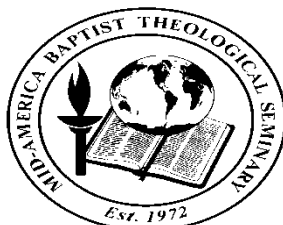
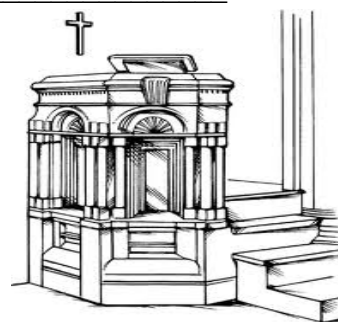


PERSONAL EVANGELISM
EV 6200
ONLINE—Fall Semester
August 21-December 18, 2014
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Personal Evangelism is a study of the imperative of personal witnessing and various methods of presenting the claims of Christ. Emphasis is upon doing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. **Cognitive: (a) Knowledge** – Upon completion of EV 6200 you will be able to define personal evangelism and the gospel from a biblical perspective. You will learn the essential content of the New Testament gospel. You will memorize forty-three (43) Bible passages that are useful in personal evangelism. **(b) Skills** – You will learn how to use a marked New Testament to present the gospel to an unbeliever.
2. **Affective:** You will be motivated to consistently practice personal evangelism during your seminary training, as well as develop a life-long practice of personal evangelism.
3. **Behavioral:** You will consider carefully the message and meaning of the New Testament gospel, commit to faithful personal evangelism, and seek to lead other to faith in Jesus Christ.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Textbooks and Reading

Each of the textbooks listed below must be read in full. Follow the READING & ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST included in this syllabus. The total required reading is 1013 pages [20% of your grade]. A book being on the required reading list does not mean the professor or Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary endorses the total content of the book.

Allison, B. Gray. *Winsome Words for Willing Witnesses*. [22 pages] Purchase either from the Cordova, TN Campus Bookstore or the Schenectady, NY Campus Library.

Fay, William. *Share Jesus Without Fear*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1999. [195 pages]

Hixson, J.B. *Getting the Gospel Wrong: The Evangelical Crisis No One is Talking About*, Revised Edition. Duluth, MN: Grace Gospel Press, 2013. [291 pages]

McDill, Wayne. *Making Friends for Christ: A Practical Approach to Relational Evangelism*, Second Edition. Maitland, FL: Xulon Press, 2010. [161 pages]

Reid, Alvin. *Introduction to Evangelism*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1998. [344 pages]

Also, be sure you have a pocket *New Testament* to mark for witnessing.

Scripture Memory Quizzes

Each student is required to memorize assigned verses for use in witnessing. Quizzes are scheduled in most weeks of the semester [20% of course grade]. Each student will memorize from a translation of his/her choice. Do not memorize from a paraphrase (such as The Living Bible, The NLT, The Message, etc.). The verses quoted in this syllabus are from the New King James Version. I suggest you memorize from the translation you usually read and study; its wording and rhythms will be familiar and easier for you to memorize.

Examinations

A mid-term [20% of course grade] and final [20% of course grade] will be given.

Written Witnessing Reports

Each student will write out the basic dialogue and gospel presentation of two witnessing encounters he or she has during the semester [10% of the course grade]. Note the due dates in Class Schedule below.

Course Attendance & Participation

The course is arranged by weeks. Each week is designed to contain the same amount of work as three class periods plus homework. Students must log in at least three days each week and must access all resources, assignments, exams, etc. **[10% of the course grade]**. The professor is able to check on the dates, times and duration of student logs. **If a student does not log in at least three days a week or if the student does not access data, an absence will be recorded for each day missed.** The same attendance requirement as regular classes will be in effect for online classes.

LATE WORK

Work turned in late will incur a deduction of two points for each day late. The student is responsible to get late papers to his or her instructor. No papers are accepted after the last day of class without prior permission from the professor. Note: Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 AM (CST) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 PM (CST).

CLASS CONDUCT

Each week you will participate in one or more Student Interactive Forum. Please respect one another, flavoring each of your posts with grace and Christian kindness. We want to grow and learn together. Humor and fun are encouraged, but sarcasm, derision, or person insults will not be tolerated.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR

You may email the professor at any time: tchristian@mabtsne.edu. For personal contact, text or call Dr. Christian's office: 518-355-4000, ext. 21, or cell: 518-428-2097. If you are ever on the Northeast Campus, you are invited to drop by Dr. Christian's office for a brief visit.



