I. TEXTS AND MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

A. The following books or sections of books:

Required
Perkins, William. The Art of Prophesying (Banner of T)
Carrick, John. The Imperative of Preaching (Banner)
Broadus, John. On The Preparation and Delivery of
  Sermons. (Harper)
Commentaries, commentaries, commentaries

Suggested
Chapell, Brian. Christ-Centered Preaching (Baker)
Spurgeon, Charles. Lectures to My Students

B. A videotape on which to record your sermons in the Lab.

C. A visit to the library each week for the purpose of preparing sermons.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

A. Communication II Lab will focus on preaching from different literary genres of the New Testament. PT522 and PT524 go together, and students must take them at the same time. However, M.Div./CE/Missions students may have different requirements.

B. The course will be graded on participation in both the class and the Lab. Thus, grades will not be the same for both. Only under extremely unusual circumstances will
permission be granted for a student to take the Class without the Lab.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Consistent and punctual attendance is expected at both the Class and Lab sessions. Unexcused absences will be penalized. Any students who misses more than 4 classes may fail the course.

B. Chapel attendance on Tuesdays and Thursdays is strongly recommended.

C. If a student must be absent from class, there must be an acceptable reason, and the excused absence must be requested in writing or in one-on-one conversation with me.

D. If you have a scheduling conflict with some other required course (not elective) which meets at the same time as our class, and which you cannot take at some other time, or during some other semester, you may be given permission to attend the two courses on alternating days or weeks (provided the other professor involved is willing to make the same concession). If the conflict affects the afternoon Lab sessions, you may be given permission to miss one hour of the Lab session in order to attend the other class. You will have to make-up for each hour missed by listening to the videotape of the missed sermon or by doing equivalent reading assigned by the professor.

E. You will preach at least four times (possibly five) this semester in the preaching lab.
1. The first sermon will be assigned today.

2. The second sermon will be on texts assigned from one of the historical narratives of the New Testament.

3. The third sermon will be on texts assigned from one of the epistles.

4. The fourth sermon will be an expository, textual/topical sermon from a narrow section of Scripture (assigned by yours truly).

5. Sermons must be strictly confined to a time limit of 25 minutes (excluding the reading of the text). A period of evaluation will follow in which others may participate.

6. A full manuscript of each sermon you preach is to be handed to me at least one day before you preach. An outline of every sermon will be given to your classmates.

7. Each sermon will be videotaped, and you are responsible to provide your own tape to record your lab sermons.

8. Peer evaluations and chapel evaluations will be kept to a minimum this semester (I'll explain this in class).

IV. STUDENT EVALUATION

FOR THE CLASS:

A. Quizzes, exams or maybe even a late-term (late April) final (40%);

B. Other assignments (40% each);

C. Class participation and attendance (20%); and, “low and
D. No examination during “final exam week” is scheduled at this point!!!!!

FOR THE LAB:

A. Class attendance – 10%
B. Historical Narrative sermon – 30%
C. Epistle sermon – 30%
D. Textual/Subject sermon – 30%

V. COURSE OUTLINE

A. I will be lecturing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. On Tuesdays we will review the fundamental principles of homiletics. Also, we will study other forms of pastoral communication such as funerals, marriage counseling, etc.. Most of our focus in Com II will be on “Sermon Delivery.”

B. Preaching labs will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. The lab schedule will be somewhat flexible. Students often “belly-ache” about the lab. Please withhold your “bellyaching”, because I will be fair about how many hours you are actually in the lab setting. My counsel to you is “do the math” before any grousing.

C. Requirements for all sermons:
   1. They must be typed and in my mailbox at
least the day **before** you preach. You **must** include a brief list of all the commentaries you used in preparing your sermon.

2. An outline of each sermon must be given to your classmates.

3. I expect you to apply all the principles learned in COM. I, i.e., introductions, conclusions, **excellent** form and structure (logical, clear, easy to follow), relevant application.

4. Pastoral preaching is the order of the day. That means your aim to reach and persuade the “average” Joe or Jill in your flock, not your seminary buddies (although good pastoral preaching should reach them as well!).