

# Training Timothy's Scholarship

## *for Master of Ministry students*

*“Committing to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)*

### Sharpening Your Saw

In the early twentieth century, people in agriculture referred to “sharpening their saws” as a necessary pursuit to make their efforts more productive. A dull blade requires much more energy to accomplish the same amount of work. A pastor who invests himself in the ministry knows that his spiritual saw can become dull over time.

Continuing education at Baptist Bible Seminary is a great way to keep your ministry saw sharp and become more effective for God. A church’s benefits are enormous when its pastor continues his professional education. Normally, a church will report that its pastor has become more effective in leading the church, is presenting more helpful sermons, or is seeing the church grow as a result of taking courses at BBS.

### The Future of the Church

Church leaders with a future-focus continue to deem seminary training as essential for a strong Church throughout the twenty-first century.

- Seminary-trained men provide significant, advanced leadership and direction for the local church.
- Seminary-trained individuals have significant theological understanding and guard the doctrinal integrity of the local church.

Because continuing education is so vital for pastors and local churches, BBS has launched a matching scholarship fund to help churches enable their pastors to take seminary courses.

- Seminary-trained men are the mentors and educators of future local church leaders.
- Historically, seminary-trained leadership has played a significant role in a church's strategy for impact and growth.

**The Training Timothy Scholarship** provides matching funds for church-sponsored pastors and missionaries as they continue their ministry education and increase their effectiveness for God. Your church can remove a financial barrier between your pastor and further education and ignite a passion for continued learning in your church's leadership.

### Benefits for the Sponsoring Church

- Your pastor will interact with seminary professors and other pastors allowing him to gather new ideas for ministry in your church and community.
- Your pastor will dig more deeply into theology, which will impact his preaching, teaching, and counseling.
- Your pastor will develop new tools that he can use to disciple current and future leaders in your church.

Many independent evangelical churches leave it completely to the pastor to solve the financial dilemma of further seminary education. Churches that think strategically help their pastor deepen his Bible knowledge and further his ministry skills.

Prayer for your pastor will become more frequent and focused as your pastor shares what he is learning in his classes.

Your church will encourage your pastor and his family by demonstrating that you care about his education and calling.

If your church sponsors its youth pastor, your student ministry can benefit from a growing youth leader.

If your church sponsors its missionaries, you will develop a closer relationship with them as they report back on the benefits of their education.

### Benefits for the Seminary Student

You will develop your Bible knowledge and your ability to minister the Word in people's lives.

- You will expose yourself to the latest trends in theology and church practice and will learn how to help your congregation think through these issues from a biblical perspective.
- You will grow your ministry network to enhance your ability to gain wise counsel from others both now and in the future.
- You will be able to continue your education without uprooting your family or leaving your ministry.
- You can shave years off the time needed to complete a seminary degree.
- You will be encouraged to persevere, knowing you are supported by your church's love, prayers, and desire to be involved in your family's life.
- You will reap the benefit of lessened financial pressure and be able to focus on your studies. This will also give you the ability to properly care for your family's spiritual, emotional, and material well-being.
- You will enlarge your ministry potential. Studies show that individuals with seminary education pastor larger ministries and even earn a higher salary.

### **Key Concepts of the M.Min. Training Timothy's Scholarship**

Baptist Bible Seminary will match the financial gift of a student's church. The Master of Ministry student must be enrolled full-time (at least four credit hours) during the semester for which the Training Timothys Scholarship is awarded.

- It is a matching tuition scholarship of up to \$500 per semester.
- A \$500 gift from the church becomes a \$1,000 scholarship at BBS.
- The scholarship is renewable for up to six semesters.
- The Training Timothys Scholarship ultimately makes \$6,000 in tuition aid available to a pastor (or missionary) at BBS.

Individuals desiring a Master of Divinity degree can also take advantage of this scholarship. For M.Div. students,

a \$1,000 gift from the church is matched, becoming a \$2,000 BBS scholarship. M.Div. students can utilize this scholarship for up to six semesters, providing up to \$12,000 towards a seminary degree. Contact BBS for information on the M.Div. Training Timothy's Scholarship.

### **Suggested Steps for Your Pastor**

- Complete an application for admission and be accepted into the M.Min. program at Baptist Bible Seminary.
- Be recommended to BBS and sponsored by your church and its pastoral staff.
- Enroll and become a full-time student (at least four credit hours per semester) at BBS.
- Receive scholarship aid from your church.
- Maintain the Seminary's standards for grades, credit hours, and spiritual life while meeting other stated requirements.
- Matching awards will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis as long as the allocated funds provided by BBS are sufficient.

### **Suggested Steps to Assist Your Pastor**

- Allocate "Continuing Education" funds through the normal church budget process. Normally this will be considered a non-taxable provision similar to a ministry expense account.
- While continuing education scholarship funds are normally budgeted by a church, a variation is to vote to set up a "Pastor's Professional Development Fund" and allow people to make contributions to it as well. These gifts would be tax-deductible and handled similarly to other designated gifts to the church.
- If your church desires to sponsor one of its missionaries for this scholarship, you may want to utilize the missions budget. •
- Notify Baptist Bible Seminary through phone, email, or a letter of your intentions to enable your pastor to benefit from continuing education at BBS. Any

pastoral staff member may qualify. A brief form is attached in this booklet that can be completed and returned to the Seminary.

- Send a check to the BBS Admissions Office in the name of your pastor prior to the start of semester classes (checks should be payable to Baptist Bible Seminary). The Seminary will then match the amount and apply it to his account for the student's use when he registers for class. This step will be coordinated with the school's Student Financial Services Department.
- Rejoice together in God's blessing to your church and pastor through this partnership.

## Summary

Baptist Bible Seminary desires to partner with churches in strengthening and refreshing their pastors and missionaries by providing a matching scholarship, enabling them to better minister to their church.

# Training Timothys Scholarship

## *sponsoring information*

To initiate the process the Training Timothys Scholarship, the following information is needed:

### Sponsoring Church

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person *(if different)* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### M.Min. Student Being Sponsored

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated amount of support *(may be a commitment or an estimate)*

Fall 20 \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spring 20 \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 20 \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spring 20 \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed document to: Baptist Bible Seminary • Admissions  
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