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
PRTH 141
PASTORAL THEOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A practical study of church ministry with emphasis given to its biblical foundation, philosophy of ministry, and the various areas of pastoral ministry.

RATIONALE
The church is experiencing an identity crisis. Many experts believe that America is entering into a post-Christian era. This cultural shift from the traditional Judeo-Christian ethic has resulted in a void in the church. This course is designed to clarify the role of the church for the twenty-first century. It is a practical study for the vocational ministry student as well as for those students who desire to be more informed about their roles as lay people in the church.

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

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
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 Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:
A. Explain his/her calling to one’s ministerial service.
B. Develop a personal theology for pastoral ministry, preaching ministry, and administrative ministry.
C. Construct a field diagram for the arena of ministry where one might serve.
D. Create a ministry plan based on a specific ministry context.
E. Assemble a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly plan of action for one’s field of ministerial service.
V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentation/notes

B. Course Requirements Checklist
   After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)
   There will be 3 Discussion Board Forums throughout the course. The student will post 1 thread of at least 300 and 2 replies of at least 150 words. Each thread and reply must be supported by at least 1 citation in current Turabian format. Acceptable sources for citations include the textbooks, the Bible, a Bible dictionary, and commentaries.

D. Call into Ministry Paper
   The student will complete a 2-page paper defining and explaining his/her personal call into the ministry. This paper must be accompanied by a properly formatted title page and must follow current Turabian guidelines.

E. Controversy in Ministry Papers (2)
   The student will complete 2 papers on controversial topics in ministry. Each of these will be 1–2 pages and must include a title page and bibliography with at least 2 sources, 1 of which must be the Bible. Current Turabian formatting must be used.

F. Minister Interviews Paper
   The student will complete interviews with 4 different ministers and write a 1-page summary for each interview. This must not exceed 5 total pages, but a separate title page must be included. Current Turabian formatting must be used.

G. Research Paper
   The student will complete a 6–8-page research paper in this course. A separate title page and bibliography must be included, and the student will use current Turabian formatting. A minimum of 5 sources must be cited.

H. Exams (2)
   The student will complete 2 exams. The exams will be open-book/open-notes, have a 1-hour time limit, and include multiple-choice, true/false, and essay questions.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

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Minister Interviews Paper 150
Research Paper 150
Exam 1 (Modules 1–3) 125
Exam 2 (Modules 4–7) 125

**Total 1010**

B. **Scale**

A = 900–1010  B = 800–899  C = 700–799  D = 600–699  F = 0–599

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 class 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. **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

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Piper, *Brothers, We Are Not Professionals* (2002).  

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DB = Discussion Board

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