***Overview***

Thank you for your interest in the West Center Baptist Pastoral Internship. Our hope is to train men to be future leaders and pastors in faithful, gospel-centered churches. The goal of the Pastoral Internship is to provide a season of participation and observation in the life of our church through the lens of pastoral ministry.

**This is a one-year program specifically for men considering full-time pastoral ministry.** The internship runs from **July-June** **each year.** Interns receive a monthly stipend of $1,700 to cover living expenses. We do our best to provide housing that meets your needs in or near Madison. This is a full-time commitment and we expect that interns do not work outside of the internship.

Additionally, you have the option of enrolling in one online **seminary class** during your second semester, at a school approved by West Center. We will cover the cost of the class.

We ask that you (and your spouse) become a **member** at West Center so as to serve and be served in our local church.

***Internship Structure and Work***

A good portion of the internship is spent reading assigned books, reflecting on them, and writing reflection papers to be read by Justin DeBerry. You have a monthly meeting with the pastors to discuss your reading, papers, and progress in the internship. You will attend all public church gatherings, staff meeting each week, participate in weekly service reviews, attend elder meetings, observe church ministries and programs, join a Life Group, schedule time with various members and each elder, attend or teach Sunday School, preach at least once, and be available for spontaneous meetings and ministry opportunities.

Book subjects include: the call to ministry; church history; worship; pastoral ministry; preaching; prayer; church polity; discipleship; counseling; evangelism & missions; and pastoral leadership. WCB covers the cost of all your books.

You will also be asked to write a comprehensive *philosophy of ministry* over the course of the internship. This will help you think through the nuts and bolts of leading a church before you are called to do it. The POM is due for your final evaluation with Justin at the end of the internship.

If you have questions, please call (605) 256-3027 or email [trevor.s@westcenterbaptist.com](mailto:trevor.s@westcenterbaptist.com)

***Application***

To complete the application, send the following to [trevor.s@westcenterbaptist.com](mailto:trevor.s@westcenterbaptist.com) or:

West Center Baptist Church

322 W. Center St.

Madison, SD 57042

1. Completed Application Form

2. Resume

3. Letters of Recommendation

* Two letters of recommendation are required, one being from a pastor. These should discuss your character, gifting, experience, and areas for growth.
* Letters should be sent directly to [trevor.s@westcenterbaptist.com](mailto:trevor.s@westcenterbaptist.com)

4. A Digital Photo (sent to above email address)

5. Answer the Following Questions:

* Tell us about how you became a Christian.
* When, where, and how were you baptized?
* How did you learn about the WCB internship?
* What interests you about the program?
* Describe your current church and how you are involved.
* Describe your sense of calling to pastoral ministry?
* What concerns would you have about moving to Madison for a year? How would this be difficult for your wife/family?
* What is your financial plan for the year given the modest stipend provided?

***Personal Information***

Full Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Marital status:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Church Information***

Name of church of membership\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date joined\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Denomination\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of church attending (if different)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Denomination\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates of attendance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Church employment (if any)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Educational Information***

Name of college/university\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_Major\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Degree\_\_\_\_\_\_Year of Graduation\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you intend to apply to seminary for online class in the Spring semester? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

***Family Information***

Name of spouse (if married)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of children (if any)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Statement***

I have read and affirm the WCB Statement of Faith and Church Covenant (available under “Church Documents” on WCB’s website). – *An electronic signature is sufficient*

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