

Monday October 20

The Pastor as One Called

Morning: Theological Foundations/Calling/Ordination

Afternoon: Presentations of Classical Texts in Pastoral Theology

Tuesday October 21

The Pastor in Context

Morning: Understanding the Church

Afternoon: Corporate leadership; Change and Conflict Management

Wednesday October 22

The Pastor as Person

Morning: Spiritual and Character Formation, Self-leadership

Afternoon: Pastoral Ethics

Thursday October 23

The Pastor as Missiologist

Morning: Cultural Contexts in Ministry

Afternoon: Discipleship Pathways and Leadership Pipelines

Friday October 24

The Pastor as Shepherd

Morning: Pastoral functions

ASSIGNMENTS

Please submit all written assignments to Canvas.

Pre-Course Assignments:

1. Willimon Book Review

Each student will read and review Willimon's *Pastor* with special attention to his purpose for writing the book and the primary structure of his argument. The review will include two points which resounded positively with the reviewer and two that seemed the most provocative. The review will conclude with the reviewer's recommendation of the best target audiences for the book. The review will be 1000 words (4 pages).

Weighting: 10%

Due: October 20, 2025

2. Webster Book Review

Each student will read and review Webster's *Pastoral Identity* with special attention to his purpose for writing the book and the primary structure of his argument. The review will include an evaluation of Webster's "household of faith" ecclesiology and whether and how it might be incorporated into the student's practice of pastoral ministry. The review will be 1000 words (4 pages).

Weighting: 10%

Due: October 20, 2025

3. Historical Foundations Presentation

Each student will give a **20-minute** presentation on a classical text in pastoral theology in class. Each classical text is to be studied in terms of its author, content, context, contribution to the history of pastoral theology as well as contemporary relevance for pastoral ministry. A listing of appropriate texts and the amount of the work to be read is included below.

The choice of texts must be cleared with the professor by October 3, 2025. There will only be one presentation allowed per classic text, and they will be allotted on a first-come first-served basis.

The students will hand in their notes and extensive outline to the professor after the presentation and have the outline available to members of the class through PowerPoint and/or photocopies.

Pastoral Theology Texts

(Some of these texts may be accessed online, others may be accessed through libraries or purchased personally)

Ambrose – (4th Century)

1. *"On the Duties of the Clergy"*
2. Read Books I-III

Gregory of Nazianzus – (4th Century)

1. *"Oration II" or "In Defense of His Flight to Pontus, and His Return"*
2. Read the entire work

John Chrysostom – (4th Century)

1. *"On the Priesthood"*
2. Read Books I-VI

Gregory the Great – (6th Century)

1. *"Pastoral Rule"*
2. Read Parts I and II, and Part III Chapters I-XIX, and Part IV

George Herbert – (17th Century)

1. *"The Country Parson"*
2. Read the entire work

Richard Baxter - (17th Century)

1. *"The Reformed Pastor"*
2. Read the entire work in abridged format

John Owen – (17th Century)

1. *"Duty of Clergy and People Distinguished"*
2. Read the entire work

Charles Spurgeon – (19th Century)

1. *"Lectures to My Students"*
2. Read Chapters I-IV; XI-XV

Charles Jefferson – (19th-20th Centuries)

1. *"The Minister as Shepherd"*

2. Read the entire work

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – (20th Century)

1. *"Spiritual Care"*
2. Read the entire work

Reinhold Niebuhr – (20th Century)

1. *"Leaves from a Notebook of a Tamed Cynic"*
2. Read the entire work

Weighting: 30%

Due: October 20, 2025

Post-Course Assignments:

4. Watson, Santos Review

Each student will read and review this compilation volume and assess its primary purpose and the contribution to this purpose by each of the chapters. The reviewer will assess the role of multivocational (or covocational) to the ministry of the church in the future, including possible implications for the reviewer him/herself. The review will be 1000 words (4 pages).

