

# Strengthening the Deacon-Pastor Relationship

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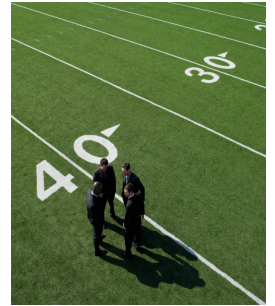
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## **Course Summary**

"Strengthening The Deacon-Pastor Relationship" is a one credit Masters Degree level seminary course taught for pastors as a professional development learning opportunity. The emphasis will be upon application and use in the pastor's own church ministry. Howard Bixby will provide four learning sessions at the conference and the student will complete the "lecture" portion of the course by listening to four CD's and reading from the "Deacon Caring Ministry Training Resource Kit." The goal is to enable the pastor to develop, launch, and lead a Deacon Caring Ministry for the people of his church.

## **Course Content**

Session One: The Mandate for Caring Ministries in the Church

Session Two: The Methods and Means for a Caring Ministry

Session Three: Deacon-Pastor Leadership and Decision Making

Session Four: Being a Man of Influence for God

Additional Sessions:

The contents of the "Deacon Caring Ministry Training Resource Kit" will be listened to and read following the conference. Also the CD set: "The Qualified Deacon."

## **Course Cost**

There is a course grading and processing fee of \$60.00 payable to ChristWay Ministries. Because the course can be transferred into Baptist Bible Seminary, there will be no additional tuition charges. This is a savings of over \$320.00 in tuition.

## **For Seminary Course Credit**

1. Attend all 4 conference sessions  
Submit one page of summary notes for each session (A total of 4 pages).
2. Listen to and read the "Deacon Caring Ministry Training Resource Kit" and "The Qualified Deacon" CD's by Dr. Howard Bixby. These may be purchased from ChristWay Ministries for \$49.75 and \$12.75.

Write a four page paper describing how your church currently differs from or is similar to the model described in the seminars and on the CD's you listened to.

3. Write a 10 page strategy paper that describes a plan of action you can or will take to implement the concepts you have been exposed to at the conference and via the CD training materials. Provide specific steps, timelines, goals, and means of evaluation where possible.
4. By November 24, 2009...  
Mail or email all written papers and a check for \$60 to:  
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Fleetville, PA 18420  
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5. Contact Paul Golden at the Baptist Bible Seminary Admissions Office to secure and complete a BBS application so that academic credit may be granted.  
538 Venard Road  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411  
1-800-451-2287  
[pgolden@bbc.edu](mailto:pgolden@bbc.edu)
6. Enjoy additional Seminary studies for credit and earn an accredited degree through BBS by taking additional module, online, or portfolio assessment credit. (A Master of Ministry degree is now available to pastors entirely in a Distance Education format right in your home.)

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