



## CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY WINTER/SPRING 2018

**\*Personal Evangelism\***

**Jan. 18- Feb. 15**

**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**ETBU Scarborough Hall Room 103**

CIM is for anyone interested in increasing their knowledge and improving their skills in ministry. We begin this semester with preparing ourselves for the main task given to us by Jesus: "You shall be my witness" (Acts 1: 8). We will examine principles of communicating the gospel message in a variety of ways that address certain situations and persons. You will get a "toolbox" of resources to use as you seek to share the gospel. Tuition for each course is only \$175.00 (an extra \$25 enrollment for first time students) plus cost of textbook. All courses are accredited and earn ETBU college credit. An audit option is available for those who want to be exempt from homework and testing. This is a great time to jump in and give it a try. Enrollment takes place the first night of class. Please note that we do have a new location: We now will be meeting on the ETBU Campus in Scarborough Hall (the old chapel building) Room 103. Other courses for the Spring are:

**\*Introduction to Biblical Interpretation\***

**February 22 - March 29**

**\*Introduction to Missions\***

**April 5 - May 3**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING FOR HUNGER

When fifth Sundays occur during the year, churches are encouraged to receive a special offering for the Texas Baptist Hunger Fund. Texas Baptist churches provided nearly one million dollars for hunger cause throughout the world. The fifth Sundays for 2018 are April 29, July 29, September 30, and December 30. Of course, your congregation can choose their own time for these offerings and how to promote them. Plan now to encourage your folks to contribute to this ministry.

## TAX TUNE-UP WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, January 9**

**@ 6:30 p.m.**

**107 W Meredith St.**

If you are a person responsible for personnel matters for your congregation, this event is for you. Treasurers, financial secretaries, personnel chairman, etc., are encouraged to attend whether you are new to your job or an "old hand." We will review the basics related to payroll issues and look at whatever new tweaks the IRS has rolled out. Mainly we want to address the questions and issues you have. There is no need to pre-register; just come and join us. Meredith Street is just a few blocks south of the hospital. Go one street past the Marshall Floral Shop and turn right.

## Girls Mid-Winter Retreat

**February 9-10**

**Lakeview Assembly**

**For all girls grades 1-12**

**\$50.00 each**

Here's a great "getaway" opportunity for all girls in grades 1-12 and their sponsors. Check in begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and it all concludes after lunch on Saturday. Packed in between will be crafts, games, mission projects, visiting with missionaries, Bible Study, worship, and more. The \$50 fee covers dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, lodging, and materials. **Registration deadline is January 19** so do not delay in signing up your girls. The project focus for this year is funding a "laundry unit" for Disaster Relief. Girls are asked to bring laundry detergent pods for the "Suds of Love" ministry. Call us if you need registration or medical forms or you can get them from our website. You can also contact Lois Nowell at 903-759-9420 or email her at [girlsmissionscamp@gmail.com](mailto:girlsmissionscamp@gmail.com).



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# Summer Camps at Lakeview

With the winter weather on hand it is hard to think about summer, but now is the time to make decisions about summer camp for children and students. Our camps at Lakeview provide the quality you want at reasonable prices. Why spend time and money driving great distances? Spend more time with your students and children at camp rather than in a vehicle! Here are the camps you might be interested in:

- June 4-8 NetXtreme Student Camp 1
- June 8-12 NetXtreme Student Camp 2
- June 18-20 Girls Mission Camp Grades 1-2
- June 18-21 Girls Mission Camp Grades 3-12
- July 6-9 Boys Mission Camp (RA) Grades 1-6
- July 20-23 Faith Explosion Coed Grades 3-6
- July 23-26 Faith Explosion Coed Grades 3-6

We will be providing more complete details in the weeks to come and you can find more information on our website.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 p.m.

### Memorial Baptist Church

We will start our meeting this year with an evening session that will begin with **dinner**. A part of our discussion for the evening will be future Executive Board Meetings for the year. How many? When? Where? What? Begin thinking now about this matter and come prepared to decide. Of course, there will be other routine matters on the agenda, too, plus some other consideration of our future. As always, a main purpose is the fellowship and encouragement!

## WELCOME!

*Cecil Taylor as Interim Pastor at Central  
 David Jochum as Interim Pastor at Lone Oak*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Erin Woodfin, Children’s Minister at Immanuel on receiving her Master’s Degree and to Jeremy Roberts, Minister of Education at Immanuel for completing his Doctor’s Degree from Southwestern Seminary!!

**From Randy:** You may have passed by our former Office and Ministry Center location to see it has been reduced to rubble by the owners of Jucy’s Taco. I have to admit it was a difficult thing to see my “home” for thirty-two years demolished. It reminded me of what we all have to accept and that is material things are all temporary. What will last is the ministry that has taken place in that location. Now we have a new “home” in a place that has been a ministry spot from the mid-1950’s. The beginning of a new year always presents opportunities for change and we are off to a good start in that regard. I want to thank so many people who have helped me in these recent weeks and the danger is that I might leave someone out. First to Harold Long and all the volunteers of our Clothing Ministry for their tireless work in the relocation. To the men from Immanuel who built the beautiful ramps and walkways around the buildings. To men from Memorial, Woodlawn, and Pope City who constructed our new office area. To students from ETBU who built our nice fence and helped with painting. To Robert Ford with Workman Electric for getting us “up and running” with electricity. And to all of you who prayed for this process and voiced words of encouragement. Now we will be continuing to examine our means of working together as an Association of churches. Pray for our Executive Board as we do this important work. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and I look forward to seeing you all throughout 2018!