

Preaching Lab II
2PT524/B
Spring 2009

Instructor: Steve Brown

Class Meets on Tuesdays: Feb. 3- May 12, 2009, 2:00-4:00PM

Administrative Assistant: Joyce Sisler

There is no published course description, no required reading, and no term paper.

Course Objectives:

This lab class is designed as a practicum to give students an opportunity to preach before their peers without the pressure that is often associated with the pulpit of a church. Steve often says, "This may be one of the few times you'll hear the truth about your preaching." The nature of the church is for people to tell a preacher how wonderful his sermon was (or how horrible) without any real feedback as to the reality of the sermon.

Method of Critique:

Each student will be critiqued on the basis of the student's personality and style and not on a classical model of preaching. The student's own style will be identified in the class and the critique will be designed to enhance the sermon within the context of the individual style. Phillips Brooks' definition of preaching, to wit, "Truth through personality," will be taken more seriously than even Brooks meant it.

Requirements:

- 1) Each student will be required to preach at least one sermon before the class.
- 2) Each student will be required to preach at least one extemporaneous sermon. (The texts for the extemporaneous sermon will be assigned in class and the student given ten minutes to prepare the sermon from that text.)
- 3) Each student will be required to participate in the discussion of each sermon.