

## Course Offered Fall Semester 2018 Issues in Christian Theology

### Course Instructor:

Bishop F. J. Johnson, II

### Course Description:

This course will review and discuss a theology of the third person of the Tri-Unity, the Holy Spirit, and wrestle with the controversy of cessationism and the manifestations of the Spirit for being equipped to personally experience, minister to and equip others to have power for evangelism and Kingdom business.

### Class Schedule:

This 10 week Class meets from 6 - 9pm beginning Thursday, September 6, 2018 and ending Thursday, November 15, 2018.

### Class Location:

All classes will be held at The House of the Lord in the Education Building, Room 105/107.

### Class Fee(s):

Tuition is \$300 per class, payable to The House of the Lord. Audit Fee \$150. Register at The House of the Lord Church Office (330.864.9073). For payment options contact Pastor Pat Butler in The House of the Lord Church Office.

### Text Book that need to be purchased are:

Pinnock, Clark, *Flame of Love*, Downers Grove, Illinois: Intervarsity Press, 1996

Johnson, Joey, *The Eight Ministries of the Holy Spirit: From Denomination to Reformation an Introduction to Biblecostalism*, Winepress, 2004.

Applications are available in the Church Office.

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offer a

## Certificate of Christian Ministry 2 year program



## 2018 Fall Semester

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## 2 Year Course Cycle

(Proposed)

### Winter/Spring Courses

Strategies for Biblical Interpretation

Survey of Church History

Elective: Celebrative Design in Preaching

### Fall Courses

Old Testament Survey

Survey of Christian Theology

Elective: The Spiritual Development of a Leader

### Winter/Spring Courses

Issues in Christian Theology

Leadership

Elective: Cultural Anthropology

### Fall Courses

Communication

New Testament Survey

Pastoral Care

Elective: Spiritual Maturity and Emotional Health

## Academic

Two year cycle using 15 week semester orientation; thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction.

The Certificate of Christian Ministry will consist of:

- Three biblical courses
- One historical course
- Two theological courses
- Three practical ministry courses
- Three elective courses

## Course Fees

\$300 per student per class payable to “The House of the Lord.” Audit fee of \$150 per class.

# Certificate Program

## Purpose Statement

The ATS-THOTL Certificate Program is designed to equip the whole person by combining rigorous study and spiritual sensitivity to God’s revelation through Scripture, so that the student might know Christ more fully, and might powerfully and lovingly represent Him in the Church and in the world.

## Curriculum Focus

Successful completion of the Certificate Program will result in:

1. An ability to think critically about Scripture, its interpretation, and its interpreters;
2. An understanding of the theological vision revealed through Scripture.
3. Skills for leading, communicating, and ministering in churches and parachurches;
4. Growth in personal relationship with God that will exhibit itself in Christlike character;
5. An excitement to continue the educational journey throughout life and pathways to do so.

This program qualifies under:

An Ashland Theological Seminary recognized Certificate of Christian Ministry.

This means that completing the Certificate of Christian Ministry at The House of the Lord counts toward the BA Exempt program and toward the equivalency of a BA for acceptance into a Masters program at Ashland Theological Seminary.

## **Strategies for Biblical Interpretation**

This course introduces students to foundational principles and strategies for listening to Scripture in its original context as a means to reliable and responsible application of the text in new, modern contexts. Students are introduced to author-centered, text-centered, and reader-centered facets of the overall task of hearing and interpreting.

## **Survey of Church History**

This course will provide a basic survey of church history from the early church to the present, focusing on key people and events that shaped the church. Attention will be given to ways in which the lessons of history can inform the church's direction today.

## **Survey of Christian Theology**

This course provides a basic survey of Christian beliefs, with attention to the contexts in which they arose. Students will be encouraged to develop a theology that is faithful to Scripture, aware of Christian tradition, and relevant to contemporary contexts.

## **Elective: The Spiritual Development of a Leader**

This course focuses on Leadership Emergence Theory. Leadership emergence is a process in which God intervenes throughout a lifetime in crucial ways, to shape the leader towards His purposes for the leader. A leadership timeline will be developed that can aid the leader to properly respond to God's shaping.

## **Old Testament Survey**

This course introduces students to the timeline of Israelite history and the place, message, and function of the writings of the different genres of literature found in the Old Testament and reading strategies for interpretation aligned with each genre, as well as to the critical issues essential for engaging the Old Testament.

## **Leadership**

This course focuses on the complex dynamics of leadership. In addition to the biblical and theological foundations for leadership, the topics to be addressed include a) the system of institutional organization, b) leadership spirituality, c) power and authority, d) strategic planning and decision making, and e) the process of recruiting, orienting, training, managing, and multiplying leaders.

## **Elective: Spiritual Maturity and Emotional Health**

An exploration of the intersection of spiritual maturity and emotional health. This course focuses on the ways and means that spiritual maturity and emotional health are related, developed, and maintained.

## **New Testament Survey**

This course introduces students to the history of the Jesus movement and the growth of the early church, and to the place, message, and purposes of the New Testament writings within that story. Students are introduced to the different genres of literature found in the New Testament and to reading strategies for interpretation aligned with each genre, as well as to the critical issues essential for engaging the New Testament.

## **Issues in Christian Theology**

This course explores selected theological issues in depth. Issues will vary depending on the instructor and the needs of the particular certificate program. Students will develop a theological response to one of these issues from their own perspective. Prerequisite: Survey of Christian Theology.

## **Elective: Cultural Anthropology**

This course focuses on the ways that society/culture shapes the identities, dispositions, hermeneutics, and practices in the ancient worlds and in our world. Through reading class discussion, and homework, the student will gain an appreciation for how society/culture affects the text and context of biblical cultures and contemporary culture.

## **Communication**

This course focuses on the integration of basic communication theory and biblical content. Communication is fundamental to all human interaction and is an integral aspect of ministry. Depending on the need of the context, this course may have a focus on particular forms of communication like preaching, evangelism, or Christian education.

## **Pastoral Care**

This course focuses on the principles of basic pastoral care. After the biblical and theological foundations of pastoral care are addressed, the topics to be covered include a) the fundamental orientation of the care-giver (warmth, empathy, and respect), b) the importance and development of personal authenticity, c) professional etiquette, and d) biblical standards of ministerial conduct.

## **Elective: Celebrative Design in Preaching**

This course focuses on the process of constructing a sermon and on aspects that facilitate changes in the core beliefs of those experiencing the good news of the Gospel. Preaching effectiveness will be enhanced by writing a sermon in keeping with celebrative design.