GRADING SCALE

Grade point averages are determined on a 12-point grading system. The grade point value of each letter grade is:

A	97-100	4.0 quality points per semester hour
A-	95-96	3.8 quality points per semester hour
B+	93-94	3.5 quality points per semester hour
B	90-92	3.0 quality points per semester hour
B-	87-89	2.7 quality points per semester hour
C+	84-86	2.3 quality points per semester hour
C	81-83	2.0 quality points per semester hour
C-	77-80	1.7 quality points per semester hour
D+	75-76	1.3 quality points per semester hour
D	72-74	1.0 quality points per semester hour
D-	70-71	0.7 quality points per semester hour
F	69 and below	0.0 quality points per semester hour

The 12-point grading scale allows a student to graduate possibly with a perfect 4.0 average. A grade point average of 2.0, however, will constitute the lowest passing average to graduate. Anything below 2.0 will be the basis for probation/suspension purposes.

CLASS SCHEDULE
(Syllabus May Change at the Professor's Discretion)

Class Week & Date **Topic--Assignment**

WEEK 1 August 18-24

Only one log-in required this week. Open and read the Syllabus.
 Student Interactive Forum: How to memorize and retain Scripture.

WEEK 2 August 25-31

FIRST SCRIPTURE MEMORY QUIZ.

Definition of Evangelism: Reid, *Introduction to Evangelism*, ix-24.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1: 1, 14).

Theology of Evangelism: Reid, 83-101.

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear (Isa. 59:1-2).

Justification and Eternal Security: Rom. 3-8

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Eph. 2:8-9).

WEEK 3 September 1-7

What is Postmodernism?

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10).

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23).

Postmodernism and Why it Matters

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23).

Surveying the Landscape: Hixson, *Getting the Gospel Wrong*, 21-52.

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:11-13).

WEEK 4 September 8-14

What is the Gospel?: Hixson, 53-84.

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48).

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! (James 2:19).

What is Saving Faith?: Hixson, 85-136.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us (1 John 1:8-10).

What is Saving Faith? (continued): Hixson, 85-136.

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “ The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation” (Ex. 34:6-7).

WEEK 5 September 15-21

Dr. B. Gray Allison—Video 2

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:7).

"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish (Luke 13:3).

Memorize:

"I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20-21).

And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again (2 Cor. 5:15).

WEEK 6 September 22-28

Secure a proctor for the Mid-Term exam. Email the proctor’s name and contact information to christian@mabtsne.edu at least one week prior to the exam.

Allison—Video 3

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Allison—Video 4

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life" (John 6:47).

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

Allison—Video 5

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Rom. 10:9-10).

WEEK 7 September 29-October 5

What

Written witnessing report #1 due this week

Allison—Video 6

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:21).

Allison—Video 7

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isa. 53:6).

Allison—Video 8

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24).

WEEK 8 October 6-8

Mid-Term Review

MID-TERM EXAM

Fall Break—October 10-14, 2013. Only two (2) log-ins required this week.

FALL BREAK

October 9-13

WEEK 9 October 14-19

Allison—Video 9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8).

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out" (John 6:37).

Allison—Video 10

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44).

Allison—Video 11

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

WEEK 10 October 20-26

Allison—Video 12

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Allison—Video 13

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God (Rom. 14:12).

Allison—Video 14

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb. 10:31).

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment (Heb. 9:27).

WEEK 11 October 27-November 2

Allison—Video 15

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Allison—Video 16

Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near (Isa. 55:6).

Allison—Video 17

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth (Prov. 27:1).

WEEK 12 November 3-9

Allison—Video 18

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to *them* . . . praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:41, 47).

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4).

Class discussion/analysis of Allison's Evangelism Method

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32-33).

