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PULSE 2005: Operation Christmas Gift
Springfield, Missouri
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HOME 640 THE GIFT OF PREACHING
(3 Credit Hours)

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Fall 2005

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will explore the unique method of communication called preaching. Attention will be given to various styles of sermon preparation and presentation, and will focus on these issues in conjunction with the Pulse 2005: Operation Christmas Gift conference sponsored by The Assemblies of God National Evangelists Office.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, the participant should be able to:

1. Analyze and critique the content and presentation of a sermon.
2. Present a well reasoned biblical theology of the ministry gift of preaching.
3. Prepare biblically sound and contextually sensitive messages for his/her own ministry setting.
4. Develop a three month preaching plan for his/her own ministry setting.
5. Analyze the perspective of the audience/listener in the development and delivery of sermons.
6. Customize the application of a sermon to an intended audience.
7. Discern the guiding and anointing work of the Holy Spirit in the preaching task.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Reading:** Read 1200 pages from the selected bibliography and prepare a reading report noting the books, journals, or websites (200 words = 1 page) read and the number of pages in each. If the participant wishes to read a book, journal, or website that is not listed in the selected bibliography, he/she should request permission from the course instructor before doing so.
2. **Writing:** Using the Turabian, 6th edition style manual, prepare the following written assignments:
 - a. 5-8 page paper identifying the biblical foundation for the preaching ministry. Special attention should be given to the Bible's own ideas regarding the preaching

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- ministry with an emphasis upon, not only the place of textual preparation, but also the spiritual preparation necessary for the preaching event.
- b. Two 8-12 page sermon manuscripts, one utilizing a topical approach and one utilizing a textual approach to sermon development.
 - c. Three month preaching plan that includes the primary Scripture text and theme of each sermon.
3. **Analysis:** Prepare a 2-3 page analysis of the sermons of the four plenary session speakers for Pulse 2005. Reproduce the basic outline of these messages and critique the sermon development and presentation of each speaker

DUE DATE: All coursework is due Monday, March 27, 2006

Submit all completed work to:

**Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
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Springfield, MO 65802**

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Note: Late work may be penalized at the discretion of the professor. Work received after the due date specified in the syllabus may result in a change of grade fee (\$30.00) being charged, even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Reading Report	15%
Sermon Critiques	25%
Theology Paper	20%
Sermons	30%
Preaching Plan	10%

Selected Bibliography

Books

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- Homiletic* by The Academy of Homiletics and the Religious Communication Association.
- Insights* by King Publications.
- Preaching Great Texts* by Preaching Great Texts.
- Word & World* by Luther Seminary.
- Interpretation* by Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education.
- Journal for Preachers* by Journal for Preachers.
- The Living Pulpit* by The Living Pulpit, Inc.
- Preaching* by Preaching Resources, Inc.

Websites

- www.esermons.com
- www.homileticsonline.com
- www.pastorshelper.com

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www.sermonlinks.com

www.sermonmall.com

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SPECIFIC DATA

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