



MATURE STUDENT HANDBOOK

THE MASTER'S COMMISSION

Mature Students Program

A Introduction

It is the conviction of the ministry and members of Regina Apostolic 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)

Mature students who have chosen to enter the Master's Commission are choosing to dedicate in a special way one year of their lives to God. 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!

B 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 form and maintain covenant with the Lord and relationships with other believers.
- To have a love for God's Word.
- To be equipped in basic theology through Bible Classes.
- To encourage expressive worshippers that 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.
- 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, share 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.

C Schedules

Mature Student's Orientation Weekend – May 28, 29 2010

1. *June 7 – 11, 14 – 18, 2010:*
 - a. 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Devotions
 - b. 9:40 to 10:45 Class Time
 - c. 11:00 to 12:00 Class Time
 - d. 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
 - e. 1:00 – 5:00 Class Time, Homework, Ministry Assignments

2. *June 6 – 10, 13 – 17, 2011:*
 - a. 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Devotions
 - b. 9:40 to 10:45 Class Time
 - c. 11:00 to 12:00 Class Time
 - d. 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
 - e. 1:00 – 5:00 Class Time, Homework, Ministry Assignments

3. *Tuesday Schedule:*
 - a. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotions and Prayer
 - b. 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Class Time, Mentor's Meeting

4. *Evening Schedule*
 - a. Homework, Ministry Assignments, Correspondence Classes

5. *Sunday Schedule*
 - a. Depending on Evening
 - i. Married For Life

6. *Weekend Schedule*
 - a. Depending on Weekend
 - i. Ministry Assignments, involvement in weekend services.

Married students will take the 13 week Married for Life course starting in January if they have not had that opportunity previously.

D. COURSE CURRICULUM

The Master's Commission is designed to develop in each student the spiritual maturity and character necessary to become servant-leaders. The students' 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:

2. Reading through the Bible chronologically in one year.
3. Personal Bible study with written reports.
4. Oral presentations by the students.
5. Personal application papers based on class topics.
6. Serving and outreach opportunities.
7. Serving and ministering in various churches.
8. Practical living skills.
10. Training in ministry and the arts.

Some Specific Courses:

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Spiritual Gifts & Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Godly Leadership
- Cultural Issues
- Godly Character
- Evangelism and Missions
- Worship and Worship Arts

E. 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. The fathers of our church have emphasized the 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. OUTREACHES

In our Local Community

- Partnering with local ministry organizations.
- Being 'light' in our community through practical service.

And beyond

- Direct ministry involvement with RAC staff
- Weekend ministry trips
- Missions Trip in Year Two

3. SERVING IN THE CHURCH

There will be many opportunities to serve in a variety of different ministries that exist at RAC.

Including:

- Alpha
- Senior's Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Sports Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Drama/Dance Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Outreach Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Mission's Trip in Year Two
- And More...

F. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations 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 student is expected to be available for work or ministry assignments as needs arise.
2. The student is expected to attend Sunday services, and the other programs they are serving under throughout MC.
3. We ask that any type of ministry commitment by a student be approved ahead of time. 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 staff.
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. Due to frequent changes in scheduling, 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.
8. To help maintain good health, students are encouraged to fit regular exercise into their weekly schedule.
9. It is the student's responsibility to complete and hand in assignments and requirements on time.
10. Students are responsible to keep the Master's Commission's classroom clean at all times.
11. Any lost church keys should be reported immediately.
12. There is no gambling, drug, alcohol or tobacco use permitted at any time.
13. Students may use the MC computers for homework.
14. 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.

H. DRESS GUIDELINES

The Master's Commission students are ministers representing Jesus Christ. All dress should reflect Him and not a certain look. 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.

HAIR

Women Hairstyle and coloring must be conservative and in good taste.
Men Neat, Trimmed and Well-kept. Coloring must be conservative and in good taste

JEWELRY

Women Jewelry must be in good taste - not gaudy. Earrings are for ears only. No other body piercing jewelry is acceptable.
Men Jewelry must be conservative - rings, watches, bracelets and simple neck chains only.

No tattoos or any other body markings may be acquired during the Master's Commission year. We may ask for a covering to be worn over certain existing tattoos.

