

Fall 2026 - Textbook List

All books are subject to change. Please refer to the syllabus on the first day of class for final listing.

DVPM702

Marriage & Family

Professor: Bals

Required texts:

Bals, Gordon C. *Common Ground: Discovering God's Redemption in Your Marriage*.

Homewood, AL: Daymark, 2023. ISBN: 978-0-9883283-4-1 (paperback)

ISBN: 978-0-9883283-5-8 (ebook)

On Marriage Counseling Published by the Journal of Biblical Counseling.

ISSN: 2688-8742, print edition; ISBN: 2688-8327, digital edition.

Can be bought at this link: <https://www.ccef.org/products/jbc-must-reads-on-marriage-counseling>

DVCO510

The Counseling Relationship

Professor: Bals

Required Texts:

Understanding People: Why We Long for Relationship by Lawrence J. Crabb. ISBN: 978-0-310-33607-5

Now, Discover Your Strengths: The Revolutionary Gallup Program That Shows You How To Develop Your Unique Talents and Strengths by Don Clifton. ISBN: 978-0743201148

Skills for Effective Counseling: A Faith-based Integration. by Elisabeth A. Nesbit

Sbanotto, Heather Davediuk Gingrich and Fred C. Gingrich ISBN: 978-0-8308-9347-8

DVHD601

Reformation and Early Modern History & Doctrine

Professor: Bray

Required texts:

Joel R. Beeke and Sinclair B. Ferguson, *Reformed Confessions Harmonized*, Baker Books, ISBN: 978-0-0810-5222-4

Martin Luther, *The Schmalkald Articles*, Fortress Press, 1995, ISBN:0-8006-2661-3

Mark A. Noll, *Confessions and Catechisms of the Reformation*, Baker Books, 1991, ISBN: 0-8010-6784-7

Recommended Texts :

The Book of Concord, ed. Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert, Fortress Press, 2000, ISBN: 0-8006-2740-7

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Eerdmans, 1995, ISBN: 978-08028-41674.

William L. Lumpkin and Bill J. Leonard *Baptist Confessions of Faith*, Second Revised Edition, Judson Press, 2011, ISBN: 978-0-8170-1695-1.

Martin Luther, *The Bondage of the Will*, Baker Books, 2000, ISBN: 0-8007-5342-9

DVPM701
Pastoral Care & Counseling
Professor: Joel Busby

Required texts:

Berry, Wendell. *Hannah Coulter: A Novel*. Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint, 2005.
Cary, Phillip. *Good News for Anxious Christians, expanded ed.: 10 Practical Things You Don't Have to Do*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2022.
Cuyler, Theodore Ledyard. *How to Be a Pastor*. New York: Baker & Taylor, 1890.
Pierre, Jeremy, and Deepak Reju. *The Pastor and Counseling: The Basics of Shepherding Members in Need*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.
Powlison, David. *God's Grace in Your Suffering*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018.
Senkbeil, Harold L. *The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019.

DVPR601
Christian Preaching
Professor: Calvert

Required texts:

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*, 3rd Edition (ISBN: 978-0-8010-9974-8)
D. Martin Lloyd-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers* (ISBN: 0-310-27870-8)
James Forbes, *The Holy Spirit and Preaching* (ISBN: 978-0687173099)
Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Preaching Life* (ISBN: 9781561010745)

DVEV702
Augustinian Apologetics
Professor: Chatraw

Required texts:

Lee, Gregory W. *The Essential City of God: A Reader and Commentary*. Baker Academic, 2025. ISBN 9781540967107.
Augustine. *Confessions*. Translated by Sarah Ruden, Modern Library, 2018. ISBN 9780812986488.

DVEV500
Theology and Practice of Evangelism
Professor: Chatraw

Required texts:

Treat, Jeremy. *The Atonement: An Introduction*. Crossway, 2023. ISBN 9781433575693
Joshua D. Chatraw. *Telling a Better Story: How to Talk about God in a Skeptical Age*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
James K.A. Smith. *How (Not) to Be Secular: Reading Charles Taylor*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
Timothy Keller. *The Reason for God: Audio Bible Studies: Conversations on Faith & Life*. (This can be purchased as an Audiobook [e.g., Audible] or as Videos [e.g., Prime Videos].)

