

**Alabama Course of Study
Huntingdon College
Winter 2010 - January 29-30; February 19-20
Assignment and Course Requirements**

Course: COS 214 - The Practice of Preaching
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Please submit this entire assignment stapled to an Alabama Course of Study Cover Sheet to the instructor listed above. Your prework will be due on the first weekend of the course.

Course Description

The focus is on preaching the Gospel. The utilization of Biblical exegesis, sermon preparation and delivery, and evaluation of the pastor's preaching are central concerns.

Objectives:

1. Utilization of exegesis of Biblical passages for preaching with reference to the Lectionary.
2. Awareness of and skills for exegeting the context for preaching (congregation and community).
3. Evaluation of sermons for Biblical authenticity, theological soundness, and contemporary relevance.
4. Appropriation of insights gained from the evaluation of one's sermons.
5. Analytical participation in the evaluation of the sermons of classmates.
6. Development of skills in the ordering and delivery of a sermon.

TEXTS

Craddock, Fred. Preaching. (Nashville: Abingdon, 1978) ISBN 0-687-33648-1

Long, Thomas G. The Witness of Preaching. (John Knox Press, October 1990). ISBN: 0804215715

Mitchell, Henry M. Celebration and Experience of Preaching
ISBN 0687047447

Lectionary Passages For February 7,14,21,28, March 7

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Taylor, Barbara Brown. Preaching Life. (Cowley Publications, 1993)
ISBN 156101074X

Langford, Andy. The United Methodist Book of Worship (Abingdon Press, 1992)
ISBN 9780287035724

Textbooks may be ordered from:

Candler Cokesbury Bookstore (404-727-6336); Birmingham Cokesbury Bookstore (205-822-5190); on the Internet from www.amazon.com.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

February 7, 2010

5th Sunday After Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-8; 9-13
Psalm 138
I Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 14, 2010

Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
II Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36; 37-43

February 21, 2010

1st Sunday In Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

February 28, 2010

2nd Sunday In Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35
or Luke 9:28-36

March 7, 2010

3rd Sunday In Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
I Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

ASSIGNMENTS

1. From reading Long's The Witness of Preaching, how would you in one or two pages answer each of the following questions?
 - A. What does it mean to preach?
 - B. What are the ways one's sermon moves from the desk to the pulpit?
2. Write a review expressing personal reflection on Chapters 2 and 3 in Craddock's Preaching. (2-3 pages)
3. The reflections you write should show that you are familiar with the material of the assigned readings.

Note: It will be helpful to have read both books in their entirety.

While on campus for the first session, we will be working on the assigned lessons from the Lectionary. Between sessions you will be asked to do further study on the texts. During the second session, we will begin preparing a sermon to preach to your congregation.

Grading System:

Pework: 25%
Midwork: 25%
Homily: 25%
Class Participation: 25%