



## Fall 2023 Course Catalog

### **Theology 101 - Christian Theology I (3 credits)**

This course covers 3 main topics in relation to Christian Theology: The Doctrine of the Word of God, The Doctrine of God, and The Doctrines of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Class time will consist of lectures on these various topics. Evaluation will be based on completion of the assigned reading material, chapter review questions, weekly quizzes, a mid-term examination, a final examination, and a final project (6-8 page paper on aspects of a personal statement of faith).

#### *Fall 2023 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	09/03/2023 – 12/17/2023. <i>Thanksgiving Break: 11/20/2023 - 11/26/2023</i>
Course Tuition:	\$179
Prerequisites:	None

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (ESV, NIV, HCSB, CSB, NAS, NET, NKJV or KJV)
- Systematic Theology, 2nd Edition (2020), Wayne Grudem, ISBN: 978-0-310-51797-9
- Systematic Theology Workbook (2020), Wayne Grudem, Brianna Smith, Erik Thoennes, ISBN: 978-0-310-11407-9

#### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Jon Navarre
  - o Instructor Profile: Jon Navarre is a husband, father, friend, business professional, speaker, and shepherd. Jon likes to take walks, read, cook, and study God's Word. Jon received his B.S. in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his Master of Divinity from Moody Theological Seminary-Michigan. Jon lives, works, and serves in the Metro Detroit area.

## **History 110 - Church History (3 credits)**

According to Acts, church history describes the triumph of the Word under the authority of Christ and in the power of the Spirit. In this course, students follow both the movement and defense of this sovereign word. In doing so, students see how God is still training His people through experiences to see new things in His inerrant word, for both the unity and maturity of the church. On the first day, students are introduced to church history through a historical catechism, which must be memorized by the fifth week. For homework, students read firsthand a leading theologian from some of the church traditions—Athanasius, Augustine, Anselm, Luther, Calvin, Edwards, and Machen. To help with comprehension, students complete a reading guide and then demonstrate their progress through weekly quizzes. The course ends with a comprehensive final exam. Overall, emphasis is placed on appreciating the evangelical tradition and making personal application.

### *Fall 2023 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.
Meeting Dates:	09/03/2023 – 12/17/2023. <i>Thanksgiving Break: 11/20/2023 - 11/26/2023</i>
Course Tuition:	\$179
Prerequisites:	None

*Required Reading Materials:* Many are available online (see the syllabus on the first day of class for more details).

- Anselm, Cur Deus Homo in The Major Works (Oxford University Press)
- Athanasius, On the Incarnation, trans. John Behr (St. Vladimir's Press)
- Augustine, Confessions, trans. Henry Chadwick (Oxford University Press)
- John Calvin & Jacopo Sadoletto, A Reformation Debate, ed. John C. Olin (Baker)
- Jonathan Edwards, Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God (PR)
- Michael W. Holmes, ed., The Apostolic Fathers, 3rd ed. (Baker)
- Martin Luther, The Freedom of a Christian, trans. Mark D. Tranvik (Fortress)
- J. Gresham Machen, Christianity & Liberalism (Eerdmans)
- Stephen J. Nichols, ed., Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses (P&R)
- Patrick, Confessions, trans. Pádraig McCarthy (online)

### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Bob Snyder
  - o Instructor Profile: Originally from Minnesota, Bob Snyder is happily married to Jinna. Together they are blessed with six children and a growing number of grandchildren. His education includes degrees in mechanical engineering and mathematics from North Dakota State University, an M.Div. from Central Seminary in Minneapolis, and a Ph.D. in church history from Southern Seminary in Louisville. Although he felt a desire for ministry early in life and professed faith as a child, it is likely that he was born again in his mid-20s through a crisis of faith that started humbling his pride. He has had the privilege of serving over twenty years in the pastorate, both as a solo pastor and as an associate pastor. Currently, he is an Associate Pastor at Countryside Bible Church in Jonesville, Michigan and the director of Spring Branch Academy.

### **Bible 121 - New Testament II: Epistles and Revelation (3 credits)**

This course, which covers the books of Romans through Revelation, requires an in-depth reading of the new testament text, along with textbook readings explaining the historical and theological significance of these biblical texts. There will also be an emphasis on the lives and ministries of the apostolic writers. Students will gain an intimate familiarity with the epistles and learn to apply these truths to their ministry callings and settings. The course will be structured with weekly lectures and personal discipleship. Evaluation will be gained from weekly quizzes, two written papers, a midterm, and a final exam.

