

**BCPR5500 BCPP Preaching Seminar**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Pastoral Ministries  
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### **Seminary Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **Purpose of the Course, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

The purpose of this course is to provide for the students quality theological education in the discipline of pastoral ministries. The core value focus of the course will emphasize doctrinal integrity. The course will also address the competencies of biblical exposition, interpersonal skills, and spiritual and character formation.

### **Course Description**

The seminar is designed to augment the student's knowledge of preaching concerning the nature of preaching, principles and methods of sermon construction, principles and methods of sermon delivery, resources for preaching, and problems of the preaching ministry, as considered in PREA5300 Proclaiming the Bible and PREA6200 Preaching Practicum. While students are exposed to a variety of approaches to sermon development and sermon delivery, emphasis is given to the expositional process which undergirds the sermon and to the communication dynamics which enhance the preaching event. The prerequisites for participating in this seminar are the completion of at least five undergraduate course hours with a "B" average in each course in the subject areas of preaching and sermon delivery, as well as the approval of the Director of the Baptist College Partnership Program for admission into the seminar.

### **Student Learning Objectives**

By the end of the seminar, the student will:

1. Describe in an acceptable way the nature of preaching, biblically and historically;
2. Be able to apply principles, methodologies, and resources regarding preaching to sermon development, sermon delivery, and the effective oral interpretation of Scripture;
3. Demonstrate acceptable proficiency in developing and delivering expository sermons based on selected biblical texts, as well as proficiency in doing competent research on assigned topics;
4. Be able to discuss some problems and challenges facing a Christian preaching ministry today;
5. Value the function of the Holy Spirit and personal spiritual formation in preaching.

### **Course Methods**

1. Lectures and other methods will be utilized to teach the principles and methodologies of preaching, as well as to present various resources available.
2. Research and writing assignments will be required to facilitate experiential learning regarding the course content and objectives.

3. Class and small-group discussions will be used to stimulate personal insights about preaching.
4. Oral reports and the preaching of one sermon will be done in the seminar by students.
5. Conferences with the instructor are invited, in order to promote learning and application of course principles and concepts, and may be accomplished via telephone, e-mail, or office visits.

### Textbooks

The following textbooks are required for this seminar:

- Fasol, Al. *A Complete Guide to Sermon Delivery*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1996.
- Heisler, Greg. *Spirit-Led Preaching: The Holy Spirit's Role in Sermon Preparation and Delivery*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2007.
- McDill, Wayne V. *The Moment of Truth*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1999.
- Vines, Jerry, and Jim Shaddix. *Power in the Pulpit: How to Prepare and Deliver Expository Sermons*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1999.

The following textbooks are recommended reading but are optional for this seminar:

- Edwards, J. Kent. *Deep Preaching: Creating Sermons That Go Beyond the Superficial*. B & H Academic, 2009.
- Merida, Tony. *Faithful Preaching: Declaring Scripture with Responsibility, Passion, and Authenticity*. B & H Academic, 2009.
- York, Herschel W., and Bert Decker. *Preaching with Bold Assurance: A Solid and Enduring Approach to Engaging Exposition*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003.

### Course Requirements

Students are required to do the following assignments:

