



MESSENGER ONLINE

Summer 2009 Classes Available

Bible and Theology

Acts (NTB2023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Andy Stump

A study of the continued ministry of Jesus in the early church through the presence and working of the Holy Spirit. The dynamic of the Holy Spirit, the ministry activity of Paul, and the explosive growth of the church will be studied. Attention will be given to the individual messages recorded in Acts with a view toward developing a biblical basis for effective missions and evangelism activity in the church today. (Prerequisites: OTB1013, NTB1023, PTH1023)

Bible Study Methodology (PTH1023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Andy Stump

A thorough study giving attention to the importance of understanding the historical, literary, and grammatical context of the Bible. The course will include a brief history of interpretation and give some attention to the various translations available. Emphasis will be placed upon deductive and inductive study with special attention being given to running exposition. The class will include lectures and discussions concerning the importance and the method of valid interpretation of the Bible using credible hermeneutical principles.

Church History (HTH4023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

A survey of the history of the Christian church beginning with the ministry of Christ and including influential aspects such as the early Apostolic church to the present. (Prerequisites: STH1013, STH1023)

New Testament History & Literature (NTB1023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Andy Stump

An introduction to the New Testament writings. Each book is surveyed in terms of its date of writing, authorship, theme, characteristics, and basic content.

Old Testament History & Literature (OTB1013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Andy Stump

A survey of the Old Testament with emphasis on the divisions, authorship, major themes, historical events, and spiritual applications.

Old Testament Tabernacle (OTB2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Keith Hendrie

A systematic treatment of redemption as seen through the Old Testament Tabernacle. Attention will be given to its design, materials, construction and purpose. Emphasis will be given to the Christological aspects of the Old Testament Tabernacle. (Prerequisites: OTB1013, NTB1023, PTH1023)

Philosophy & Scripture (PHL2023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

An investigation and analysis of the history of human thought. A brief survey of Eastern thought will be followed by a detailed examination of philosophical thinking beginning with Thales (600 B.C.) to the present, including major theologians and theological thought. Attention will especially be given to particular philosophical systems that have had the most acute effect upon society and the theology of the church. Emphasis will be placed on training the student to recognize philosophical constructs which have been injected into contemporary theologies within the church. Special attention will be given to the biblical antidote for each system of thought.

Romans 1-8 (NTB3603)

Credit Hours: 3 - Teacher: Dr. Keith Hendrie

An intensive Video based study of the first eight chapters of the book of Romans. Lecturer is Dr. Larry Hunt and instructor is Dr. Keith Hendrie.

Theology 1 (STH1013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Andy Stump

An in-depth investigation into the various prerequisites of the phenomena necessary to doing theology. Attention will be given to the doctrines of God (what God is like and what God does), and revelation (how God is known). Special emphasis will be given to the being and nature of God, and to the eternal plurality and unity within the Godhead. The doctrines of man and sin will also be covered with attention given to the nature and extent of man's fall.

Theology 2 (STH1023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Andy Stump

An in-depth investigation into the doctrines of Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and of last things. Emphasis will be given to the person and work of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Attention will be given to the necessity, nature, and extent of salvation. The nature of the Church, its rightful head, those of whom it is comprised, its mission, message, and method will also be studied followed by a survey of the events of the last day.

Theology of Ministry (PTH3013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

This course will focus on the theological foundation for doing ministry. We will examine and explore what Christian biblical ministry is, why do ministry in the first place, how it is possible to do ministry, to whom should we minister, etc. Each student will develop his/her own theology of doing ministry. (Prerequisites: STH1013, STH1023)

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Church Administration and Leadership (LDR4013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

This course will examine the basic and essential elements in proper church administration and elementary issues of leadership. Issues to be examined will include, but not be limited to, the administration of small and large church structures, multiple staffed churches, constitution and by-laws, parliamentary procedure, budget development and budget tracking, and basic leadership issues.

Creation Science (SCI2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Keith Hendrie

A study of the understandings of beginnings as given in scripture as truth as compared to that purported by man in a number of ways, but generally under the broad banner of the theory of evolution. This course will address an age-old (and current) topic of disputation, and provide an examination of the worldview and biblical truth concerning beginnings. (Video based)

Essentials of Leadership (LDR2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Charles Scott

Essentials of Leadership will focus on the basis and foundation from which good leadership takes its initiative and is built. Attention is given to foundational presuppositions of leadership; theological substructures of leadership; basics of leadership; styles of leadership; methods of leadership; and systems of leadership.

Homiletics 1 (PTH3113)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

This course is the study of the role and significance of preaching, the use of Scripture, intention, sermon structure and content, rhetorical style, and the basic types of sermons. (Prerequisites: STH1015, STH1025, PTH1025)

Homiletics 2 (PTH3123)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

This course is a continued study of the role and significance of preaching including the use of Scripture, content, and sermon structure. Special emphasis is placed on sermon delivery. (Prerequisites: STH1015, STH1025, PTH1025, PTH4015)

Managing Conflict & Change (LDR3023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Ron Cannon

The goal of this course is to enable the student to develop a biblical and practical understanding of the inevitabilities of change and conflict within organizations. The course will focus on the ministry of the local church and will lead the student to develop strategies for recognizing and managing the change process and will aid the student in the development of the necessary skills for conflict management and resolution. Special attention will be given to the role of the leader in conflict and change, and the necessity of using conflict to effect positive change.

Music in the Church (MUS3013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Lisa Qualls

A study of the philosophy of music as seen from the perspective of the church. Included is a study of the nature, purpose, and role of hymnody, church liturgics, and worship choruses.

