Master/Bachelor of Divinity: Pastoral Mentoring for Current Pastors

The primary goal of CBTS is the training of pastors. We recognize that some of our students are already currently engaged in pastoral ministry. While already involved in the work of the ministry, these students would also benefit from the wisdom and experience of pastors who have served in pastoral ministry for a longer period of time. Thus students who are currently pastors are to seek out a more experienced pastor to be their mentor. If a local mentor cannot be found, the mentor relationship may be conducted at a distance.

The student and his mentor should meet quarterly (either in person or through telephone and/or video conferencing) to discuss both aspects of spiritual maturity (including personal spiritual health, marriage, family, and witness to outsiders) and ministry competency (preaching, teaching, counseling, worship service planning, visitation, weddings, funerals, leading various meetings, etc.). The mentor is also expected to listen to 12 sermons over the course of the student’s time of study, and provide helpful feedback to the student.
Pastoral Mentoring Agreement

Training pastors involves a partnership between Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary and local churches. In addition to the 94 hours of academic instruction, the program mandates that students that are currently pastors glean from a pastoral mentor who has greater experience in the ministry.

As a mentor of ____________________________, I have read through the pastoral mentoring expectations from Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary and agree to oversee the completion of these ministry requirements. I will submit an annual report to CBTS summarizing my assessment of this student regarding his progress in godliness and service. If I can no longer serve as a pastoral mentor, I promise to find a suitable replacement and to let CBTS know of this change.

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(Pastor’s Signature)

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(Pastor’s Name)

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(Name of Church)

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(Date Signed)