



**OLFORD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
AND THE
INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL PREACHING
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Our Commitment and Purpose

Under the Umbrella of Olford Ministries International, Inc., the Institute for Biblical Preaching exists to provide practical and personal instruction as well as spiritual encouragement for those who preach and teach the Word of God. We seek to “strengthen the ministry” of those who are committed to preaching or teaching the Word of truth in the power of the Holy Spirit. The various training programs are designed for preachers and teachers who are seasoned in ministry, or for those just starting in ministry, or for those seeking a time of retreat, learning and fellowship to prepare for what God has for them in the days ahead. People attend our Institutes who have various educational backgrounds and experiences. By God’s grace over the years many have benefitted from the Institute program.

Depending upon the Lord’s enabling grace, we seek to encourage people spiritually to focus on their God-given ministries to the glory of God and under the Lordship of Christ. We seek to teach personal faithfulness to the Word of God balanced with genuine dependence upon the Holy Spirit of God. Our concern is that those who preach or teach the Word of God do so fervently with a passion to impact lives for now and eternity. We want to encourage and bless those who are needing to break away from the pressures of ministry. At the same time, we are also committed to equipping those who want to train others to be expositors of God’s Word. **Ultimately we desire to see the church renewed and revived and the world reached with the saving Word of Christ. Our slogan for many years has been “ministry to ministers is ministry to multitudes.”**

Is this needed today? The short answer is “yes,” and this type of teaching/training is always needed. As God’s servants, we want to grow and continue to learn. Furthermore, to “lift high” the Word of God, and to combat error, correct imbalance, confront many sins and “lacks” that hinder dynamic Christian living, serving, witnessing and preaching, there will always be the need to train and teach people in the Word of God.

The Scriptures, the 66 books of the Holy Bible, are indeed God’s written authoritative special revelation to mankind. These books together are God’s self-revelation to us; a revelation that is purposeful, powerful and profitable. God’s “words” lead to salvation, sanctification and service. These “words” reveal God’s glorious plan of redemption and provide everything we need to know in order to have a vital and eternal relationship with the One True God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The preaching and teaching of the Gospel and the Scriptures themselves are both necessary and critical aspects of the Great Commission, and the outworking of God’s plan of building the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately we must preach and teach the Word because we are commanded to do so, and because such preaching and teaching bring God glory. God’s glory and His redemptive mission are not only made known through the activities of preaching and teaching, but God is glorified through the results of preaching and teaching in people’s lives.

Dr. David Olford



A BRIEF HISTORY

Under the leadership of the late Dr. Stephen Olford (1918-2004), Olford Ministries International, Inc. was founded with its present incorporation dating back to 1976. Dr. Olford had a deep burden to encourage and equip preachers, and this burden developed into the Institute for Biblical Preaching (1980). This “Institute” included resources and training events. After many years of ministry this burden and vision led Dr. and Mrs. Olford to Memphis, TN. in 1985 to establish a center for preachers. Dr. and Mrs. Olford were joined by their son, Dr. David Olford, and in 1988 by God’s grace and the generosity of God’s people the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching was established at the present location. Dr. David Olford has been the President of Olford Ministries International, Inc. since 1994, and he is the director of the Institutes and the Certificate Program. Dr. Stephen Olford “still speaks” by way of video instruction that is part of the Institute program. The Stephen Olford Center continues to be the headquarters for Olford Ministries International, Inc., and the “home” for the Certificate Program in Expository Preaching. The campus itself is now owned and operated by Global Ministries Foundation (GMF). Olford Ministries International, Inc. (OMI) is a resident partner with GMF. Our ministry is connected also with the Stephen Olford Ministry Legacy Project that seeks to utilize the ministry resources of Dr. Stephen Olford to bless and train others nationally and internationally.

Joining the ministry team in 2004 and continuing his ministry as Resident Minister and Professor with OMI is Dr. Ted Rendall. Dr. Rendall brings forty-three years of pastoral ministry experience with him. He is also Chancellor Emeritus of the Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada, where he served for over forty years. Dr. Rendall is not only a gifted teacher, but a prolific writer, editor and author, and international Christian statesman. Dr. Rendall has preached and taught widely across North America and overseas. He continues teaching and preaching, and is also available to provide wise counsel for those in ministry. Dr. Rendall is also the curator of the Ministry Research Library, which features the T.S. Rendall Collection.



