

CMCM 2380-35 Practice of Evangelism

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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Mission Statement

The mission of 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.

Course purpose, Core value focus, and curriculum competencies addressed:

The purpose of this course is to carry out the mission of NOBTS as is reflected through the core values and the core competencies in the following areas:

1. Spiritual Vitality- evangelism is a part of the spiritual vitality for the individual Christian and for the church body as a whole.
2. Mission focus- carrying out of the Great Commission is consistent with the value of mission focus.
3. Characteristic excellence and servant leadership –each evangelistic effort needs to be carried out with excellence and in a manner consistent with the servant leadership model of Jesus.

Course description: The purpose of this course is to explore the ministry of evangelism through the local church and its ministries. In addition, the Biblical mandate for the individual Christian to be an evangelist will be examined. In addition to a summary of various approaches to evangelism in local churches, the Biblical, theological and historical aspects of evangelism will be highlighted.

Learning outcomes:

1. Be familiar with the historical and biblical basis of evangelism.
2. Know how to use a variety of approaches to carry out the Great Commission in the local church.
3. Students will develop an appreciation for evangelism and ministry needs in Florida and in particular, their own local ministry environment.
4. The student should exit this class with an ability go to any setting and practice the work of both an evangelist and a disciple maker.
5. Videos and instructive materials will be viewed for critical consideration and value.
6. A minimum of six evangelism methodologies will be introduced:
 - A. FAITH–Bobby Welch; trained Faith individuals will present material
 - B. Way of the Master–aggressive evangelism methodology
 - C. Four Spiritual Laws–Campus Crusade for Christ

- D. Share Jesus Without Fear–Bill Faye
- E. Relational Evangelism–Wayne McDill
- F. Evangelism to Family members–Michael Green

Course teaching methodology:

A variety of teaching methods will be used such as lectures, class discussion, power point presentations, video and multi-media presentations. Some outside group class assignments will allow on site engagement in the evangelism and ministry process. Actual participation will be encouraged.

Textbooks:

Piper, John. *Let the Nations Be Glad: Supremacy of God in Missions*. 1993(paperback) ISBN: 0-8010-7121-0

Reid, Alvin. *Introduction to Evangelism*. Broadman and Holman, 1998. (Paperback) ISBN: 0-80541143-7

Class assignments:

1. Read both textbooks. **Do a book review of both**, 3-5 pages, double-spaced. Use the Turabian tutor as a guide for doing a book review. The book review should include a bibliographical entry, a few sentences about the author, summary of contents, and your analysis (strengths and weaknesses). 25%
2. Each student will commit to memory (32 verses) related to evangelism/missions. Eight verses per class session. Verses will be provided on a handout sheet. Each class will begin with a scripture memory quiz. 25%
3. Engage in four witnessing encounters and submit a worksheet that summarizes the encounter. (Witnessing work sheet will be provided.) 25%
3. One midterm exam and a final will be administered and will deal primarily with the information in the textbooks and in the class presentations. 25%
4. We will role play some conversation points and look for ways to “guide” a conversation to speak of spiritual things leading (hopefully) to Jesus and a prayer for salvation.
5. Develop a listing of web sites and addresses that will assist in witnessing and discipleship:
www.wayofthemaster.com ; www.persecution.org ; www.shareasyougo.com ;
www.mostimportantthing.org

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