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## **Peachtree Baptist Church Atlanta, Georgia 2006-2007 Master of Divinity Ministry Internships**

### **Goals:**

- To provide Master of Divinity Students the opportunity to integrate their theological education with hands-on congregational ministry.
- To give the interns opportunity to actively participate and lead in all facets of congregational ministry by serving monthly rotations in various ministry areas.
- To afford each intern opportunity for one-on-one conversation with fulltime pastoral leaders bi-monthly.
- To enable peer learning through monthly reflection and integration meetings with other the interns.
- To facilitate self-understanding by meeting with lay reflection committees 5 times in the course of the academic year.
- To establish bonds of intimacy between the interns and members of the congregation through host family adoption.
- To fulfill the churches mission by making disciples and disciple-makers, and to see Peachtree Baptist be blessed through these young ministers and their extraordinary gifts.

### **Ministry Areas for Monthly Rotations:**

All of the ministry Interns will serve one month in each of the following areas of ministry with corresponding responsibilities, opportunities, and expectations.

- **Pastoral Care/Visitation**
  - Visit all hospitalized church members
  - Visit two shut-ins per week
  - Make contact with visitors
  - Have conversation with pastoral supervisor about premarital, grief, divorce-recovery, family, career, and other types of congregational pastoral counseling.
  - Lead Wednesday evening prayer time in the Fellowship hall twice
- **Music & Worship**
  - Work with AP for Music & Worship on worship planning
  - Lead in worship through prayer, reading, announcements, music, presiding over ordinances, and proclamation.
  - Observe children's, youth, adult, and handbell choirs
- **Facilities and Administration**
  - Be responsible for opening and closing of building & thermostats for month of Sundays
  - Meet with all scheduled committees, staff, and deacons during their rotation
  - Participate in bill paying process

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- Coordinate church/facilities calendar with ministries, tenants, community groups
- **Mission Partners**
  - Visit each of PBC's mission partners: BWA\*, CBF, CBF-Georgia\*, Buckhead Christian Ministry, Atlanta Intercultural Ministry, Andrew P. Stewart Center, Amazing Grace Baptist Church, Pavilion Ministry. (\*Read newsletter and website)
  - Spend 5 hours as volunteer at one of them
  - Visit one neighboring faith community and discover their mission and ministries in the community
- **Children's Ministry**
  - Do at least two children's sermons
  - Observe and teach in two children's Sunday School Classes
  - Observe Children's choir and Mission Group
  - Work with Children's minister to coordinate Nursery workers
  - Spend one Sunday morning and one Wednesday evening in Nursery
- **Youth Ministry**
  - Observe one & teach one Youth Bible study
  - Observe one and teach one Youth Sunday School
  - Visit one youth at a school lunch or event
  - Help youth minister with a scheduled activity
- **Senior Adult Ministry**
  - Teach one Women's and one Men's senior adult SS class
  - Lead a Wednesday @ 5 pm Bible study
  - Help plan/prepare/implement a monthly Senior Adult Program
- **Communications Ministry**
  - Work with staff to produce monthly newsletter
  - Work with staff to update/upgrade website
  - Serve as greeter before worship at least two Sundays
  - Make announcements at end of worship, and on a Wednesday night

## **Pastoral Mentoring**

Each ministerial intern will have a Pastoral Supervisor/Mentor that has been approved and trained by the student's divinity school. The student and Pastoral Mentor will have appointments every other week for one hour of personal conversation. Some conversation will cover topics/issues that are a part of the divinity school's curriculum, while the remaining conversation will be at the discretion of the Ministry Intern and the Pastoral Mentor.

## **Peer Learning**

Monthly peer learning group will meet off-site, hopefully in the facilitator's abode, and afford the ministry interns opportunity to share their joys and frustrations with one another.

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They will each serve as facilitator for one meeting and will lead in a devotion that integrates something from their current academic study and their ministry internship experiences.

## **Lay Reflection Committees**

Each ministry intern will meet with a team of five Lay members of our church, 5 times during the academic year. Each meeting will be for 1-1.5 hours. The committees will have a chair person and will have agenda items to discuss with the intern for half of the meeting with the second half left open to any topic felt pertinent by the intern or the committee. These committees are intended to be for affirmation and encouragement of the intern's gifts as well as honest and intentional conversation about personhood and ministry issues.

## **Host Families**

Each ministry Intern will be assigned to a host family. It is hoped that the interns and their host families will sit together in church and at Wednesday night dinners (when the intern is not fulfilling other responsibilities) and will have personal conversations and prayer at least once a week. It is hoped that these relationships will become significant for all, that the ministry interns will have a "safe place" to be themselves, and that the host families will have opportunity to experience spiritual intimacy and formation with a young minister.

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## **Peachtree Baptist Church Master of Divinity Ministry Internship 2006-2007 Example Schedule**

	<b>Pastoral Mentor Meetings</b>	<b>Lay Reflection Committee</b>	<b>Peer Group</b>	<b>Rotation Area</b>
August	1 – 8/28 @10am	1 – 8/27 @ 6pm	1 – 8/31 @ 8pm	
September	2 – 9/11 @ 10am 3 – 9/25 @ 10am	2 – 9/24 @ 6pm	2 – 9/28 8pm	Children
October	4 – 10/9 @ 10am 5 – 10/23 @ 10am		3 – 10/26 8pm	Music & Worship
November	6 – 11/6 @ 10am 7 – 11/20 @ 10am		4 – 11/30 8pm	Senior Adults
December	8 – 12/4 @ 10am	3 – 12/3 @ 6pm	5 – 12/14 8pm	Communications
February	9 – 2/5 @ 10am 10 – 2/19 @ 10am	4 – 2/4 @ 6pm	6 – 2/2 8pm	Pastoral Care
March	11 – 3/5 @ 10am 12 – 3/19 @ 10am		7 – 3/15 8pm	Youth
April	13 – 4/3 @ 10am 14 – 4/17 @ 10am	5 - 4/22 @ 6pm	8 – 4/19 8pm	Facilities/Admin.
May	15 – 5/7 @ 10am		9 – 5/3 8pm	Mission Partners

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