

Firestorm School of Ministry Course Catalog 2026 - 2027

Director's Vision and Intent

Dear Tribe,

I am honored to build FSM with you and want to share my vision and intent for us.

Vision: Raise up holistic leaders who build holistic churches.

Values: Grow strong roots in Christ by experiencing God's presence, understanding God's design, and pursuing authentic relationships (R-PDR).

Mission: Deliver vision-aligned and value-aligned seminars and courses that are accessible and effective.

Pastor David's vision is to raise up holistic leaders who move in all gifts of the Spirit and who build holistic churches to integrate the five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists. Raising spiritual leaders requires spiritual methods. Therefore, the core values guiding our motivations, decisions, and actions are both spiritual and dynamic.

Just as trees are a visible expression of a hidden root system, FSM students, faculty, and staff must grow root systems deep in Christ, not just build programs or increase knowledge. This essential hidden work of growing root systems will produce visible ministries that bear spiritual fruit that lasts. The principles of presence, design, and relationship must guide FSM. First, nothing spiritual or lasting happens apart from encountering God's presence, and where two or more are gathered in His name, He is there. Second, God's design includes not only every command in His word, but also key principles, such as surrender, restoration, and abiding. Alongside these enduring and life-giving design principles, we believe that God has given us a unique revelation and culture as Children of God to be bold, love well, and stay broken. Finally, outside of authentic relationships, we will do wrong because we have nothing to lose. Our students, staff, seminar leads, and course facilitators are to become family, unhindered by hierarchy, just as Jesus taught us "don't let anyone call you teacher, for you have one Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers... the greatest among you shall be your servant."

FSM courses will enable Rock City members who have been given a spiritual gift of teaching to give their supply while reinforcing our vision, values, and culture. Because our church culture is revelatory, courses are not likely to become crystallized in degree programs but are expected to flow with the move of the Spirit. These courses will be facilitated on top of a core curriculum of Kingdom Life (KL) seminars based on Pastor David's original teaching while incorporating a discipleship focus. The KL core is the main activity of FSM with some seminars becoming prerequisites for serving and leading at Rock City Church. The KL curriculum has seven six-week seminars offered year-round in small groups with a lead, co-lead, and three or four students. I am asking for your help and support to execute this mission.

In His Faithfulness,



Presence | Design | Relationship

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Purpose

The purpose of this catalog is to list and describe the courses and seminars regularly offered at the Firestorm School of Ministry. Some experimental, guest speaker, and pop-up course and seminar offerings may occur from time to time that are not listed in this catalog. Each of these will be described separately as they are offered, and if any become regularly offered, they may be added to this catalog at a future date.

Courses and seminars are grouped into three categories, Family Life Curricula, Equipping Curricula, and Kingdom Life Core. The Family Life Curricula focuses on the topics of Men's studies, Women's studies, Marriage, and Family. The Equipping Curricula focuses on the application of the Bible, doctrine, and theology to practical daily life in the spheres of ministry, work, and community. The Kingdom Life Core forms the foundation for ministry participation and leadership at Rock City Church.

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Family Life Curricula

The Family Life curricula focus on the topics of Men's studies, Women's studies, Marriage, and Family. The only regularly offered course at this time is Majoring in Men. However, marriage and family courses and seminars are often offered ad-hoc as well.

Majoring in Men

We believe that strong men create strong families, strong families create strong churches, and strong churches create strong communities. Majoring in Men is a three-year book study and seminar that explains what God desires from a man and defines what real manhood looks like. Men learn how love benefits others at the expense of self because love desires to give, while lust benefits self and the expense of others because lust desires to get. The practical application of this principle through repentance, forgiveness, and the power of the Holy Spirit teaches men how to live a maximized life. Year three graduation includes a commissioning ceremony with swords.

MM101: Majoring in Men Year 1

Prerequisite: none.

Length and Start Date: About nine months usually starting in mid-January.

Materials: Three sets of books and workbooks purchased separately (*Maximized Manhood, Courage, and Sexual Integrity* by Ed Cole).

Time & Location: Thursday evenings at Rock City Church.

Seminar Lead: Colton Bartel and a graduated, commissioned man.

