

For many years Rich Hines received requests for more in depth chaplaincy training. That’s one reason he produced the Jail Ministry Training Manual. But it became obvious we needed something more. Many unattached Chaplains are asking for training and for us to validate them as “Fit for Biblical Correctional Chaplaincy.” Here’s an example of a letter sent by a Chaplain from Ohio.

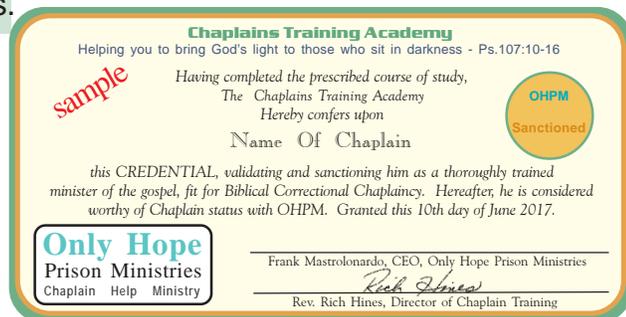
“Do you offer training for Chaplains? I am called a Chaplain, but I’d like to be trained and certified or credentialed. ... I have been involved with the Jail and Juvenile ministry for about 3 years now and the Chaplaincy I am involved in does not offer any credentialed training. ... I have a true calling I’m just trying to get my credentials to fulfill what He has started in me.”

Starting in 2006, the Chaplains Training Academy began. It will continue to take on new students in 2017. Much of the study and course work will be done by distance learning and correspondence, but we do require 20 units (four weeks, 5 units each) of on site work at one or more of our campus locations. To date, there are 52 graduates ministering in seven states.

About the Academy

The Chaplains Training Academy (CTA) has been established to serve Chaplains and trainees by providing training in biblical expertise, as well as a credential validating and sanctioning them as approved and fit for gospel ministry within a correctional facility. The course consists of individual training sessions (quarters), which will be a series of Monday or Tuesday through Friday night classes and day classes on Saturdays. Normally, the course will take 19 months to complete and we require students to finish in no longer than 30 months.

Homework and outside course work will be required. Upon satisfactory completion of a quarter session, a student will earn five units. A CREDENTIAL (see the sample on the right) will be earned upon the completion of 20 units.



Rev. Rich Hines, who was a correctional facility chaplain for 21 years, serves as the Director of the Academy. For more information, or to register for the Chaplains Training Academy (CTA), please contact us at (360)722-2429, or e-mail us*. You may also visit us at www.onlyhopeprisonministries.com/academy-training/ and then click the **blue link** to our **Application Application** and print it out, complete it and send it to us. Applications will be prayerfully considered on a first come first served basis. There will be an initial application fee of \$50.
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Some of our Teaching Staff

Rev. Rich Hines, M.A. Min.



The Director of our Academy and Chaplain Training. He wrote our Jail Ministry Training Manual. He’ll teach practical applications of God’s word to the special challenges inmates face. He was a full-time correctional Chaplain for 21 yrs

Dr. Larry McCall



Pastor of Christ’s Covenant Church in Winona Lake, IN. He’ll teach on Spiritual Leadership, because you need to be a true biblical leader of others. His book, “Walking Like Jesus Did” will be one of the course required study books.

Pastor Steve Kreloff, M.Div



Has served as Pastor-Teacher of Lakeside Community Chapel in Clearwater, FL for over 30 yrs. He will teach on how to prepare and apply biblical exposition.

Cpl. Bruce Mills, M.A. Bib.St.



He’ll Teach on submission to governmental authority and how best to be a good testimony of Christ to correctional authorities. Bruce is also an ordained minister.

Pastor Jack Jenkins, MA Rel.



Senior Pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Orlando, FL. Jack is also a Certified ACBC Biblical Counselor. Under Jack's directorship, many have been trained and certified through ACBC (Assn. of Certified Biblical Counselors). While pastoring in Michigan, he was an a member of the pastoral staff at Lakeland Corr. Fac. - Coldwater, MI.

Pastor Jerry Wragg, M. Div (D.Min candidate)



Is Pastor-Teacher of Grace Immanuel Bible Church in Jupiter, FL. He is also the Chairman of the Board of the Expositors Seminary. He'll teach on Theology Proper and how to biblically worship, and how that applies to the true church on the inside.

