



Doctor of Ministry Program

Summer 2011

What was exciting about the Doctor of Ministry Program in the Summer of 2011?

It's official! The WTS D.Min. Program will now include a *Worship Track* for students interested in a specializing in worship in their biblical research content courses. The first class in this track will begin July 2012.

Designed and developed by Drs. David Brown and John Nissley, "The *Worship Track* provides the opportunity for Doctoral students to reflect, review, refine, and renew their own theology and practice of worship. This *Track* deals with current issues facing those involved in worship arts ministries and the vital impact of spiritual depth as an essential component for longevity in worship ministry. Students will process the components of resilient, effective leadership principles for application within their specific ministry context. The *Worship Track* seminars are integrated with the Doctoral Research Project in order to discover new principles and praxis to connect their current worship setting to the broader scope of Christian worship in both the current culture and the broader context of history of God's people. There are four seminars (8 hours) in the *Worship Track*." Qualified students may enroll in January 2012 (see pg. 2).

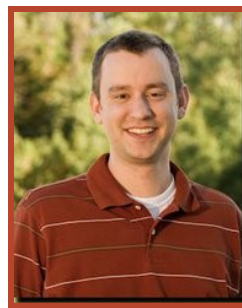


Dr. James Resseguie teaching DM 830-1 Biblical Research—Narrative Criticism for the July, 2011 D.Min. Seminar

follow his call



Dr. John Nissley teaching DM 880 Project Research and Writing during the week long intensive Seminar in July.



Introducing Dr. David Brown

Dr. David Brown is a graduate of Johnson Bible College, Hope International University, and holds a Doctorate of Worship Studies from The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. Dr. Brown also serves as an adjunct faculty member with several schools throughout the United States. Dr. Brown taught the Biblical Research Worship Seminar for the Doctor of Ministry class at WTS in July, 2010. He currently oversees the worship arts at the Tri-Village Christian Church in Pataskala, OH. Dr. Brown and his wife Lynn have one son.

Student Reflections on the July 2011 Seminar

"Both of the courses from the summer session were impressive and helpful. The class of *Narrative Criticism* was deeply moving for me. It brought the narrative of the biblical text to life and allowed me to view and teach the Bible from a different viewpoint."

"The Research and Writing session, especially the interaction with the cohort was wonderful. The other students and Dr. Nissley were an inspiration to me."

God is calling *me* to be...

Winebrenner Theological Seminary Worship Course Descriptions

Doctorate of Ministry Worship Track

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July 25, 2011

Introduction:

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DM 815 Worship Foundations

Students demonstrate understanding of Biblical, theological, and historical foundations of worship. Reflection on the tradition of God's people in worship will be discovered with in-depth analysis for application in contemporary worship ministry. They understand how these three areas provide a solid foundation in the life of a worshiper. (2 hours)

DM 816 Worship and Spirituality

Students demonstrate understanding of how worship and life are integrated. Topics in this course include the worship life of a congregation, baptism, the Lord's Supper, spiritual health of the individual, and the church calendar. Guidance is provided to help students understand the process to lead others "further in and further up" in their understanding and practice of lifestyle worship. (2 hours)

DM 817 Pastoral Worship Ministry

Students demonstrate understanding of worship leading being pastoral before artistic. They are exposed to principles throughout Scripture that give evidence to pastoral worship ministry. Creative arts will be explained in the context of methods and procedures to use them pastorally. Students also understand the place and function of the ways a healthy worship ministry leads to greater depth in a local congregation. (2 hours)

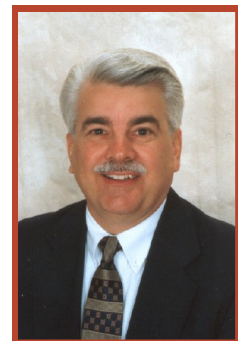
DM 818 Worship Ministry Design

Students demonstrate understanding of designing both a worship service and a worship arts ministry. Theological, technical, and spiritual dimensions will be addressed with appropriate praxis in order to demonstrate proficiency. Attention will be focused on working with worship teams, designing services, dealing with difficult people, understanding issues that face various size teams and budgets. (2 hours)

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The Doctor of Ministry Program Overview



Would you be interested in a program of study designed to enhance your practice of ministry? The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree at Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio, is intended for persons holding the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree or equivalent and engaged in Christian ministry. Winebrenner's D.Min. is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

The program is practical in its purpose and is designed to heighten professional competency. Ministry practitioners are equipped at a more advanced level of theological reflection and practice than that achieved in the foundational work of the M.Div. degree. A program assumption is that one of the following settings will provide the context for this course of study:

- Pastoral Ministry
- Multi-Cultural Ministry
- Spiritual Formation
- Christian Education
- Christian Counseling
- Christian Leadership
- Christian Worship

As a four-year in-service degree, the D.Min. permits students to complete the program while remaining in ministry. It consists of 32 credit hours composed of biblical and theological course content, personal and professional development, and research and writing for the doctoral project. The student begins to research and write the major doctoral project report from the very beginning of the program, instead of waiting until the end as in other programs. Intensive one-week seminars are held twice annually, in January and July, on the Winebrenner campus.

The Winebrenner Doctor of Ministry program was designed for student success! Call or visit Winebrenner today and see why the Doctor of Ministry program is right for you!

The Doctor of Ministry program is built upon five primary components:

Intensive Week Seminars - Students meet with professors and other students during two specific seminars each year (January and July). While professors shape seminar design and provide class leadership, students are free to discuss, interact, and share, creating a positive learning environment and experience.

Individual Self-directed Learning - The D.Min. program assumes that the students are adult learners who actively participate in their own learning. Pre-and-post session readings and projects directly relate to students' ministry contexts.

Community Peer Learning - Participants in the D.Min. program are expected to think and work both independently and collaboratively. Thus, collaborative learning in community with other ministry peers and practitioners creates an atmosphere where students can learn and share with one another.

Ministry Context Resource Group - Since D.Min. work is largely centered in the ministry locations of students, each participant will bring together a lay resource group from within his or her ministry setting. This group ties the D.Min. program firmly to the student's ministry context.

Doctoral Project Report - The doctoral project provides the opportunity to research a particular ministry problem and provide an effective solution. Projects are completed under the direction of a project mentor from the Winebrenner faculty or the student's own context with an external reader and writing stylist.



Students participating in the one-week intensive course held in July. The seminars are held the third week of January and the second week of July each year of the four year program.



WTS Doctor of Ministry Research Project Coordinator

WTS Graduate, Pastor Linda Davison serves as the D.Min. Research Project Coordinator. Linda helps to organize the work of students and their team members while providing guidance and support throughout the process of writing the D. Min. Project.

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