GMF's Stephen Olford Center

INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTES AND THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Biblical Preaching Institutes and the full Certificate Program comprise a flexible but intense series of instructional courses that seek to “stir up the gift” and develop the practical skills of those who would seek to communicate faithfully the truth of the Word of God. The various Institutes and the full program are designed to offer personal attention and practical assessment to strengthen and advance the preaching and/or teaching ministry of each participant.

These Institutes and the full Certificate Program are the results of many years of teaching and training in the art and practice of expository preaching. Over the years these “equipping events” have been used to encourage and equip pastors, evangelists, teachers and interested laypeople to be faithful communicators of Biblical truth, rightly dividing the Word of truth in the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, our stated purpose is to “encourage and equip pastors, preachers, and lay leaders in the art of expository preaching and exemplary living in the power of the Holy Spirit to the end that the Church will be revived and the world will be reached with the saving word of Christ.” We are fully committed to the accuracy, the authority and the sufficiency of the Word of God in all that it affirms, and to the necessity of preaching and teaching the Word of God as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord.

Group Institutes and alternative formats are available for those wanting training who cannot attend one of the scheduled events. These are organized on an individual basis.

Global Ministries Foundation’s Stephen Olford Center provides a beautiful environment and a practical facility for the various seminars and training aspects of this program including meeting rooms, media/tech equipment, accommodations, dining facilities, and a ministry research library featuring the T. S. Rendall Collection (See next page). Right now Biblical Preaching Institutes are offered at various times in the year. At times the various training Institutes/seminars will be combined to form an intensive educational and equipping experience over an extended period. This is especially helpful for those traveling long distances to be here.



MINISTRY RESEARCH LIBRARY: FEATURING THE T.S. RENDALL COLLECTION

Dr. and Mrs. Rendall graciously donated to Olford Ministries International, Inc. a special valuable collection of approximately 32,000 books (The T. S. Rendall Collection), a collection that makes up the vast majority of the books in the Ministry Research Library. This unique library is available not only for all who participate in training events at GMF's Stephen Olford Center, it is available also for special study days, sabbaticals and projects. The Collection is unique and is comprised of books relevant to Christian living and ministry: biblical studies, theology/doctrine, Christian life and growth, revival, preaching, evangelism, ecclesiology, ministry and leadership, and more, including biographies!

WIDER MINISTRY

The ministry of O.M.I. continues to take place away from the Center as well. Numerous training events and preaching engagements have taken place over the years not only in the U.S.A., but in such countries as Australia, Canada, Columbia, England, Ghana, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, The Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Trinidad. It has been our privilege to partner with many ministry friends and Biblical/Theological Institutions as we seek to encourage and equip God's servants to "rightly divide the Word of truth" in the power of the Holy Spirit. One and two-day "Preaching seminars" have been a specific way that we have been able to provide instruction and encouragement to many preachers over the years.

WEBSITE

The <https://olford.org> website is home to many resources to help preachers and teachers of the Word of God. Resources include outlines and audio messages by Dr. Stephen Olford, as well as video training sessions and much more. Consulting this website will keep you up-to-date with ministry events as well, and you can register online.

Introducing the Core Ministry Team

Dr. David Olford - President



Dr. David Olford serves as the Chairman of the Board and President of Olford Ministries International, Inc. Dr. Olford was ordained to the Gospel ministry at Calvary Baptist Church in New York City. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield (England) in Biblical Studies. He served as the Stephen Olford Professor of Expository Preaching with Union University (TN) from 2007 to 2016. Together with his father, he coauthored the widely acclaimed, *Anointed Expository Preaching*. He also compiled the book, *A Passion for Preaching*, in honor of his father, and has written the book, *Find Us Faithful: Leadership that Leaves a Legacy* (2009). Both a teacher and preacher, Dr. David Olford has shared his passion for God's inerrant Word across the United States and in numerous foreign countries. David also serves as the President of the Stephen Olford Ministry Legacy, formed in 2009 under the umbrella of Global Ministries Foundation (GMF). David and his wife, Ellen, married in 1986 and they have two adult daughters.

