

Online Course Schedule

Spring 2021

[Dates noted in Schedule]

Online Session 1 | January 11–March 5

Studies in Minor Prophets [BI802]

Dr. Mark McGinniss

Selected Minor Prophets will be studied from the perspective of their historical background and the manner in which their content and structure develop theological emphasis. Attention will also be given to the question of the appropriate use of the Minor Prophets in preaching.

Launching and Growing a Missional Church [MI821]

Kenneth Davis

Get a practical study of the remaining four stages of the church planting process: pre-natal development, birth, growth to maturity and reproduction. The focus is on the steps vital to planting a healthy church capable of reproducing. The course covers contextualizing evangelism; gathering a committed core group; preparing for a dynamic grand opening; designing a marketing strategy; organizing small groups; assimilation of newcomers; administrative, legal and financial issues; and planning for parenthood. You will design a leadership-development plan for an actual or potential church plant in North America or overseas. *Prerequisite: MI804*

Introduction to New Testament & NT Literature [NT501]

Dr. Wayne Slusser

Examine selected representative types of New Testament literature from the perspective of their characteristics and hermeneutical issues peculiar to each. Attention will be given to the importance of approaching each with an Old Testament orientation. Selected critical problems of the New Testament text will also be considered.

Church Counseling [PT503]

Dr. Keith Marlett

Churches have a tremendous opportunity to extend the ministry of Christ in the community through a counseling ministry. However, the scope of practice for a church counseling ministry is generally much different than that which is provided through clinical counseling. In this course, essential concepts are presented that will lay a foundation for a biblical counseling outreach that respects these differences and yet provides crucial services. The requisite knowledge as well as the emotional and spiritual vitality of the church counselor is also explored.

Evangelism and the Growing Church [PT509]

Dr. Scott Bixby

Get exposed to a wide variety of programs, principles, and methods to become equipped and more effective in sharing the gospel. Emphasis will be placed on immediate implementation of principles into your personal ministry as well as helping students develop a philosophy of outreach that can be used to train their church to become more effective in outreach.

Theology and Practice of Worship [PT520]

Dr. Kenneth Pyne

This course is designed to help those in pastoral leadership to gain a greater understanding of the theology, history and practice of corporate community worship. It will help pastors and musicians to realize the importance of regular communication, for pastors to know what to look for in a worship/music leader and for worship leaders to respect the centrality of preaching in his work to lead the congregation in vital and effective worship. Elements of traditional and contemporary worship patterns will be studied and discussed as they relate to designing appropriate, meaningful, and biblical worship. As an introductory/pilot course in worship ministry, it will, to a degree, serve as a survey of material offered in more depth in other Worship Ministry elective courses. *Required for all M.Min. and M.Div. students.*

Studies in Presuppositional Apologetics [TH527]

David Gunn

Take an overview of the presuppositional approach to Christian apologetics. Attention is given to the strengths and limitations of this approach. The methodology of some prominent presuppositional apologists will be compared and contrasted.

Angelology-Anthropology [TH600]**Dr. Ken Gardoski**

The first section considers the origin, nature, and activity of elect angels and the origin, nature, fall, activity, and destiny of fallen angels. The second section considers the origin and nature of man as created.

Online Session 2 | March 8–April 30**Exposition of the Gospel of John [BI807]****Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This is an analytical, expository treatment of the fourth Gospel from the English text. While the method of study will be an inductive approach based on the New American Standard Bible, reference will be made to the original Greek in selected passages. Special attention will be given to the Christological and Soteriological content of this gospel.

Church History [CH601]**Mike Weston**

Take an overview of church history from Pentecost to the 1900's. Special emphasis will be given to the development of major doctrines, major church movements, the trials and tribulations faced by the Church from without and within, and the impact of cultural and historical events on the growth of the church. An analysis and comparison of the forces which were a part of the development of both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Church and the Independent Church movements in history will be used to assist the student in understanding why the Church has developed in the past and how these same basic forces are still at work in the Church today.

