Preparation Enables Service

Shaping the loves and skills needed for a lifetime of committed service

Our Mission

Service is central to the mission of the church

Jesus presented himself as a servant. His servanthood was demonstrated in his lifestyle and ultimately by his death. We are now Christ’s body, carrying on his mission. We identify with Christ as we see the world through his eyes and respond to needs with his mission and presence.

Servants offer their vision and resources

Servants with godly vision use spiritual discernment to respond to needs around them. They commit their relational and material resources to meet those needs. Training opportunities at Faith Builders focus on the preparation of servants for the mission of the church.

Disciples of Christ follow his example in the way they engage needs and devote their resources. Christ’s call to follow him energizes and informs their whole lifestyle.

Vision for ministry begins in the heart and character of Jesus. It reflects His interests and methods in the world.

Initiative is the capacity to connect awareness of a need with resources to meet that need. It actively engages and commits.

Humility is the ability to faithfully do the will of God in the context of the local church community.

“Christian Ministries prepared me to work with people through community service and one-on-one discipleship. The hands-on approach combined with the class teaching on Jesus’ example gave me valuable insight into what it will take to be involved in ministry.”

Sarah Miller
2012 Christian Ministries
Training and Events
shaping vision and habits for service

Faith Builders has developed a variety of events, services, and programs to cultivate servants for our communities. These events range in length from one day colloquys to the two year Christian Ministries track.

Christian Ministries Track

Two years of training, integrating study and formative experience

Apprenticing

Students participate in a variety of activities to prepare them for ministry. Experiences include Sunday school teaching, prison ministry, community service, and a week-long ministry tour.

Mentoring

Mentoring is a guided process of discipleship. Students take a look back over their lives to review the work of God while developing disciplines and goals for the future.

Discipline

One goal of the Christian Ministries track is to build enduring character in students. This is accomplished through a campus culture that values disciplined and balanced use of time and energy.

Study

Courses in the Christian Ministries track establish a broad foundation for service. Classes include teaching the Bible, public speaking, and congregational church life.

Winter Term

Five weeks during the winter

Winter Term is an opportunity for learning, Bible study, fellowship, and renewal. Included in the term are courses on Bible, business, discipleship, ministry, music, personal growth, and theology. Christian Ministries students participating in Winter Term join the mix of pastors, short-term students, and families.

Colloquy

One day during the winter

Faith Builders hosts a periodic colloquy to address a topic of interest to conservative Anabaptists. The colloquy has been formatted to include both presenters and attendees in the discussion. Subjects addressed have included the arts, non-resistance, and the atonement.

“I’m thankful for the ministry training I received at Faith Builders as I work in the field of ministering to the “least of these.” The ministry team trips helped direct my life as I saw needs.”

Chad Weaver
2008 Christian Ministries