#### *Fall 2023 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Sundays from 7pm-10pm  
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Meeting Dates: 09/03/2023 – 12/17/2023.  
*Thanksgiving Break: 11/20/2023 - 11/26/2023*  
Course Tuition: \$179  
Prerequisites: None

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice) Lecture notes and quiz blanks will use the ESV translation.
- The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey, Elmer Towns and Ben Gutierrez, ISBN: 978-1433644900
- The Life of the Apostle Paul: Maps and Time Lines of Paul's Journey Pamphlet, ISBN: 1596360631

#### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Paul Manwiller
  - o Instructor Profile: Paul Manwiller grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. He went to the University of Michigan and later Wayne State University to earn his bachelor's in education. He went on to earn his Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield Illinois. He has been a pastor for over 30 years first in a bush village in Alaska and then in church planting efforts in the Detroit area. Since 1993, he has served as the founding pastor of Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti Michigan.
- Teaching Staff: Timothy Manwiller

## **Bible 210 - Biblical Archaeology (3 credits)**

This course is an introduction to the archaeology of Israel and the city of Jerusalem from the time of Abraham (circa 2100 B.C.) to the establishment of the New Testament church. It includes a study of the correlation of archaeological findings from the Biblical lands to the Biblical text. This course will provide descriptions of the tools and techniques that are used at dig sites. The student will explore the process of uncovering artifacts and the insights these artifacts provide into life in Biblical times. Evaluation will be based on weekly quizzes, regular homework research assignments, a midterm reading report, and a final group project.

### *Fall 2023 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Mondays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/28/2023 – 12/11/2023. <i>Labor Day Break: 09/04/2023 - 09/10/2023</i>
Course Tuition:	\$179
Prerequisites:	None

### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice) Lecture notes and quiz blanks will use the ESV translation.
- Bahat, Dan, The Carta Jerusalem Atlas: Third Updated; Expanded edition. Jerusalem, Carta Jerusalem, 2011. ISBN: 978-965-220-807-1
- Graves, David E., Biblical Archaeology: An Introduction with Recent Discoveries that Support the Reliability of the Bible: Second Edition, Toronto Ont. Canada, Electronic Christian Media, 2018. ISBN-13: 978-1983978364
- Shanks, Hershel, Jerusalem: An Archaeological Biography, New York, Random House, 1995. ISBN:0-679-44526-9
- Price, Randall, Rose Guide To The Temple, Torrence California, USA, Rose Publishing Inc., 2012 ISBN: 978-1-59636-468-4

### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Rick Dietering
  - o Instructor Profile: Rick Dietering earned his master's in theological studies from Michigan Theological Seminary and Moody Theological Seminary. Rick has served in many Christian ministry capacities including as a lay pastor and as host of a Christian radio talk show. Rick has also co-taught many classes with Dr. Gene Mayhew who has been a mentor and close associate to Rick.
- Teaching Assistant: Ashley Dyer

### **Bible 101 - Biblical Study and Interpretation (3 credits)**

This course is an introduction to the best practice methods for biblical study and interpretation. This includes a focus on the historical, cultural, literary, and geographical context of a given passage. The student will learn to apply sound exegetical methods in relation to topics such as textual criticism, genre issues, and contextualization. Introduction to Bible study tools and Bible software will also be covered. The course will be structured with weekly readings, discussion boards, and quizzes. Students will also select a hermeneutically challenging passage and perform written assignments throughout the semester that will build towards a final exegetical paper.

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Prerequisites:	None

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice) Lecture notes and quiz blanks will use the ESV translation.
- Duvall, Scott J., *Grasping God's Word*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020. ISBN: 978-0-310-10917-4
- Purchased Software: Logos Bible Software Fundamentals Package: <https://www.logos.com/product/228264/logos-10-fundamentals> (You may wait to purchase this until instructions on the first day of class)
- Free Software: StepBible website - <https://www.stepbible.org/>

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- Teaching Assistant: Ami Imig

### **Bible 215 - Psalms (3 credits)**

This course involves an in-depth study of the book of Psalms. Topics include: the structure of the Psalter, collections of Psalms within the Psalter, the theology of the Psalter (including Messianic connections), the use of Psalms in worship from ancient times to today, the use of the Psalms in personal devotional practices from ancient times to today, the exegesis of select psalms, and the practical application of select psalms to our lives. These topics will be covered through lectures with exegetical, theological, and practical content including the use and teaching of the Psalms in Sunday school, children's church, and homeschooling contexts. Students will read the entire Psalter over the course of the semester, as well as completing six projects related to the use of the Psalms and six essay assignments related to the theology and content of the Psalms. There will also be quizzes as well as a midterm and a final exam.

