



THE STEPHEN OLDFORD CENTER
AT UNION UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATE IN EXPOSITORY PREACHING

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Introduction:

This program provides intensive teaching and training in the art of expository preaching. The goal is to encourage and equip expositors of the Word of God to “rightly divide the Word of truth” in the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, the program seeks to form a fellowship of preachers who are willing to commit themselves to a ministry of faithful Biblical exposition.

Application Process

Each candidate is asked to complete an application providing information about personal spiritual experience, basic doctrinal commitments, and one’s approach to expository preaching. This may be completed after attending Institute events, but it must be completed before the candidate is considered an official part of the program. The individual is not officially accepted into the Certificate Program until the Application and related documents are completed. The application fee is \$25.

Institutes

Required:

1. Essentials of Expository Preaching
 2. Strengthening Expository Preaching
 3. Preaching for Spiritual Growth
 4. Evangelistic Expository Preaching
 5. Practical Preaching Workshop- Must be onsite
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Electives:

1. Leadership by the Book
2. Dynamics of the Church
3. Other approved training events

Either Essentials or Strengthening are required to be onsite. The other onsite requirement is the Practical Preaching Workshop. In summary, there are four required core courses, a choice of one elective, and The Practical Preaching Workshop for a total of six institutes. Usage of the library is available during all institutes.

Candidates are encouraged to take all courses on our campus. The value of being with other like-minded learners is hard to measure. However, we realize that this is not possible for all participants, therefore the participant is allowed to take some of the courses via distance learning.

Practical Preaching Workshop

The candidate will preach an expository message and be critiqued during the Practical Preaching Workshop. A complete manuscript of a message must be submitted with the registration for the Practical Preaching Workshop. A complete manuscript of (another) message (to be preached at the Workshop) must be submitted upon arrival at the Workshop. The candidate will write a personal response to the critique process before the end of the Workshop.

Costs

Onsite courses will cost \$174. (This includes a \$25 fee for the program)
Individual distance learning courses will cost \$265. (This includes a \$25 fee for the program) You may also organize a Distance Learning group site in your area. The details for this process are on our website, or available by calling our office.

Assignments and Exams

The candidate is required to read the book, Anointed Expository Preaching, by Drs. Stephen and David Olford and complete a book review of the book. This is to be done before the candidate participates in the Practical Preaching Workshop.

Course work for each institute will consist of a course review to be completed before leaving the campus, or if the person is taking the course via distance learning, the review should be turned in at the completion of the course with all the course notes and videos.

The candidate will complete an exam covering the primary principles of the Institute instructions. This will be done as part of the Practical Preaching Workshop event.

The Practical Preaching Workshop will be the completion of the program. Upon successfully passing the Preaching Workshop and all the other requirements of the program and within three weeks after the Practical Preaching Workshop, the participant will be notified if he/she has been approved for the certificate. Upon approval, the candidate will receive a certificate of completion for the Certificate in Expository Preaching Program from the Stephen Olford Center at Union University.

*If the candidate wishes to be consider a “Fellow”, at this time it might be helpful for the candidate to “stay on” and complete the research for the Fellowship portion of the program, making it unnecessary to return at a later date to complete his or her research on site.

All specific instructions for the book review, course reviews, Preaching Workshop, exams and projects are detailed in the handbook for this program.

All requirements of the program should be completed in three years or less.

Fellowship of Preaching

Following completion of the Certificate Program requirements, the candidate may choose to complete a further step to become a **Stephen Olford Fellow in Expository Preaching**. In order to be considered a “Fellow”, the candidate is required to complete a research project on some aspect of expository preaching, using the resources

of the Stephen Olford Center library. The topic for this project must be approved by the faculty of the Stephen Olford Center beforehand. Complete details of the requirements for this project are detailed in the handbook for this program. The completed project is to be accompanied by an expository sermon related to the specific subject of the research project.

Once this project is completed, graded and approved, the individual will then be inducted into the Stephen Olford Fellowship of Expository Preaching.

Annual Ceremony

The Stephen Olford Center at Union University will endeavor to have a yearly ceremony at which all who have completed the requirements of the Certificate program will have an opportunity to be acknowledged publicly and to receive their certificate. For those who have completed the requirements of the Fellowship of Preaching portion of the program, there will be an induction into the Stephen Olford Fellowship of Expository Preaching as well.

Institutes Schedule 2011

Title	Dates
Essentials of Expository Preaching	April 26-29
Dynamics of the Church: Renewing Life and Ministry/International Week	May 3-6
Strengthening Expository Preaching	September 13-16
Preaching for Spiritual Growth/International Week	September 20-23
Institutes meet Tuesday 12 noon through Friday 1pm	

Institutes via Distance Learning

All institutes with the exception of the Practical Preaching Workshop are available for Distance Learning, although you still will be required to take either Essentials or Strengthening and the Practical Preaching Workshop onsite.

Please visit our website <http://www.uu.edu/centers/olford/programs/distancelearning/>

Or call 800-843-2241 and ask for Ron Thompson to get started.

This Certificate in Expository Preaching Program is independent of any other program offered at the Stephen Olford Center, but may be taken in conjunction with other programs.

No other program requirements may substitute for those required in the Certificate program.