Classes and Details

Academy classes will include:



- Biblical Counseling
- Biblical Preaching and Teaching
- Biblical Worship
- Evangelism
- Giving Death Notifications
- Inmate Culture and The Word
- Marriage and Divorce
- Pastoring Inmates
- Submission To Authority
- Suicide (Counseling Suicidal Inmates)
- Working With Corrections Staff
- Working with & Developing Volunteers

Campus Locations

Santa Clarita, **California** - at The Master's College, Los Angeles, **California** - at Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church. Orlando, **Florida** – at Faith Baptist Church. St. Charles, **Illinois** - at New Covenant Bible Church Endicott, **New York** - at W. Endicott Baptist Church. Snohomish, **Washington** - at Emmanuel Baptist Church

The Master's College
21726 Placerita Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

A Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church
3557 Fletcher Drive.
D Los Angeles, CA 90065

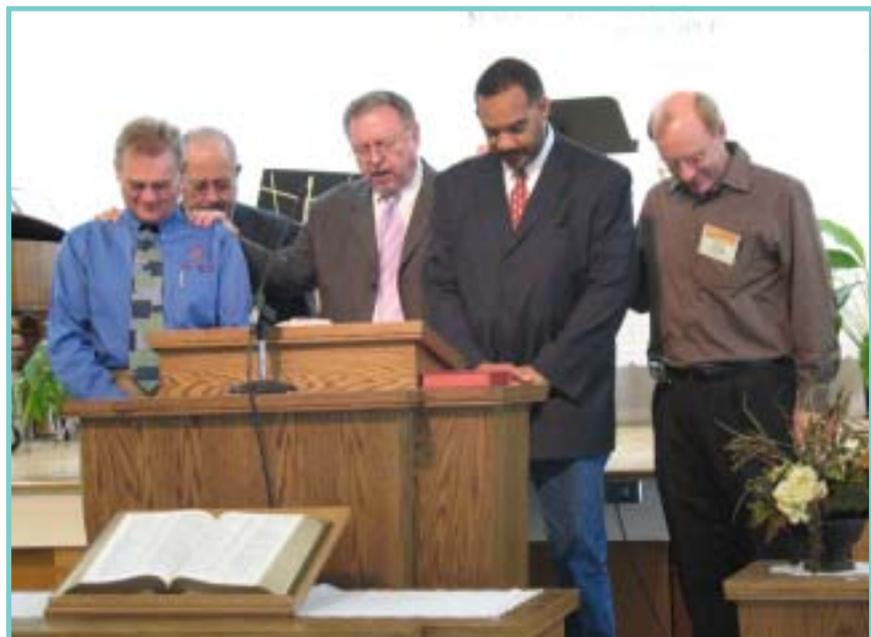
D Faith Baptist Church
500 N. Bumby Avenue
R Orlando, FL 32803-4031

E New Covenant Bible Church
4N780 Randall Road
St. Charles, IL 60175

S West Endicott Baptist Church
515 W. Wendell Street
S Endicott, NY 13760

E Twin City Bible Church
1337 Ebert Street
S Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Emmanuel Baptist Church
2727 Lake Avenue / P O Box128
Snohomish, WA 98291-0128



Academy Graduation and Commissioning

What To Bring: Bible, teachable spirit, one suitcase and other personal provisions.

Cost: Normally we ask \$90 plus cost of textbooks (\$10 for your first session), for each one week segment. A \$50 deposit is necessary to register. This deposit will be held until you are accepted into the course, in which case it will go toward the first quarter's fee of \$100. If your application is not accepted the \$50 will be returned.

Dates in 2017: In **S. CA:** In **Los Angeles**, June 5-10, 2017 and in Nov. 2017 (T.B.A.). In **IL:** In **St. Charles**, March 27-April 1, 2017 and Sept. 25-30, 2017. Possibly in **Maine**, in **Livermore Falls**, in 2017 and possibly in **N. CA**, starting in 2017. **FUTURE DATES and LOCATIONS: (T.B.A. - To Be Announced).**

Some have asked two good questions. **“Out of curiosity, what does the ‘Credential’ actually do/ prove?”**

Here are some answers to those questions.

IT DOES some of the following:

1. Gets you recognized as some kind of Correctional Chaplain - in somebody's evaluation. In this case Only Hope Prison Ministry's. It is a CREDENTIAL, which is like, but not the same as, a license from a church body or denomination to practice a certain ministry, because they have tested you and found you adequate for the ministry.

This is better than being a volunteer or even a recognized volunteer Chaplain working under another head Chaplain.

2. In some cases it has gotten our graduates access and a standing as a Chaplain, where they did not have it previously.

3. It either teaches you NEW things you had not thought about before or it AFFIRMS things you already knew about working as a Christian minister with criminal offenders.

4. One of the best things it DOES is to give you direction for future study and CONFIDENCE that you know you have learned some things.

IT PROVES:

1. You can follow through with a course of study to prepare you for a work.

2. You are responsible.

3. Others in the "field" have recognized you. Therefore, you are not out there doing ministry in your own name.

We also offer those who are taking the complete course of study, a Certificate stating they are a Chaplain-In-Training. This Certificate is available after the first week's session of classes and homework assignments are completed. See the sample to the right.

