



## Winter 2026 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, quizzes, a mid-term examination, a final examination, and a final project (6-8 page paper on aspects of a personal statement of faith).

#### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/04/2026 – 04/26/2026. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break: 02/22/2026.</i> <i>Easter Sunday Break: 04/05/2026.</i>
Course Tuition:	\$225
Prerequisites:	Theology 101 is recommended but not required

#### *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.

### **Apologetics 450 – Biblical Worldview in a Modern Culture (3 Credits)**

This course describes how a Christian worldview, based on biblical revelation and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, answers the fundamental shape and core assertions of the secularized worldview of the modern West. Emphasis is placed on the application of biblical wisdom literature and the gospel to the fact-value split and its manifestation in a scientific, evolutionary, and individualistic mindset. Weekly guided readings prepare for classroom engagement with topics including realism, nominalism, scientific naturalism, communism, Darwinian evolution, natural law, social constructivism, radical individualism, the sexual revolution, social justice, formalized religion, and mystical religion. Coursework includes primary-source interaction within several philosophical and theological discussions, weekly quizzes, and a cumulative final exam. The course ends with a theological vision of God's created world and a philosophical approach to ethics that is rooted in God's revelation of His own glory.

#### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times: Sundays from 4pm-7pm  
Location: Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 205.  
Meeting Dates: 01/04/2026 – 04/26/2026.  
*Fur Rendezvous Break: 02/22/2026.*  
*Easter Sunday Break: 04/05/2026.*  
Course Tuition: \$225  
Prerequisites: None

*Required Reading Materials:* This is an extensive list. Many of these are available for free online, either to digitally borrow or freely access. Most are quite affordable to purchase your own copy, but if needed, Anchor is glad to make copies available for checkout upon request through the campus library.

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice)
- [The Book of Job, ed. and trans. Robert Scheindlin, ISBN: 978-0-393-31900-2](#)
- [Escape from Reason, Francis A. Schaeffer, ISBN 978-0-8308-3405-1](#)
- [Reason and Revelation in the Middle Ages, Etienne Gilson, ISBN: 978-0-88844-428-8](#)
- [The Postmodern World, Millard J. Erickson, ISBN: 9-781581-343427](#)
- [The Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, ISBN: 978-1-84467-876-1](#)
- [The Abolition of Man, C. S. Lewis, ISBN: 978-0-06-065294-4](#)
- [The Real American Dream, Andrew Delbanco, ISBN: 9-780674-003835](#)
- [The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert, Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, ISBN: 9-781884-527807](#)
- [Love Wins, Rob Bell, ISBN: 978-0-06-204965-0](#)
- [Celebration of Discipline, Richard J. Foster, ISBN: 9-780060-628390](#)
- [The Pursuit of God, A. W. Tozer, ISBN: 978-1-60066-003-0](#)

#### *Course Instructor:*

- Professor: Bob Snyder

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 for 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: The 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. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a midterm and final exam, and a final expositional paper.

### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Sundays from 7pm-10pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/04/2026 – 04/26/2026. <i>Baptism Sunday Break: 03/08/2026.</i> <i>Easter Sunday Break: 04/05/2026.</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 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.

## **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.

### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Mondays from 6pm-9pm
Location:	Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth, Michigan.
Meeting Dates:	01/05/2026 – 04/20/2026. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break: 02/23/2026.</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.
- [Grasping God's Word, Scott J. Duvall, ISBN: 978-0310109174](#)
- [Grasping God's Word Workbook, Scott J. Duvall, ISBN: 978-0310109204](#)

### *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.

### **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 lives. Student learning will be evaluated based on weekly quizzes, a midterm and final exam, and a final expositional paper.

#### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Tuesdays from 6pm-9pm
Location:	Community Bible Church in Trenton, Michigan.
Meeting Dates:	01/06/2026 – 04/21/2026. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break: 02/24/2026.</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 Instructor:*

- Professor: Michael Jones
  - o Instructor Profile: Michael R. Jones is originally from the deep South and has lived in Metro Detroit since 2000. He is a graduate of William Tyndale College, Michigan Theological Seminary, Moody Theological Seminary – Michigan, where he received the Faculty Award in Systematic Theology, and 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, MI, since 2000 and is a long-time board member of the largest food pantry in Michigan. He and his wife, Tondra, have two grown children.

## **Bible 211 – Translations of the Bible (1 credit)**

This seven-week course explores translations of the Bible in three categories: historical translations, present-day translations, particularly in English, and future translations that are in progress or not yet underway. We will examine how we came to have the English Bible by way of God's superintending work of preservation of the Hebrew and Greek texts, the translation of those texts, and early English translations. We will study the variety of modern English Bibles and learn about various translation philosophies. We will also examine modern translation work as a part of carrying out the Great Commission to provide the Bible to people groups that as yet have no portion of Scripture in their mother tongue, including the role of artificial intelligence technology in translation and a basic introduction to Scripture engagement. The course will be structured with weekly lectures and quizzes, readings, a project, and a final exam.

### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 5pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/08/2026 – 02/19/2026.
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.
- [How to Choose a Translation for All Its Worth: A Guide to Understanding and Using Bible Versions, Gordon Fee and Mark Strauss, ISBN: 978-0310278764](#)

### *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.

## **Bible 212 – New Testament Use of the Old Testament (1 credit)**

This seven-week course explores how the New Testament writers interpreted and applied the Old Testament in their preaching and writing. Students will study the patterns of quotation, allusion, and fulfillment throughout the New Testament, gaining insight into the continuity of God's work in the world across the millennia. Through lectures, readings, and discussions, we will trace key themes showing the Bible as a unified and cross-referenced whole. Course components include weekly lectures and quizzes, assigned readings, in-class discussion, a project analyzing a New Testament use of an Old Testament passage, and a comprehensive final exam.

### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Thursdays from 5pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	03/05/2026 – 04/16/2026.
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.
- [Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament: Exegesis And Interpretation: G.K. Beale. ISBN: 978-0801038969](#)

### *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.

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

This course 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 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:                   Thursdays from 7pm-10pm  
Location:                            Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.  
Meeting Dates:                    01/08/2026 – 04/23/2025.  
                                              *Easter Break Week: 04/02/2026.*  
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 360 – The Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus (3 Credits)**

This course explores in-depth the events surrounding the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, examining their historical foundations, theological significance, and practical implications for our lives. The curriculum is centered on the creed in 1 Cor 15:3-5 and traces the themes of Jesus' passion and resurrection throughout Scripture and early Christian teaching. The historicity of the claims will also be explored. The second half of the course will emphasize the biblical theology of resurrection in particular and its implications on our lives today. Throughout the semester, students will complete eight homework assignments, such as evaluating the claim of the resurrection, two short essays, and two long essay assignments that address questions like "What did the death of Jesus accomplish?" and "Why did the early Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead?" Regular quizzes, classroom discussions, and two comprehensive exams will support and assess students' engagement with the course material.

#### *Winter 2026 Course Details:*

Days and Times:	Fridays from 4pm-7pm
Location:	Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Room 105.
Meeting Dates:	01/09/2026 – 04/24/2025. <i>Fur Rendezvous Break Week: 02/20/2026.</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 Bedrock of Christianity: The Unalterable Facts of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Justin Bass, ISBN: 978-1683593607](#)
- [The New Testament in Its World: An Introduction to the History, Literature, and Theology of the First Christians, N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, ISBN: 978-0310499305](#)

#### *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, ultimately earning a master's degree in mathematics. Dan has spent over ten years in industry focused on artificial intelligence applications within autonomous vehicles and medicine. He also serves as a Sunday School teacher and home Bible study shepherd. In addition to Dan's board member role at Anchor, he has served as an adjunct instructor following the completion of 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.