

#521 Homiletics 1
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COURSE INFORMATION

Attendance

Since this is a practical course, attendance in class is required and essential for you to gain maximum benefit.

Reading assignment

The textbook for the course is John A. Broadus, *On the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons* (4th ed.), edited by Vernon L. Stanfield. A syllabus outlining the book is provided for you in the class syllabus. For this semester, read chapters 1-21. There will be a test on this reading material at the end of the semester.

Famous preacher assignments

You will turn in two evaluations and outlines of sermons that are printed, are on audio or videotape, or are online. Each evaluation should be done with a different preacher. Sermons and sermon collections by a wide variety of preachers are available in the WRS library. One excellent collection is the multi-volume *Preaching Through the Centuries*. A huge collection of audio sermons is available at www.sermonaudio.com.

Preaching assignments

During the semester you will prepare two sermon outlines, to be distributed to the class for discussion. These sermons should be 20-25 minutes long when delivered. Later you will deliver these sermons in class. One sermon should be textual, the other expository. One will be taken from the OT and the other from the NT. These sermons may be given in either order during the progress of the course.

You will be provided with a blank thumb drive on which your sermons will be video recorded in high definition. There is a \$10 charge for the thumb drive; if you wish, you may bring your own thumb drive instead. You will be expected to review your sermon, noting the evaluations and suggestions made in the class, and making your own self-evaluation. In the next available class we will discuss your sermon.

Grading

- Attendance and participation 10%
- Reading of Broadus 10%
- Broadus test 5%
- Famous preacher evaluations 10%
- Sermon outlines 20%
- Sermon #1 20%
- Sermon #2 20%
- Self evaluations 5%