



Recommended Resources for Individuals Pursuing Ordination to Pastoral Ministry

The listing below includes resources to help develop the knowledge and skills of the person seeking licensing as a minister of the gospel. Compared to the enormous responsibility of shepherding a congregation, this rather short list just begins to introduce a life-long commitment of self discipleship. As the primary spiritual leader and teacher, a candidate should be familiar with multiple categories such as Free Will Baptist theology, history, and polity. Just as 1 Timothy 3 broadens the requirements, a well rounded minister should also incorporate philosophy of ministry, apologetics, worldview, along with discipleship and leadership. Some of these resources are designed for group study which will help the candidate develop their ability to teach others. The reading list leads the candidate through a balanced and logical progression of subject matter over a 12 month period.

The list for Level 2 builds upon the understanding developed through the Level 1 resources. At this level it is assumed the candidate has read the titles from the licensing reading list, developed the biblical framework to begin thinking as a pastor, and contextualized what is read toward application to ministry in a local church.

It should be understood and reinforced by clergy review boards how these lists can help develop understanding of knowing and serving God through pastoral ministry. Such resources are preparatory and foundational for a life of cultivating the call and gifting of pastoral ministry.

Level 2 Core Reading For Ordination 12 Month Reading List

- 1 - Classical Arminianism
- 2 - Grace Faith Free Will
- 3 - Free Will Baptist History: Exploring Our Origins & Identity
- 4 - The FWB in History Paperback
- 5 - The Washing of the Saints Feet
- 6 - First Aid for Emotional Hurts (Revised 2018)
- 7 - Ministering In a Changing Sexual Landscape
- 8 - Recalibrate: A New Measure for Family Ministry
- 9 - Family Ministry & the Church: A Leader's Guide for Ministry through Families
- 10 - Preachers and Preaching by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- 11 - Can Science Explain Everything
- 12 - Canoeing the Mountains

Level 2 Additional Recommended Reading

Readings in Proverbs

A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry

Teaching Students Not Lessons

Power in the Pulpit by Jerry Vines and Jim Shaddix

Preaching the Whole Counsel of God: Design and Deliver Gospel Centered Sermons by Julius Kim

Anointed Expository Preaching by Bryan Chapel

Five Reasons for Spiritual Apathy in Teens

A View from Grief's Window: Ten Lessons I Learned from the Death of My Parents

Discipleship: The Expression of Saving Faith

Youth Ministry that Lasts a Lifetime

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