DVHD601**Reformation and Early Modern History and Doctrine****Professor: DeVine****Required texts:**

The Reasonableness of Christianity, John Locke, 978-0804703413

Pia Desideria, Jacob Spener, 978-0800619534

Handbook of Consolations, Johann Gerhard, 978-1606086643

A Jonathan Edwards Reader, John E. Smith ed., 978-0300098389

Readings in Christian Thought, Hugh T. Kerr, 978-0687355471

The Doctrine of Repentance, Thomas Watson, 978-0851515212

Calvin's Institutes, Abridged Calvin, John Donald K. McKim ed.

978-0664222987

Baptist Confessions, Covenants, & Catechisms, Timothy & Denise George, eds.

978-0805420760

DVET721**Baptist History & Doctrine****Professor: DeVine****Required texts:**

Baptist Confessions, Covenants, and Catechisms, Timothy and Denise George, eds.

978-0805412611

The Baptist Story, Anthony Chute, Nathan Finn, and Michael Haykin

978-1433673757

Infant Baptism and The Covenant of Grace, Paul K. Jewett

978-0802817136

DVPR601**Christian Preaching****Professor: David Eldridge****Required texts:**

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon, 3rd Ed.* (Baker Academic, 2018).

H.B. Charles, *On Preaching: Personal & Pastoral Insights for the Preparation & Practice of Preaching* (Moody, 2014).

Douglas Sean O'Donnell and Leland Ryken, *The Beauty and Power of Biblical Exposition: Preaching the Literary Artistry and Genres of the Bible* (Crossway, 2022).

Fleming Rutledge, *By the Word Worked: Encountering the Power of Biblical Preaching* (Baylor University Press, 2024).

Selected Sermons (Provided by Professor) from O.C. Edwards, *A History of Preaching, Vol. 2* (Abingdon Press, 2016).

DVHD501

Patristic History and Doctrine

Professor: George

Required texts:

Cyril Richardson, ed., *Early Christian Fathers* (Touchstone, 1996)
Bryan Litfin, *Early Christian Martyr Stories* (Baker Academic, 2014)
Athanasius, *The Life of Antony and the Letter to Marcellinus* (Paulist Press, 1980)
Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* (SVS Press, 2012)
William G. Rusch, *The Trinitarian Controversy* (Fortress Press, 1980)
Augustine, R.S. Pine-Coffin, trans., *Confessions* (Penguin, 1970)
William Harmless, *Augustine in His Own Words* (CUA, 2010)

Recommended text:

J.N.D. Kelly, *Early Christian Doctrines* (HarperOne, 1976)

DVBF502

Old Testament Theology

Professor: Gignilliat

Required texts:

Gignilliat and Thomas, *Reading the Old Testament as Christian Scripture* (Baker Academic): 9780801098031
Gilbert Meilander, *Thy Will Be Done* (Baker Academic): 9781540961969
Brevard Childs, *Old Testament Theology in a Canonical Context* (Fortress): 0800607725

DVCO550

Human Development in Theological Perspective

Professor: Golden

Required texts:

Balswick, Jack O., Pamela Ebstyn King, and Kevin S. Reimer. *The Reciprocating Self: Human Development in Theological Perspective*. 2nd ed. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2016.
Erford, Bradley T. *An Advanced Lifespan Odyssey for Counseling Professionals*. 1st ed. Boston: Cengage Learning, 2017.
Gunnoe, Marjorie Lindner. *The Person in Psychology and Christianity: A Faith-Based Critique of Five Theories of Social Development*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2022.

Choose One of the Following for a Book Review Assignment:

Amen, Daniel G. *The End of Mental Illness: How Neuroscience Is Transforming Psychiatry and Helping Prevent or Reverse Mood and Anxiety Disorders, ADHD, Addictions, PTSD, Psychosis, Personality Disorders, and More*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale Momentum, 2020.

Amen, Daniel G., and Charles Fay. *Raising Mentally Strong Kids: How to Combine the Power of Neuroscience with Love and Logic to Grow Confident, Kind, Responsible, and Resilient Children and Young Adults*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale Refresh, 2024.

See following page for additional options.

Estep, James R., and Jonathan H. Kim, eds. *Christian Formation: Integrating Theology and Human Development*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010.

Gottman, John Mordechai, and Joan DeClaire. *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1998.

Goff, Sissy, David Thomas, and Melissa Trevathan. *Are My Kids on Track? The 12 Emotional, Social, and Spiritual Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach*. Grand Rapids, MI: Bethany House, 2017.