Weighting: 10%

Due: December 19, 2025

5. Pastoral Ministry Rule of Life

Each student will read Tan's *Shepherding God's People* and develop a detailed pastoral rule of life for his/her practice of pastoral ministry. This will include both personal and vocational practices using the chapters in Tan's book as a guide. This rule will be detailed enough to guide regular practices but not so detailed as to become burdensome or legalistic. This rule will be 3700 words (15 pages).

Weighting: 40%

Due: December 19, 2025

SEMINARY CALENDAR

Students are expected to be aware of the policies that govern course work at Briercrest Seminary, all of which are published in the current Seminary Calendar:

<https://www.briercrestseminary.ca/academics/calendar/>.

Attendance Policy

In order to benefit fully from a seminary education, to be good stewards of time and finances, and to be considerate of their classmates and faculty members, students must be in class at every opportunity.

Modular Courses

Students are expected to attend 100 per cent of each modular for which they register. If this is impossible due to extenuating circumstances, arrangements must be made with the course professor before the first day of class. If extenuating circumstances prevent a student from attending class, a maximum of one (1) full day of class can be foregone. If additional time is missed, the student will fail the course unless they first request to withdraw from the course or move the course to an audit.

Online Courses

If extenuating circumstances prevent a student from attending scheduled meeting times, then up to 20% of meeting time can be foregone. Students missing scheduled meeting times should make every effort to inform the course professor prior to any time missed. If additional time is missed, the student will fail the course unless they first request to withdraw from the course or move the course to an audit.

Semester-Based Courses

All students missing more than two full weeks of a particular course from registration to the last day of classes will receive an automatic fail (0%). A student may appeal a course failure due to excessive absences. Successful appeals will be granted only in rare cases where all absences are clearly beyond the student's control. Appeals must be made through the Academic Appeal Process.

Modular Course Schedules

Modular classes begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning and run a minimum of 30 hours through the course of the week. The schedule is determined by the course professor. Students should check the syllabus for specifics. When the syllabus does not state class times, students are responsible to check with the professor prior to making travel plans.

Assignment Submission

All assignments must be submitted no later than eight weeks after the last day of class as stated in the syllabus. The correct due dates will be clearly noted in the syllabus and each faculty member will state in their syllabus how assignments should be submitted. Assignments submitted within a week after the due date will be accepted with a 10 per cent penalty. For additional information refer to the late assignment policy or the extension policy in the [academic calendar](#).

Return of Graded Assignments

Professors are expected to return graded assignments within six weeks of the due date. If they fail to do so, students may submit an inquiry to the [Seminary](#). If an extension is granted, the professor is no longer obligated to meet this deadline.

Academic Honesty

As members of the Briercrest learning community, students have a responsibility to conduct themselves with integrity and honour. Students who cheat on exams, plagiarize, inappropriately collaborate, or use generative AI without instructor authorization violate the trust placed in them by their instructors, fellow students, and the seminary. Any such actions constitute a breach of academic honesty and will result in serious consequences, such as failure of an assignment, failure of a course, or expulsion from the seminary.

Plagiarism, whether intentional or involuntary, is the submission of the work of others, published or unpublished, in whole or in part without acknowledgment or proper

documentation. All information, ideas and/or direct quotations taken from other primary or secondary sources must be documented appropriately.

Generative AI is an umbrella term for a type of machine learning and a group of algorithms that can create new content, such as text, code, images, videos, music, or a combination of all these formats. Generative AI produces output in response to a query or prompt using generative models such as Large Language Models (LLMs) that rely on large datasets. Generative AI features are also often embedded within tools such as Grammarly, allowing these tools to generate new content, such as the rewriting, paraphrasing, or summarizing of existing text. The generated responses of these tools are probabilistic, which can result in errors and biases in responses.

The use of generative AI to create audio or visual media, to produce outlines, to generate partial or complete drafts of assignments, to answer questions on quizzes or exams, or to edit the grammar of assignment drafts is considered unauthorized unless it is explicitly permitted by the course instructor in writing. All use of generative AI tools must be properly documented.

