



LIVING SPRINGS CHURCH
MASTER'S COMMISSION
a generational call to character

STUDENT HANDBOOK

THE MASTER'S COMMISSION

1. Introduction

It is the conviction of the ministry and members of Living Springs Church that there is only One Master who calls us to His Commission. The Master is Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. His Commission commands us to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

Students who have chosen to enter the Master's Commission are choosing to dedicate one year of their lives to God in a special way. It is our fervent prayer that they will take their place in the body of Christ to join in the work of the Great Commission. May it be said of them that they are "...vessels of honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work." (2 Tim 2:21) This is truly the Master's Commission!

2. Goals for Master's Commission Graduates

- A Christ-centered lifestyle rather than a self-centered one.
- To have an undistracted relationship with the Lord that is real, life-giving, intimate, and daily.
- To have a love for God's Word.
- To be equipped in basic theology through Bible classes.
- To encourage expressive worshippers who will develop worship as a lifestyle.
- To have a conviction and a desire to represent the Lord accurately in every situation.
- To have a correct view of whom God is as a loving, caring Father and as a ruling King.
- To know who they are in Christ and to have the freedom to walk in that authority.
- To fully understand the unconditional love and acceptance of God.
- To discover and mature spiritual gifts and learn to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Prayer – to develop a strong prayer life.
- To have the heart of a servant leader.
- To have a vision and revelation of joining generations together, and generational transfer, so as to further the purposes of God on the earth.
- To be transformed more into the image and character of Christ.
- To be self-examining through biblical lenses.
- To become a self-disciplined person and to deal with procrastination, apathy, and laziness. To have a godly work ethic with a pursuit of excellence.
- To understand the Christian worldview and to be equipped to apply it to current issues in our world.
- To be able to speak effectively, equipped to share the Gospel message, personal testimony, and teach biblical truths. To have practical ministry experience.
- To build a biblical foundation into their lives from which they can launch into their God-given purpose.
- To be trained and equipped to be leaders of people.
- To desire to give their heart continually to the Lord and to have a submissive attitude towards the leaders He brings in their lives.
- To have a desire to be a reformer and problem solver in our culture and our world.

3. Schedules

Start Date for MC: First class is on Tuesday September 24th, 6-9pm.

1. **September 24th to December 3rd and January 6th to August 12th**

Tuesday Schedule:

- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotions and Prayer
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class Time

Evening Schedule:

- Homework, Ministry Assignments

* Weekend Schedule (Depending on weekend):

- Ministry Assignments, involvement in weekend services

2. **Married For Life:** (Date: TBD) Married students will be asked to take the 13 week Married for Life course if they have not had the opportunity previously.

4. **COURSE CURRICULUM**

The Master's Commission is designed to develop in each student the spiritual maturity and character necessary to become servant-leaders. The student's relationship with the Lord will grow as they learn who He is, and who they are in light of a holy and loving God who is their Father.

The general course involves:

1. Reading the New Testament (year 1) and the Old Testament (year 2).
2. Personal Bible study with written reports.
3. Oral presentations by the students.
4. Personal application papers based on class topics.
5. Serving and outreach opportunities.
6. Training in ministry.

Some Specific Courses:

- New Testament Survey
- Spiritual Gifts & Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Godly Leadership
- Cultural Issues
- Evangelism
- Worship

5. **OUTREACH / SERVING THE CHURCH /OTHER ACTIVITIES**

1. **OUTREACH VISION STATEMENT**

We believe that all followers of Christ have a responsibility to reach out and represent Him in their communities. Christ Himself commanded, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Recognizing that God did not save us just for our own sakes, we determine to lay down our lives for the sake of the lost. There is a need for us to break out and be enlisted in service to the community with the goals of reproducing the seed God has planted in us, penetrating our culture, and proclaiming the Lord's favor.

Above all, we seek to do the will of our Father God in reaching out to those in need. We will carry His heart for the lost as we fulfill the Great Commission and bring the Kingdom of God to the culture.

2. SERVING IN THE CHURCH

There will be many opportunities to serve in a variety of different ministries that exist in your local church. Here are some of the following ministries that we have at LSC.

