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Valley Academy



A Welcome Letter from the Academy Presidents

Building the Church of Jesus Christ has always been the biggest of privileges, and each September, we invite people passionate about the local church to join us for a year of training and equipping at Valley Academy.

Valley Academy is primarily about one thing: seeing people trained to launch new congregations of believers and taking those new congregations forward into their God-purposed potential, be that in a multi-site church through campuses and extension services, or autonomous church plants. Even if this does not become your future, we believe this training will equip you for whatever God has for you.

We believe, as Bill Hybels has said, that the local church is the hope of the world, and that it is God's 'plan A' for seeing the gospel preached, and people won for Jesus Christ.



We'd love to invite you—whether you see yourself as a potential church leader, launch team member or someone who simply wants to grow in their faith—to apply for Valley Academy and see what God will do in and through you!

Please enjoy reading the rest of the brochure. God bless, and we'll see you in September.

Ed & Michele

**Ed & Michele Carter
Academy Presidents**

Our Vision

At it's simplest, Valley Church exists to empower a new generation. Our heart as a church is to fulfil all that God has for you and empower you to be all that God has called you to be.

With a call from Psalm 78:1-7, Senior Pastors Ed & Michele Carter launched Valley Church in April 2007. The church was strategically planted at the intersection of three major motorways which placed over a million people within a 20 minute catchment area.

Now we're a church in multiple locations with a desire to keep breaking out into everything God is calling us to.



***“We will tell the
next generation
the praiseworthy
deeds of the Lord,
his power, and
the wonders
he has done.”***

Psalm 78:4 [NIV]

As a church we long:

- to be full of **passion** to serve God excellently
- to seek after **purity** by following God's word
- to be full of the **power** of God to reach the lost
- to live in the light of God's **promises**

We long to empower this new generation to continually direct the future of the Church.

Why Valley Church?

We believe that the local church should be a home for everyone, no matter who they are or where they've come from. Studying here isn't just about theory, but about being a key part of a thriving local church.

We want to help you discover the gifts that God has placed in your life and use them in a real church setting.

As one church in many locations, there are so many areas for you to outwork the gifts and skills God has placed in you. Whether you're a budding preacher, graphic designer, love to empower children and young people, or enjoy meeting new people, we have somewhere for you to get stuck in. And with campus and extension service planting at the heart of our course, there will always be something new for you to try!



At the centre of it all, we have a huge heart for people—we believe everybody is amazing because God made them! Our desire is for everyone who comes through our doors to feel like part of the family whether it's their first time or their hundredth.

The people of Valley become partners in the vision, not just simply members or volunteers. We take hold of the vision and live it out in our everyday lives.

Course Outline

There are eight classroom modules, and each module consists of ten sessions. Our hope is that you will receive a well-rounded theoretical and practical application of all of the topics covered during your study. Each module has been designed to be accessible to a range of learning styles.



Biblical Survey



Campus & Extension Service Planting



Christian Worldview



Church Leadership



Communication



Evangelism



Ministry Development



Personal Leadership

Meet the Staff



Ed Carter

Senior Pastor & Academy President



Michele Carter

Senior Pastor & Academy President



Dave Scholes

Executive Pastor



James Baker

Associate Pastor



Tim King

Lecturer



Mel Scholes

Lecturer

Guests

Throughout the year we will be joined by a number of guests and friends of Valley, who include: Ian Jagelman, Simon McIntyre, Tim Douglass, Lee Burns, Derek Smith, Dave Belfield, Dave Stoner, Dave Gilpin, Gary Snowzell, Dave Thomas, Beth Blois and John & Lisa Greenow.



Testimonials



“Over the past few years I have developed a bigger passion, dream and vision for my life and I have God and Valley Church to thank. Whether

you’ve been a Christian all your life or you’re just starting out, volunteering is an amazing opportunity to dedicate a season of your life to God, the Church and developing yourself!”

Chal Butterfield, Volunteer



“During my time as an intern, I grasped the diversity of the teaching in the written and spoken word of God and what it really means to be a Christian.

I embraced the vision of Valley as I already had a heart to see young people won for Christ. I began to learn so much about myself and I soon realised that I can do anything when I put my mind to it! Valley Church helped me to achieve so much in a short amount of time. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be part of something so life changing. Now I have a job, I am a youth leader and I have friends that support me. I would not change it for the world. The best is yet to come!”

John Darwen, Intern 2012-2013



“I’ve been part of Valley since the very start which has been incredibly exciting. It’s a joy to be part of a Church which is so intentional

about reaching the new generation for Christ and which relentlessly works to bring the best out of people. I love our focus and determination to get the job done, but also the fun and friendships we’ve found here. It really is family to me, and I count it a huge blessing to have my own family planted here as we build God’s Kingdom together.”

Sarah Yates, Community Leader



“From the moment we decided to call Valley Church “home”, our lives have never been the same! It has been so exciting to be part of a

culture that is driven by a vision focused leadership. God has taken me and my family on a new journey and we feel encouraged and empowered to be all He has made us to be!”

Dave Parkinson, Worship Ministry Leader

Our Facilities



Our Central campus building in Preston is where most of your academic study will take place. With a modern worship auditorium and dedicated classrooms, it's the perfect place to learn, develop your skills and be part of a local church.

You can find us at Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS. If you want to get in touch email general@valleychurch.eu, call 01772 696717 or visit our website at valleychurch.eu

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