Students are responsible for ensuring they are using their sources and completing their assignments with transparency and honesty. For more details, consult the [Seminary Calendar](#) and the Briercrest Format Guide. In addition to being familiar with these pages, instructors assume that you have completed the Briercrest Academic Integrity course on [Canvas](#) and understand the information contained in it.

Academic Accommodations

Any student with a disability, injury, or health condition (mental or physical) who may need academic accommodations (permanent or temporary) should contact the ARC Coordinator in person (L234 in the Library), by phone (1-306-801-6159), or by email (arc@briercrest.ca). Documentation from a qualified practitioner will be required (i.e., medical doctor, psychologist, etc.). It is recommended that students meet with their professors to discuss the requirements of their accommodations (i.e., how the student will receive lecture notes, or how the professor wants to receive extension requests).

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Anderson, Leith. *A Church for the 21st Century*. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House, 1992.

Anderson, Lynn. *Freshness for the Far Journey*. Dallas, TX: Hope Network, 2000.

Anderson, Ray S. *The Shape of Practical Theology*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2001.

Anderson, Robert C. *The Effective Pastor*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 1985.

Armstrong, John H. *Your Church is Too Small*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010.

Arthurs, Jeffrey D. *Devote Yourselves to the Public Reading of Scripture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2012.

Bandy, Thomas G. *Christian Chaos*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1999.

- Banting, Blayne A. *Taking Up Preaching: The Spheres of the Preaching Life*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2023.
- Barton, Ruth Haley. *Pursuing God's Will Together*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2012.
- Belcher, Jim. *Deep Church*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2009.
- Bierly, Steve. *How to Thrive as a Small-Church Pastor*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1998.
- Blackaby, Henry and Richard Blackaby. *Spiritual Leadership*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2011.
- Bolsinger, Tod. *Tempered Resilience*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2020.
- Bonem, Mike and Roger Patterson. *Leading from the Second Chair*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2005.
- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Life Together*. Trans. by John Doberstein. New York, NY: Harper and Row, 1954.
- Burns, Bob et. al. *Resilient Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2013.
- Callahan, Kennon L. *Small, Strong Congregations: Creating Strengths and Health for Your Congregation*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2000.
- Carson, D. A. *Memoirs of an Ordinary Pastor*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2008.
- Carver, John. *Boards that Make a Difference*. 2nd ed. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 1997.
- Chandler, Matt, Josh Patterson and Eric Geiger. *Creature of the Word*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2012.
- Cladis, George. *Leading the Team-Based Church*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 1999.
- Clinton, J. Robert. *The Making of a Leader*. 2nd ed. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2012.
- Collier, Winn. *A Burning in My Bones*. Colorado Springs, CO: Waterbrook, 2021.
- Cordeiro, Wayne. *Doing Church as a Team*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 2001.
- _____. *Leading on Empty*. Bloomington, MN: Bethany House, 2010.
- Cousins, Don, et. al. *Mastering Church Management*. Portland, OR: Multnomah, 1990.
- Creps, Earl. *Off-Road Disciplines. Spiritual Adventures of Missional Leaders*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2006.
- _____. *Reverse Mentoring: How Young Leaders Can Transform the Church and Why We Should Let*

- Them*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2008.
- Daman, Glenn C. *Leading the Small Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2006.
- _____. *The Forgotten Church*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2018.
- Dawn, Marva and Eugene Peterson. *The Unnecessary Pastor*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000.
- Dever, Mark. *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*. 3rd ed. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013.
- DeYoung, Kevin and Ted Kluck. *Why We Love the Church*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2009.
- Dodson, Jonathan K. *The Unwavering Pastor*. Epsom, UK: Good Book Company, 2022.
- Dudley, Carl. *Effective Small Churches in the Twenty-First Century*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2003.
- Dykstra, Robert C. ed. *Images of Pastoral Care: Classic Readings*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice, 2005.
- Eswine, Zach. *The Imperfect Pastor*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.
- Ferguson, Dave and Jon Ferguson. *Exponential*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010.
- Ferguson, Dave and Warren Bird. *Hero Maker*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2018.
- Ferguson, Everett. *The Church of Christ: A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1996.
- Fisher, David. *The 21st Century Pastor*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1996.
- Fitch, David E. *The Great Giveaway: Reclaiming the Mission of the Church from Big Business, Parachurch Organizations, Psychotherapy, Consumer Capitalism and Other Modern Maladies*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005.
- _____. *Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2016.
- Frazee, Randy. *The Connecting Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001.
- Galindo, Israel. *The Hidden Lives of Congregations*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 2004.
- Gallaty, Robby and Chris Swain. *Replicate: How to Create a Culture of Disciple-making Right Where You Are*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2020.
- Gangel, Kenneth O. *Feeding and Leading*. Wheaton, IL: Victor, 1989.
- Getz, Gene A. *Elders and Leaders*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2003.

