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#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Looking for a solid ministry to support? Ekklesia is able to operate as a seminary with very little administrative cost. Yet, because Ekklesia offers courses without charge there is a need for financial support. Even small, regular donations by individuals or churches are helpful in reaching the needed level of support.

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting Ekklesia. Also, please consider encouraging your church to include Ekklesia in its regular missions giving.

Questions concerning giving can be directed to Jonny White at Ekklesia@mountzion.org or 850-610-2627. Checks can be made out to Ekklesia Theological Seminary and mailed to Ekklesia Theological Seminary, 5062 Combs St. Milton, FL 32570.

Also, a PayPal option is available at www.chapellibrary.org/ekklesia-seminary/ The "donate" button will be at the bottom of the page.

Mission: To provide free theological education for men unable to access other opportunities in order to strengthen churches with theologically trained leaders.

## Adding Ekklesia to Your Church's Missions Budget:

As we approach the new year, please consider adding Ekklesia to your church's missions budget. Ekklesia is a great opportunity to impact churches around the world by training the leaders of the church. Contact Dr. Jonny White at Ekklesia@mountzion.org for more information.

#### **New Course Added!**

Ekklesia is excited to announce our newest course, Pastoral Ministry, which is a course which introduces students to Pastoral Ministry, a study of the practical role of pastors in a local church.

The lectures for the course are by Pastor Albert N. Martin, who faithfully served the Lord and His people as an elder of Trinity Baptist Church of Montville, New Jersey, for over forty years. Pastor Martin regularly taught Pastoral Theology at the Trinity Ministerial Academy in Montville, N.J. The lectures can be found at the Chapel Library website.

In addition to the lectures, the course uses texts from Richard Baxter, Charles Bridges, and Patrick Fairbrain.

#### Available Courses:

ET 101: Old Testament Survey: Genesis to Joshua

ET 102: Old Testament Survey: Judges to Poets

ET 103: Old Testament Survey: Prophets: Isaiah-Malachi

ET 201: New Testament Survey: The Life and Teaching of Jesus

ET 202: New Testament Survey: Life and Letters of Paul

ET 203: New Testament Survey: Hebrews to Revelation

ET 204: New Testament Theology

PT 101: Pastoral Ministry

PT 102: Spiritual Growth

PT 201: Christian Preaching

ST 201: Christian Ethics

ST 301: Christian Apologetics

ST 401: History of Philosophy and Christian Thought

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## Prayer Needs and Update

Prayer – please consider adding Ekklesia to your personal, family, and church prayer list. The following are serious prayer concerns:

Financial Support – pray that the Lord will provide the needed financial support for course development and student oversight through the regular giving of churches and individuals.

Course Design – pray that course development will proceed smoothly and quickly.

Students – pray that more students will take courses from Ekklesia, and that the present students will grow and persevere in their studies.

Mentors – pray that the mentors will be influential in the lives of the students.

Correctional Facilities – that Ekklesia will be able to overcome challenges in delivery to correctional facilities so that more inmates would have access to courses.

### Number of Eligible Students and Geographical Locations:

Seventy-three students are approved to take courses, along with forty-seven mentors. Students are in twenty-one states and fifteen countries:

Australia Malawi Bolivia Malaysia Canada Nicaragua Ethiopia Nigeria Ghana Tanzania

Trinidad and Tobago India

Kenya Uganda

Zambia

In some cases, pastors of churches are gathering interested men to listen to the lectures with the pastor serving as the mentor or facilitator.

## Sample Correspondence:

"Obtaining a degree from your seminary is something I earnestly desire... Also, I have a local friend who is very interested as well. Do you offer any programs in Spanish?" – from South America

"I ... have been researching an online source for sound, Reformed and Baptistic, theological education, ideally one that has as its foundation the 1689 LBCF, and I am excited to discover Ekklesia Theological Seminary" – from Canada.

"I seek earnestly to build my knowledge of the Bible to be well able to deliver sound doctrine" – from Africa.

### Ekklesia's Strategy:

Ekklesia combines a church-based philosophy with doctrinal distinctives and technological resources in order to provide quality training for those lacking such access. Individuals, churches, mission agencies, and schools are able to partner with Ekklesia to provide maximum impact in the strengthening of churches with quality theological training.

Ekklesia is <u>theologically</u> founded on the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith and ministerially functions in the context of the local church, being based and focused on the local church. Ekklesia is <u>methodologically</u> delivered by means of the internet, thus accomplishing its goal of being globally influential. All of this is accomplished while being practically affordable.

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