Dr. Ted Rendall – Resident Minister and Professor



Dr. Rendall, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, serves as Resident Minister and Professor with Olford Ministries International, Inc. Dr. Rendall is Chancellor Emeritus and former President of the Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. Dr. Rendall served as pastor of two churches while in Alberta, the latter being the Prairie Tabernacle Church, where he served for 23 years and is Pastor Emeritus. Besides his pastoral ministry, his teaching and administrative duties over the years, Dr. Rendall has been involved in evangelism. Dr. Rendall is a prolific reader and author. He has written eight books including *Nehemiah: Laws of Leadership*. He served as editor of the *Prairie Overcomer* for 31 years, and he has written hundreds of articles for the magazine and many other publications. Dr. Rendall and his wife, Hester, have often ministered God's Word at conferences in North America and overseas, often addressing the subject of revival. The Rendalls live in Olive Branch, Mississippi, a few miles from GMF's Stephen Olford Center (Memphis, Tennessee). They have two sons, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dr. Stephen Olford (1918-2004)

The Founder of Olford Ministries International and the Institute for Biblical Preaching.



Dr. Stephen Olford (1918-2004), the founder of Olford Ministries International, Inc., was an internationally recognized preacher, evangelist, pastor, broadcaster and Christian leader. He also authored many books and preaching resources. His ministry spanned more than 60 years, including pastorates at Duke Street Baptist Church in Richmond, England (1953-1959), and Calvary Baptist Church in New York City (1959-1973).

Born of missionary parents, Dr. Olford was raised in Angola (Portuguese West Africa). During his seventeen years in Angola he not only came to Christ but witnessed the power of the gospel to change lives. He left Angola for England to receive education in engineering, and during that time a physical crisis led to a complete surrender to the Lord. The direction of his life changed completely and ministry training followed. During World War II, Dr. Olford was an Army Scripture Reader, and he had other fruitful ministry in Wales. Evangelism and conference speaking took place after the war before being ordained and accepting

the pastorate at “Duke Street.” The call to Calvary Baptist Church brought Dr. Olford to the United States where he and his beloved wife, “Heather,” would live for the rest of their lives.

Married for 56 years, and a father of two sons, Dr. Olford ministered the Word of God widely, especially to promote spiritual growth and revival. After the pastorate in New York City, besides his continued radio ministry, Dr. Olford sought more and more to encourage and equip preachers to “rightly divide the Word of truth in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Encounter Ministries, Inc. began during the “Calvary” years in 1970. After he left New York, “Encounter Ministries, Inc. (now Olford Ministries International, Inc.) was incorporated in Florida in 1976. In 1980 Dr. Olford launched the Institute for Biblical Preaching to provide specific training and resources in expository preaching. In 1988 he founded the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical preaching (now GMF’s Stephen Olford Center).

Between 1988 and 2004, Dr. Olford continued to minister by way of preaching, teaching, writing and broadcasting until the Lord took him home to glory. He not only exercised and enjoyed the pulpit ministry, he ministered to many through times of personal interaction, counsel, encouragement and prayer. For a full description of Dr. Stephen Olford’s life and ministry, read the revised biography by Dr. John Phillips, ***The Life and Legacy of Stephen Olford*** (2006), available through Olford Ministries International, Inc.

INSTITUTE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DETAILS

Registration for Individual Institutes

Individual Institutes can be attended by contacting us directly or online in order to register. Just consult the schedule and select the event and dates that work for you and register accordingly. Accommodation is available at GMF's Stephen Olford Center. Sometimes the Institutes are combined into a continuous program that can last a number of weeks. Our "combined Institute program" will have its own application process. Guest speakers can be part of the Institute program. Costs for these Institutes will vary, so it is important to check the website or to get in touch with us for cost information.

Other training formats may be available. Consult our website for further information.

Brief Institute Descriptions – 2021-2022 (Other events may be added)

Expository Preaching and Teaching Essentials (August 31 – September 3, 2021) (February 8-11 and October 4-7, 2022)

The focus of this foundational Institute is the faithful clear exposition of God's Word delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit. Those seeking to develop their expository preaching and teaching ministries will receive practical and personal training that will help in the preparation and delivery of messages and/or lessons that have the priority of "rightly dividing the word of truth." Details and processes related to sermon/lesson preparation and delivery will be addressed as well as the essential spiritual dynamics that are a part of a faithful preaching and/or teaching ministry.