Gibbs, Eddie. *Churchmorph*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2009.

_____. *ChurchNext*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2000.

Gibson, Scott M. *Preaching with a Plan: Sermon Strategies for Growing Mature Believers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2012.

Greene, Colin and Martin Robinson. *Metavista: Bible, Church, and Mission in an Age of Imagination*. Milton Keynes, UK: Authentic, 2008.

Grenz, Stanley J. and Roy D. Bell. *Betrayal of Trust: Confronting and Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1995.

Guder, Darrell, ed. *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998.

Gushee, David P. and Walter C. Jackson. *Preparing for Christian Ministry*. Wheaton, IL: Victor, 1996.

Halter, Hugh and Matt Smay. *And. The Gathered and Scattered Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011.

Hansen, David. *The Art of Pastoring*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1994.

Hartwig, Ryan T. and Warren Bird. *Teams That Thrive*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2015.

Helland, Roger and Leonard Hjalmarsen. *Missional Spirituality*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2011.

Helland, Roger. *The Devout Life: Plunging the Depths of Spiritual Renewal*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2017.

Helopoulos, Jason. *The New Pastor's Handbook*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2015.

Henderson, Daniel. *Defying Gravity. How to Survive the Storms of Pastoral Ministry*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2010.

Herrington, Jim, Mike Bonem and James H. Furr. *Leading Congregational Change*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2000.

_____, R. Robert Creech and Trisha Taylor. *The Leader's Journey*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2003.

Hiestand, Gerald and Todd Wilson. *The Pastor Theologian: Resurrecting an Ancient Vision*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015.

Hirsch, Alan. *The Forgotten Ways*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2006.

- Hirsch, Alan and Dave Ferguson. *On the Verge*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011.
- Horner, David. *A Practical Guide for Life and Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2008.
- Hughes, R. Kent. *The Pastor's Book: A Comprehensive and Practical Guide to Pastoral Ministry*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.
- Hull, Bill. *The Disciple-making Pastor*. Rev. ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2007.
- Im, Daniel. *No Silver Bullets. Five Small Shifts That Will Transform Your Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2017.
- _____. *The Discipleship Opportunity: Leading a Great-Commission Church in a Post-Everything World*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2024.
- Jethani, Skye. *Immeasurable. Reflections on the Soul of Ministry in the Age of Church, Inc.* Chicago, IL: Moody, 2017.
- Jenkins, Michael. *Letters to New Pastors*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2006.
- Johnson, H. Eugene. *Duly and Scripturally Qualified*. Cincinnati, OH: Standard Publishing, 1975.
- Johnston, Ron. *Reality Check for the Church. Discovering a Unique Vision for the Small Church*. Winnipeg, MB: Word Alive, 2013.
- Keller, Timothy. *Center Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.
- Kim, Matthew D. *7 Lessons for New Pastors*. 2nd ed. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2021.
- Kim, Seong Soo. *Philosophy of Christian Ministry*. Longwood, FL: Xulon, 2013.
- Laniak, Timothy S. *Shepherds After My Own Heart*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.
- Larson, Bruce, et.al. *Mastering Pastoral Care*. Portland, OR: Multnomah, 1990.
- Larson, David L. *Caring for the Flock*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1991.
- Lauterbach, Mark. *The Transforming Community*. Ross-Shire, UK: Christian Focus, 2003.
- Liederbach, Mark and Alvin L. Reid. *The Convergent Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2009.
- Lischer, Richard. *Open Secrets*. New York, NY: Broadway, 2001.
- London, H.B. Jr. and Neil B. Wiseman. *They Call Me Pastor*. Ventura, CA: Regal, 2000.
- Lott, David B, ed. *Conflict Management in the Church*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 2001.

