



CHPL5380 Principles of Church Planting
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Seminary Division of Church Ministry
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NAMB Church Planting and Ministry
Center

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

In this course, students will become familiar with key principles related to church planting. Emphasis will be given to the biblical basis of church planting/replanting, the motivation for church planting/replanting, and factors making for effective church planters/replanters. Various models of church planting will be addressed as well as factors effective in the growth of new churches. Students will also be introduced to the respective church planting strategies of the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to help fulfill the Great Commission, the students, by the end of the course, should:

1. Be able to apply their knowledge and comprehension of the biblical, theological, historical, and cultural foundations of church planting/replanting to the process of starting new churches and replanting dying churches.
2. Understand the calling and giftedness for the role of church planter/replanter and the unique role of church planting team members.
3. Value strategic concerns affecting the planting of new churches and replanting of dying churches.
4. Be able to accomplish the following:
 - a) Develop a plan for a new church plant/replant.
 - b) Advocate church planting/replanting among Southern Baptists.

Textbooks

Payne, J. D. *Apostolic Church Planting*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2015.

Stetzer, Ed., Im, Daniel. *Planting Missional Churches: Your Guide to Starting Churches That Multiply*, Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2016.

Required Blogs, Ebooks, and Resources

These resources are **free**.

Payne, J. D. "Ethical Guidelines for Church Planters: A Suggested Proposal"
<https://www.idpayne.org/2010/02/ethical-guidelines-for-church-planters/>

Ecclesiological Guidelines for Church Planters: <https://chucklawless.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/cp-and-ecclesiology.pdf>

SEND NETWORK EBOOK: "5 Marks of a Healthy Planter"
<https://www.namb.net/send-network/resource/5-marks-of-a-healthy-planter/>

SEND NETWORK EBOOK: "Co-Vocational Church Planting"
<https://www.namb.net/send-network/resource/ebook-covocational-church-planting/>

George Ross BLOG: Cultivating Self Awareness
<https://www.georgeross.net/blog/5pma67acm05fk078er0fsxfqmd3reb>

George Ross BLOG: Hospitality as a Missional Strategy
<https://www.georgeross.net/blog/gvlqzttyahey2mjz2fmm486nw4jzr2>

George Ross BLOG: Don't Lose Your Urgency in Church Planting:
<https://www.georgeross.net/blog/lha59wjinnmhyglb4gjqvq72ys86cwp>

George Ross BLOG: 10 Practical Ideas for Developing a Strategic Prayer Partnership with a Church Plant
<https://www.georgeross.net/blog/2xfpvle5oe4v1iz1ota89pbem1m8ly>

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

A variety of teaching methods will be utilized such as class presentations by the professor using Power Point and handouts. Other teaching methods include small and large group discussion, group projects, multi-media presentations, utilization of missions related websites, and other communication mediums. A Blackboard shell for the class will be utilized extensively as a resource for students. Students will be expected to be thoroughly prepared for class discussions through readings and the Blackboard weekly unit supplements.

Course Requirements

1. **Pre-Class Work:** Read Stetzer and Payne textbooks and upload 3-5 page reading reports that include book summary, strength and weakness, and personal application. **Due May 19th.**
2. **Pre-Class Work:** Ethical and IEM Paper. Students are to download and read "Ethical Church Guidelines" and "Ecclesiological Guidelines" and complete a 5-8-page critical reflection paper answering the following questions: "Why are Ethical Church Planting

Guidelines important for Church Planting?” and “What is the Irreducible Ecclesiological Minimum in order for a local church to exist?” In other words, what is necessary for the church to come into existence among any people, in any location, at any time? This assignment will be evaluated on how well the student has thought through his or her ethics and ecclesiology. Students must interact with both papers and scripture in their reflection paper. **Due May 19th**.

3. **Pre-Class Work:** Download and have all eBooks and blogs accessible for in class discussion. **Due May 22nd**.
4. **Pre-Class Work:** Contextualization and Potential Plant Report. Each student must do a 3- mile demographic summary on their zip code or a future potential planting zip code, using the NAMB Demographic tool <https://www.namb.net/contact/demographics-request/>. Students must submit a 3-page summary of findings that include demographic, economic, cultural insights and a projected church planting location and target group based on the findings. **Due May 19th**.
5. **Post Class Work:** Send Network Field Missionary Interview. Students must identify a NAMB Field Missionary in North America (Church Planting Catalyst, Church Planting Leader, Send City Missionary or Send Network Director) and conduct an interview. Write a reflection paper 5-8 pages answering the following questions. **Due June 28th**.
 - a. How did you get to be in your role?
 - b. Tell me about church planting needs in your city, state, and/or region?
 - c. What did church planting look like the past 10 years?
 - d. What do you see happening in church planting the next 10 years?
 - e. What does it mean to engage the city, make disciples and plant a church in your context? Would you say this is biblical church planting?
 - f. What are some of the barriers to church planting in your city, state, and/or region?
 - g. What are some of the benefits to church planting in your city, state, and/or region?
 - h. What advice would you give me, if I wanted to plant a church in the next 3-5 years?
 - i. What would be the next steps for someone who wanted to plant a church in your city, state, and/or region?
 - j. What is be benefit to planting with the Send Network?
6. Guest Lecturers will present via video and in person. Students will summarize and synthesize content in a 1-2 page report following Turabian Guidelines 5%. The professor will give instruction before each assignment. **Due June 28th**.

Grading Rubric:

Reading Reports- 10%

Ethical and IEM Assignment- 30%

Send Network Field Staff Interview- 50%

Class Participation/Guest Lectures- 10%

GRADING SCALE

A: 93 – 100

B: 85 – 92

C: 77 – 84

D: 70 – 76

F: below 70

COURSE SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22nd

1:00p-4:00p and 6:00p-9:00p

Tuesday, May 23rd-Thursday, May 25th

8:00a-11:00a and 1:00p-4:00p

Friday, May 26th

8:00a-12:00p

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/- Email for general technical questions/support requests.
2. Selfserve@nobts.edu- Email technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu or My.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, Faculty portal, etc.)
3. Canvas@nobts.edu Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to Canvas.nobts.edu / nobts.instructure.com.
4. Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu - Email technical questions/support requests with Bluejeans and NOBTS Bluejeans classrooms (On and Off-Campus).
5. TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu- Email technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Nextiva Phone system.
6. [504.816.8180](tel:504.816.8180) - Call for any technical questions/support requests. (Currently available Mon-Thurs 7:00am-9:00pm & Fri 7:00-7:00pm Central Time).

Attendance Policy

Intensive and Weekend Hybrid Classes: Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Because of the nature of the intensive, students who miss any portion of the class may receive a grade of “F” for the course.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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