

Finally ... Understand the Bible!

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

HANDBOOK

WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES 7-9PM

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WITH
MARK PFEIFER



"Attending the School of Ministry was one of the best investments of my time and money that I've ever made. Classes are exciting, challenging, relevant and life-changing, I've received several degrees in my lifetime, but this is the most precious. What I've learned here I will carry into eternity."

-CHRIS MEADE



"I work on the line...in a factory. I didn't take the School of Ministry to propel me into some position. I took this school so that I can make a difference. This class has taught me how to challenge my co-workers to be spiritual leaders of their families, and to be more in their lives."

-GREG BEARD

ATTEND CLASS **LIVE OR ONLINE**

READ MORE ...

YOU CAN TAKE CLASSES **ONLINE!**



WATCH FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!

If you'd like to join the school but can't drive each week—no problem! You can join class **ONLINE** by simply registering at SomaSchools.com or sending in the application form in this booklet!

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SOMASCHOOLS.COM

**ORIENTATION FOR 2024 CLASSES
WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023
AT THE SOMA BUILDING
75 N. PAINT ST. CHILLICOTHE**

**CLASSES BEGIN ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024**

ONLINE students will have access to the Soma Schools private Facebook page!

MARK PFEIFER

YOUR INSTRUCTOR



How long have you been teaching?

I've been teaching for 30 years. But the important thing is how long a person has been learning and experiencing. What I'm most excited about is taking a lifetime of ministry experience and sharing that with our students.

What is a normal class like?

The room is alive and vibrant with revelation coming from the entire class. We have detailed notes that we move through during the class to dive deep into each subject.



What do students get out of taking this class?

Wow-that's a loaded question. The #1 thing though that I always hear after a student finishes is how prepared they feel to continue studying & understanding the Bible. I'd say all of our students get a solid grasp on how to apply the Bible to practical everyday situations while understanding the rich history that the passages contain.



What is your favorite sports team?

I'm an Ohio guy. So Ohio State Buckeyes, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Cincinnati Reds. In basketball, I will follow the Cleveland teams but not much since LeBron left. Other than that, I'm rooting for my kid's teams.

What is your pastime?

I like working so when I have down time I like to build something, reading and writing articles, books and blogs. It may look like I'm a workaholic but I just enjoy what God has called me to do. So when I have free time, that's what I do.



"I'm eternally grateful God equipped me to love Him more as Biblical truth was revealed each week during Pastor Mark's class!"

- AMY LIVELY: Author, Speaker & Mom

THE *PURPOSE* OF SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

OUR IDENTITY

How many times have you heard this?

- *I would love to have some Bible School training but I can't afford it.*
- *I just can't pick up and move across country at my age.*
- *I'm too old. I've been out of school way too long to be educated now.*

The Southern Ohio School of Ministry was established to meet the needs of the growing number of people just like you!

OUR PURPOSE

The Southern Ohio School of Ministry is committed to the “equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.” (Ephesians 4:12) Our focus is on the practical side of ministry training. The instruction is not born out of dry academia but is the sum total of years of practical ministry experience. We want to help produce true servants of the Lord that are beneficial to the local church.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The Southern Ohio School of Ministry is devoted to the belief that all Christians have a personal calling for ministry. We believe that the Bible teaches that all believers have unique gifts and share a common anointing that teaches us all things (See I Corinthians 12:7 & I John 2:20, 27). The Bible further teaches that the church needs to release ministry to these saints (Ephesians 4:12). Our guiding philosophy compels us to provide all the training and opportunity that we can to make this possible.

OUR GOALS

Students are taught that nothing supersedes their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Intimacy, integrity, submission, obedience and character are stressed at every level. Students are taught the principles of servant leadership; that they are expected to be a blessing to their local congregation and pastor. Students are taught that the ultimate goal of their lives and ministries is to be obedient to the Lord, not appear to be “successful” or “popular” as a Christian “superstar.”

OUR REQUIREMENTS

Each student will be given a study Bible at the beginning of their first year and a new notebook with every course. Study assignments will be weekly assigned from the Bible. It serves as the text book for the entire two year process. Each student is required to carry a 1.0 or above GPA. This grade is determined by the students class attendance, reading assignments, books reports, class notes, home work assignments and study questions. Each student is required to have at least 100 hours of ministry time at their local church under pastoral supervision. We believe that training happens as much in the doing of the ministry as it does in the learning of the ministry. There are two book reports due each year.