- Macchia, Stephen A. *Becoming a Healthy Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1999.
- MacDonald, Gordon. *Ordering Your Private World*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1985.
- _____. *Who Stole My Church? What to do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2007.
- Malphurs, Aubrey. *Being Leaders*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2003.
- _____ and Will Mancini. *Building Leaders*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2004.
- _____. *Leading Leaders*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005.
- _____. *Ministry Nuts and Bolts*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 1997.
- McHugh, Adam S. *Introverts in the Church*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2009.
- _____. *The Listening Life: Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2015.
- McIntosh, Gary L and Charles Arn. *What Every Pastor Should Know*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2013.
- McKnight, Scot. *Kingdom Conspiracy*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2014.
- _____. *A Fellowship of Differents*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.
- _____ and Laura Barringer. *A Church Called Tov*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 2020.
- Meier, Paul, et. al. *What They Didn't Teach You in Seminary*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1993.
- Miller, Calvin. *Letters to a Young Pastor*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2011.
- Morgan, Tony. *The Unstuck Church*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2017.
- Nelson, Gary V. *Borderland Churches*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice, 2008.
- Nieuwhof, Carey. *Didn't See It Coming*. New York, NY: Waterbrook, 2018.
- _____. *At Your Best*. New York, NY: Waterbrook, 2021.
- Nouwen, Henri J.M. *In the Name of Jesus*. New York, NY: Crossroad, 1993.
- _____. *The Wounded Healer*. Garden City, NY: Image, 1972.
- Oden, Thomas C., ed. *Classical Pastoral Care*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1987-1994.
- _____. *Pastoral Theology*. New York, NY: Harper and Row, 1983.

Osborne, Larry. *Sticky Teams: Keeping Your Leadership Staff on the Same Page*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010.

Peterson, Eugene H. *Under the Unpredictable Plant*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1992.

_____. *Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1980.

_____. *The Contemplative Pastor*. Carol Stream, IL: Christianity Today, 1989.

_____. *The Pastor*. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2011.

_____. *Working the Angles*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1987.

Prime, Derek and Alistair Begg. *On Being a Pastor*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2004.

Piper, John. *Brothers, We are Not Professionals*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2013.

Proeschold-Bell, Rae Jean and Jason Byassee. *Faithful and Fractured: Responding to the Clergy Health Crisis*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2018.

Purves, Andrew. *The Search for Compassion: Spirituality and Ministry*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/ John Knox, 1989.

_____. *The Crucifixion of Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2007.

_____. *Reconstructing Pastoral Theology*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 2004.

_____. *The Resurrection of Ministry*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2010.

Putman, Jim. *Church is a Team Sport*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2008.

Rainer, Thom and Eric Geiger. *Simple Church*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2006.

Rendle, Gil and Alice Mann. *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 2003.

Richardson, Ronald W. *Creating a Healthier Church*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 1996.

Robinson, Anthony B. *Transforming Congregational Culture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003.

Root, Andrew. *The Relational Pastor*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2013.

