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**Available by appointment at AGST on Thursdays
(in Belton Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays)**

I. Course Goals

Through the successful completion of the course the student will demonstrate practical knowledge of the basic skills necessary to prepare and make effective biblical presentations whether from the pulpit, in the classroom, in a small group or one-on-one. This knowledge will be gained through lectures, reading assignments, sermon listening and analysis, impromptu and extemporaneous talks, and the preparation and presentation of lessons to the class.

II Course Objectives

1. The student will apply the principles and methods of biblical theology and exegesis in the preparation of lessons.
2. The student will be conversant with various methods of teaching and preaching.
3. The student will distinguish the various genres of biblical literature and their implications for presentation.
4. The student will show skill in identifying and using methods appropriate to various settings.
5. The student will discover and begin to refine an authentic personal style or voice of teaching and/or preaching.
6. The student will demonstrate awareness and appropriate use of online, recorded and print resources.
7. The student will manifest ability to articulate a lesson's primary purpose, its "good news," its "so what."
8. The student will practice presentational skills, from those of selecting an appropriate title to those involved in the use of media such as Power Point, to effective body language, etc.
9. The student will develop abilities to assess connectiveness with and effect upon students/audience.
10. The student will manifest a thorough appreciation of the relationship of teaching and preaching with personal character and authenticity.

III. Means of Assessment

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| 1. Meaningful participation in class discussions | 15% of final grade |
| 2. Delivery of impromptu talks | 5% o.f.g. |
| 3. Presentation of a written book report on teaching | 10% o.f.g. |
| 4. Presentation of a written book report on teaching | 10% o.f.g. |
| 5. Presentation of a written evaluation of a resource website | 5% o.f.g. |
| 6. Presentation of a written critique of a sermon or class | 5% o.f.g. |
| 7. Preparation and presentation of a 15 minute class | 25% o.f.g. |
| 8. Preparation and presentation of a 15 minute sermon | 25% o.f.g. |

IV. Special Instructions for Book Reviews, Papers and Lessons

All written works are to use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. They all must be double-spaced twelve-point type with one-inch margins, clear and thorough enough to be useful to classmates. Students will provide the instructor with electronic and hard copies as well as hard copies to all classmates. Papers will be read and discussed in class.

The Book Reviews will be no fewer than two and no more than five pages long. They will list the title, author, date, place and publisher of the book. They will state the student's name. They will address these *kinds* of questions: What is the author's thesis and main supporting points? How well and convincingly are the points made; how better could they have been presented? Where do you agree and disagree with the author; why? What issues does the author fail to address? What is the best sentence or paragraph in the book; why? Do you recommend the book to your fellow students?

The Critique and the Evaluation must be no less than one and no more than two pages long. They should contain information and assessment that fellow students will find useful.

The Class and the Sermon/Speech must be written in the form of detailed outlines. The instructor will follow along with the outline during the presentation, then copies will be distributed to class members after.

V. Required Texts

Craddock, Fred B.

1985 *Preaching*. Nashville: Abingdon Press

Larson, Jerry

2000 *Religious Education and the Brain*. Mahwah: Paulist

Wiersbe, Warren W.

1994 *Preaching and Teaching with Imagination*. Grand Rapids: Baker

VI. Class Schedule and Reading Assignments

(to be distributed at the first meeting of the class)

VI. Bibliography

Achtemeier, Elizabeth

1987 *Preaching About Family Relationships*. Philadelphia: Westminster

1989 *Preaching from the Old Testament*. Louisville: Westminster/Knox

Allen, Ronald J., editor

1997 *Patterns of Preaching: A Sermon Sampler*. St. Louis: Chalice

2002 *Preaching Is Believing: The Sermon as Theological Reflection*.
Louisville: Westminster/John Knox

Anderson, Lynn

1992 *Freshness for the Far Journey: Reflections on Preaching as we
step toward the 21st century*. Abilene: ACU Press

Chapell, Bryan

2005 *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*.
(Second Edition) Grand Rapids: Baker

Chesto, Kathleen

1998 *Family-Centered Intergenerational Religious Education*. Lanham:
Sheed and Ward

Francis, Leslie, editor

1996 *Research in Religious Education*

Macon: Smyth and Helwys

Edge, Findley

1993 *The Quest for Vitality: A Theological Approach to Religious
Education*. Macon: Smyth and Helwys

Eslinger, Richard L.