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LIVE YOUR FAITH

"I've been teaching the School of Ministry for over 13 years now and I can honestly say that the classes are only getting better. There's a genuine desire amongst our students to dig deep into the word!"



-Mark Pfeifer, SOM Instructor



First year classes are designed to help build a Biblical foundation upon which affective ministry can be built.

Second year classes are designed to provide the practical skills needed to help create a true servant of God!

100 LEVEL CLASSES

101 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: This course examines the divisions of the Old Testament with an overview of its 39 books set within the culture and history of Israel as a people and nation.

102 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY: This course examines the divisions of the New Testament books with an emphasis on the history of the church from its conception through the First Century.

103 THE KINGDOM OF GOD: This course examines the development of the Kingdom of God on earth from the Garden of Eden to the Millennial Reign of Christ. Its emphasis is on proper church order today personally and corporately.

104 BIBLE COVENANTS: This course studies the nine covenants that God has made for the benefit of mankind with respect to His divine plan of redemption and how it relates to the believer's personal relationship with God.

105 TABERNACLES AND TEMPLES: This course examines the tabernacles and temples of the Bible in order to see salvation's plan displayed in each and how it relates to us today.

106 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY: This course is designed to build a simple, yet secure foundation of Biblical doctrine under the student's life and ministry. No far out doctrines here, just the basics that most every major church and denomination can agree upon.

107 SPIRITUAL GIFTS: This course is one of the most practical courses offered. It gives the person confidence that God has, indeed, blessed them with gifts and abilities that can, and should, help the Body of Christ.

108 CHURCH HISTORY: This course follows the development of the church from the close of the First Century until now, with an emphasis on how NOT to repeat the mistakes of our forefathers.

200 LEVEL CLASSES

201 LEADERSHIP ETHICS: This course may challenge the students more than any other as we apply the moral standards of the Bible with today's crumbling ethics both within and outside the church.

202 SERVANT LEADERSHIP: Servant leadership is what Christ displayed with His disciples and is the basis of application for these basics leadership principles as they relate to the church.

203 DOMINION LEADERSHIP: All believers are called to help pastor the flock inasmuch as God has called each of us to help nurture and raise up others around us according to the model of parenthood.

204 CELL GROUP MINISTRY: For many of our students, they may either lead a cell group or help plant a cell group. This course is a basic overview of how to get the job done, working as close to the Biblical model as possible.

205 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION: This course helps lay out a strategy for administrating a church using the Book of Acts as a model for what the contemporary church should look like.

206 BIBLE STUDY METHODS: This course teaching the students several approaches to studying the Bible with an aim of helping them organize the material for teaching or preaching

207 TEACHING AND PREACHING: This course builds upon the previous class by helping the student sharpen their skills in communicating effectively the Word of God in a public forum.

208 BIBLICAL COUNSELING: This class helps the student understand some foundational counseling skills that take into consideration the whole man, body soul and spirit, with respect to the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

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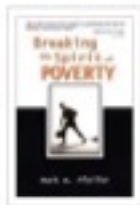


The Thomas Nelson *"Spirit Filled Life Bible"* is the main textbook for the School of Ministry.

100 LEVEL CLASSES

First Trimester: Biblical Overview

- 101 Old Testament Survey *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 102 New Testament Survey *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 103 The Kingdom of God *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*



Book Report: "Breaking the Spirit of Poverty" Mark W. Pfeifer

Second Trimester: Biblical Themes

- 104 Bible Covenants *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 105 Tabernacles and Temples *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*



Book Report: "Change Agents"
Mark W. Pfeifer

Third Trimester: Biblical Studies

- 106 Biblical Theology *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 107 Spiritual Gifts *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 108 Church History *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*

200 LEVEL CLASSES

First Trimester: Preparing the Minister

- 201 Ministerial Ethics *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 202 Leadership Goals *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 203 Pastoral Theology *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*



Book Report: "One Day Readers"
Mark W. Pfeifer

Second Trimester: Biblical Themes

- 204 Church Administration *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 205 Cell Group Ministry *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*



Book Report: "Alignment"
Mark W. Pfeifer

Third Trimester: Biblical Studies

- 206 Bible Study Methods *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 207 Teaching and Preaching *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*
- 208 Biblical Counseling *TN "Spirit Filled Life Bible"*

***BOOK ARE INCLUDED WITH TUITION**
They are **NOT** an additional fee.



"The 2 years I spent at the School of Ministry truly changed my life and my relationship with Christ. I was able to learn how real God is by understanding more and more of his word. I'm so grateful I didn't wait until I was older to do this."