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MM102: Majoring in Men Year 2

Prerequisite: Completion of Majoring in Men year one or leadership approval.

Length and Start Date: About nine months usually starting in mid-January.

Materials: Three sets of books and workbooks purchased separately (*Real Man*, *Communication, Sex, and Money*, and *Power of Potential* by Ed Cole).

Time & Location: Thursday evenings usually at Rock City Church.

Seminar Lead: One or two of the graduated and commissioned men.

MM103: Majoring in Men Year 3

Prerequisite: Completion of Majoring in Men year two or leadership approval.

Length and Start Date: About nine months usually starting in mid-January.

Materials: Three sets of books and workbooks purchased separately (*Strong Men in Tough Times*, *Never Quit*, and *Treasure* by Ed Cole). Commissioning sword purchased separately.

Time & Location: Thursday evenings at Rock City Church or alternate location.

Seminar Lead: One or two of the graduated and commissioned men.

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Equipping Curricula

The Equipping curricula focus on the application of the Bible, doctrine, and theology to practical daily life in the spheres of ministry, work, and community. This area has the most potential for expansion, and as more courses and seminars are offered, these may be sub-organized into programs designed around the five-fold ministry of Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Pastors, and Evangelists. At this time, the only course offered regularly is Bible 100, which enhances personal Bible literacy and application.

Bible Courses

Personal Bible literacy and application is at an all time-low in society and our Bible courses will help restore a foundation for personal growth. At this time, the only course offered regularly is Bible 100.

BB100: Bible 100 Course

Description: Learn how to read, study, and feast on God's Word as He reveals Himself as the source of your every need in Jesus. Gain assurance and understanding of God's character by learning how themes in the Bible apply personally to your life.

Prerequisite: none.

Length and Start Date: About 12 weeks usually starting in early September.

Time & Location: Weekly at Rock City Church.

Facilitator: Thomas J. Schmidt.

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Kingdom Life Core Seminars

The Kingdom Life Core seminars form the foundation for ministry participation and leadership at Rock City Church. Each student will enter a process of discovery of God's plan for him/her and learn how to discern between lies and truth. Each week participants watch a video of Pastor David's teaching, explore and answer some short questions, and meet with a small-group seminar to share written answers, ask questions, and learn together. Participants will also write 500 word essays approximately every six weeks. The latter seminars include ministry participation by practicing what you have learned in healing, deliverance, prophecy, and dream interpretation.

This material was originally taught by Pastor David Bendett as a three-year course and practicum in ministry. In the original course, Pastor David delivered 15-minute lectures on over 100 foundational topics. These lectures and some of the student questions and David's answers have been recorded and repackaged into four, eleven-week seminars that can be completed in one year. The seminars build on one another and are intended to be taken in sequence. Each of the four seminars is offered quarterly so that participants may start, discontinue, and continue the program at different times throughout the year to fit their schedules. The eleven-week long seminars generally begin in early January, beginning of April, late June, and mid-September with breaks during Spring Break, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

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KL111: The Transfer in Christ & Led by the Holy Spirit

Prerequisite: none.

Length and Start Date: 11 weeks with varying start dates (see above).

Time & Location: Various times and locations usually near Rock City Church.

Video Speaker: David Bendett

Seminar Leads: Previous Kingdom Life Graduates

KL112: The Heart of the Father & Life Application

Prerequisite: KL111 or school leadership approval.

Length and Start Date: 11 weeks with varying start dates (see above).

Time & Location: Various times and locations usually near Rock City Church.

Video Speaker: David Bendett

Seminar Leads: Previous Kingdom Life Graduates

KL113: Giving My Supply & Kingdom Leadership

Prerequisite: KL112 or school leadership approval.

Length and Start Date: 11 weeks with varying start dates (see above).

Time & Location: Various times and locations usually near Rock City Church.

Video Speaker: David Bendett

Seminar Leads: Previous Kingdom Life Graduates

KL114: Inner Healing and Deliverance & Prophecy and Dream Interpretation

Prerequisite: KL113 or school leadership approval.

Length and Start Date: 11 weeks with varying start dates (see above).

Time & Location: Various times and locations usually near Rock City Church.

Video Speaker: David Bendett

Seminar Leads: Previous Kingdom Life Graduates