Formal Dress (Sunday)

Women dresses, skirts and dress shoes, dress pants, sweaters.
Men slacks (no jeans or cargo style pants), dress shirts, ties (optional) and dress shoes

Semi Formal Dress

Women nice casual attire (no jeans, no T-shirts and tennis shoes)
Men nice casual attire (no jeans, no T-shirts and tennis shoes)

Casual

Women Jeans and clean cut T- Shirts
Men Jeans and clean cut T- Shirts

CLASSES

Casual Dress

GENERAL

Women's dress and skirt length should be modest. No halter-tops or tight clothing—modest tank tops only (no spaghetti straps). Modest bathing suits for men and women should be used when swimming or boating. No hats in building or classroom. Work attire must be modest, clean, and appropriate for the task (closed toed work shoes only).

REMEMBER - YOU ARE A MINISTER REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST!

I. 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 Master's Commission is expected to be the same as that shown to everyone else in the group.
2. There will be no riding alone with someone of the opposite sex, unless previously approved by the Master's Commission staff.

These guidelines apply to relationships with people either in or out of the Master's Commission. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please talk with us about it.

NOTES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

1. There is a discounted couple's rate
2. If a spouse who is not registered with the program wants to audit they are welcome to for the price of just the books and supplies.
3. All spouses are invited to every social event (including the bonding events that will happen before or after class once a month).
4. All spouses are welcome to attend devotions.
5. Spouses would be encouraged to be at any ministry assignment possible.
6. There is required attendance at Married for Life for each couple, regardless of whether they are both enrolled in Mature Student's Master's Commission or not.
7. Spouses and families are invited out to the Orientation and Retreat at the beginning of the program.

J. ITEMS NEEDED FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

Required items for the Master's Commission year are to be obtained before Parent/Student Orientation Night.

1. Passport that is valid for the school year
2. Bible—New American Standard (NAS), New International Version (NIV), New King James Version (NKJV). Or New Living Translation (NLT)
3. Suitcase (no larger than 19in.x10in.x26in.)—Non-expandable and non-duffel type.
4. Sleeping bag and pillow
5. Toiletries
6. Nice denim jeans
7. Dress clothes for men—ties, shirts, belt, dress slacks, socks, dress shoes
8. Dress clothes for women—dresses, slips, skirts, dress slacks, blouses, dress shoes, hosiery
9. School clothes—T-shirts with tears or stains are not acceptable school attire.
10. Casual clothes
11. Modest, loose fitting gym attire.
12. Good quality running shoes.
13. Modest swim wear

An insured vehicle for transportation to and from homes, church, and outreaches, as well as for the student's own transportation needs (i.e. day off, breaks, etc.), would be extremely beneficial but is not a requirement.

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

The total cost of the Master's Commission program for the year is **\$4,300.00**

Breakdown of Costs:

- \$2500.00 – Student Fees
- \$1300.00 – Ministry Trips
- \$500.00 – Books & Supplies

Two Options for Payment:

Option One: Deposit of 300.00 is required for acceptance into Master's Commission
Full Payment on May 28, 2010.

Option Two: Deposit of 300.00 is required for acceptance into Master's Commission
Down Payment of \$2000.00 due May 28, 2010.
Monthly Payment of **1/7 of remaining balance** – Due at the first of every month
starting June 1, 2010 and ending December 1, 2010.

All tuition and student monthly support monies must be given (sent) directly to the Master's Commission. All cheques are to be made out to **RAC Master's Commission**.

Included in this cost is the following:

Application Fee

- \$35.00 sent in with application
- Non-refundable
- This fee is subtracted from the total cost when the applicant is accepted into the program

Tuition

- All curriculum costs
- Most school supplies
- General church liability insurance
- Up to \$1500.00 of missions Trip* the rest of the mission trip (up to \$700.00) the students will be required to fundraise for.

For Married Couples

- The cost per couple is **\$7600.00**
- If the spouse of the person registered in the Mature Student's program would just like to audit the classes the cost is **\$500.00**
- If the spouse of a the person registered in the Mature Student's program wants to attend the ministry trips the cost is **\$1300.00**

