

FAQ's CAMS

About the class seminars:

1. C.A.M.S. – is comprised of a two-fold process of education. First, a student must enroll in the individual study and complete three required courses. Second, a student must attend three classroom segments.
2. The classroom segments are **January- May** or **August - December**
3. Each segment begins at 9:00 AM and concludes no later than 4:00 PM. An adequate time period is given for a lunch break.



What do the class seminars entail?

Each class will be directed by Bishop Blaine Faircloth, C.A.M.S. Coordinator for Michigan. The classes will involve practical instructional lectures with applicable material for ministry. The first class segment will be an orientation, which will help answer most of your questions. Your Candidate Notebook will explain the detail of each seminar. Seminar 1 will consist of a review of topics covering the Call of God, Grace & Anointing, and a discussion on spiritual gifts. Seminar 2 will consist of review of the first book, a personality profile test, and more. Seminar 3 will be discussion on the two books, Understanding Yourself & Others and Knowing Your Church. There will be an assessment at the end of this session. Additionally, guest ministers may be asked to attend and share valuable tools and information with you.

What should I wear?

Informal / business casual will be appropriate.

Who should attend?

Your spouse is required to attend the sessions with you.

Where are the class segments located?

All class segments are held at the Dexter Lake Church of God, Battle Creek, Michigan. (See last page of this document for directions).

What is expected of me during the Seminars?

- Attendance - to all sessions are required. If there is an emergency or inclement weather that would keep you from attending, please contact Pastor Faircloth. (His number is listed towards the end of this document.)
- Exams – it is required that you pass all exams in order to complete this course. Note: If you have chosen the Internet Option, you will be prompted to take the 1st exam after viewing the courses online. If you have chosen the DVD option, a Test Administrator will be assigned to you, which is typically your Pastor.
- Tools – it is important for you to bring your own writing utensils, note pads/paper and/or laptop if you prefer. It is also necessary for you to bring any items requested by your instructor that will provide assistance in your learning experience.

- Be alert and ready for study. Be on time. It will be a long day as you sit in a classroom environment.
- During your lunch break you are encouraged to spend time with other students, which will enhance your overall experience as you build a community of faith among your class. This will make your learning experience much more enjoyable.
- Be prepared to discuss openly individual study material and various items covered during class from the previous month's assignments.

What about my financial obligations?

- Upon completion of the NEW MINISTER, CAMS Application, all candidates must submit to a **background check**. Therefore a payment of **\$100.00** must accompany the application. This is a one-time fee and will cover background checks for all future advancement in ministerial ranks. See payment information in item below.
- Fees for the course are disclosed in the Calling and Ministry Studies – Financial Information document. These costs are based according to your individual needs. They are also structured according to the options of learning materials that you choose. Note: Taking the individual study courses via the Internet can save tuition fees. DVDs are more expensive .
- After you're initial, non-refundable, CAMS deposit (\$50.00, sent in with application), you should plan on paying 1/3 at the first and second seminars, and the remaining balance prior to coming to Seminar III. Certificates of accomplishment cannot be sent until your balance is paid.
- Online payments are available through our website at: www.michigancog.org (Info, CAMS, CAMS Payment, Click on link if you are paying for your background check or course payment). Also we accept cash, check, or money orders (payable to Church of God).

Help me understand the individual study portion of C.A.M.S.

1. The individual study portion of C.A.M.S. is required in order to complete this course. It involves three subjects: Learning the Practices of Ministry, Knowing your Church, and Understanding Yourself and Others.
2. You may choose between two options to complete CAMS – Internet or DVD. The Financial Information document includes all fees for textbooks and study guide (study guide is downloadable if you choose the internet option).
3. Exams will be given to access your knowledge and understanding of material.

How do I receive the study materials?

- Your materials will be given to you at the first session: They include-Candidate Notebook, Church of God Minutes, Spiritual Gifts Assessment Booklet, Textbooks, DISC profile.

How can I enroll for the individual study online?

1. Detailed instructions will be given to you at orientation. Read the directions carefully.

**Directions to Dexter Lake Church of God, 1555 Michigan Avenue E,
Battle Creek, MI 49014**

- Dexter Lake Church is located one mile west of I-94 exit 104.
- Exiting from west-bound I-94: continue west (go straight) off the exit ramp on to Wheatfield Rd. Turn right onto Michigan Avenue, the church is about 3/4 of a mile down on the right.
- Exiting from east-bound I-94: turn left onto 11 Mile Rd, then immediately enter the right hand turn lane onto Michigan Avenue. Turn right onto Michigan Avenue, the church is a mile down on the right.

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