



**EPIC**  
school of ministry

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Photos must be of your head & shoulders only

Do not send applications without a photo.

For office use only

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**Read carefully. All of the following must be completed in order for this application to be processed:**

1. Attach a current 2x2 photo of your head & shoulders
2. Enclose the **\$50** non-refundable fee for applications turned in **AFTER July 24**. If turned in **prior to July 24**, the application **fee is waived**.
3. Leadership & Personal recommendation forms must be completed and returned by those you list as your references on page 2 of this application. No family members, please.
4. Answer ALL questions. If a question does not apply, write N/A. Your application may be returned if any area is left blank.
5. An application is not processed until all required references, picture and application fee are received. You may want to follow up to make sure your reference forms are mailed as promptly as possible.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City/State/Zip</b>
<b>Home Phone</b> (    )	<b>Cell Phone</b> (    )	<b>Work Phone</b> (    )
<b>Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		<b>E-mail Address</b>
<b>Emergency Contact Person</b> (other than spouse)		<b>Emergency Contact Phone</b> (    )
<b>Gender</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		<b>Term and Year You Plan to Enroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Term 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Term 3                      Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Term 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Term 4

**Marital Status**

Single    Engaged    Married    Remarried    Divorced    Widowed

Yes    No   Have You been previously Married? How many times? \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of previous marriage(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dates(s) of divorces(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Is your spouse a Christian?**

Yes    No

**Is your spouse in agreement with your call to ministry? Please explain:**

**Is he/she in ministry also? Describe?**

Name of Children	Age	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

**REFERENCES**

Personal Recommendation	Leadership Recommendation
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City/State/ZIP:	City/State/ZIP:
Phone:	Phone:

**OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY - How Has God Used You in the Marketplace?**

**Please List Work Experience Beginning with the Most Recent Employer**

Name of Employer	Position / Duties	Dates

**EDUCATIONAL HISTORY - How Has God Prepared You Educationally?**

**Highest Level Attained**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 GED  
 Voc/Tech  
 1 Year College  
 2 Years College  
 3 Years College  
 4 Years College  
 Bachelors  
 Masters  
 Doctorate  
 Other:

Name of School	Dates	Major	Diploma / Degree Received


**BACKGROUND INFORMATION - How Has God Worked in Your Life?**

Date you were saved: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_     Yes     No    Were you raised in a Christian home?  
 Briefly state how you know you are saved:

Date you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Briefly state how you know you are filled with the Holy Spirit:

In the time since your initial salvation experience, has there been a period when you did not live for the Lord:  Yes     No  
 If Yes, please explain briefly and indicate the approximate date of your decision to fully commit your life to the Lord.

Name and location of church currently attending (if not attending VFC, you will need your senior pastor's recommendation):

How long have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_ Years                  \_\_\_\_\_ Months

To what areas of ministry do you feel you are called?

What area of ministry are you currently serving in at VFC?

Please list your ministry experience, area of service in your church and how long you served:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Are you involved in vocational ministry now?     Yes     No

Where? / How long?

What do you do?

**LEGAL/ LIFESTYLE/MEDICAL**

**Because we take seriously our responsibility to maintain a safe ministry environment for our staff, volunteers, congregation and EPIC students, the personal questions below must be answered in a truthful and forthright manner. ALL answers must be "CURRENT FACT" Answers, not "FOOLISHNESS OR PRESUMPTION" answers.**

Have you ever been arrested and or/convicted of a crime?  Yes  No

Do you have any history of, or ever been accused of, any form of child abuse or sexual assault?  Yes  No

Do you have any history of drug and/or alcohol abuse?  Yes  No

Have you had or do you currently have any involvement with pornography?  Yes  No

Are you currently living with a boyfriend/girlfriend/fiancé?  Yes  No

Have you ever been a patient (committed or voluntary) in a mental hospital or sanitarium?  Yes  No  
(If Yes, specify when, where, why, name of doctor, and complete address of hospital or clinic in space below).

Are you currently or have you ever been involved with homosexuality/lesbianism?  Yes  No

If Yes give date(s): From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Is there anything from your past that could hurt the ministry of VFC?  Yes  No

**Please explain any "Yes" answers from above in the space below:**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**Please check "Yes" or "No" next to each "I Believe..." statement**

Yes  No **1. I Believe....**THE SCRIPTURES - The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

Yes  No **2. I Believe....** THE GODHEAD - Our God is one, but manifested in three Persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being coequal (Deut. 6:4;Phil. 2:6). God the Father is greater than all; the Sender of the Word (Logos) and the Begetter (John 14:28; John 16:28; John 1:14). The Son is the Word flesh-covered, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning (John 1:1; John 1:18; John 1:14). The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal (John 14:16;John 15:26).

Yes  No **3. I Believe....** MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION - Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. The Bible says "...all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," and "...There is none righteous, no, not one." (Rom. 3:10; 3:23). Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the works of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God (Rom. 5:14; 1 John 3:8). Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Eph. 2:8-10).

Yes  No **4. I Believe....** ETERNAL LIFE AND THE NEW BIRTH - Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that worketh repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced, produces eternal life (2 Cor. 7:10; John 3:3-5; 1 John 5:12).