1. Compile a typed selected bibliography of at least **25** preaching resources: 5--books on preaching (books not listed in this syllabus), 5--biblical study aids for text study and sermon development, 5--books on sermon delivery, 5--periodical articles on preaching, and 5--Internet resources on preaching. **Format:** entries must be in correct Turabian form and are to be listed **alphabetized** under the applicable resource heading (and **headings must be in the order listed herein**).
2. Submit a typed, single-spaced, **five-page** (or less) **annotated analysis** on the four required course textbooks by Fasol, Heisler, McDill, and Vines and Shaddix, plus one book on preaching selected by the student. **Format:** the analysis **must give a correct bibliographical listing** of each of the five books, with each book's associated annotations which answer the following questions:
  - a. What is a two-paragraph (or less) summary of the book?
  - b. What is one (or more) helpful feature(s) of the book for Christian proclamation?
  - c. What is one difficulty, deficiency, or limitation in using the book for Christian proclamation?
 A cover page is to be used, but do not include an intervening blank page.
3. Prepare a typed, single-spaced, **two-page** (or less) **theology of preaching**, which gives **biblical** references (i.e., 2-5 biblical references per topic) **and** discusses these topics: the calling to preach, the nature of preaching, the Bible as the Word of God, the preacher, the nature of the sermon, and the role of the Holy Spirit in preaching. **Format:** each topic is to be taken **in the order** cited herein and is to be listed as a heading followed by its respective **biblical references and discussion**. A cover page is required, but do not include an intervening blank page.
4. Prepare a typed, single-spaced, **two-page** (or less) **philosophy of preaching**, which discusses these topics: biblical text selection, sermon study, sermon development, sermon delivery, preaching with or without notes, audience analysis, preaching resources, and spiritual preparation for preaching. **Format:** same as the theology paper, **except that biblical** references are **not** to be cited and discussed. A cover page is required, but do not include an intervening blank page.
5. Prepare and deliver **one** preaching presentation of **fifteen to eighteen minutes in duration**, based on an **Old Testament** passage (selected by the student from any of the following Old Testament books: Genesis through Psalms) or

based on a **New Testament** passage (selected by the student from any of the following New Testament books: Matthew through Acts). Twenty-four hours prior to their scheduled classroom presentation, students are also to post a sermon brief of their preaching presentation in the Assignment menu on Blackboard following the format of **the rhetorical sermon brief form in this syllabus (other formats will not be accepted)**. On the day assigned for their classroom presentation, students are to bring a printed copy of their sermon brief to class to give to the professor and may dress in business casual attire (as described by the professor). The preaching presentation grade will be an average of the student's presentation, critique of student feedback forms, and sermon brief.

6. Submit a typed (single-spaced) **preaching project** on the biblical book of Philippians, consisting of the following:

a. Sermon Study Section.

- (1). Personally developed, typed, **one-page outline** of Philippians (by chapters and verses).
- (2). Personal **study notes** typed on each chapter of Philippians (not to exceed three pages total).

b. Sermon Development Section.

- (1). **Three** typed **sermon briefs** based on sermon texts from **three different** chapters in Philippians (and in accordance with the Sermon Brief form attached herein).
- (2). **Three** completed **sermon study notes forms**, one for **each** of the three sermon briefs in Philippians (please see the attached Sermon Study Notes form attached herein). **Note:** students may use this form to submit the personal study notes required on each chapter of Philippians.
- (3). One typed **sermon manuscript** (not to exceed six pages **double-spaced**) developed from one of the three sermon briefs.

**Preaching Project Format:** The preaching project should be prepared as a composite paper with each section and the required components clearly identified. A cover page is required, but do not include an intervening blank page. Information regarding the development of the personal **study notes** component and the study notes form will be given in class. Information is also provided in Vines and Shaddix, pp. 96-125, 357-359.

7. Prepare and video record **one** preaching presentation of **fifteen to eighteen minutes in duration**, based on a passage from Philippians (i.e., developed by the student from one of the three sermon briefs in the Philippians preaching project). Students are free to choose either casual attire or a suit for the presentation. The presentation must be recorded as a video and posted on YouTube, in accordance with instructions provided by the professor. The preaching presentation grade will be an average of the student's presentation, critique of student feedback forms, and sermon brief.

8. Take a final exam (i.e., an open-book, take-home exam) in accordance with the course schedule.

Students will be provided with some handouts and verbal instructions by the course instructor to aid their development of the course assignments. Sermon briefs must follow the attached syllabus form, and all major points of sermons must be referenced to Scripture and show the Scripture reference associated with each main point on each sermon brief.

## Evaluation

All course objectives will be evaluated through the grading of the course assignments and examinations. Student participation and behavior in class and small-group discussions will also be factors in evaluation and grading.

