

**SOMA - School of Ministry Alliance**  
*“Gospel-Centered Equipping for Transformational Ministry”*  
Sponsored by: New Life Church Gahanna

**EFM PROGRAM: Course Offerings and Dates: 105 Classroom Hours**

Course Sessions run from **7PM-10PM on Tuesdays**

**Module Three: Jesus (36 hours total instruction)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
01-06-11	Jesus Messiah-Doctrine of Christ	06
01-11-11	Jesus Messiah-Doctrine of Christ	
01-18-11	Mankind, Sin, Salvation & Evangelism	06
01-25-11	Mankind, Sin, Salvation & Evangelism	
02-01-11	The Gospel of John	15
02-08-11	The Gospel of John	
02-15-11	The Gospel of John	
02-22-11	The Gospel of John	
03-01-11	The Gospel of John	
03-08-11	The Book of Ephesians	09
03-15-11	The Book of Ephesians	
03-22-11	The Book of Ephesians	

**Module Four: Transformational Ministry (24 hours total instruction)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
03-29-11	Ministering to the Person in Front of You	03
04-05-11	Ministry: Applying the Gospel to Life	03
04-12-11	Ministry: Praying for Others	03

04-19-11	Ministry: Serving Christ by Serving His Body	03
04-26-11	EASTER BREAK	
05-03-11	Ministry: Exercising Your Gifts	03
05-10-11	Ministry: Spiritual Shepherding	03
05-17-11	Ministry: Discipling Into Maturity	03
05-24-11	Ministry: Imparting Your Life	03

*(A detailed description of each course in Modules 1-4 are in the back of this handbook.)*

Students in EFM (Plan 2) will be engaged in documentation of their ministry activities. Three times per year, the student will provide written documentation of their ministry and mentoring activities. Those who complete Plan 2 will receive a certificate of completion and the option of applying for the Year Two ECP Program.

#### Make-up Classes:

If a class session is ever cancelled, it will be re-offered the next Monday evening in Room 206-07 at New Life Church Gahanna between 7 and 10 PM.

#### Textbook Requirement:

Use of texts for the courses will be decided by each instructor. For some courses the only text may be the Bible. Other courses may require additional texts.

#### Examinations:

At the end of each course, those enrolled in EFM will be given access to the on-line examination. Your grade for each course will be based on the results of the exam. The exams will be brief and directly related to the course's objectives. Students are on their honor to take exams without using texts or notes. Exams may take from 15 to 30 minutes to complete. You will receive a score and grade within two weeks of exam completion.

#### Class Fees and Scholarship Availability

The cost of the classes is \$25 per three hours of instruction. Thus, a three-hour course would cost \$25; a 6-hour course would cost \$50; a nine-hour course would cost \$75; a twelve-hour course would cost \$100; and a 15-hour course would cost \$125.

Course fees should never be the deciding factor in taking or not taking a course. If there are financial concerns that limit a student's ability to take a course, that student may apply for a scholarship by contacting the SOMA administrator. The scholarship process is informal and brief. Usually a telephone interview is all that is required. A decision will be made within one week of the interview.

### Ministry, Mentoring, and Leadership Activities

For those in the EFM Program (Year One), there must be written documentation of hours spent in ministry and periodic evaluations of ministry effectiveness. These reports will be due on November 30, February 28 and May 30. Mentors will be assigned to assist you based on availability and student preference. Mentoring contact is arranged by mutual agreement between the student and the mentor. The purpose is to evaluate and enhance each student's ability to apply Biblical understandings to the student's chosen ministry. Special emphasis will be given to the student's ability to work cooperatively with other ministry team members and improve the quality of their ministry to others. Ministry grades are determined by the mentor and will be recorded as Pass or Fail.

For those who move to the ECP Program (Year Two), the emphasis shifts from being part of a ministry team to leading a ministry team. Each student will be required to cooperatively formulate and execute two Leadership Projects under the supervision of a mentor or other ministry leader. These Leadership Projects will be designed to take 15-20 hours of time including the write-up. Specific instructions regarding the format of leadership projects will be provided to all students in the ECP Program. Grades will be given by the project supervisor/mentor. The first project will be due by January 31. The second project will be due by May 31.