



## Fall 2024 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 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	09/01/2024 – 12/15/2024. <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 12/02/2024.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$220
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 Instructor:*

- Professor: Jon Navarre
  - o Instructor Profile: Jon Navarre is a husband, father, friend, business professional, writer, 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. Jon is an elder and member of the Teaching Team at 1Mosaic Church in Adrian, MI.

## **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 is then memorized in installments throughout the semester. 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 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.
Meeting Dates:	09/01/2024 – 12/15/2024. <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 12/02/2024.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$220
Prerequisites:	None

*Required Reading Materials:* Many are available online and some others will be provided in class (see the syllabus on the first day of class for more details).

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice)
  - Lecture notes and quiz blanks will use the ESV translation.
- The Apostolic Fathers, ed. and trans. Michael W. Holmes, ISBN: 978-0-8010-3468-8
- On the Incarnation, Athanasius trans. Penelope Lawson (Sea Harp Press), ISBN: 978-0768464528
- Confessions, Augustine (trans. Henry Chadwick), ISBN: 978-0-19-953782-2
- Freedom of the Christian, Martin Luther (trans. Mark D. Tranvik), ISBN: 978-0-8006- 6311-7
- A Reformation Debate, John Calvin and Jacopo Sadoletto (trans. Benjamin Wirt Farley, ed. John C. Olin), ISBN: 978-0-8010-2390-3
- Jonathan Edwards' Resolutions and Advice to Young Converts, ed. Stephen J. Nichols, ISBN: 978-0-87552-189-3
- Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, Jonathan Edwards (ed. John D. Currid), ISBN: 978-0-87552-233-3
- Christianity & Liberalism, J. Gresham Machen, ISBN: 978-0-8028-6499-4

### *Course Instructor:*

- 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 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.

#### *Fall 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	09/01/2024 – 12/15/2024. <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 12/02/2024.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$220
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/>

#### *Course Instructor:*

- Professor: Nathan Williams
  - o Instructor Profile: Nathan Williams has been happily married to Bethany for 20 years and they have 4 children. He has an undergraduate degree in Bible with a history minor, along with an M.Div. from The Master's Seminary and a D.Min. in Biblical Theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Nathan served as a college pastor in Lynchburg, Virginia for 7 years before moving to Michigan in 2017 to become the senior pastor at Woodhaven Bible Church in Woodhaven. One of his ministry passions involves pastoral training in Nepal, having taught in the country several times as well as developing curricula for national pastors there. In his free time he enjoys reading, running, watching Michigan football, and roasting coffee.

### **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. They will support written and spoken communication with information which is used effectively and ethically. The course will be structured with weekly lectures, discussions and the opportunity for 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. Course materials include portions of the Bible, two books, and several videos.

#### *Fall 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Mondays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/26/2024 – 12/16/2024. <i>Labor Day Break: 09/02/2024.</i> <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/25/2024.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$220
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 Instructor:*

- 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 111 – Old Testament II: Poetry and Prophecy (3 credits)**

This course surveys the poetic and prophetic literature of the Old Testament, stretching from Job to Malachi. Students will not only engage with the literary structure of Old Testament poetry and prophecy but also explore the theological themes in each book. 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.

#### *Fall 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/29/2024 – 12/12/2024. Thanksgiving Holiday: 11/28/24.
Course Tuition:	\$220
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 Instructor:*

- 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.

## **Greek 101 – Introduction to Biblical Greek (3 Credits)**

This course is part one of the study of elementary Biblical (Koine) Greek. Our purpose is to enable the student to gain a thorough knowledge of the first half of Bill Mounce's grammar and to be able to begin using the Greek New Testament and related tools. In this course, the student will learn how to read the Greek New Testament out loud, will learn the most common 200 words in the Greek NT, will be able to recognize word forms based on their suffixes and prefixes, and will be able to use Greek dictionaries, commentaries, and software tools. In addition, some common pitfalls will be pointed out so that the student will avoid common errors in handling the Greek text.

### *Fall 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/29/2024 – 12/12/2024. Thanksgiving Holiday: 11/28/24.
Course Tuition:	\$220
Prerequisites:	None

### *Required Reading Materials:*

- Bible or Bible app. You may use the translation of your choice.
- Basics of Biblical Greek, Fourth Ed., William D. Mounce, Zondervan.
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- A Greek New Testament, either an Android or iOS app, or a print edition. Examples:
  - Greek New Testament Reader SBLGNT, Android app, free.
  - A Reader's Greek New Testament, Third ed.
- OPTIONAL: The "Learn Biblical Greek Pack 2.0" at [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) contains the two required textbooks plus other helpful resources like a box of vocabulary cards and vocabulary audio.

### *Course Instructor:*

- Professor: Dr. 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.

## **History 276 – American Church History (1 Credit)**

This course provides a survey of the lives of key figures in American church history and the events that shaped both the past and present landscape of Christianity in America. From great awakenings and powerful evangelists to denominational differences and current challenges, the stories of God's church in this land will inspire and inform our walk with the Lord. Students will learn from weekly lectures, discussion, and prayer for one another and for our nation. Assignments will include weekly quizzes, assigned readings, mini-project assignments, and a final exam.

### *Fall 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Fridays from 5pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/30/2024 – 10/18/2024.
Course Tuition:	\$73
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.
- America's Great Revivals: The Story of Spiritual Revival in the United States, 1734-2000, Baker Publishing, ISBN: 978-0764234996
- Christian Denominations: A Side-by-Side Comparison, Rose Publishing, ISBN: 978-1496490445

### *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.

## **History 277 – Hymns of the Faith (1 Credit)**

This course offers an engaging and enriching experience in worship through song and study of the great hymns of the faith. Students will learn the words, meaning, and story behind many of the greatest hymns throughout history. This course will also cover the details of hymn writing, allowing students to practice this knowledge by writing their own hymn! Students will engage through weekly hymn singing, memorization of a hymn text, study of hymns and their authors, weekly quizzes, and assignments on the basics of hymns and their use in a worship service.

### *Fall 2024 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Fridays from 5pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	10/25/2024 – 12/20/2024. Thanksgiving Holiday: 11/29/24.
Course Tuition:	\$73
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.
- Our Hymns, Our Heritage: A Student Guide to Songs of the Church, David & Barbara Leeman, ISBN: 978-0802429292

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