

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION
—Course Requirements—
Spring 2015

Description: The study of the biblical basis of the church; its government and discipline; the offices, qualifications, and duties of church leaders; effective church management.

READINGS

WEEK

- II —Palmer, B.M. *The Family*
Pp. 195-214 (The family as the germ of the Church)
—Bannerman, Douglas *The Scripture Doctrine of the Church* (on Reserve; otherwise, electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 88-96 (OT names for the Church)
Pp. 97-103 (OT gov't)
- III —Bannerman, Douglas. Pp. 122-162 (Synagogue System)
—Miller, Samuel. *The Ruling Elder* (available at http://www.reformed.org/books/ruling_elder/)
Pp. 20-48 (OT/Synagogue system)
- IV —Bannerman, **James**. *The Church of Christ*, vol. I. (on Reserve; otherwise, electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 421-435 (office of the minister)
—Murray, John. *Collected Writings*, vol. II
Pp. 357-365 (Offices in the Church)
- V —Clowney, Ed. *Called to the Ministry*, pp. 26-90
—Spurgeon, Chs. *Lectures to My Students* (electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 22-41 (Call to the Ministry)
—Bridges, Chs. *Christian Ministry* (electronic copy in books.google.com)
Pp. 1-5; 24-31)
- VI —Miller. Pp. 49-72 (NT Church evidence)
—Adams, J. *Shepherding God's Flock: The Pastoral Life* (I)
Chapters I-X, pp. 1-70
- VII —Murray, John. Vol. I. Pp. 260-68 (Govt of Church of Christ)
—Murray. Vol. II. Pp. 336-44 (Govt of the Church)
—Murray. Vol. II. Pp. 345-350 (Form of Govt)
- VIII —Bannerman, James Vol. II. Pp. 260-95 (Prelacy)
—Bannerman, James Vol. II. Pp. 296-331 (Congregationalism)
—(Recommended: Witherow, Thomas. *The Apostolic Church: Which Is It?*)
- IX —Knight, George. "Two Offices and Two Orders of Elders" in *Pressing toward the Mark...*, pp. 23-32
—Hodge, Charles. "What Is Presbyterianism?"
- Read Any Three of the Following Essays in Order in the Offices:**
- Miller, Steven. "The NT Warrant for the Minister"
—Clowney, Edmund. "A Brief for Church Governors"
—Eckardt, Robert. "Two Offices within the Eldership"

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- Kinneer, Jack. “Priesthood and Ministry”
 - Coppes, Leonard. “Three NT Offices”
 - Rayburn, Robert S. “Ministers, Elders and Deacons”
 - (Extra: Hodge, Chs. “Warrant and Theory of Ruling Eldership”
- X —*Constitution of the BP Church*. Pp. 127-60 (Form of Govt) or an alternate form of government
- Miller, Samuel. “Selections from *The Ruling Elder*” [=reserve booklet or online at <http://www.swrb.com/newslett/actualNLS/RulElder.htm>]
- Hyland, W.S. “Return of the Diaconate” in *Journal of Pastoral Practice*, V:1, pp. 7-20
- XI —Bannerman, James Vol. II. Pp. 186-200 (Discipline)
- Harris, T.J. “The Challenge and Beauty of Church Discipline” in *Antithesis*, I:3, pp. 22-26
Online at <http://www.reformed.org/webfiles/antithesis/index.html>
- Fisher, G.R, “...When Church Discipline Fails” in *Journal of Pastoral Practice*, V:3, pp. 35-38
- XII —*BP Book of Discipline* (or alternate book of church discipline)
- Adams, Jay. *Handbook of Church Discipline*
OR Wray, D. “Biblical Church Discipline”
- XIII —Sande, Ken. *The Peace Maker* (you may skip chpts 3 & 5 if you like)
- XIV —Adams, J. *Shepherding God’s Flock: Leadership* (III)

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS (first two due by midterm; the last due before final)

- 1) Write a biblically based, theological essay (two pages typed or three pages by hand) on “The uniqueness of the office of the minister.” Is this calling on a par with other vocations (viz., are all callings as “one” before God), or does it involve a special equipping and unique commissioning in contradistinction to secular employment?
Support with biblical references; start by looking at I Cor. 9:16, Gal. 1, Eph. 3, I Tim. 1, Heb. 5, and pre-read the assignments pertaining to “the call.”
- 2) Read at least two commentaries on I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 and then catalog in an alphabetical glossary the qualifications of deacons and elders. Define and explain/illustrate these qualifications in your glossary and include the text reference for each term.
OR you may skip assignments 1 and 2 and write a five page paper on an approved subject like “Biblical teaching on women holding church office.”
OR, you may skip assignments 1 and 2 in order to read a book like *Management: A Biblical Approach* by Rush, or *Management for Christian Leaders* by Hendrix. Submit a synopsis of your book, one paragraph per chapter.
- 3) Do Adam’s student project on pages 501-503 of the “Leadership” section. The program planner as found in Appendix C may be applied to your present church or one you have recently and regularly attended. Don’t name the church.

GRADING

2 Exams = 50% Readings = 25% Assignments = 20% Attendance = 5%