Analysis of New Testament Books [D872]**Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This course is an in-depth survey of the New Testament in which the student prepares a detailed analytical outline of each of the New Testament books with a brief survey of the historical background of each book.

Exposition of the Prophets [D877]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

The exposition of the Prophets is an exegetical and theological study of the books of the Major and Minor Prophets of the OT. This course investigates the meaning, authorial intent, original purpose and significance of these prophetic books for a contemporary audience. The goal is to deepen one's exposition of each of these unique books of the Old Testament.

Communicating the Old Testament [GM611]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

This course is designed to assist you with the development and delivery of an expositional teaching of various Old Testament literary genres. Attention is given to the organization, explanation and application of the biblical context. A major component of the course involves you implementing stages of the hermeneutical task such as: reading 63 Departmental Course Descriptions.

Models of 21st Century Church Planting [MI823]**Kenneth Davis**

A careful study of sponsorship and church design models for global church planting with emphasis on those strategies that have proven most effective in North America. A wide variety of church models are evaluated including traditional, purpose driven, seeker-driven, multi-site, house church, cell-celebration, multicultural and emerging churches. Parenting and partnering options are recommended. The goal is to enable you to develop a contextualized biblical strategy for planting new churches.

Principles of Spiritual Formation [PT512]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

This course provides the student with an overview of the biblical dynamics of individual and corporate spiritual formation to enhance the student's own walk with and service to God and love for others.

Preaching the Old Testament [PT611]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

Learn to develop and deliver an expositional teaching of various Old Testament literary genres. Attention is given to the organization, explanation, and application of the biblical context. A major component of the course involves the student implementing stage of the hermeneutical task such as: reading, diagramming, outlining, exegeting, and preparing manuscripts in order to communicate the meaning and significance of different types of Old Testament texts. The goal is to deepen your exposition of the books of the Old Testament.

The Art of Discipling-Training Timothy [PT801]**Dr. Dann Austin**

This course is designed to help the pastor or missionary develop a philosophy and process for training others to enter the Gospel ministry. The emphasis is upon learning to reproduce one's values, knowledge, behaviors, and skills in the life of a disciple. Second Timothy 2:2 is a biblical summary of the course purpose. Spiritual reproduction and leadership multiplication should result. *For students in the Pastoral Ministry Track only.*

Pneumatology & Ecclesiology [TH563]**Dr. Ken Gardoski**

Included are the origin and nature of the Church, the Body of Christ, and the identity, organization, ordinances, and ministry of the local church. Contemporary issues, such as multiple eldership, will receive special attention. The Baptist distinctives are taught as an integral part of the biblical doctrine of the church and other major areas of theology.

Biblical Creationism [TH813]**David Gunn**

This course focuses on the biblical and scientific evidence for young earth creationism. Students will study a literal interpretation of Genesis 1-11 and explain how the creation-fall-global flood events in history impact a view of astronomy, geology and biology. Students will critique the theory of evolution and learn how to defend young earth creationism.

Online Session | January 4–April 9**Analysis of New Testament Books [BI-3]****Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This course is an in-depth survey of the New Testament in which the student prepares a detailed analytical outline of each of the New Testament books with a brief survey of the historical background of each book.

Online Session | January 11–April 23**Elements of Greek-2 [NT503]****Dr. Wayne Slusser**

Elements of Greek is a two-semester introductory course covering the basic aspects of New Testament Greek grammar. The course is designed to prepare the student to read the Greek New Testament through a mastery of Greek vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. *Prerequisite: NT502*

Elements of Hebrew-2 [OT503]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

In this continuation of OT502, increasing emphasis is placed on syntax and the translation of extended texts. *Prerequisite: OT502*

View course descriptions and other information in the [Baptist Bible Seminary Catalog](#). [on CSU website]

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