



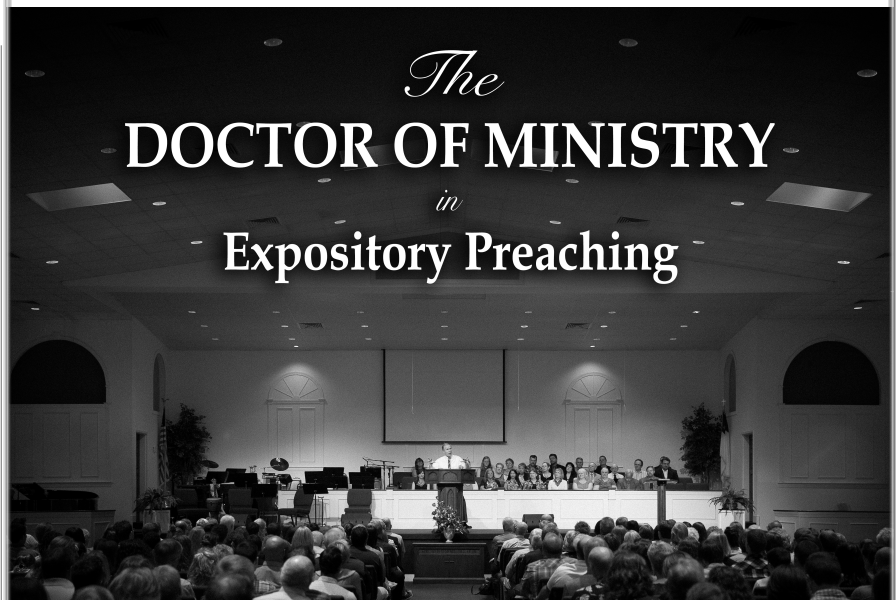
EXPOSITION

Monthly e-Bulletin from Virginia Beach Theological Seminary



From My Window

In the Spring of 1969, David Martyn Lloyd-Jones gave a series of lectures on preaching to the students of Westminster Theological Seminary. His lectures were immediately put into print in 1971 under the book title, *Preaching and Preachers*. His burden was clearly stated at the beginning of his lectures; "I would say without any hesitation that the most urgent need in the Christian Church is true preaching; and . . . it is obviously the greatest need of the world also." He identifies preaching through Paul's words "to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and to bring to light for everyone what is the fellowship of this mystery." My prayer is that God will use VBTS to present to his world "true preaching" — will you join me in prayer for this?



There is no greater objective for VBTS than this: to present to Christ's Church effective expository preachers of the Holy Scriptures. The core idea of this goal resides in the term "expository," which essentially means "to describe and explain." *Expository preaching* is the clear proclamation of God's Word within its contextual arrangement. To maximize this definition in the lives of pastors and teachers, VBTS is launching a professional, terminal degree in module format: *the Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching*. It is designed to provide pastors with advanced exegetical, theological, and communication skills for the purpose of effectively serving Christ's Body. Our rationale is grounded upon the principle that the church possesses the responsibility for training its ministers. Our students, therefore, will sit under leaders who have significant experience in the classroom and in the pulpit (see back page), and this will take place in the context of a thriving local church that models expository preaching. By God's grace, this degree will not only sharpen pastors, but also strengthen many congregations in their faith.



The Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching

Term	Expository Class	Faculty	Class Dates
Fall 2019	Expository Preaching of NT Epistolary Literature	Dr. Brent Belford & Dr. Daniel Davey	Sept. 23–27, 2019
Spring 2020	History of Expository Preaching	Dr. Michael Windsor & Dr. Andre Gazal	Feb. 10–14, 2020
Fall 2020	Expository Preaching of OT & NT Narrative	Dr. Brent Belford & Dr. Samuel Horn	Sept. 21–25, 2020
Spring 2021	Expository Preaching of OT & NT Prophecy	Dr. Mark Hassler & Dr. Bruce Compton	Feb. 8–12, 2021
Fall 2021	Expository Preaching of OT Wisdom & Poetry	Dr. Roger DePriest & Dr. Kyle Dunham	Sept. 27–Oct. 1, 2021
Spring 2022	Expository Preaching of Doctrine	Dr. Eric Lehner & Dr. David Doran	Feb. 14–18, 2022
Fall 2022	Leadership & Communication in Expository Preaching	Dr. Daniel Davey & Dr. Michael Wilburn	Sept. 26–30, 2022
Spring 2023	Final Project Launch	Committee Appt.	

Normally, this space is devoted to sharing a biblical thought to encourage your walk with Christ. This month, however, we dedicated the entire newsletter to publicly launching our new doctoral degree to help pastors become more effective preachers of God’s Word. VBTS believes that if pastors are able expositors of the Scriptures, their congregations will be filled with people who manifest grace and truth. Therefore, the *D.Min. in Expository Preaching* is committed to the exposition of the entire Bible—no biblical book is less important than another. There is a “scarlet cord” that threads its way through the sixty-six books, and it unfolds the glory of our great Creator-God. When the Scriptures are rightly proclaimed, God’s glorious nature and character are lifted high, his gracious redemptive plan for humanity is understood, and his future kingdom-rule upon this earth is anticipated. The expository proclamation of his Word, then, is indispensable for the Church of God today, for the Spirit speaks through his Word made clear.

Because the nature of Divine Scripture demands a careful presentation of its contents, VBTS has gathered a collection of twelve seasoned pastors and seminary professors to help those who desire to exposit God’s Word with accuracy, clarity, and passion. These professors bring to the classroom an *accumulated 198 years of pastoral-missionary experience and 253 years of teaching seminarians*. The goal of this faculty is to sharpen ministers of the Word of God by taking them through the various genres of Scripture so they might be preached with authority.

It is the consistent desire of VBTS to present to Christ’s Church, both in America and around the world, accurate and powerful proclaimers of God’s holy Word. Are you interested? Or, do you know a pastor who could benefit from this? We look forward to talking with you after you visit our website (www.vbts.edu/academics/dmin).