The student's final grade will be determined as follows:

1. Selected bibliography	10%
2. Annotated analysis	10%
3. Theology of preaching	10%
4. Philosophy of preaching	10%
5. Classroom preaching presentation	15%
6. Preaching project	20%
7. Philippians video sermon	15%
8. Final exam	10%

## Absences and Late Assignments

The NOBTS policy on absences (rf., current Graduate Catalog) will be followed during the course. When emergencies exist, the student may petition the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies for permission to remain in class with an excessive absence.

Assignments are due to be submitted in class or by e-mail on the date specified in this syllabus. Those assignments turned in past the date due will incur a late penalty of **ten** points, which will be deducted from the assignment grade. **Assignments will not be accepted more than one week past the date due** without permission.

## Course Schedule and Assignments

Course topics will be as follows:

Introduction

The Nature of Preaching: Biblically and Historically

Preparation for Preaching: Role of the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Preparation, and Preaching Resources

The Process of Expository Preaching: Sermon Study and Sermon Development

Oral Interpretation of Scripture

Fundamentals of Voice and Vocal Care

Proclamation of Expository Sermons: Audience Analysis, Sermon Delivery, and Media Technology

The Christian Preaching Ministry: Contemporary Problems and Challenges

Course Conclusion

The following **pre-seminar assignments** are due on the first day of class (at the beginning of class):

1. Theology of Preaching

2. Philosophy of Preaching

The following assignments are due **during the seminar** on these days (at the beginning of class):

1. Classroom Preaching Presentation—due as assigned by the professor\*

2. Selected Bibliography—due Friday, July 17

The following **post-seminar assignments** are due on these days (no later than midnight):

1. Annotated Analysis— due July 31

2. Preaching Project—due August 7

3. Philippians Video Sermon—due to be posted on YouTube no later than August 14.

**\*Note:** the schedule for student preaching presentations will be available on the second day of class.

The **final exam** will be available on **August 7** and will be **due** no later than **midnight, August 14**, by e-mail or by submission to the professor.

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**SERMON BRIEF**  
Rhetorical Sermon Outline

Name:

Assignment:

Date Due:

**A. Foundational Elements**

1. Sermon Title (in quotation marks; headline capitalization style):
2. Text:
3. Subject (in one or two words--or as a short phrase):
4. ETS (Essence of the Text in a Sentence--state in the past tense):
5. ESS (Essence of the Sermon in a Sentence--also called the Proposition; do not state in the past tense):
6. OSS (Objective of the Sermon in a Sentence--state in terms of what hearers will **do** as a result of this sermon): Hearers will....

**B. Formal Elements**

Introduction (Note: the number of key summary sentences may vary in the Introduction outline below.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Body (Note: the number of main points and key sub-points may vary in the Body outline below.)

- I.
  - 1.
  - 2.
- II.
  - 1.
  - 2.
- III.
  - 1.
  - 2.

Conclusion (Note: the number of key summary sentences may vary in the Conclusion outline below.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**C. Notes**

1. The number of points may **vary** within the formal elements from the numbers shown above.
2. All main points (i.e., I, II, etc.) in the sermon body outline **must** be referenced to the text (e.g., I. The Motive of Salvation, John 3:16a; II. The Means of Salvation, John 3:16b).
3. Write all sermon body main points in headline capitalization style (e.g., I. The Motive of Salvation). Write all lesser points under the main points in sentence capitalization style (e.g., 1. The love of God for the world).

**SERMON STUDY NOTES**

Sermon Text (Bible Book/Chapter/Verse or Verses):

Text Analysis:

1. Biblical literature type (prose, poetry, parable, etc.):
2. Structural thought diagram:

Initial Ideas from Reading the Text:

- 1.
- 2.

Scripture Cross References:

1. To the sermon text:
2. To individual verses and/or key words of the sermon text:

Word Studies (list text word and verse with word meaning and study aid resource used):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Study Aids Notes (list by text verse and study aid resource used):

Insights and Illustrations:

ETS:

ESS:

Sermon Title: