SYLLABUS

COMMUNICATION II

Reading:  *Christ Centered Preaching*, Bryan Chapell, (Baker)
*How to Talk So People Will Listen*, Steve Brown (Baker)

This course will focus on a quote from Griffith Thomas quote on preaching:

*Pray yourself clean, read yourself full, write yourself clear, and then, enter the pulpit and let yourself go.*

There are four modules in this course:

**Praying Yourself Clean…**

We will consider the practice and importance of prayer. There will be a bibliographic consideration of some of the great contemplatives in our heritage and their relevance for the prayer life of the pastor.

**Reading Yourself Full….**

In this section we will examine the “must have” books for a preacher’s library centering in on the “practical” books which will make sermon preparation effective.

**Writing Yourself Clear…**

While this section will primarily deal with the writing of sermons, we will cover a number of other areas of writing, to wit, for publication, for church newsletters, sermon notes for the congregation, etc.

**Entering the Pulpit and Letting Yourself Go…**

This section will deal with actual preaching of a sermon with emphasis on practical techniques for effective preaching.