

Note: Is it possible to start a church planting movement in North America? How can the Equipping Division best support a growing church planting movement? These are some of the questions that led to further changes in our approach to adult education in early 2006.

Changes in Xenos Classes – Winter 2006

Xenos classes currently meet weekly. But starting this winter, several courses, including Introduction to the Bible, Christian Growth, Christian Ministry 1-3 and Christian Leadership 1-3, will be offered **every other week**. Christian Ministry and Christian Leadership 1&2 will also be divided into smaller **modules**.

Why are we introducing these changes? In a word, they provide **AGILITY**.

Agility allows a running back to capitalize on changing conditions on the field - finding a seam in the defense, breaking a tackle, making a good block. Our classes need to offer training that is equally agile and able to flex around the changing conditions in our ministry.

I've provided details below on the rationale behind every-other-week classes and modules. This is a work in progress and further changes will no doubt be necessary. We're committed to doing whatever is needed to deliver training in the most effective way we possibly can.

[Every-Other-Week Classes](#)

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1. Every-other-week classes

Courses like Introduction to the Bible are typically offered twice per quarter (see the weekly schedule on the left). Starting January, this class will still be offered twice, but in two parallel sessions that meet every other week (see the schedule on the right).

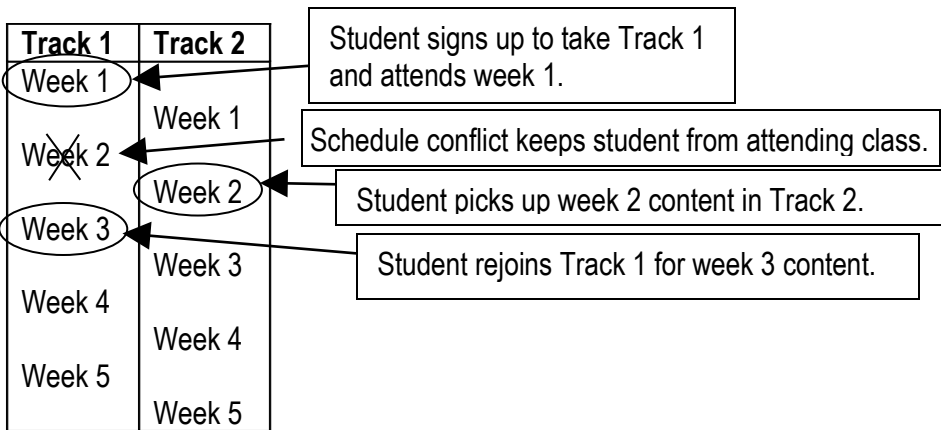
WEEKLY Schedule Summer 2005	
Date	
July 6	Week 1
July 13	Week 2
July 20	Week 3
July 27	Week 4
Aug 3	Week 5
Aug 10	BREAK
Aug 17	Week 1
Aug 24	Week 2
Aug 31	Week 3
Sept 7	Week 4
Sept 14	Week 5

EVERY OTHER WEEK Schedule Winter 2006			
Date	Track 1	Date	Track 2
Jan 11	Week 1	Jan 18	Week 1
Jan 25	Week 2	Feb 1	Week 2
Feb 8	Week 3	Feb 15	Week 3
Feb 22	Week 4	Mar 1	Week 4
Mar 8	Week 5	Mar 15	Week 5

Using the every-other-week format, Track 1 will meet Jan 11, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, and March 8. Track 2 will meet on the opposite weeks: Jan 18, Feb 1, Feb 15, March 1, and March 15.

Why are we doing this? Slowing the pace of classes down will give folks more time to be involved in home group ministry and to build relationships with others in their community. It will also provide students with greater flexibility.

Under this new format, we will encourage students to attend the weeks their track is offered. But if events in their schedule require flexibility, students can skip a class and pick up the content they need a week later:



During the summer, Christian Growth and part of Christian Ministry will be offered in a weekly format. Every-other-week offerings will resume in late summer and fall.

2. Courses taught in smaller modules

In 2006, Christian Ministry 1&3 and Christian Leadership 1&2 will be divided into smaller modules. Christian Growth, Christian Leadership 3, and Introduction to the Bible will remain unchanged. Christian Ministry 2 will be shortened by 2 weeks.

Current Courses	New Modules	This course used to be called...
Introduction to the Bible	NA	NA
Christian Growth	NA	Christian Principles 2
Christian Ministry 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Theology (5 weeks) • The Nature of Salvation (3 weeks) • Predictive Prophecy (3 weeks) 	Christian Principles 1
Christian Ministry 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Your Bible (8 weeks) 	Christian Principles 3
Christian Ministry 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missions & Evangelism (4 weeks) • Practical Issues (4 weeks) 	Christian Principles 4
Christian Leadership 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecclesiology 1 (6 weeks) • Ecclesiology 2 (5 weeks) 	Christian Servanthood 1
Christian Leadership 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Counseling 1 (3 weeks) • Pastoral Counseling 2 (3 weeks) 	Christian Servanthood 2
Christian Leadership 3	NA	Christian Leadership

Why modules? By delivering our top-end coursework in smaller units, students can receive the training they need without getting bogged down in a longer course. Shorter modules and every-other-week classes make it easier to take a break from coursework during a busy stretch of ministry.

