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PTHB/THEB 642 THEOLOGY OF PRAYER

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A course designed to study the theological foundation for prayer. There will be specific emphasis on both the corporate and private nature of prayer.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of the course the student will

1. have an understanding of the biblical, theological and practical mandate for developing and maintaining a meaningful prayer-life.
2. have evaluated his/her own personal prayer-life in the light of the biblical and theological material in the intention that growth will be seen in this vital area of spirituality.
3. have been encouraged to take leadership in leading others in the body of Christ into a growing life of prayer and intercession.
4. have been exposed to much of the contemporary literature on the topic of prayer as well as the evaluation of contemporary prayer movements.
5. have considered carefully the value to the body of Christ of corporate prayer and have been challenged to participate and assist others to participate in this aspect of worship and service.

TEXTBOOKS

Crawford, Dan R. The Prayer-Shaped Disciple. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1999. (202 pages)

Grenz, Stanley J. Prayer: The Cry for the Kingdom. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1988. (107 pages)

Sheets, Dutch. Intercessory Prayer. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1996. (257 pages)

Silvoso, Ed. That None Should Perish: How to Reach Entire Cities for Christ Through Prayer Evangelism. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1994. (296 pages). Please note: If you have already read That None Should Perish, please substitute Silvoso, Ed. Prayer Evangelism. Ventura,

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CA: Regal Books, 2000. (252 pages) and report only on the later book.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. What is Prayer?
- II. Prayer in the Old Testament.
- III. Jesus and Prayer.
- IV. The New Testament Church and Prayer.
- V. The Role of the Holy Spirit in Prayer.
- VI. Personal Prayer and Intimacy.
- VII. Fasting and Prayer.
- VIII. Corporate Prayer and Congregational Models.
- IX. The Nature of Intercession.
- X. Prayer as Corporate Warfare: The Informed Intercession and Prayer Evangelism Movements
- XI. Prayer as Personal Warfare: Healing and Deliverance Prayer.
- XII. Prayer as a Precursor to Revival

METHODOLOGY

The primary method of instruction will be the lecture, video presentation and class discussion.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student is expected to attend all class sessions.
2. The student is expected to submit a 2-4 page typed critique of each of the assigned texts. They will be due according to the following schedule: Grenz – June 24; Crawford – June 25; Sheets– June 26; Silvano - June 27. The critique should reflect graduate level interaction with the argument of the book. The student should also be prepared to participate in class discussion of the text on that day.
3. The final project will be a paper written by the student of a length of 15-20 pages. It will interact with the readings and class material. It will consist of two parts: The first part will articulate a new personal prayer strategy in the life and ministry of the student. The second part will articulate a new corporate prayer strategy for the arena of ministry of which the student is a part. Both parts will anticipate challenges and will address a strategy to overcome them. Due date (postmarked): July 29, 2001.

GRADING PROCEDURE

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Book reports/critiques	30%
Class participation	20%
Final project	50%

To receive a passing grade for the course all work must be submitted. The grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted only for extenuating circumstances upon the request of the student. Except in the case of severe extenuating circumstances the course grade will be reduced by one letter.

NOTE: Work received after the post-session due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00) being charged, even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.

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