

#531 Homiletics 3  
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Pastoral Mentorship Program  
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## **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***

Select a book of your choice on preaching, or on preaching and pastoral theology. Obtain the professor's approval before reading the book.

### ***Preaching assignments***

During the term you will prepare three 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 two others 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.

The sermons will be of the following types:

- Textual (1 sermon)
- Expository (2 sermons; one OT and one NT)

These sermons may be given in any order during the progress of the course.

Each sermon assignment will consist of three parts:

- 1. Sermon outline***

For each sermon you will prepare a sermon outline, to be sent to your online instructor at least a week before you deliver the sermon. You should also discuss this outline with your pastoral mentor before delivering your sermon. You may make changes in your outline prior to delivering your sermon.

## **2. *Sermon delivery***

Each sermon is to be 20-25 minutes long when delivered. You will need to video record your sermon.

## **3. *Sermon self-evaluation***

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 and the others who listened to your sermon. You may send them via regular mail or by scanned files.

## ***Grading***

- Reading assignment 15%
- Sermon outlines 15%
- Sermon #1 15%
- Sermon #2 15%
- Sermon #3 15%
- Chapel message 10%
- Self Evaluations 15%