Practical Preaching and Teaching Workshop (July 27-30, 2021; March 1-4, 2022)

This special and intensive workshop offers a small-group atmosphere designed to improve the preaching or teaching skills of the participant. The participants will preach or teach God's Word and receive constructive personal feedback and critique. Each participant will submit a sermon/lesson manuscript besides actually preaching and/or teaching. Helpful peer interaction is an important aspect of this workshop. As needed we will also discuss planning a preaching calendar.

Strengthening Expository Preaching (September 7-10, 2021 ; February 22-25, 2022)

Go deeper and appreciate more fully the different genres of the Word of God and key issues in Biblical proclamation. The goal is sharpening our understanding of the diversity of Scripture as we seek to be faithful to the text and to the unity of Scripture and its fulfillment in Christ. Specific aspects of sermon development and delivery will be addressed also, such as illustration and application. The purpose is to help participants develop deeper and richer message content while maintaining clarity and simplicity in sermon delivery.

Evangelistic Expository Preaching (September 13-15, 2021; July 26-28, 2022)

The purpose of this institute is to ignite evangelistic zeal and to equip participants to proclaim the Gospel faithfully. Special attention is given to the content of the Gospel message, the preparation of evangelistic messages, and to the essentials of evangelistic proclamation and invitation. Guidelines for follow-up work, discipleship training and biblical church growth round out the course.

Expository Preaching and Spiritual Growth (April 26-29, 2021; October 18-21, 2022)

Growth into Christ-likeness is a fundamental purpose when preaching to and for Christians. Emphasis will be given to applying the Word of God to lead the people into spiritual growth, maturity and activity. Key issues in the growth from immaturity to maturity will be addressed. This Institute is not only instructional, but a time for personal spiritual encouragement and renewal. Preaching is often viewed separately from Discipleship; not at this Institute!

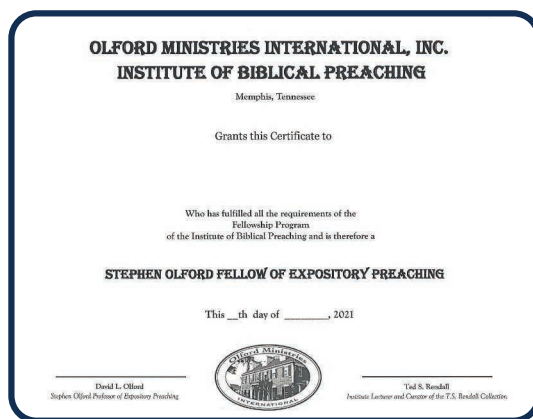
Biblical Leadership (September 20-22, 2021; May 3-6, 2022)

This institute is designed to present and explore Biblical principles related to Christian incarnational leadership. The personal life, development, and qualifications of the leader will be discussed. Critical and relevant aspects of leadership practice will be studied. Such issues as leadership training and developing leadership in the local church will be addressed. This Institute is applicable to those in the local church context, but it is also relevant to those who want to engage with Biblical truth and principles related to leadership practice and skills.

A program planned for August 30-September 24, 2021 and February 7 – March 7, 2022 is an intense training program especially planned to allow people traveling great distances to maximize their “Institute Experience” by providing a full program of instruction for one trip to Memphis. This will include a Personal Review Day (September 23, 2021 and March 5, 2022), and the program concludes (September 24, 2021 and March 7, 2022)

COSTS

Costs will vary depending upon the length of the program and other factors such as the number of meals and the length of accommodation at GMF's Stephen Olford Center (if needed). Cost information is available at www.olford.org or by emailing or calling our office.



The Certificate Program

The full Certificate Program in Expository Preaching brings together the various Institutes into a full program of study and assessment. Focused reading assignments, preaching and writing assignments, and various practical assessments are a part of this program. Staying on campus provides maximum convenience for focused study and 24 hour access to the T. S. Rendall Collection. This program can be completed over time as various Institutes are attended, or a vast majority of the whole program can be undertaken in an intensive multi-week training experience.

Complete an Application/Personal Information

There is an application process for the Certificate Program. Having said this, we allow Institute attendance and participation before a person commits to being a part of this Certificate Program. The result is that people do not need to retake Institutes that have been attended in the past before the application process was completed. The program is outlined below.

Attend the Institutes and Workshop and submit the “Response/Reviews” for each event.