- micah reisinger, student

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

OUR REQUIREMENTS

Each student must return their application with a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee at least one week BEFORE classes begin. All new Attending Students must attend the orientation class a week before classes begin.

Each student is required to carry a 1.0 or above GPA. This grade is determined by the students class attendance, reading assignments, books reports, class notes, home work assignments and study questions.

OUR GRADUATION

First year students are recognized in the graduation ceremonies in December with a certificate of completion. The second year students are given a diploma. These ceremonies will take place at Open Door Christian Fellowship in Chillicothe, Ohio.

OUR GRADING SCALE

Each student's grade will be based upon the following four criteria:

- (1) Class attendance: 25%
- (2) Reading Assignment: 25%
- (3) Notes (Home & Class): 25%
- (4) Study Questions: 25%

Each student will also be required to read and write a book report on two assigned books each year for graduation.

SOMA SUMMER INSTITUTE

Each student will be required to attend the Soma Summer Institute held each year in Chillicothe, Ohio. Over the two year schooling, each student will attend two of these conferences. They will gather with other school of ministry students from around the state and meet with leaders from the Soma Network of Schools.

This conference will help them to meet with many other schools and students to which they are connected. It will be an important time of networking relationships for future ministry; not to mention all of the outstanding instruction that they will receive during the weekend. Dates for these sessions will be given to each school at least 6 months in advance.

All alumni from any of the WLI/Soma Network affiliate schools are welcome to attend these summer conference sessions.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TUITION

School of Ministry Pricing

\$300 PER QUARTER - 3 QUARTERS PER YEAR. This equates to \$75 per month.

OUR TUITION PLAN

There is a \$35.00 application fee due one week before classes begin. Attending Students are required to make a payment of \$150.00 on the first day of classes for each of the three trimesters. Balances are due at the end of each semester and the end of each quarter for The School of Ministry. An additional 10% late fee will be assessed to each student whose tuition bill is over four weeks late. Students who owe back tuition for more than 8 weeks will be dismissed from the school until the tuition is paid in full.

DISCOUNTS & INVENTIVES

Married students receive a 10% discount if enrolled at the same time, whether they are Attending or Correspondent Students. Attending students paying a one time payment for the entire year receive a \$50.00 deduction off their total tuition cost.

ACCREDITATION

The Soma Network of Schools and is proudly recognized as a Wagner Leadership Institute (C. Peter Wagner) affiliate. The School of Ministry proudly awards it's students with a Bachelor's Diploma in Practical Ministry. The School of Business and School of Prophetic Training award Master's Diplomas when taken alongside the School of Ministry. The School of the Supernatural and School of Commissioning award a Doctorate level. Although the Soma Network of Schools is not currently accredited by the state of Ohio, our program has been recognized and rewarded in many ways. Our students have enjoyed the luxuries of using our program as continued education to meet new job requirements, or when applying for a new position. Other students have received pay raises or have been promoted because of our program. In some cases, state accredited universities have rewarded our students with an entire semester worth of credits for completing our program.

OUR LOCATION & CONTACT INFO

Each school meets in our downtown building located at 75 N Paint Street, Chillicothe Ohio.

Physical Address

75 N. Paint Street
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Phone

740.663.5457

APPLICATION

Please include your application fee of \$35.00. If you are mailing your application, please send it to: Soma Schools, PO BOX 913, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

SCHOOL YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

ON CAMPUS **ONLINE**

NAME

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL

AGE

MARITAL STATUS *(Married / Not Married)*

HOME CHURCH

HOME CHURCH PHONE

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR PASTOR'S BLESSING TO ATTEND THIS COURSE? **YES** **NO**

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MINISTRY POSITIONS YOU HAVE FILLED IN YOUR CHURCH:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR SCHOOL:

MAILER ATTENDING OPEN DOOR FACEBOOK REFERRED BY: _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR REASONS FOR ENROLLING: _____

EDUCATION LEVEL:

HIGH SCHOOL 2 YEARS COLLEGE 4 YEARS COLLEGE POST GRAD OTHER