Purvis, Karyn B., and Lisa Qualls. *The Connected Parent: Real-Life Strategies for Building Trust and Attachment*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2020.

Siegel, Daniel J., and Tina Payne Bryson. *The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2011.

DVHD606

Ecclesiology and Worship

Professor: Hicks

Required texts:

Allen P. Ross, *Recalling the Hope of Glory: Biblical Worship from the Garden to the New Creation*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006. ISBN: 978-0825435782

Zac Hicks, *The Worship Pastor: A Call to Ministry for Worship Leaders and Teams* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016). ISBN 0310525195

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship: Letting the Gospel Shape Our Practice* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2009)

DVOT511

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Professor: Kirk

Required texts:

Beginning Biblical Hebrew: A Grammar and Illustrated Reader by John A. Cook and Robert D. Holmstedt

DVOT616

Hebrew Exegesis Practicum

Professor: Kirk

Required texts:

The Art of Biblical Narrative, 2nd rev. ed. By Robert Alter, New York: Basic Books.

Elements of Biblical Exegesis (3rd ed.) by Michael J. Gorman

ISBN-10: 1540960315

Exegetical Gems from Biblical Hebrew by H. H. Hardy II

ISBN-10: 0801098769

Invitation to Biblical Poetry by Elaine T. James

ISBN-10: 0190664932

A Reader's Hebrew Bible (suggestions on syllabus)

DVSF501
Spiritual Formation
Professor: Laing

Required texts:

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Life Together*, 1954.
Foster, Richard J. *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1978, 1998 (2018).
Mulholland, M. Robert, Jr. *Invitation to a Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation*. Grand Rapids: IVP, 2016.
Sittser, Gerald L. *Water from a Deep Well: Christian Spirituality from Early Martyrs to Modern Missionaries*. Grand Rapids: IVP, 2007.

Recommended texts:

Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that transform us*. Rev Ed. Downers Grove: IVP, 2015. ISBN 978-0-8308-4605-4
Hudson, Trevor. *Discovering Our Spiritual Identity: Practices for God's Beloved*. IVP, 2010.
Laing, Stefana Dan. *Retrieving History: Memory and Identity Formation in the Early Church*. Baker, 2017.

DVAN701
Anglican Worship & Sacraments
Professor: Linebaugh

Required texts:

Either *Book of Common Prayer* 2019 (ACNA) or *Book of Common Prayer* 1979 (TEC)
Cummings, B., ed., *The Book of Common Prayer. The texts of 1549, 1559 and 1662* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-01996-45206.
Hicks, Zac, *Worship by Faith Alone: Thomas Cranmer, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Reformation of Liturgy*, IVP Academic, 2023.

DVHD501
Patristic History & Doctrine
Professor: Malysz

Required texts:

Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*, trans. John Behr (St Vladimir's); ISBN: 978-0881414097
Augustine, *Confessions*, trans. Henry Chadwick (Oxford University Press); ISBN: 978-0199537822
Augustine, *On Christian Teaching*, trans. R. P. H. Green (Oxford University Press); ISBN: 978-0199540631
Cyril of Alexandria, *On the Unity of Christ* (St Vladimir's); ISBN: 9780881411331
Gregory of Nazianzus, *On God in Christ*, trans. F. Williams and L. Wickham (St Vladimir's); ISBN: 978-0881412406
Norris, Richard A. (ed.), Jr., *The Christological Controversy*, 1st ed. (Fortress); ISBN: 978-0800614119
Richardson, Cyril (ed.), *Early Christian Fathers* (Touchstone); ISBN: 978-0684829517
(Recommended Text on next page)

Recommended Text:

Chadwick, Henry, *The Early Church* [The Penguin History of the Church, vol. 1]; ISBN: 978-0140231991

DVET701**Doctrine & Ethics****Professor: Malysz****Required texts:**

Being Consumed, William Cavanaugh, 9780802845610

I See Satan Fall Like Lightning, René Girard, 9781570753190

Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology (3rd ed.), Migliore, 9780802871855

Improvisation: The Drama of Christian Ethics, Samuel Wells
9781540960115

Lament for a Son, Wolterstorff, Nicholas, 978-0802802941

DVNT511**Introduction to New Testament Greek****Professor: Martin****Required texts:**

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2019.

