***06PT6265: Foundations of Youth Ministry***

***Building a Healthy, Thriving Youth Ministry: Sharing Life with Youth***

2 credits     Thursdays       February 3- May 19

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Course Description:  This course explores the biblical, theological and sociological vision and methodology of reaching young people today through family ministry. We will look at the role of the local Church, the family, youth workers, and mentors. A practical course to give a strong foundation for effective youth work in a local church or para-church by studying biblical frameworks for an effective philosophy of ministry to evangelize and disciple today’s youth. The needs of youth today will discussed and the healthy development of the youth pastor, a trained leadership team and partnering with parents to develop a transformational ministry to youth in the local church.

Course Outline

Feb. 3- What is a Strong, Thriving, Healthy Youth Ministry in 2021?           1 Thess. 1 & 2; Deut. 6

Feb. 10- What are the Characteristics of a Teenage Disciple?                      John 15; Luke 2:52

Feb. 17- Developing an Effective Biblical Philosophy of Youth Ministry     1 Cor. 3:10-17

Feb. 24- Developing a Leadership Team that Effectively Reaches Youth    1 Cor. 12

March 3- Discipling Young People: Sharing Life                                               2 Timothy 2:2

March 10 Determining Real Needs of Youth                                                    Mark 2

March 17- Reading Week

March 24- Adolescent Development and Discipleship                                   Col. 1:28-29

March 31- Cultural Stresses of Young People Today                                      2 Timothy 3

April 7- The Professional Youth Worker: Call, Personal Life, Disciplines, Skills, Pitfalls   1 Peter 5

April 14- Easter Break

April 21- Building a Thriving, Growing Ministry Program that Transforms    Acts 2; 1 Cor. 13

April 28- Upward and Outward: Effective Outreach in Youth Ministry               Matthew 28

May 5- - Critical Issues of Youth Ministry                                                                       1 Cor. 13

May 16-20 Exam Week

***Grading: All assignments will be discussed on day one with clarity.  All Assignments are to handed in and  delivered  in hard copy with full name on it- no name, no grade. No Email, hard copy.***

20%   **Attendance and Engagement.** On time the Whole Time; Fully engaged in lectures and discussions.

15%  **Philosophy of Ministry Paper**    300-500 words stating and defending your Philosophy of Ministry

15%   **Book Responses**     300-500 words responding to 5  books

15% **Personal Growth Plan for Next 3 years**    300-500 words

15%  **One Year Calendar of Youth Program**   to be presented to Session and Families

10%   **Quiz on lectures** Midterm  March 10th

10%   **Final Quiz on Lectures**   Last day of class  May 5th

Required Texts:

1. English Bible
2. Sustainable Youth Ministry Mark Devries
3. This Way to Youth Ministry     Duffy Robbins
4. Sticky Faith   Kara Powell
5. Youth Ministry Management Tools   Mike Work
6. Being Young – A Biblical Theology of Youth   Paul Kelly