Course Description

This course is an introduction to preaching that lays a foundation for the necessity of preaching for the church. It lays out a theology and history of preaching as a basis for understanding the role of preaching within God's redemptive program and explores some hermeneutical issues related to preaching from both the Old Testament and New Testament. There is also an emphasis on the principles and process of sermon preparation.

Course Objectives

1. To assist students to grow in their love for and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to desire to preach more effectively for His glory.
2. To lay a foundation for understanding the history and theology of preaching.
3. To introduce the hermeneutics of preaching and its significance for understanding the task of preaching.
4. To develop the importance of the preparation of the preacher in preaching.
5. To develop a methodology of sermon preparation by working step by step through the construction of a sermon.

Course Meeting Schedule

Classes will meet, God willing, on the Atlanta campus for three weekends in January 2012. We plan to meet on Friday evenings from 6.30pm until 8.30pm and on Saturdays from 8.30am until 4.30pm. Meeting dates are January 13-14, 20-21, 27-28.

Textbooks


In addition, there will be certain selected articles from current publications that the professor deems helpful to students in this course. These will be distributed in class.
Assignments

1. There is a take-home Final Exam based on the lectures and readings

2. There is an “mini-speech” assignment for the first class, which shall be given at that class. The purpose of this assignment is to give students with no previous experience of public speaking an exposure to that art and craft.

3. There is a weekly sermon review due for classes 2 and 3

4. There will be two written sermons (outline plus a complete manuscript required in advance) delivered by each student. These shall follow the methodology laid out in the course. The first will be on a passage chosen by the student. The second will be on a passage assigned by the professor.

5. There will be a written book review for each of the assigned books (Chapell and Holmes). Each book review should be 3-4 pages in length.

Grades

1. Written/preached Sermons 50% total
2. Final Exam 20%
3. Sermon reviews 15% total
4. Book reviews 15% total

Extension Policy

All assignments and exams are to be completed by the deadlines announced in this syllabus or in class.

Extensions for assignments and exams due within the normal duration of the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. Extensions of two weeks or less beyond the date of the last deadline for the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. A grade penalty may be assessed.

Extensions of greater than two weeks but not more than six weeks beyond the last deadline for the course may be granted in extenuating circumstances (i.e. illness, family emergency). For an extension of more than two weeks the student must request an Extension Request Form from the Student Services Office. The request must be approved by the Professor and the Academic Dean. A grade penalty may be assessed. (RTS Catalog p. 42 and RTS Atlanta Student Handbook p. 14)
Any incompletes not cleared six weeks after the last published due date for course work will be converted to a failing grade. Professors may have the failing grade changed to a passing grade by request. (RTS Catalog p. 42)
# Intro to Preaching Syllabus

## Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

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<th>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</th>
<th>Rubric</th>
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<td><strong>Articulation</strong> (oral &amp; written)</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>a brief initial speech and two written/preached sermons are required; a theological basis and the hermeneutics of preaching are covered</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>the importance of Scripture’s original meaning as a basis for its modern application in preaching is emphasized.</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>the theology and hermeneutics of preaching touches on a few issues</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>discussions of application of the text deals with sanctification issues</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>the goal of preaching is to help people do this</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>respect for other methods of preaching is encouraged</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>this is the heart of the course</td>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>a working knowledge of the role of the “pastor-teacher” (Eph. 4:11-12) as it relates to preaching is emphasized in this course.</td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
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