

**CENTER FOR URBAN BIBLICAL MINISTRY
(GENEVA COLLEGE)**

COURSE SYLLABUS FOR BIB 312

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

FALL 2008, THURSDAYS 6:00 – 8:45 P.M.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This three-credit course intended for an in-depth study. The course will involve a careful reading of the text of Matthew's Gospel focusing on Matthew's unique interest. We will focus the structure and purpose of gospel, the relationship of the writer and his community and the gospel's portrayal of Jesus and his disciples.

COURSE REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

1. The primary text is the Bible: KJV, NKJV, NASB, RSV, NRSV, and ESV etc.
2. *Matthew: An Introductory and Commentary* by R.T. France (The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries).

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To become familiar with the contours and theology of Matthew's Gospel
- To gain knowledge, skill and confidence in understanding and interpreting the text of Matthew's Gospel.
- To facilitate the application of the text to various theological and pastoral situations in your own day and church.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to involve themselves wholeheartedly in classroom discussion. IT IS HOPED THAT THE CLASS WILL FUNCTION AS A UNIT. Students are required to read assigned readings from the text and handouts so as to be able to participate in class. There will a midterm exam, a final exam, and about 3 or 4 homework writing assignments.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment of whether the objectives have been met will be based on the student's performance on homework, and 2 major exams (midterm and final).

Your grade for the class will be based on 2 major exams (midterm and final), 3 or 4 homework written assignments (the different covenants and their details as to parties, seals signs etc.) The first major exam is the midterm which covers the first half of the material to be studied, and second one is the final exam which covers the second half of the material to be studied. Texts are not cumulative.

The final grade will be based on your work in the following way:

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| • Attendance and participation | 10% |
| • Homework | 20% |
| • Midterm Exam | 35% |
| • Final Exam | <u>35%</u> |
| • Total | <u>100%</u> |

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| 93% – 100% | A |
| 90% – 92 % | A ⁻ |
| 87% – 89% | B ⁺ |
| 83% – 86% | B |
| 80% – 82% | B ⁻ |
| 77% – 79% | C ⁺ |
| 73% – 76% | C |
| 70% – 72% | C ⁻ |
| 67% – 69% | D ⁺ |
| 63% – 66% | D |
| 60% – 62% | D ⁻ |
| 0% – 59% | F |

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken for every class and it is highly recommended that students attend each class. However, a student may be absent from 2 lectures without penalty.

Each absence beyond 2 will be penalized by the loss of **3 percentage points**. These 2 allowed absences should be announced to the instructor ahead of time. Last minute phone calls or e-mails are not acceptable

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM

Center for Urban Biblical Ministry (Geneva College) seeks to model servants of Christ from Biblical standards of honesty and integrity. We strongly desire to develop, encourage and sustain men and women of character who will exemplify these Biblical traits in their ministry to the church, community and the world. As members of CUBM (Geneva), students are expected to hold themselves to the highest standards of academic,

personal, and social integrity. Every student is expected to abide by the academic integrity standards outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.

Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's work as your own. Copying or paraphrasing passages from another person's work without acknowledging that you have done so is plagiarism. Copying another person's work without putting the material in quotation marks is plagiarism, even when credit is given. Translating from another writer's work without acknowledging that you have done so is plagiarism. Students who cheat or plagiarize are in violation of the School standards and have to face the consequence, which may include failing the particular assignment, failing the course or dismissal from the school.

BASIC INFORMATION

The course instructor is Andrews A. Amoh. He is a Baptist Minister and a trained teacher. He is a graduate of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and the University of Pittsburgh. He stands committed to Jesus Christ, Evangelical Christianity, inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures, and the principles of the Reformed Faith.

READING ASSIGNMENTS & COURSE CONTENT

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| WEEK ONE | Introduction and Intertestamental Period and R. T. France pages 15 to 62. |
| WEEK TWO | The birth and Childhood of Jesus (1:1 – 2:23). |
| WEEK THREE | The Preparation for Jesus Public Ministry (3:1 – 4:16). |
| WEEK FOUR | Introduction to Ministry and Teaching on Discipleship (4: 17 – 7: 29). |
| WEEK FIVE | A Selection of Jesus Miracles (8: 1 – 9: 34) The Parallel Ministry of the Disciples (9: 35 – 11: 1) |
| WEEK SIX | Varying Response to Jesus' Messianic Activity (11: 2 – 12:50) Jesus Teaching Parable (13: 1 – 53). |
| WEEK SEVEN | Varying Response to Jesus' Teaching and Miracles (13:54 – 16:20). |
| WEEK EIGHT | Midterm |
| WEEK NINE | Teaching on Jesus Mission (16:21 – 17: 27) |

Teaching on Relationships among the Disciples (18: 1 – 35)

WEEK TEN

On the Way to Jerusalem (19:1 – 20: 34).

WEEK ELEVEN

Arrival in Jerusalem (21: 1 – 22)
Controversies with the Jewish Leaders
(21: 23 – 23: 39)

WEEK TWELVE

Jesus' Teaching about the Future (24: 1 – 25:46)

WEEK THIRTEEN

Preparation for the Passion (26: 1 – 46)

WEEK FOURTEEN

Arrest and Trial of Jesus (26: 47 – 27:26)
The Crucifixion of Jesus (27:27 – 56).

WEEK FIFTEEN

The Burial and Resurrection of Jesus
(27: 57 – 28:20)

WEEK SIXTEEN

Finals

SUPPLEMENTAL READING LIST

- D. A. Carson. *The Expositor's Bible Commentary with The New International Version* (Vols 1&2).
- Leon Morris. *The Gospel According to Matthew*.
- Carson D. A. & Moo, Douglas J. *An Introduction to the New Testament*
- Grudem, Wayne. *Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith*. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Zondervan
- Henry, Carl F.H. *Revelation and the Bible*. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Baker Book House
- Sproul, R. C. *What is Reformed Theology*.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Students are to turn off all cell phones during class.
- There should be NO text-messaging in school.
- Tardiness is unacceptable.
- Students should attend chapel service every last Wednesday of each month.