



# Winter 2024 Course Catalog

## **Theology 110 - Christian Theology II (3 credits)**

This course will cover 4 main topics in relation to Christian Theology: The Doctrine of Man in the Image of God, The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption, The Doctrine of the Church, and The Doctrine of the Future. Class time will consist of lectures on these various topics. Evaluation will be based on completion of the assigned reading material, chapter review questions, a mid-term examination, a final examination, and a final project (6-8 page paper on aspects of a personal statement of faith).

### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/07/2024 - 04/28/2024
	<i>Fur Rendezvous Break: February 11th</i>
	<i>Easter Break: March 31st</i>
Course Tuition:	\$199
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.
- Teaching Assistant: James Best

### **Ministry 301 - The Christian Family (3 credits)**

This course covers four main areas of the Christian family: marriage, gender/sexuality, parenting, and vocation. The course is structured with lectures and discussions on these topics with an emphasis on personal application. Lectures will focus on biblical theology, church history, and the opportunities for ministry within contemporary culture. Readings are aimed at showing how each area of the Christian family contributes to the ministry of the gospel and the glory of Christ. Students will also interview Christian families who are seeking to sanctify their family for the sake of ministry. Evaluation will be based on weekly readings and quizzes, four vision papers (2-3 pages, one for each area), a practical summary of the class interviews, and a group discussion as a final exam.

#### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.
Meeting Dates:	01/07/2024 - 04/28/2024 <i>Fur Rendezvous Break: February 11th</i> <i>Easter Break: March 31st</i>
Course Tuition:	\$199
Prerequisites:	None

#### *Required Reading Materials:*

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#### *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 110 - Old Testament I: Historical Literature (3 credits)**

This course surveys the narrative literature of the Old Testament, stretching from Genesis to Esther. Students will not only engage with the historical plot of the Old Testament, but dive into the theological themes that weave throughout these books. The class will also emphasize motifs of Christ that find their seeds in the Old Testament, coming to fruition in the New. Students will learn how applicable the Old Testament is to their current ministry setting and find avenues of application for their life. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a midterm and final exam, and a final exegetical paper.

#### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Sundays from 7pm-10pm  
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.  
Meeting Dates: 01/07/2024 - 04/28/2024  
*Fur Rendezvous Break: February 11th*  
*Easter Break: March 31st*  
Course Tuition: \$199  
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 Old Testament: A Survey, Ed Hinson and Gary Yates, ISBN: 978-1433677076

#### *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

## **History 240 - Intertestamental History: The World Just Before Jesus (3 credits)**

This course surveys the historical, geographical, literary, and cultural context of the Jewish world during the Second Temple period (516 BC - AD 70). It surveys a linear history of the return from exile, the Persian Empire, the Greek Empire including the Ptolomys and Seleucids, the Maccabean Revolt and the Hasmonean dynasty, the Roman Empire, and the Jewish revolt. The course also weaves in many topics such as Jewish religious structure, religious sects, the Qumran community, messianic expectations, and apocryphal literature. Through all of this history, the sovereign hand of God, the connection between the Old and New Testaments, and the hermeneutical context and relevance of each of the topics covered will be emphasized. Students will learn from engaging lectures, assigned readings, and engaging projects. There will also be weekly quizzes, and a midterm and final exam.

### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Mondays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/08/2024 - 04/22/2024
	<i>Fur Rendezvous Break: February 12th</i>
Course Tuition:	\$199
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.
- Introduction to the Intertestamental Period, Raymond F Sanburg, ISBN: 978-0758618528
- From the Maccabees to the Mishnah, Third Edition, Shaye Cohen, ISBN: 978-0664239046

### *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

### **Ministry 310 - Preaching and Teaching Methods (3 credits)**

This course is designed to equip students to structure and prepare messages from biblical passages. Students will learn a biblical theology of preaching/teaching, proper methodologies of preaching and teaching, as well as how to analyze biblical texts, formulate a central idea statement from the text, and explain and support the central idea with appropriate applications in a message or lesson. Students will prepare and deliver sermons/lessons in class to the instructor and to classmates. This class will also cover such topics as planning, preaching and teaching for evangelism and discipleship, and teaching Bible stories to children.

#### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Thursdays from 4pm-7pm  
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.  
Meeting Dates: 01/11/2024 - 04/25/2024  
*Fur Rendezvous Break: February 15th*  
Course Tuition: \$199  
Prerequisites: All Bible/Theology Core Classes (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.

#### *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.

## **Psychology 110 - Intro to Human Relationships and Christian Counseling (3 credits)**

This course is an introduction to human relationships and Christian counseling. It begins with a Biblical search of who God is, who we are in Christ, and how we are to understand ourselves and others. We will investigate what the Bible teaches about how we are to be with others and how we are to encourage ourselves and others to grow in virtue through relationships and trials. Topics will include: conflict resolution, extending forgiveness, and pursuing holiness. Portions of the Bible will be read throughout this course, as well as two books and several handouts. Students will gain an understanding of how to think about problems as opportunities to grow more Christlike in character. The course will be structured with weekly lectures and personal discipleship. Evaluation will be gained from weekly homework, two written papers or oral presentations, and a final exam.

### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/11/2024 - 04/25/2024 <i>Fur Rendezvous Break: February 15th</i>
Course Tuition:	\$199
Prerequisites:	None

### *Required Reading Materials:*

- The Holy Bible
- Pursuing Peace: A Christian Guide to Handling Our Conflicts, Robert Jones, ISBN: 978-1433530135
- Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change, Paul David Tripp, ISBN: 978-0875526072

### *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.

### **Bible 313 - The Book of Hebrews (3 credits)**

An exposition of the epistle of Hebrews covering the background, structure, biblical and theological content, and the development of the argument of the book. Attention will be given to practical matters of exegesis (outline, diagramming, word study, cross-references, etc.) and synthesis of the content of each section. Students will gain a greater understanding of the doctrines of Christ and salvation as they study how the book of Hebrews weaves together the overall storyline of the Bible. Students will learn through weekly lectures, class discussions, homework, and quizzes, along with several exams.

#### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Thursdays from 7pm-10pm  
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.  
Meeting Dates: 01/11/2024 - 04/25/2024  
*Fur Rendezvous Break: February 15th*  
Course Tuition: \$199  
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 Epistle to the Hebrews, Homer A. Kent, ISBN: 978-0884690696
- Hebrews: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture (Volume 35) (The New American Commentary), David L. Allen, ISBN: 978-0805401356

#### *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.

## **Math 110 - Critical Thinking, Finance, Logic, and Probability (3 credits)**

Though mathematics may appear unrelated to biblical studies or Christian ministry, it is fundamentally applied logic, a form of applied theology. Recognizing this connection highlights the importance of logical thinking and practical math skills in exploring biblical texts and conducting Christian ministry. This course will encompass the following four main topics, each explored through a biblical lens using practical, real-world examples:

- *Critical Thinking*: Including logical argumentation, fallacies, and biblical analysis.
- *Finance*: Focusing on biblical financial principles and practical money matters including budgeting, saving, spending, taxes, investment strategies, debt management, and charitable giving.
- *Logic*: Covering logical analysis history, techniques, and notation.
- *Probability*: Delving into practical and Bayesian probability.

Students are expected to complete weekly assignments and undertake special projects such as the logical examination of Scripture and the creation of a personal budget. Further evaluation will be gained from weekly quizzes and a midterm and final exam.

### *Winter 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Fridays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/12/2024 - 04/26/2024 <i>Fur Rendezvous Break: February 16th</i>
Course Tuition:	\$199
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.

### *Course Instructors:*

- Professor: Daniel Manwiller
  - Instructor Profile: Daniel Manwiller earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering and his master's in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Michigan. During his time at the University of Michigan, he served as an undergraduate instructional assistant and later as a graduate student instructor for an engineering design course. He currently works in an engineering role and serves in various ministry roles at Hope Community Church. Additionally, he is pursuing a master's in biblical studies from Moody Theological Seminary.
- Professor: Dan Taylor