



Winter 2025 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, quizzes, 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 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/05/2025 – 04/27/2025. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/16/2025.</i> <i>Easter Sunday Break: 04/20/2025.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$225
Prerequisites:	None

Required Reading Materials:

- Bible (ESV, NIV, HCSB, CSB, NAS, NET, NKJV or KJV)
- [Systematic Theology, 2nd Edition \(2020\), Wayne Grudem, ISBN: 978-0310517979](#)
- [Systematic Theology Workbook \(2020\), Wayne Grudem, Brianna Smith, Erik Thoennes, ISBN: 978-0310114079](#)

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.

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 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.
Meeting Dates:	01/05/2025 – 04/27/2025. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/16/2025.</i> <i>Easter Sunday Break: 04/20/2025.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$225
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.
- [This Momentary Marriage, John Piper, ISBN: 978-1-4335-3111-8](#)
- [What Is the Meaning of Sex? Denny Burk, ISBN: 978-1-4335-3609-0](#)
- [The Measure of a Man, Gene A. Getz, ISBN: 978-0-8007-2238-8 \(For men in the class\)](#)
- [Let Me Be a Woman, Elisabeth Elliot, ISBN: 978-0-8423-2162-4 \(For women in the class\)](#)
- [Anchoring Your Child to God's Truth in a Gender-Confused Culture, Gary Yagel, ISBN: 978-1-944964-14-6 \(back cover\) or 978-1-944964-33-7 \(copyright page\)](#)
- [Shepherding a Child's Heart, Tedd Tripp, ISBN: 978-0-9663786-0-3](#)
- [Conscience, Naselli & Crowley, ISBN: 978-1-4335-5074-4](#)
- [The Gospel at Work, Traeger & Gilbert, ISBN: 978-0-310-56207-8](#)
- [The Hospitality Commands, Alexander Strauch, ISBN: 978-0-93608-309-4](#)
- [The Treasure Principle, Randy Alcorn, ISBN: 978-1-59052-508-1](#)

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 250 – Genesis (3 credits)

This course covers an in-depth study of the book of Genesis including its theological significance and practical application to our lives. The course is structured with exegetical lectures covering portions of Genesis along with several further theological lectures tracing the themes of Genesis throughout the remainder of Scripture. Emphasis will be placed on how to understand and teach the message of Genesis today. Over the course of the semester, students will complete 9 homework assignments such as Comparing Creation Stories in the Bible. Students will also complete 5 essay assignments answering questions such as how does knowledge of the Ancient Near East impact our understanding of Genesis? There will also be quizzes/discussions in each class period and three exams.

Winter 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Sundays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/05/2025 – 04/27/2025. Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/16/2025. Easter Sunday Break: 04/20/2025.
Course Tuition:	\$225
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.
 - For comparison, the instructor will also make frequent reference to the JPS Torah.
- [Creation And Blessing: A Guide To The Study And Exposition Of Genesis, Allen Ross, ISBN: 978-0801021077](#)

Supplemental Reading:

- [Genesis \(The Story of God Commentary\), Tremper Longman III, ISBN: 978-0310496076](#)

Course Instructor:

- Professor: Dan Taylor
 - o Instructor Profile: Dan Taylor grew up in Northern Michigan. He played baseball at Grand Rapids Community College and later attended Eastern Michigan University where he studied mathematics and physics. He also earned his master’s degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University. He has lectured several math courses at Eastern Michigan. He has also spent over ten years in industry focused on artificial intelligence applications within autonomous vehicles and medicine. He is scheduled to finish his master’s degree in biblical studies from Moody Theological Seminary in the Fall of 2024. Dan and his wife have lived in metro-Detroit for over 15 years and have six children.

Bible 120 – New Testament I: Gospels and Acts (3 credits)

This course will study through the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts to provide each student with an in-depth knowledge of the historical, theological, and practical significance of this portion of the New Testament text. Students will learn how to interpret and apply both the didactic and narrative contained in these books in both their personal lives and in practical ministry settings. There will be a significant focus on chapter-by-chapter study, discussion, and application throughout the semester. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a midterm and final exam, and a final exegetical paper.

Winter 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Mondays from 4pm-7pm
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates: 01/06/2025 – 04/21/2025.
Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/17/2025.
Course Tuition: \$225
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](#)

Course Instructor:

- 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.

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 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Mondays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/06/2025 – 04/21/2025. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/17/2025.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$225
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 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 200 – The World Behind the Text: Old Testament (1 credit)

The World Behind the Text: Old Testament is an 8-week course exploring the historical, cultural, and political landscapes of the Ancient Near East that shaped the Old Testament. This course examines key kingdoms such as Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, and Persia, analyzing their influence on Israel's development, identity, and literature through archaeological findings and historical sources. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the Old Testament's historical, social, and political context, enhancing their interpretation of biblical texts. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a final exam, and a final project, completed in weekly segments, which demonstrates some familiarity with the culture or time of the kingdom you choose.

Winter 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Thursdays from 5pm-7pm
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates: 01/09/2025 – 03/06/2025.
 Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/20/2025.
Course Tuition: \$75
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 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.

Bible 201 – The World Behind the Text: New Testament (1 credit)

The World Behind the Text: New Testament is a 7-week course that investigates Hellenistic influences as well as the historical, cultural, and political dynamics of the Roman Empire during the Intertestamental and New Testament eras. This course will examine the impact of Greco-Roman religion, politics, and social structures on Jewish society and religion as well as on early Christian communities via archaeological evidence and historical sources. Students will develop a richer understanding of the New Testament's background, enhancing their interpretation of the Gospels, Acts, and the Epistles within their first-century context. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a final exam, and a final project, completed in weekly segments, which demonstrates some familiarity with the culture or time of the kingdom you choose.

Winter 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 5pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	03/13/2025 – 04/24/2025.
Course Tuition:	\$75
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 Instructor:

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Apologetics 201 – Christian Apologetics (3 credits)

This course introduces the student to Christian apologetics and focuses on the biblical basis for apologetics, biblical apologetic method, presuppositions, worldview, and practically engaging contemporary culture in defending the faith and proclaiming the truth of God. Includes Christian evidences and a review of various apologetic systems. Includes introductory material on epistemology (how we know things), logic, theology, philosophy, the problems of evil, various religions, science, reason, and other topics at the discretion of the instructor. Assignments include quizzes, exams, role-playing discussions, discussion of the required weekly readings, sharing the gospel "in the real world," engaging with a skeptic, short essays, comparison of beliefs of world religions, and a presentation to the class on a subject in the area of apologetics.

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Meeting Dates: 01/09/2025 – 04/24/2025.
 Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/20/2025.
Course Tuition: \$225
Prerequisites: None

Required Reading Materials:

- [Every Believer Confident: Apologetics for the Ordinary Christian, Mark Farnham, ISBN: 978-1632695208](#)
- [Every Thought Captive: a Study Manual for the Defense of the Truth, Richard Pratt, ISBN: 978-0875523521](#)

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.

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.

Fall 2024 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Fridays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/10/2025 – 04/25/2025. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/21/2025.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$225
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.
- Lecture slides and optional additional resources will serve as the main teaching materials for this course

Course Instructor:

- Professor: Daniel Manwiller
 - Instructor Profile: Daniel Manwiller along with his wonderful wife Elisabeth serve in various administrative and academic roles at Anchor Bible College. Daniel earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering and his master's in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Michigan. 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
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