2002 *The Web of Preaching: New Options in Homiletic Method*.
Nashville: Abingdon.

Fee, Gordon D. and Stuart Douglas

1993 *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. Grand Rapids:
Zondervan.

- Fleer, David and Bland Dave
2001 *Preaching Autobiography: Connecting the World of the Preacher and the World of the Text*. Abilene: ACU Press
- Gangel, Kenneth O. and James C. Wihoit
1996 *Christian Educator's Handbook on Family Life Education*. Grand Rapids: Baker
- Gorman, Michael J.
2001 *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*. Peabody: Hendrickson.
- Graves, Mike
1996 *The Sermon as Symphony: Preaching the Literary Forms of the New Testament*. Valley Forge: Judson.
- Greidanus, Sidney
1988 *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text: Interpreting and Preaching Biblical Literature*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Groome, Thomas H.
1999 *Christian Religious Education*. Hoboken: Wiley
- Harris, Maria, editor
1998 *Reshaping Religious Education: Conversations on Contemporary Practice*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox
- Hendricks, Howard G.
2003 *Teaching to Change Lives*. Colorado Springs: Multnomah
- Localzo, Craig
1992 *Preaching Sermons that Connect: Effective Communication Through Identification*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity.
- Long, Thomas G.
1989 *Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible*. Philadelphia: Fortress.
1990 *The Witness of Preaching*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox.
- Lowry, Eugene L.
1989 *How to Preach a Parable: Designs for Narrative Sermons*. Nashville: Abingdon.
- McBride, Neal F.
1990 *How to Lead Small Groups*. Colorado Springs: Navpress

- McClure, John S., editor
1997 *Best Advice for Preaching*. Minneapolis: Fortress.
- McKenzie, Leon and R. Michael Horton
2001 *The Religious Education of Adults, Revised Edition*. Macon: Smyth and Helwys
- Murphy, Debra Dean
1999 *Teaching that Transforms: Worship as the Heart of Christian Education*. Grand Rapids: Baker
- Osborne, Grant R.
2006 *The Hermeneutical Spiral*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity.
- Reuter, Alvin
1997 *Making Good Preaching Better: A Step-by-Step Guide to Scripture-Based, People-Centered Preaching*. Collegeville: Liturgical.
- Robinson, Haddon W.
1980 *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress
- Seymour, Jack, editor
1997 *Mapping Christian Education*. Nashville: Abingdon
- Shelly, Rubel
1990 *The Divine Folly: A Theology for Preaching the Gospel*. Nashville: 20th Century Christian.
- Sider, Ronald J. and King, Michael A.
1987 *Preaching about Life in a Threatening World*. Philadelphia: Westminster.
- Stanley, Andy and Jones, Lane
2005 *Communicating for a Change: Seven Keys to Irresistible Communication*. Sisters: Multnoma.
- Stott, John R.
1961 *The Preacher's Portrait*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Taylor, Barbara Brown
1993 *The Preaching Life*. Boston: Cowley.
2000 *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*. Boston: Cowley.

Thompson, James W.

1998 *Preaching Like Paul: Homiletical Wisdom for Today*. Louisville:
Westminster/John Knox.

Wamburg, Steve and John Conaway

2000 *Faith Teachings: Teachers like You can Grow Faith Kids*. Cook

Williams, Dan

1991 *Seven Myths about Small Groups*. Downers Grove: IVP

Willimon, William H. and Hauerwas, Stanley

1991 *Preaching to Strangers: Evangelism in Today's World*.
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Hill.

Wilson, Paul Scott

1999 *The Four Pages of the Sermon: A Guide to Biblical Preaching*.
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2000 *God Sense: Reading the Bible for Preaching*. Nashville:
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2004 *Broken Words: Reflections on the Craft of Preaching*. Nashville:
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