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**CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & LOCATIONS**

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~The number preceding the class title is the classroom number~

### **9:15 - Classes**

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**1. Spirituality 101: Staying Close to God in Urban Ministry -- Anthony Wood, Steven Morris**

- Maintaining one's spirituality is crucial not only to the urban minister's personal health but also foundational to his/her ministry efforts. Come ready to hear and discuss getting with and staying with God in ways that will help you meet the demands of urban ministry.

**2. Social Work Perspective on Urban Ministry -- Marci Rhodes, Sarah Meigs (CEU\*)**

- Navigating social services in an urban ministry environment can be challenging and unpredictable. We will discuss common issues we face, explain the evolution of the social services department, and facilitate group discussion concerning common needs that are faced in your community.

**3. I Was Sick and You ... River City Ministry Med Clinic -- Paul Wilkerson**

- A discussion centered on meeting the medical needs of the underserved. Class will include a current view of River City's medical services as well as an overview of the Affordable Care Act, and how it will affect charitable clinics.

### **10:30 - Classes**

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**1. City Connections: Networking Across Your City -- Jeff Spry (CEU\*)**

- Living in an urban center requires that we, Christ-followers, give special attention to individuals who are susceptible and vulnerable to Satan's attacks to kill and destroy. This vulnerability is intensified for many because they have little or no support system to surround them with encouragement, guidance, and support. Fortunately in most of our urban centers across the country, non-profit organizations have emerged and are led by Christians that have devoted their lives to addressing some specific social issue which endangers the quality of life for many of the least of these in our cities.
- It is our bias that only when we build collaborative partnerships with representation from all of the various sectors will we begin to see significant advances in our addressing some of the societal issues that plague our cities. We believe it is the responsibility of Christ-followers to be discerning, intentional and strategic in helping to build and unify these relational connections. Are you one of those servant leaders?

## **2. A Church that Stayed: Middle Class Churches Staying in the City -- Paul Wilkerson, Danny Dodd.**

- A discussion of the history of the Levy church, and it's decision to stay in a community that became the inner city, the challenges of being that church today, and plans for serving this community in the future.

## **3. Setting Captives Free: A Biblical and Practical Framework to Finding Freedom and Fullness in Christ - Keith Lape**

- Introducing an approach to helping people, by faith, access the full resources of the Gospel to experience the abundant life Jesus came provide for all—enabling them to gain liberation from the hurts, habits, and hang-ups that have been holding them down.

## **2:00 - Classes**

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### **1. Being Jesus in the 'Hood: Neighborhood Ministry - Ryan Lloyd, Nolan Watson.**

- Discover new insights on joining Jesus while building intimate community in urban culture. Hear stories of sitting soulfully with God, connecting soul to soul with people, and how God has drawn men from the streets to be a vital part of His Church.

### **2. Impacting At-Risk Youth - Greg & Amber Sublett, Jesse Stacey**

- As titled, this class will focus on ministering to at risk youth as experienced over the past 17 years at the Silver City Church. We hope to share valuable experiences through church life, summer camps, and particularly through our one-to-one mentoring program.

### **3. Crossing Thresholds to Purposeful Life: HopeWorks & Hand Up Housing - Don & Deanne Williams, Jonda Pieper (CEU\*)**

- An overview of two Christ-centered outreach programs that empower homeless or low-income individuals to move from hopelessness to self-sufficiency. HopeWorks is an educational program and Hand Up Housing is an individualized short-term housing program. Learn how they work as a gateway to influence holistic growth toward healthy functioning.

**\*NOTE:** For the benefit of any social service professionals in attendance, one class per each of the three sessions is a CEU friendly class. They are marked accordingly above. For securing the proper documentation, consult with the presenters of the respective classes.