#### *Fall 2023 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/31/2023 – 12/14/2023. <i>Thanksgiving Break: 11/20/2023 - 11/26/2023</i>
Course Tuition:	\$179
Prerequisites:	Bible 101 (required for Anchor Bible College "for-degree" students)

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice) Lecture notes and quiz blanks will use the ESV translation.
- Kidner, Derek. Psalms 1-72 (Kidner Classic Commentaries) IVP Academic, 2014. ISBN: 9780830829378.
- Kidner, Derek. Psalms 73-150 (Kidner Classic Commentaries) IVP Academic, 2014. ISBN: 9780830829385.
- Handouts given in class and/or posted in Canvas.

#### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Michael Jones
  - o Instructor Profile: Michael Jones was raised in the deep South and has lived in Metro Detroit for 22 years. He has degrees from William Tyndale College, Michigan Theological Seminary, Moody Theological Seminary, and is almost finished with his PhD from the University of Chester. He has served as pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Taylor, MI for 22 years and is a long-time member of the board of the largest storefront food pantry in Michigan. He and his wife have two grown children.

### **Comm 110 - Effective Communication (3 credits)**

This course is designed to equip students to effectively communicate ideas and information, particularly regarding articulating their faith. It will provide opportunities for enhancing writing and speaking skills appropriate to purpose, situation, and audience. Students will develop logical argumentation skills for creating speeches and essays with clarity. Students will support written and spoken communication with information that they evaluate for relevance and authority and that they use effectively and ethically. The course will be structured with weekly lectures and discussions and personal discipleship. Evaluation will take place via class assignments which include: three oral presentations (including a personal testimony), two outlines, and two papers. Students will read and analyze portions of the Bible with a particular emphasis on communication and people whom God empowered to spread His Good News. In addition, students will read two books and watch several videos.

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Prerequisites: None

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

- The Holy Bible
- Joseph and the Gospel of Many Colors: Reading an Old Story in a New Way, Voddie Baucham Jr., ISBN: 978-1433523731
- War of Words, Paul David Tripp, ISBN: 978-0875526041

#### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Karen Rittle
  - o Instructor Profile: Karen Rittle earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Illinois and her master's degree in learning disabilities from Northwestern University. She then obtained a certification as a special education teacher and taught in an elementary school setting. Shortly after she began teaching, she was certified as an Orton-Gillingham Practitioner and became a teacher trainer, offering phonology courses through Governors State University as an adjunct professor. She then opened a full-time private practice for remediation of students with learning disabilities, aged kindergarten through college. Karen is a devoted student of the Bible and makes it her practice to read through the Bible multiple times each year. For the last several years, Karen has been, and is currently, a biblical counselor for children, adults, and couples. She has also completed the Fundamental Training Course from the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors.

## **Hebrew 101 - Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (3 credits)**

This course is part one of the study of elementary Biblical Hebrew. Our purpose is to enable the student to gain a thorough knowledge of the first half of Pratico and Van Pelt's grammar, and to be able to begin using the Hebrew Bible and related tools. In this course, the student will learn how to read the Hebrew Bible out loud, will begin to learn the most commonly used words in the Hebrew Bible (70 or more occurrences in the Bible), will be able to recognize word forms based on their suffixes and prefixes, and will be able to use Hebrew dictionaries, commentaries, and software tools.

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Course Tuition:	\$179
Prerequisites:	None

### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible or Bible app. You may use the English translation of your choice.
- Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar, Third Ed., Gary D. Pratico, Miles V. Van Pelt, Zondervan.
- Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook, Third Ed., Gary D. Pratico, Miles V. Van Pelt, Zondervan
- A Hebrew Bible, either an Android or iOS app, or a print edition. Examples:
  - Hebrew Bible Reader, Android app, free.
  - The Complete Hebrew-Greek Bible, \$37 at christianbook.com, \$46 at amazon.com.

### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Matt Postiff
  - o Instructor Profile: Matt Postiff was raised in Chelsea, Michigan, and attended the University of Michigan where he received a B.S.E., M.S.E, and Ph.D. in computer science and engineering. Sensing God's call to ministry, he took up studies at Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees. He was able to teach introductory Hebrew there as well. He has pastored Fellowship Bible Church in Ann Arbor since 2006. He is married to Naomi, and they share three sons.