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DVNT511**Introduction to New Testament Greek****Professor: Padilla****Required texts:**

Duff, Jeremy. *The Elements of New Testament Greek*, 3rd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Aland, Barbara, et al. *The Greek New Testament*, 5th rev. ed., with dictionary. Stuttgart: Germany: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2014.

DVBF503**New Testament Theology****Professor: Padilla****Required texts:**

Frank J. Matera, *New Testament Theology: Exploring Diversity and Unity*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-664-23044-9

DVNT511**Introduction to New Testament Greek****Professor: Park****Required texts:***Biblical Greek Laminated Sheet*, William Mounce

978-0310262947

Greek I Lecture Notes (provided by MS Park), Cost TBA**Recommended text:***The Greek New Testament*, USB 5th Ed.

9783438051172

DVNT721**Exposition of I Peter****Professor: Park****Required texts:**

ESV Study Bible; ISBN 978-1433502415

K.H. Jobes, *1 Peter BECNT* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2022) 2nd Ed.

ISBN 978-1540965783

DNVT 616**Greek Exegesis Practicum****Professor: Park****Required texts:**Aland, Kurt, et al., *The Greek New Testament*, 5th rev. ed., with dictionary. Stuttgart, Germany: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-3438051172Bauer, W., F.E. Danker, W.F. Arndt, F.W. Gingrich, eds. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd Ed. Chicago: University of Chicago, 2000. (BDAG) ISBN: 978-0226039336Greenlee, J.H. *Introduction to New Testament Textual Criticism*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1993. ISBN-13: 978-0801046445Inserra, D. *The Unsaved Christian: Reaching Cultural Christianity with the Gospel*.

Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2019. ISBN-13: 978-0802418807

Jobes, K.H. *1 Peter*. BECNT. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2022². ISBN-13: 978-1540965783Wallace, D.B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. ISBN: 978-0310218951Zerwick, M and M. Grosvenor. *A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament*.

Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-8876536519

Recommended (On Reserve at Samford Library): next page

Grammar:

Blass, F., A. DeBrunner and R.W. Funk. *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961. ISBN-13: 978-1313163408

Mounce, W. *Biblical Greek Grammar Laminated Sheet*. ISBN 978-0310262947

Turner, N. *Syntax*. Vol. 3 of *A Grammar of New Testament Greek*, ed. J.H Moulton. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1963. ISBN-13: 978-0567010117

Wallace, D. *New Testament Greek Syntax Laminated Sheet*. ISBN 978-0310292081

Zerwick, Maximillian. *Biblical Greek*. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1963.

ASIN: B00BNX8848

Commentaries: Highly Recommended

Achtemeir, P.J. *1 Peter*. Hermeneia. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996. ISBN-13: 978-0800660307

Green, J.B. *1 Peter*. THNTC (Two Horizons). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0802825537

DVML701

Supervised Ministry Practicum I

Professor: Parks

Required texts:

The Trellis and the Vine: The Ministry Mind-Shift that Changes Everything, Marshall and Payne, T., 978-1921441585

DVSF 501

Spiritual Formation

Professor: Sterling

Required texts:

Invitation to a Journey A Road Map for Spiritual Formation, M. Robert Mulholland Jr. 978-0830813865

Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 978-0060608521

Celebration of Disciplines: The Path to Spiritual Growth, Richard J. Foster 978-0060628390

Discovering Our Spiritual Identity: Practices for God's Beloved, Trevor Hudson 978-0830810925

Water from a Deep Well: Christian Spirituality from Early Martyrs to Modern Missionaries, Gerald L. Sittser, 978-0-8308-3745-8

DVWS701

Wesleyan History & Doctrine

Professor: Tennent

Required texts:

Heitzenrater, Richard. *Wesley and the People Called Methodists*, 2nd ed. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012).

Collins, Kenneth and Jason Vickers, eds. *The Sermons of John Wesley* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013).

Noll, Mark. *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, 2nd edition.

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DVNT616

Greek Exegesis Practicum

Professor: Thielman

Required texts:

The Greek New Testament, 5th Revised Edition with Dictionary, Barbara Aland, et al.
9781619701397

Introduction to New Testament Textual Criticism, Rev. Ed., J. Harold Greenlee
1565630378

Ephesians, Frank Thielman
9780801026836

A First Year Greek Grammar such as, *Basics of Biblical Greek*, William D. Mounce
A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature,
3rd ed., revised and edited by Frederick William Danker
978-0226039336
