



Fall 2025 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 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/31/2025 – 12/07/2025. <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/30/2025.</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: 978-0-310-51797-9](#)
- [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.

Theology 210 – Creeds, Councils, and Confessions (3 credits)

This course follows the church's confession of Christ "to the ends of the earth" as foretold in the book of Acts. Beginning with early church fathers, weaving through church councils, following historical-theological movements, and ending with modern evangelical affirmations, each section of this course is paired with a primary-source theologian. Week one introduces a "Historical Catechism" that students memorize in segments. Weekly guided readings prepare for classroom engagement with Athanasius, Augustine, Anselm, Luther, Calvin, Edwards, and Machen. Coursework consists of guided readings, quizzes, and a cumulative final exam. By the end, students should be able to articulate how creeds relate to Scripture and guard against heresy, how councils and leading theologians formulated doctrine in light of biblical revelation and historical developments, and how confessions can foster true unity in Christ's church—all with an eye towards God's glory and faithful ministry today.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.
Meeting Dates:	08/31/2025 – 12/14/2025. <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/30/2025.</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.
- [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 110 - Old Testament I: Historical Literature (3 credits) - (Section 01)

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 also 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 lives. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a midterm and final exam, and a final exegetical paper.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Sundays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	08/31/2025 – 12/14/2025. <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/30/2025.</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.
- [The Essence of the Old Testament: A Survey, Ed Hinson and Gary Yates. ISBN: 978-1433677076](#)

Course Instructors:

- 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 110 - Old Testament I: Historical Literature (3 credits) - (Section 02)

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 also 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 lives. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a midterm and final exam, and a final exegetical paper.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Tuesdays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Community Bible Church in Trenton, Michigan.
Meeting Dates:	09/02/2025 – 12/09/2025.
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 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.

Bible 257 – Sermon on the Mount (1 credit)

This course will equip students with a basic introduction to understanding and interpreting Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5-7. The class will discuss various hermeneutical perspectives on the Sermon, along with its structure, key themes, and challenging interpretive issues. In addition to a method for interpreting the Sermon, students will see how the Sermon speaks into current ethical issues and provides a guide for Christian discipleship and growth. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes from the assigned reading and class discussion, a Scripture memory project, and a final exam or paper.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Wednesdays from 6pm-7:30pm
Location: Community Bible Church in Trenton, Michigan.
Meeting Dates: 09/17/2025 – 12/10/2025.
Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/26/2025.
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.
- [Sermon on the Mount: The Story of God Bible Commentary, Scot Mcknight ISBN: 978-0310327134](#)

Course Instructor:

- Professor: Nathan Williams

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.

Bible 216 - Romans (3 credits)

This course covers an in-depth study of the book of Romans, including its theological significance and practical application to our lives. The course is structured with exegetical lectures covering each chapter in Romans along with several further theological lectures on topics such as justification, God's sovereignty, and biblical covenants. Over the course of the semester, students will complete 6 homework assignments, such as a Romans outline, word study, and Old Testament quotes worksheet. Students will also complete 6 essay assignments answering questions such as "What about those who have never heard the gospel?" and "What does it look like to live a genuine Christian life?" There will also be quizzes in each class period and a midterm and final exam.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Thursdays from 4pm-7pm
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates: 08/28/2025 – 12/11/2025.
Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/27/2025.
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.
- [Encountering the Book of Romans: A Theological Survey 2nd edition, Douglas Moo, ISBN: 978-0801049668](#)

Course Instructors:

- Professor: Michael Jones
 - o Michael Jones was raised in the Deep South and has lived in Metro Detroit since 2000. He has degrees in Christian Thought from William Tyndale College and Religious Education from Michigan Theological Seminary. His M.Div. is from Moody Theological Seminary, where his emphasis was Systematic Theology, and his PhD is from the University of Chester, where he wrote his dissertation on Paul's theology of suffering. He has served as pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Taylor, M,I since 2003 and is a long-time member of the board of the largest storefront food pantry in Michigan. He and his wife, Tondra, 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. 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 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Thursdays from 7pm-10pm
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates: 08/28/2025 – 12/11/2025.
 Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/27/2025.
Course Tuition: \$225
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.

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.

Winter 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Thursdays from 7pm-10pm
Location: Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth, Michigan. Room _____.
Meeting Dates: 08/28/2025 – 12/11/2025.
 Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/27/2025.
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: 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.

Ministry 201 – Patterns in Evangelism (1 credit)

This 7-week course surveys four major “patterns” by which God advances the gospel: (1) personal witness and discipleship, (2) evangelism teams, (3) seasons of revival, and (4) taking new territory. Biblical examples, historical case studies, and contemporary insights highlight the unique goals, tools, and spiritual disciplines that make each pattern effective. Particular emphasis will be given to the local church as the engine for evangelism and the place for lasting discipleship. Students will learn through weekly lectures, directed readings, class discussion, and hands-on practice refining their personal testimony and gospel presentation. Assignments will include weekly quizzes, assigned readings, experience with personal witnessing in a practical setting, and a final exam.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times:	Fridays from 5pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	09/05/2025 – 10/17/2025.
Course Tuition:	\$75
Prerequisites:	None

Required Reading Materials:

- [Will our Generation Speak, Grace Mally, ISBN: 978-0971940581](#)

Digitally Available Required Resources:

- [How Can I Share My Faith Without an Argument](#)
- [Born to Reproduce Sermon](#)
- [Four Spiritual Laws](#)

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Bible 202 – Women in the Bible (1 credit)

This 7-week course offers a survey of the many women God has used to shape redemptive history. By reading their stories and tracing biblical teaching on women's lives and service, students will discover timeless lessons in faith, courage, and discipleship that speak to the church today. Each week pairs biographical snapshots with theological reflection, allowing students to identify the Scriptural patterns that continue to shape service to Christ and His Church today. Students will engage through weekly lectures, assigned readings, and class discussion. Assignments will include weekly quizzes, an interview-and-reflection project, and a final exam.

Fall 2025 Course Details:

Days and Times: Fridays from 5pm-7pm
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates: 10/24/2025 – 12/12/2025.
Thanksgiving Holiday Break: 11/28/2025.
Course Tuition: \$75
Prerequisites: None

Required Reading Materials:

- TBA

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.