COURSE INFORMATION

Working with your pastoral mentor

Since this is a practical preaching course, you will be working with both your instructor and with your pastoral mentor. There are no concentrated classes associated with this class, but rather a continuous working with your mentor in a church context. You will complete the written assignments and the test at home, and will be delivering your sermons in your church or other approved venue, with your mentor evaluating them and discussing them with you. The results of these sermons and evaluations will be sent to your instructor, who will issue the final grade.

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 22-36. There will be a test on this reading material at the end of the term.

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*.

Preaching assignments

During the term you will prepare two sermon outlines, to be turned in to your online instructor and to your pastoral mentor before delivering the sermon. Later you will actually deliver these sermons in your church or other approved venue, with your mentor and others of his choice evaluating them. Forms to evaluate the sermons may be downloaded from this site. These sermons should be 20-25 minutes long when delivered. The sermons will need to be video recorded.

One sermon should be textual, the other expository. One will be taken from the OT and one from the NT. These sermons may be given in either order as you progress through the course.

Self-evaluations

After you preach each sermon, fill out the first part of the Self-evaluation form (download from our website). Then, after watching and listening to your recorded sermon, fill out the rest of the Self-evaluation form. Send a copy of this form to your online instructor. Also send copies of the evaluations written by your pastoral mentor.

Grading

- Reading of Broadus   10%
- Test on Broadus   10%
- Famous preacher evaluations   10%
- Sermon outlines   20%
- Sermon #1   20%
- Sermon #2   20%
- Self Evaluations   10%