

Emmaus Bible Church | Residency Program Summary of Papers and Training

The residency is a rigorous immersion into pastoral ministry. Residents will write several papers, read a number of books, attend classes on preaching, shadow pastors in regular ministry, have opportunities to lead ministry, and disciple others.

The program provides a realistic expectation of what pastoral ministry looks and feels like while also providing a context to assess personal gifting and desire. Residents can expect to spend about 60% of their time reading, writing, in discussions, or receiving tailored training. The rest of the time will be spent working on various projects, meeting with church members, discipling, evangelizing, and other items.

Papers

Residents will write a number of short papers interacting with the reading material. These papers will serve as fodder for our weekly discussions. The complete list of categories, books, and schedule is included in the excel spreadsheet titled “schedule”.

Residents will write thirteen longer papers on a specific subject. These papers will be eight pages, double-spaced, and based upon the books assigned for this subject. The papers are listed below.

1. Initial Paper: residency expectations and hopes, 2 pages (Due 1/2)
2. Life and Ministry Paper, 2 pages (Due 1/2)
3. Reformation Paper, 3 pages (Due 1/2)
4. Worship Paper, 8 pages (Due 3/2)
5. Philosophy of Ministry Paper, 8 pages (Due 4/6)
6. Mission of the Church Paper, 8 pages (Due 5/25)
7. Pastoral Ministry Paper, 8 pages (Due 7/20)
8. Preaching Paper, 8 pages (Due 8/24)
9. Ordinances Paper, 8 pages (Due 9/21)
10. Membership Paper, 8 pages, (Due 10/19)
11. Missions Paper, 8 pages, (Due 11/23)
12. Personal Godliness Paper, 8 pages (Due 12/21)
13. Final Paper, 4 pages (Due 12/31)

Practicums

Residents will also received tailored training about an aspect of ministry. These practicums will begin in July. They are listed below.

1. Stewardship: gifts, time, rest, health, family, and ministry (July: 5, 12, 19)
2. Preaching and Teaching class, (August: 2, 9, 16, 23)
3. Sermon Reading, (September 6, 13, 20)
4. Pastoral Productivity and Efficiency, (October 4, 11, 18)
5. Preaching Workshop & Training, (November 1, 8, 15, 22)

Final Notes

Residents will be able to attend the Simeon Trust Workshop in November. Also, there may be opportunities to travel with Erik to conferences and churches.

Please also note that June is a rest month with no reading or writing assigned. There will still be work and ministry opportunities; however, the pace will slow down considerably. Erik will also take vacation during this month.

Please do review the complete training schedule for the upcoming year.