

# Doctoral Studies

## Making a Different World (and Churches)

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With the ongoing flood cleanup in Nashville, which devastated many homes in my neighborhood, I frequently hear the phrase “making a difference” in regard to the thousands of volunteers. In the lives of many families, these volunteers are literally making a *different world*. That is exactly what I want to do with you through the DEdMin program.

As I consider the future of the DEdMin program here at Midwestern, I find myself eager to make a different world for you and future students. Dr. Harrison and I have already started an evaluation process. Since we are so averse to using the term “program” in our churches, I’m thinking of the DEdMin *program* as the DEdMin *experience*. Let’s build on the strengths of what is being done now to enhance every aspect of the experience you need to fulfill God’s calling on your life.

Through recent Sunday School group discussions on Exodus and Leviticus as well as my pastor’s sermons, I’ve discovered many applications for the DEdMin experience. Through Exodus and Leviticus, we learned how Moses taught the Israelites to live holy lives and worship God. As our group studied these verses, our pastor led us to anticipate Christ’s return through his sermons. What if the DEdMin experience gave all of us the opportunity to embrace God’s desire for us to live holy lives and anticipate Christ’s return?

As Christian educators we play a significant role in facilitating disciple making in our churches. Is holy living and worship God’s desired results for disciple making? Do our own lives encourage teachers and leaders to put Christ in the center of their lives and to live set apart for His glory? Just as Moses lived a life set apart before the Israelites, how can we follow his example of applying Bible truths through his life as we make disciples today?

More and more current events indicate we may be entering the end times. Perhaps as we live our lives set apart, we should also live with anticipation of Christ’s return. That sense of anticipation combined with holy living has the remarkable potential of making a different *church*. How can the DEdMin experience prepare us for holy living, worship and disciple making in these remaining days?

With anticipation, I am claiming Psalm 31:15 as a foundation for our efforts in making a different world and different churches—“The course of my life is in Your power.” May our relinquished lives be empowered by God as we attempt to live by His standards and anticipate His return.

Do you have suggestions and ideas for the future of the DEdMin experience? Now is a great time to share them with me! Email me at [mmaynard@mbts.edu](mailto:mmaynard@mbts.edu) or call me (615.618.9459). I look forward to hearing from you and praying for you!

May we make a different world together!

**The first Korean DMin Orientation seminar took place May 31-June 4, 2010. Dr. Rock Choi (seen leading at the top of the picture) has done outstanding work.**

**Congratulations, Dr. Choi, on the completion of your first seminar!**



## STUDENT PORTAL

If you are not currently accessing your student portal to view your grades, syllabus, unofficial transcript, billing ledger, etc., make this a high priority. Don’t know your username or password? Simply email Mindy at [makright@mbts.edu](mailto:makright@mbts.edu) or the I.T. helpdesk at [helpdesk@mbts.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mbts.edu). Once you have received them, access your portal located on the MBTS website homepage.

**COMING SOON: PRO-DOC SEMINAR SURVEY.** Our team looks forward to your input!

**Monthly Tuition Payments are due on the 15th!**

## Seminars through October 2010

### JUNE

- 7-11 Ed. Evangelism
- 7-11 Project Methodology
- 7-11 Integrating
- 28-July 2 Korean Orientation

### JULY

- 12-16 Preaching & Ministry Practice
- 12-16 Age Group Ministries
- 19-23 Hispanic Methodology
- 26-30 Korean Orientation

### AUGUST

- 2-6 Orientation
- 2-6 Korean Orientation
- 16-20 Hispanic Orientation
- 16-20 Korean Orientation
- 23-27 Sponsoring Churches

### OCTOBER

- 4-8 Project Methodology
- 11-16 Expository Preaching I
- 11-16 Leadership Issues
- 18-22 Issues in Christian Ed.

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# PhD Corner

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Midwestern Baptist College, SBC is seeking adjunct faculty to serve as facilitators in its new online Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) degree.

All enrolled PhD students are eligible to serve as facilitators. Payment is set at \$1500.00 per 3 hour course.

Courses are offered online in 8 week terms beginning in the fall. Facilitators will be expected to be online for a minimum of 12 hours per week working with students. The following is a list of courses offered through this program.

- Old Testament I and II
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- Theology I and II
- History of Christianity I and II
- Personal Spiritual Disciplines
- Christian Ethics
- Church Administration
- Hermeneutics
- Apologetics
- Basic Evangelism
- Theology and Philosophy of Missions

If approved, this would be a great way to help build your academic resume and provide additional income. Please contact Cheri Smith ([csmith@mbts.edu](mailto:csmith@mbts.edu)) for an application. Dr. Harrison and Dr. Davis are very interested in using our doctoral students in this new degree program.

## REMEMBER JULY 15th!

Applications for scholarships are due to the Financial Aid office on this date.

Tuition payment(s) for the fall semester are due on this date as well.

### Upcoming Courses

- 6/21-7/2 Theological French
- 7/19-7/30 Teaching Principles & Methods

### Fall 2010 Semester Courses

- DR40320 Johannine Literature
- DR40310 Synoptic Gospels
- DR40250 Hebrew Grammar
- DR40020 PhD Colloquium I
- DR40804 History of Research & Interpretation
- DR40806 Theology Comprehensive
- DR40080 OT Textual Criticism
- DR40802-01 OT Backgrounds-Hearson
- DR40802-02 OT Backgrounds-Watson

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### FRENCH COURSE BEING TAUGHT THIS SUMMER

Jennifer Hearson is returning to teach Theological French. The dates for the course are June 21-July2, 2010.

Sign up for this course through the Registrar Office.



### DID YOU KNOW?

You may now pay electronically through your student portal? Click on *My Ledger*. Click on *My Payment*. The steps following should be self-explanatory.

### Prayer Requests?

The Doctoral studies department meets weekly for prayer. If you have a prayer concern, please call or email the doctoral studies office so we might more effectively pray for you and your ministry.

