

# The NATIONAL CENTER for FAMILY-INTEGRATED CHURCHES

Proclaiming the Sufficiency of Scripture for Church and Family Life

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## Internship 2012 Expanded Explanation

Dear Brothers,

Consider an exciting internship opportunity with the *National Center for Family-Integrated Churches*.

The NCFIC Internship is a men's discipleship program consisting of personal study, local church involvement, and ministry to churches around the nation through conferences and internet communications. We desire to be faithful to Paul's admonition to Timothy:

*"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).*

It has been 10 years since the NCFIC was founded on September 11, 2001. Over the past two years, we have significantly expanded our online presence with articles, audio messages, and videos. We have hosted national conferences on crucial biblical doctrines, traveled across the country encouraging and exhorting family-integrated churches, published multiple books on pressing issues of the day, completed a groundbreaking film on age-segregated youth ministry, and discipled interns.

Not only will interns be learning about the biblical doctrines of church and family, but they will also be hard at work communicating the NCFIC message through audio, video, and print materials, and by providing manpower assisting in various conferences.

## A Season of Communication and Clarification

Our message of the importance of biblical church life and its correlation to family reformation and age integrated church life according to Scripture is sweeping the nation, but there is much still to be said and done. Our purpose is to encourage churches and families to be faithful to Scripture by conducting conferences and producing and disseminating a diverse set of theological and practical resources. These resources are necessary to assist churches in overcoming the typical growing pains, establish a biblical ecclesiology, clarify our message, and answer our critics.

## Our Message

Our central message is the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture, with a focus on the application of Scripture to the discipleship of families and the building of healthy churches. Interns will not only be built up in the faith through their involvement in communicating the message and interacting with

mentors here in Wake Forest and around the nation, they will help continue to clarify and establish the architecture of the message. That architecture is simply the biblical doctrines of church and family.

### **Benefits for the intern**

Interns will leave the program having had the following experiences:

1. Full participation in the life of a healthy local church and with the elders of that church, to minister and be ministered to.
2. Study of critical books on the subject of ecclesiology and church history.
3. Communication of the message of the NCFIC through audio, print, and video communications.
4. Interaction with Christian leaders from around the country.
5. Production and participation in conferences on key subjects relating to church and family.
6. Engagement in Scripture memory relating to church and family issues.
7. Joining us at NCFIC conferences.
8. Interns will benefit from the application process by listening to five messages on the subjects that are the focus of the NCFIC.
9. As time and opportunity permit, travel and aid at conferences and homeschool book fairs may be afforded.

### **Age of Interns**

Intern applicants must be no younger than 18 and no older than 25. All applicants must have the full blessing and support of their parents.

### **Living Arrangements**

The interns will be housed in a loft dormitory located directly across the street from the offices of the NCFIC and a few blocks from where Hope Baptist Church currently meets in Historic Downtown Wake Forest, NC. The address of this facility is 215 S. White Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587. It is located on the second floor above The Olde English Tea Room.

The dormitory includes a kitchenette complete with refrigerator, two-burner hot plate, microwave, toaster, toaster oven, crockpot, blender, coffee maker, and dishes. Spartan furnishings for the living area and bedrooms are provided. It has three full showers.

The dormitory does NOT contain: a stove, an oven, nor washer and dryer. Interns will be required to utilize either of several nearby laundromats to wash their laundry.

## Expenses

The internship will be supported by gifts from friends of the ministry. Nevertheless, interns are expected to cover their own costs for food, laundry, required books, and any miscellaneous expenses that may arise.

## Food

Interns are expected to provide their own food. However, we will schedule interns to eat in the homes of church families twice each week and the home of Scott Brown once each week.