- Yes  No **5. I Believe.... WATER BAPTISM** - Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).
- Yes  No **6. I Believe.... BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT** - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the new birth. When a believer confesses Jesus Christ as Lord he/she is "born of" the Spirit and subsequent to the new birth we are commanded to be "filled with" the Spirit. This experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance (Matt. 3:11; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38,39; Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:1-4).
- Yes  No **7. I Believe.... SANCTIFICATION** - The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation at Christ's return (Heb. 12:14; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 1:30).
- Yes  No **8. I Believe.... DIVINE HEALING** - Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith and/or by the laying on of hands and/or by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of every member of the church today (James 5:14,15; Mark 16:18; Isa. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Cor 12).
- Yes  No **9. I Believe.... RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE RETURN OF OUR LORD** - Jesus is coming again. The angels said to Jesus' disciples, "...This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." His coming is imminent. When He comes, "...The dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..." (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16,17). Following the Tribulation, He shall return to earth as King of kings, and Lord of lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years (Rev. 5:10;20:6).
- Yes  No **10. I Believe.... HELL AND ETERNAL RETRIBUTION** - The one who physically dies in his sins without accepting Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire and, therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting. The lake of fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting," used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the Presence of God (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 19:20).
- Yes  No **11. I Believe.... WOMEN IN MINISTRY** - God uses both men and women in ministry. We are passionate about a church with both men and women in leadership. We believe Jesus has called both men and Woman to be preachers and teachers of the Gospel (Acts 2:17-18; John 20:17).

#### ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**How did you become interested in the EPIC School of Ministry?**

- Personal Recommendation  EPIC Ad  Web Site  Mailing  Leadership Recommendation
- Other:
- Yes  No Did you attend Get Acquainted With EPIC?

**What Specialty Program do You Plan to Pursue?**

- Pastoral Ministries  Helps Ministry  Kids Ministry  Student Ministry  Creative Arts
- Worship Ministry  Satellite Church Development  Family Ministry  Entrepreneurship in the Marketplace

**Why do you want to attend the EPIC School of Ministry and how do you believe it will help you in your preparation for ministry?**

**Do you plan to attend as a full time student?**  Yes  No

*(tuition is \$800/year or \$200/term; this includes a 9 month commitment of 12 classes)*

**If married, will your spouse be attending full time also?**  Yes  No

*(if so, your spouse will receive a 50% discount on full time tuition)*

**Do you plan to attend as a part time student?**  Yes  No

*(tuition is \$90/class - ala carte) \*Term 1 class options will be available in August*

### AUDIT INFORMATION

Students who have completed credentialed Bible school training; with proof of graduation, from one of the following Bible Schools may audit the 1st year classes. (In order to attend the 2nd or 3rd year program in EPIC, all students - including those who have previous Bible College degrees - must take the 1st year program in EPIC.) Auditing students must attend all classes, do all homework assignments and take the final exam in order to graduate from EPIC. Your 1st year tuition will be waived; however, you will be responsible for the cost of your books per term.

**Auditing is subject to approval on an individual basis.**

Would like to audit your 1<sup>st</sup> year of EPIC?  Yes  No

Please check the Bible School that you graduation from:

Rhema Bible Training Center (correspondence courses not included)

Oral Roberts University

Christ for the Nations

Hillsong

Mount Hope Bible Training Institute

Other (on a case by case basis)

### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

We feel that in order for a person to assume a leadership role in the Christian ministry, the highest standards of personal conduct are expected. This includes abstinence from the use of tobacco, alcohol (including wine), or illegal drugs WHILE ATTENDING EPIC AND AFTER GRADUATION. Finally, I certify that I will honorably adhere to the school standards of conduct as outlined below.

1. To be a good steward of time by engaging in careful study, and active participation and attendance at VFC.
2. To practice Biblical discernment in all entertainment choices.
3. To avoid any form of immorality, including immoral sexual behavior, homosexuality, lying, stealing and cheating.
4. To abstain from any possession or use of illegal drugs.
5. To abstain from activities that may cause personal or spiritual harm or may show insensitivity regarding how one's behavior affects other members of the community. Some of these prohibited activities include: gambling and possession or use of alcohol or tobacco.

Students, by virtue of their enrollment, agree to live within the framework of the schools standards of conduct. While some may not have personal convictions in accord with these standards, agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for honorable adherence to them while under the jurisdiction of the school. It should, of course, be understood that any behavior which indicates that a student has disregard for the school standards would be reason for him/her for immediate dismissal.

I will abide by these policies

I cannot abide by these policies

I certify that all my answers on the application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have not omitted any information which I reasonably believe would reflect unfavorable on the church's decision regarding my admittance into the school. I understand that falsifying any part of the application may result in cancellation of admission and/or registration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### RECORDING RELEASE

I understand that photos and/or video footage taken at EPIC classes and events may include me. I understand that I will receive no compensation for use of said images. I understand that I have no jurisdiction over said images. I understand that said images are and will remain the sole property of Valley Family Church of Kalamazoo. I give my permission for said images to be used for promotional materials, TV programs, advertising, website development, video production and/or publications.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Official Valley Family Church Member and Volunteer  
(members of other churches will be considered as space permits and on an individual basis with their Senior Pastor's recommendation)
- Graduate of Get a Grip 101 – Basics and Get a Grip 201 - Serving
- Faithful Attender of Valley Family Church
- 18 years or older
- Believer, Mature in Faith
- Faithful Tithing Record
- Application for Admission
- \$50** Non-Refundable Application Processing Fee if turned in **AFTER July 24**. If turned in prior to July 24, the fee is waived.
- Leadership Recommendation Form  
(if you do not attend VFC, you must have this form filled out by your Senior Pastor)
- Personal Recommendation Form
- Attach Personal Photo to Application for Admissions
- Currently serving at VFC during the weekend services

## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The EPIC School of Ministry admits students of any race, color, national and ethical origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities made available at school. It does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies and other school administered programs.

