Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS
EVAN 500
SPIRITUAL FACTORS OF GROWING CHURCHES

COURSE DESCRIPTION
An examination of spiritual factors of church growth such as prayer, fasting, revival, anointed preaching and worship. The student will analyze and develop programs to produce balanced growth in evangelism and discipleship.

RATIONALE
Recognizing that students come from various church backgrounds, this course is designed to expose students to biblical and practical Christian experiences. Therefore, a student must first grasp the philosophy, principles, and spirit of different ministries. The student will want to capture the zeal and philosophy of both church growth and Christian experiences with a view of incorporating them into his or her own ministry and lifestyle.

I. PREREQUISITE
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Office

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Evaluate his or her present ministry practices in light of biblical principles of spiritual growth.
B. Design a plan for improving the spiritual climate of the present ministry and implementing specific strategies for moving people through various phases of spiritual growth.
C. Explain the role of the ministry leader in a growing church and in moving believers along a pathway of spiritual growth in Christ.
D. Trace the church growth and revival history, including the settings, characteristics, leaders, and effects of said movements.

E. Identify the principles common to the working of the Holy Spirit in personal and corporate spiritual renewal.

V. **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

   After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)

   The Discussion Board Forums in this course are completed in 2 parts over 2 modules/weeks. Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, in the first module/week that the Discussion Board Forum is assigned, the student must post a 400-word thread in response to the prompt provided. The student must then post 2 replies of at least 200 words in response to another student’s thread. For each thread, the student must support his/her assertions with at least 2 citations in current Turabian format. For each reply, the student must cite at least 1 source in current Turabian format. Acceptable sources include readings, textbooks, and related materials.

D. Journals (8)

   Throughout the course, the student will maintain a journal. Each module/week, the student will record his/her spiritual practices and address the assigned prompt in at least 2 entries totaling 1–2 double-spaced pages.

E. Book Critiques (2)

   The student will read 2 specified, required books and then submit a paper for each. The papers must comply with current Turabian writing style, include 4–6 citations, and be 3–5 double-spaced pages. The paper must use footnotes as needed. The student will summarize what he/she read, critique and evaluate the work, and apply the work to his/her own situations.

F. Reading Reflections (4)

   The student will read 4 required books and then submit a paper for each. The papers must comply with current Turabian writing style, include 2–3 citations, and be 2–3 double-spaced pages for each book.

G. Spiritual Growth Plan

   The student will create a comprehensive Spiritual Growth Plan that reflects his/her research with the textbooks and course materials. The paper will be 10–12 double-spaced pages of text, have a minimum of 10 citations, and comply with current Turabian writing style. The Spiritual Growth Plan must utilize all the course-required readings and additional materials as needed. The Spiritual Growth Plan
Plan will demonstrate the student’s grasp of the materials and the integration of those materials into the student’s life.

VI. **COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**

A. **Points**

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B. **Scale**

- A = 940–1010
- A- = 920–939
- B+ = 900–919
- B = 860–899
- B- = 840–859
- C+ = 820–839
- C = 780–819
- C- = 760–779
- D+ = 740–759
- D = 700–739
- D- = 680–699
- F = 0–679

C. **Late Assignment Policy**

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. **Style Guidelines**

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the LBTS Writing Guide and the latest edition of the Turabian style manual (*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*). Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style. All other written assignments should use the footnote citation style. Supplemental writing aids are available via the Online Writing Center.

E. **Extra Credit**
No additional “for credit” assignments will be permitted beyond those given in the course requirements stated above.

F. Course Changes

Course requirements are subject to change by the administration of the University at any time with appropriate notice.

G. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
# Course Schedule

**EVAN 500**

Textbooks:
- Faulls, *From Dust to Destiny* (2014).

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*DB = Discussion Board*

**NOTE:** Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.