## Intern Reading List

- *The Sovereignty of God*, A.W. Pink
- *The Expository Genius of John Calvin*, Steven Lawson
- *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
- *The Deliberate Church*, Mark Dever
- *How God Wants Us to Worship Him*, Joe Morecraft
- *Lectures to My Students*, Charles Spurgeon
- *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*, Bruce Ware
- *God-Breathed*, Louis Gaussen
- *Expository Preaching*, John MacArthur
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, J.I. Packer
- *Revival and Revivalism*, Iain Murray
- *God's Gospel of Grace*, Jeff Pollard (Will be provided during internship)
- *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*, John Calvin (McNeill)
- *Systematic Theology*, Louis Berkhof
- *The Lord's Day*, Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
- *Always Ready*, Greg Bahnsen
- *Family Reformation*, Scott Brown (Will be provided during internship)
- *A Weed in the Church*, Scott Brown (Will be provided during internship)
- *Building a God-Centered Family*, Matthew Henry (Will be provided during internship)

Notes: Where possible, please purchase the most recent edition of these books. If you already own an older version, that will suffice. The reading list is subject to change.

## Church Involvement

As part of their training, interns will be required to participate fully in the body life of Hope Baptist Church. Regular meetings include Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening confession study, Tuesday morning men's Bible study, and Wednesday night prayer meetings.

Before coming to Wake Forest to participate in the program, interns must read the Hope Baptist membership package and doctrinal statement. Interns must also be in agreement with and sign the Hope Baptist church covenant, effective for the duration of their internship. While here, they will be

required to function as if they were members of Hope Baptist Church. It is not required that they subscribe to every point of the Hope Baptist extended doctrinal statement (the Second London Baptist Confession of 1689), but it is required that they embrace historic Christian doctrine, and agree to refrain from causing division on any points with which they disagree.

## **Duties**

Interns are expected to accept cheerfully any other miscellaneous duties assigned by NCFIC Management. Further, they commit to protecting the confidentiality of all projects worked on while interning, and to conducting themselves in a manner reflecting the glory of the name of Jesus Christ.

Further, they are required to work at the offices of the NCFIC from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. This time includes a ½-hour break for lunch, personal discipleship with Peter Bradrick and Scott Brown, and cheerful cooperation with all members of the NCFIC staff.

The duties of interns at the office may include, but are not limited to, writing, researching, studying, editing, proofreading, web and graphic design, listening to audio messages, making phone calls, janitorial duties, and general business office tasks.

Saturdays are reserved for the interns to participate in Christian service within the community. This is an opportunity to be rooted in relationships and service and to bless other people in the community consistent with the spirit of Titus 2.

## **Curriculum**

- Daily Exercise
- Involvement in Hope Baptist Church teaching experiences
- Involvement in NCFIC conferences
- Involvement in research and communication of the message of the NCFIC
- Reading and Study Regimen
- Christian service in the community on Saturdays

## **Tentative M-F Daily Schedule**

(subject to variation)

- Workout regimen
- 7:45 AM - Interns gather for daily corporate Scripture reading and study time.
- Breakfast
- 8:30 AM - Daily work begins at the offices of the NCFIC
- Work
- 9:30 AM - Discipleship meeting with some member of the NCFIC Staff
- Work
- 12:00 PM - Lunch and personal discipleship
- 12:30 PM - Lunch ends
- Work
- 5:00 PM - NCFIC Offices close

- Dinner
- Reading, study, and Scripture recitation as necessary
- Various evening commitments throughout the week
- 11:00 PM - Curfew
- Interns must be inside the dorm by curfew.

## **Experiences**

The calendars for the NCFIC and Hope Baptist are full of helpful experiences. Interns will experience biblical church life, a distinctly Christian work environment, and biblical discipleship, biblical family life, and the practical applications of the sufficiency of Scripture lived out before their eyes.

## **How you can help**

Even if you do not have a potential intern for our consideration, you can help us in other ways.

The internship program alone will cost the NCFIC approximately \$60,000 in 2012. We are in need of both monetary and manpower resources. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the NCFIC.

We believe that the church and the family are both holy institutions deserving our careful attention. Please join us in prayer for the beautification and the proper functioning of church and family in our generation.

To contact us, please send an email to David Brown at [dbrown@ncfic.org](mailto:dbrown@ncfic.org).

Sincerely,  
Scott Brown – Director of NCFIC