Five Biblical Preaching Institutes and a Practical Preaching Workshop are the core of the Certificate program. Each training Institute and the workshop has a **“Written Response/Review”** exercise. These completed Written Reviews are to be submitted to Dr. David Olford. The schedule for the submission of these assignments will be made available upon arrival. All of these “assignments” will be evaluated.

Write and Submit a Book Review and/or Take the Online Course

The candidate is required to read and write a summary/review of the textbook, *Anointed Expository Preaching* by Stephen and David Olford. Other reading assignments may be added to the program requirements. A possible alternative is to take the online course called the “Olford Method of Expository Preaching” at www.olford.org. This course will cover some of the same material presented in the textbook.

Comprehensive Summary Exam

The Certificate candidate will also take a brief but comprehensive exam on site. If the candidate is involved in the continuous Institute program, the exam will be submitted during the last week.

Preaching Project

Dr. David Olford or Dr. Ted Rendall will discuss a preaching project with you, which will be the final aspect of the program. These messages will be submitted in complete written manuscript form. One of the messages will need to be preached “live,” or submitted in audio/video.

Certificate Program Study Days (Provided as Needed/ Separate Costs)

These days provide the opportunity for the participant to complete the Certificate program. The granting of the “Fellowship” will not take place until the project is complete.

Completion

An applicant completing the Certificate in Expository Preaching Program will be recognized as a “Stephen Olford Fellow.” This “Fellowship” will indicate the person’s commitment to expository preaching and a desire to promote expository preaching in the future. The goal of the program is to strengthen the individual teaching and/or preaching gift of each person. It is our desire that each Institute participant as well as each “Fellow” be committed to “rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”

OTHER COMMITMENTS AT OLFORD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

There are a few other distinctive aspects of our ministry that need to be underlined to explain not only what we do but why we do what we do. These non-negotiable characteristics are in keeping with the priorities of the Founder of the ministry, Dr. Stephen F. Olford.

- **INSPIRATIONAL** – It is our desire and prayer that through the ministry lives will be touched and changed through the Word of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our ultimate concern and expectation that God will work in people's lives for His glory.
- **INSTRUCTIONAL**- Having said what we have said about "inspiration," we do seek to provide helpful instruction from the Word of God to strengthen the lives and ministries of those who attend Institutes, seminars, courses, meetings and events. Our training can be delivered in various formats so that we can adjust to people's needs and schedules.
- **INCARNATIONAL**- What we do in ministry must be authentic and comes from lives that are committed fully to Christ. The "walk" needs to match the "talk." More than that, the servant of the Lord must be enabled by the Spirit of the Lord to engage in incarnational redemptive ministry. So, we emphasize the importance of the personal walk with God in our training.
- **INTER-DENOMINATIONAL** - Although we acknowledge and applaud the good purposes of Christian denominations, we value what can be gained from fellowship across denominational lines. In addition to the great historic creeds of the church, a doctrine that is critical to this ministry is the authority and inerrancy of the Word of God.
- **INTERNATIONAL** - O.M.I., Inc. has had an international ministry vision since its beginnings. We are concerned for the fulfillment of the Great Commission, which necessitates a global concern. Our teaching and training are not limited to this country; indeed much of what we do impacts ministry in other parts of the world.
- **INTER-RACIAL** - Our ministry is inter-racial by conviction. We state specifically that we are inter-racial to emphasize our commitment to assist pastors, preachers and church leaders from various ethnicities and backgrounds. Also, we want to be a place where people of various races, cultures, and backgrounds can meet, interact and gain from fellowship together.

In conclusion, as Christians we must be surrendered to the Lordship of Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. Also, we must be committed to obeying the Great Commandment and fulfilling the great commission. This is true for all involved with Olford Ministries International, Inc. So, we acknowledge our basic responsibility as believers in Christ to live as He has called us to live in the strength that He supplies.

For more information, contact us by email, phone (901-453-6422, 901-453-6444), or go to the web at <https://olford.org>. O.M.I., Inc. is a 501-c-3 non-profit ministry governed by a Board of Directors. The prayer and financial support of God's people help to advance the ministry.



It is our Purpose and Passion that Preachers and Teachers of God's Word be:

Motivated by the Glory of God,

Surrendered to the Lordship of Christ,

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

Committed to Faithful Biblical Exposition and

Burdened to Impact People's Lives for Eternity