_____. *Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2014.

_____. *Faith Formation in a Secular Age*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2017.

_____. *The Pastor in a Secular Age*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2019.

- _____. *The Congregation in a Secular Age*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2021.
- _____. *The Churches and the Crisis of Decline*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2022.
- _____. *The Church After Innovation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2022.
- Roxburgh, Alan J. and Fred Romanuk. *The Missional Leader*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2006.
- Russell, Bob. *After Fifty Years of Ministry*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2016.
- Sanders, J. Oswald. *Spiritual Leadership*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 1980.
- Sayers, Mark. *Disappearing Church*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2016.
- _____. *Reappearing Church*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2019.
- _____. *Platforms to Pillars: Trading the Burden of Performance for the Freedom of God's Presence*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2025.
- Scalise, Charles J. *Bridging the Gap*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2003.
- Scazzero, Peter. *The Emotionally Healthy Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010.
- _____. *The Emotionally Healthy Leader*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015.
- _____. *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2021.
- Scroggins, Clay. *How to Lead When You're Not In Charge*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017.
- _____. *How to Lead in a World of Distraction*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.
- Seamands, Stephen. *Ministry in the Image of God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2006.
- Senkbeil, Harold L. *The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2019.
- Shawchuck, Norman and Roger Heuser. *Leading the Congregation*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1993.
- Sisk, Ronald D. *The Competent Pastor*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 2005.
- Smith, C. Christopher and John Pattison. *Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2014.
- Sparks, Paul, Tim Soerens and Dwight J. Friesen. *The New Parish*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2014.
- Spurgeon, Charles H. *Lectures to My Students*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1954.

- Stanley, Andy. *Deep and Wide*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.
- Steinke, Peter L. *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 2006.
- _____. *Healthy Congregations*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 1996.
- _____. *How Your Church Family Works*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 1993.
- Stevens, R. Paul and Phil Collins. *The Equipping Pastor*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 1993.
- Stone, Charles. *People-pleasing Pastors: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Approval-motivated Leadership*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2014.
- _____. *Every Pastor's First 180 Days*. Colorado Springs, CO: Equip, 2019.
- Stone, Sam E. *The Christian Minister*. Cincinnati, OH: Standard Publishing, 1991.
- Stott, John R.W. *The Living Church*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2007.
- Stowell, Joseph M. *Shepherding the Church*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 1997.
- Taylor, Cam and Alan Simpson. *Between Pastors*. Bolton, ON: Outreach Canada Ministries, 2014.
- Thompson, James W. *Pastoral Ministry According to Paul*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2006.
- Thompson, Jon. *Convergence*. Ajax, ON: Sanctus Church, 2018.
- Thurneysen, Eduard. *A Theology of Pastoral Care*. Trans. by Jack Worthington. Richmond, VA: John Knox, 1962.
- Tidball, Derek. *Skillful Shepherds: Explorations in Pastoral Theology*. Leicester, UK: Apollos, 1997.
- Trull, Joe E. and James E. Carter. *Ministerial Ethics*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2004.
- Trull Joe E. and R. Robert Creech. *Ethics for Christian Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2017.
- Vanderbloemen, William and Warren Bird. *Next. Pastoral Succession that Works*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2014.
- Van Gelder, Craig. *The Essence of the Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2000.
- Vaters, Karl. *Small Church Essentials. Field-Tested Principles for Leading a Healthy Congregation of Under 250*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2018.
- Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995.

Watson, James W. and Narry F. Santos. *Tentmakers: Multivocational Ministry in Western Society*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022.

Wegner, Rob and Jack Magruder. *Missional Moves*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.

Weese, Carolyn and J. Russell Crabtree. *The Elephant in the Boardroom. Speaking the Unspoken About Pastoral Transitions*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2004.

White, James Emery. *What They Didn't Teach You in Seminary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011.

Wiersbe, David W. *The Dynamics of Pastoral Care*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2000.

Wilder, Jim and Michel Henrichs. *The Other Half of Church: Christian Community, Brain Science, and Overcoming Spiritual Stagnation*. Chicago, IL: Moody, 2020.

Willimon, William H. *Calling and Character*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2000.

_____. *Pastor*. Rev. ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2016.

_____. *Pastor. A Reader for Ordained Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2002.

_____. *Leading with the Sermon*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2020.

Wilson, Jared C. *The Pastor's Justification*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013.

Wilson, Jim L. *Pastoral Ministry in the Real World*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2015.

Witt, Lance. *Replenish: Leading from a Healthy Soul*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011.

Wolff, Randy. *Maximum Discipleship in the Church*. Langley, BC: Paperlift, 2017.

_____. *Navigating Church Politics*. Langley, BC: Paperlift, 2017.