Pastoral Care (PMN4013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

This course will focus on the care and nurturing of the congregation, collectively and individually. Some attention will be given to surveying the history of pastoral care in America juxtapositioned alongside the contemporary scene of pastoral care. Attention will also be given to examining and understanding the church as a family system.

Pastoral Ministry (PMN3023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

This course will be an investigation of the duties and responsibilities of the role of a pastor. Practical in scope, it will expose students to funeral planning and procedures including on-site visits, hospital visitation procedures, wedding planning and ceremonies, dedications, baptisms, civil functions, planning for regular and special services, and other ecclesiastical functions.

Pastoral Counseling (PMN4013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

A study of the biblical basis for pastoral counseling and the basic technique of pastoral care, including a general introduction to the major areas of pastoral concern such as counseling the sick, the grief-stricken, teenagers, the aged, and those in crisis.

Principles and Methods of Teaching (EDU4023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

A study of generic teaching competencies and the application of the principles which are foundational to successful teaching. This course includes a study of objectives, teaching strategies, and the organization and communication of subject matter.

Survey of Church Ministries (CHM1013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

This course consists of three modules: an introduction to missions/intercultural ministry; a survey of the purposes and functions of Christian education; and an introduction to personal evangelism.

General Studies

Adolescent Psychology (PSY4013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

A study of the behavior and growth patterns from puberty to young adulthood. Characteristics of grow, mature, and development of youth in physical, mental, social, and spiritual dimensions are considered. (Prerequisite: PSY2015)

College Orientation (EDU1001)

Credit Hours: 1 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

This course introduces beginning college students to various study strategies including reading comprehension and rate, goal setting, organizing for study, time management, textbook mastery, listening, note-taking, memory techniques, and test-taking. Special attention is given to library usage and research skills.

Developmental Psychology (PSY4113)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

This course is a study of progressive psychological changes that occur in human beings, encompassing the entire life span. It examines motor skills, problem-solving abilities, conceptual understanding, acquisition of language, moral understanding, and identity formation. (Prerequisite: PSY2015)

Educational Psychology (EDU4013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

An overview of theories and principles of learning and their application to the classroom. Consideration is given to the effects which developmental stages, individual differences, motivation, and personality have on the learning experience of children and adolescents. (Prerequisite: PSY2015)

English Composition 1 (ENG1013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

A study of the principles of effective writing based upon the concept of the writing process. Experience in writing will be gained through critical reading, journal entries, and formal papers.

Fundamentals of Math (MAT1013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Calvin Pearman

A review of basic mathematical concepts. Focus is placed on practical mathematics that will be used outside the classroom.

Fundamentals of Speech (COM1023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

A study of the fundamental principles of oral communication with emphasis on the preparation and presentation of public discourse. The course deals with the topic selection, organization, and outlining of a speech and delivery. Students will be required to deliver various informative and persuasive speeches. Additional assignments may include panel discussions or debates.

General Psychology (PSY2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Jason Bryant

This course is an overview of the origin and scientific nature of psychology. Intensive study will be given to the genetic, physiological, spiritual, intellectual, social, and personality principles and concepts that affect the growth and development of the whole person.

Health and Nutrition (HPE2011)

Credit Hours: 1 - Instructor: Dr. Keith Hendrie

Students completing this course will understand nutrition at the cellular level, proper caloric intake and the importance of proper exercise.

Marriage and Family (SOC2023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Vernell Ingle

This course provides an overview of the family as an institution. It emphasizes preparedness for marriage, mate selection, adjustments, family member status and role, socialization processes, social control, change in family structure, and biblical principles of marriage and family.

Music Appreciation (MUS2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Lisa Qualls

Designed to give, both major and the non-major, insight into music master pieces in all areas of music.

Principles of Marketing (MKT4013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

A study of the principles and methods of marketing including the activities utilized in the movement of goods and services from producer to consumer while addressing governmental and consumer relationships. The course investigates the processes of product development, promotion, distribution, and pricing. A part of the Business Administration degree, this also has important information for marketing ministries.

Special Studies in Literature (LIT4043)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Dr. Aaron Wilson

A study of five historic English and American novels with specific application to both the literary contribution of the work and the ethical and moral implications of the message.

Spanish 1 (SPN2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Gabriel Espinoza

This is a fundamental course in the study of written and spoken Spanish. The course consists of elements of grammar, drill and punctuation, diction and composition, conversation, and reading simple prose.

Spanish 2 (SPN2023)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Gabriel Espinoza

This is an intermediate course in Spanish for students who wish to develop a broader competence in the language. Intermediate grammar, composition, conversation, and selected readings are emphasized. (Prerequisite: SPN2015)

Technology In Ministry (CHM4113)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Chris Harris

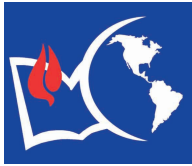
This course exposes the student to the use of technology in modern ministry. Participants will learn to use technology in the preparation and delivery of messages, in the dissemination of their messages, in the marketing of their ministries and in the overall management of their public image. The mediums of video, audio, web, and print will be covered with a hands-on approach.

U. S. History 1 (HIS2013)

Credit Hours: 3 - Instructor: Laverna Westbay

Survey of the history of the United States from the pre-colonial period through the Civil War. An emphasis will be placed on analyzing and interpreting historical documents.

Messenger College is moving ahead aggressively, completing the BA degree in Business Administration. Students are now being accepted in this degree program. One valuable new addition to the Messenger OnLine program is that the revised Federal Pell Grant program has been enhanced by including full funding for Summer semesters. As a result of this new source of help for students, we are revamping our Summer program to allow students additional opportunities to progress in their educational program. By Fall 2009, we should have several additional courses ready to go. This will include Bible, Music and Business courses. Watch for announcements about this.



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