COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is an in-depth study of the writings of the apostle John, the “beloved disciple.” Our primary focus this semester will be John’s Gospel. We will examine issues like John’s literary style, his theological and pastoral purposes for writing, the relationship of John’s gospel to the Synoptics, and John’s portrait of Jesus. John’s writings, though simple in terms of their use of the original language, are wonderfully rich and deep in their theological content.

COURSE PROCEDURE
Classes will primarily consist of lectures on the writings of John, though questions, comments and discussion are encouraged. Students are encouraged to read as much of the commentary (Köstenberger) as they can in preparation for each class session, though most students will not complete the commentary reading until the course is over. Class attendance is a requirement for this course.

REQUIRED TEXTS
Andreas Köstenberger, John (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the NT)

Carson and Moo, An Introduction to the New Testament (second edition)

G. Ladd, A Theology of the New Testament

COURSE EVALUATION
Students’ grades for this course will be based on the following:
1. A mid-term exam (taken in class Wednesday afternoon) and a take home final exam, each worth 40% of the final grade. These exams will cover both lectures and assigned readings. The final exam will be due three weeks after the end of the class (July 7).
2. Two assignments closely examining key texts from the Johannine literature. These passages are John 7:37-39 and John 14:11-14. For those who have had Greek, the assignment will be to translate the passage into English (without using an English translation) and to parse all verbs and verbal forms (without using parsing helps, computerized or other). Then list five (5) exegetical observations per verse based on the Greek text. For those who have not had Greek, the assignment is to outline the passage and list 15 exegetical, theological or practical observations per verse. Students may use commentaries or other books to help gather these observations, but that is not a requirement. These assignments are
worth 20% of your final grade (10% each). They are due on or before the due date for the final exam.

3. The completion of all assigned reading (see the reading listed in the Course Schedule section below). There will be a question on the final exam asking if you have completed all of the reading, and this will comprise part of the grade for your final exam.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 12  Introduction; John 1-4

Tuesday, June 13  John 5-8

Wednesday, June 14  John 9-12 (morning only)

   **Mid-term exam** (afternoon)
   Covering:
   John 1-8
   Ladd 249-305
   Köstenberger, 1-50, 113-125, 206-223

Thursday, June 15  John 13-19

Friday, June 16  John 20-21; Johannine Epistles (morning only)

   **Take home final exam** will cover:
   All of Köstenberger
   Ladd 306-344; 657-665
   Carson and Moo, 225-284, 669-687