

COURSE SYLLABUS

COMMUNICATION 2 – 6PT522

Fall Session, 2009
Thursday Evenings, 7:30pm to 10:00pm, September 3 to December 10
McLean Presbyterian Church

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- **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course addresses skills for the communication of 1 Peter for students preparing for the ministry of the word in the immediate future. Written and oral, verbal and non-verbal communications are included. Communication 2 and Communication Lab 2 are to be taken at the same time

- **COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Objectives are in two part which parallel the hybrid nature of the course.
 - Communication theory
 - ✓ To understand the biblical and theological principles of homiletics.
 - ✓ To understand basic sermon components and their functions.
 - ✓ To understand the fundamentals of sermon preparation and delivery.
 - ✓ To understand the priority and practice of Christ-centered preaching.
 - ✓ To increase competence in Christ-centered teaching/preaching.

 - Communication lab
 - ✓ To provide ample opportunities for students to prepare and deliver sermons/instructions, specifically in 1 Peter.
 - ✓ To provide feedback on sample instructions.

This course is built on two fundamental assumptions:

- 1) *Presumed knowledge of the theology of preaching:* Students need to have a certain level of exposure to preaching theories and methods as found discussed in Communication 1. This understanding is assumed information to a certain degree. For this reason, very little of the course will focus on this subject.

- 2) *Imminent Ministry of the Word:* Students enrolled in this course will begin a ministry of the word in the near future. Since one of the major struggles faced by young church leaders is to know “what to preach on,” this course is designed to provide ample amount of materials as students enter the ministry. For that reason we will focus NOT on preaching theories, but rather the application of preaching theories on the text of 1 Peter and prepare that epistle as a series of sermons/lessons ready to be used immediately.

- **REQUIRED READINGS.** The reading requirement for this course is not heavy and focused on 1 Peter than on preaching. The reasons for this are described above. One textbook will focus on preaching with the remainder being tools and resources for preparation of instructions in 1 Peter.

- Sidney Greidanus. *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
- Karen Jobes. *1 Peter*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005.
- Edmund Clowney. *The Message of 1 Peter*. Downer Groves: Intersity Press, 1988.
- Ramsey Michaels. *1 Peter*. Word Biblical Commentary. Dallas: Word, Inc., 1988.
- E. G. Selwyn. "Eschatology in 1 Peter." Pgs. 394-401 in *The Background of the NT and Its Eschatology*. Edited by W. D. Davies and D. Daube. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1956.
- "Preaching Christ in the Post-Modern World," by Dr. Edmund P. Clowney and Dr. Timothy J. Keller. Audio lectures. Go to www.rts.edu to download lectures through itunes u.

- **REQUIREMENTS:**

- ATTENDANCE: You are required to attend each class. If you know you cannot make it to a class session, notify me in advance.
- FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS 2 CLASS....
 - Listen to all lectures by Clowney and Keller on "Preaching Christ in a Post-Modern World" and answer discussion questions (these will be provided on the first day of class).
 - Read Greidanus and fill out the reading report.
- FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS 2 LAB....
 - Preaching in class: Students will have multiple opportunities to preach/teach as part of the communication lab. Time will be spent during class to rehearse the delivery of public addresses and speaking.
 - ✓ All instructions will be from passages from 1 Peter, which will be assigned to students on the first day of class.
 - ✓ All instructions will be done IN CLASS.
 - Each sermon is to be a length of 25 to 30 minutes.

- A FULL MANUSCRIPT of each delivery is to be provided to the instructor PRIOR to their scheduled delivery.
- *Outline of each passage:* In the weeks where students are NOT preaching, they will submit a detailed outline of the assigned passage providing theme, application, outline of major points, etc. (see the form below).
- *Due Dates of Assignments:*
 - ✓ Audio discussion questions Due December 10
 - ✓ Greidanus reading form Due December 10
- **OFFICE HOURS:**
 - Every Monday and Thursday afternoon ~ 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the RTS office
 - Or by appointment (contact the instructor to setup a time and place).
- **INFORMATION ON PETER LEE:** If you have questions, cannot attend a class, or need any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.
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