Ministries Including:

- Alpha
- Young-Adult Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Married For Life
- Outreach Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Mission's Trip in Year Two
- Helps Ministry
- Administration
- And More...

6. Expectations

These expectations are purposefully designed to draw the students into the center of God's presence and to enhance their relationships with others by teaching them to show preference to one another.

1. The students are to initiate the bi-weekly meeting with his/her mentor and come to each of these meetings with all their forms filled out.
2. The students are asked to be flexible in their availability for work or ministry assignments as needs arise. Flexibility is a key. Jesus' ministry was characterized by inconveniences. Some of the greatest miracles occurred as a result of interruptions. Being flexible opens the door to divine opportunities.
3. It is important that students discuss ministry commitments with their mentors. We want to work with the students to monitor involvement levels to be sure they are healthy.
4. Students are expected to be at least 5 minutes early for all events.
5. If there is a legitimate reason a student is unable to attend an event, please contact the person in charge of the event they were to serve in.
6. Students are asked to be committed to the Master's Commission's yearly schedule. Leave can be granted for special occasions but students and their families are asked to work around the school's schedule. The staff feels the responsibility to provide maximum opportunities for corporate growth and experience. If a student misses these growth opportunities, they find themselves lacking significant events that are part of their development.
7. To help maintain good health, students are encouraged to fit regular exercise into their weekly schedule.
8. It is the student's responsibility to complete and hand in assignments and requirements on time.
9. There is no gambling, drug, alcohol or tobacco use permitted at any time.

10. This is a time to saturate your life with the Lord. Therefore, we ask that the students only listen to music that glorifies the Lord and promotes worship.

7. DRESS GUIDELINES

The Master's Commission students are ministers representing Jesus Christ. All dress should be modest and reflect Him. Dress reflects the condition of the heart. The students are asked to dress in a way that reflects honor to the Lord and each other.

GENERAL

Men & Women's clothing should be modest. No halter-tops or tight clothing—modest tank tops only (no spaghetti straps), skirts should be at least knee length. Modest bathing suits for men and women should be used when swimming or boating. Please be respectful when wearing hats in the church building. No hats during church services. Work attire must be modest, clean, and appropriate for the task.

REMEMBER - YOU ARE A MINISTER REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST!

8. RELATIONSHIP GUIDELINES

These guidelines are to protect and strengthen your relationship with the Lord and to protect your integrity as a disciple. With these guidelines, it will be easier to maintain a more unified group of disciples. They are not intended to break up or keep you from godly relationships. Our goal this year is to secure and maintain an undistracted devotion to Christ. Therefore:

1. The affection shown to any one member of the opposite gender in the Master's Commission (or anyone outside of the program) is expected to be the same as that shown to everyone else in the group.
2. We ask there be no riding alone in a vehicle with someone of the opposite sex.

NOTES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

1. There is a discounted couple's rate. The cost per couple is \$1,300.
2. All spouses are invited to every social event.
3. All spouses are welcome to attend devotions.
4. Spouses would be encouraged to be at any ministry assignment possible.
5. Spouses are invited out to the Orientation at the beginning of the program.

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Master's Commission program per year is **\$1000.00**

** not including the mission's trip or ministry trips.*

Application Fee is \$35 due by Sept. 24th, 2024 - First Class

-Please hand in with your application form

-Accept cash, cheque or EMT to **masterscommission.lsc@gmail.com**

Options for Payment:

Option One: \$1000.00 due on September 24th, 2024 - First Class

Option Two: If starting in September:

\$350.00 due September 24th - First Class

\$350.00 due December 1st

\$300.00 due March 1st

Option Three: \$83.33 per month for 12 months (September 24th - August 1st)

You can now take one class at a time at **\$250.00** per class instead of committing to a full year. The application process will be the same.

All cheques are to be made out to **Master's Commission** or email money transfer to **masterscommission.lsc@gmail.com**.

For Married Couples

- The cost per couple is **\$1300.00**.

***If you have questions or concerns please contact Charlene at charlene@livingsprings.life or call, text to 306-201-9855.**