WEEK 13 November 10-16*Share Jesus Without Fear—Session 1***But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (John 1:12).***Share Jesus Without Fear—Session 2***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).***Share Jesus Without Fear—Session 3***So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31).****WEEK 14** November 17-23*Secure a proctor for the FINAL EXAM. Email the proctor's name and contact information to tchristian@mabtsne.edu at least one week prior to the exam.****THANKSGIVING BREAK***
November 24-30, 2014**WEEK 15** December 1-7

Written witnessing report #2 due

*Share Jesus Without Fear—Session 4***Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:6).***Making Friends for Christ—Session 1***For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).****WEEK 16** December 8-14*Making Friends for Christ—Session 2**Making Friends for Christ—Session 3*

Final Review

EXAM WEEK December 16-17
FINAL EXAM

Christmas Holidays (December 18, 2014-January 19, 2015)

READING & ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST (Check-off each as assignment when completed)

Week 1

August 18-24 -- Read *Introduction to Evangelism* (ITE), ix-xvi, 1-24

Week 2

August 25-31 -- Quiz John 1:1, 14; ITE, 83-102
 -- Quiz Isaiah 59:1-2; ITE, 25-56
 -- Quiz John 3:3; Eph. 2:8-9; ITE, 57-82

Week 3

September 1-7 -- Quiz Romans 3:10; 3:23; *Getting the Gospel Wrong* (GTGW), 13-52
 -- Quiz Romans 6:23; GTGW, 53-77
 -- Quiz 1 John 5:11-13; GTGW, 77-103

Week 4

September 8-14 -- Quiz Matthew 5:48; James 2:19; GTGW, 103-136
 -- Quiz 1 John 1:8-10; *Winsome Words for Willing Witnesses*, 1-22
 -- Quiz Exodus 34:6-7; GTGW, 217-240

Week 5

September 15-21 -- Quiz Isaiah 55:7; Luke 13:3; GTGW, 137-158
 -- Quiz Acts 20:20-21; GTGW, 159-180
 -- Quiz 2 Corinthians 5:15; GTGW, 181-198

Week 6

September 22-28 -- Quiz Acts 20:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:15; John 3:18; GTGW, 199-216
 -- Quiz 3:36; John 6:47; GTGW, 241-264
 -- Quiz Romans 10:9-10; GTGW, 265-291

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Week 7

September 29-Oct. 5 -- Quiz Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:21
Share Jesus Without Fear (SJWF), 1-27
 (Written Witnessing Report #1 due)
 -- Quiz Isaiah 53:6; SJWF, 29-56
 -- Quiz 1 Peter 2:24; SJWF, 57-80

Week 8

- October 6-8 -- SJWF, 81-106
 -- *MID-TERM EXAM*
 -- Fall Break Oct. 10-14, 2013

Week 9

- October 14-19 -- Quiz Romans 5:8; John 6:37; SJWF, 106-128
 -- Quiz John 6:44; SJWF, 129-150
 -- Quiz John 14:6; SJWF, 151-175

Week 10

- October 20-26 -- Quiz Mark 8:36; SJWF, 176-195
 -- Quiz Romans 14:12; ITE, 103-120
 -- Quiz Hebrews 9:27; 10:31; ITE, 121-152

Week 11

- October 27-Nov. 2 -- Quiz 2 Peter 3:9; ITE, 153-182
 -- Quiz Isaiah 55:6; ITE, 183-204
 -- Quiz Proverbs 27:1; ITE, 205-232

Week 12

- November 3-9 -- ITE, 232-258
 -- Quiz Acts 2:41, 47; Romans 6:4; ITE, 259-282
 -- Quiz Matthew 10:32-33; ITE, 283-306

Week 13

- November 10-16 -- Quiz John 1:12; ITE, 307-327
 -- Quiz John 3:16; ITE, 327-344
 -- Quiz Acts 16:31

Week 14

- November 17-23 -- *Making Friends for Christ* (MFFC), ix-28
 -- MFFC, 29-53
 -- MFFC, 54-81

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Week 15

- December 1-7 -- MFFC, 82-108
 -- Quiz Philippians 1:6; MFFC, 109-120
 (Written Witnessing Report #2 due)
 -- Quiz Romans 10:13; MFFC, 121-134

Week 16

- December 8-14 -- MFFC, 135-148

- MFFC, 149-161
- **Signed Reading & Assignment Checklist Due**

FINALS WEEK

December 16-17 -- Final Exam

Student Signature _____

I read _____ % of the assigned reading.

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Personal Evangelism. Printable PDF Version. The Practical Side. There are four parts to the practical side â€” â€œThe Four P'sâ€: People, Preparation, Practice, Perseverance. 1. People.â€ Evangelism needs practice. To do it, you have to start doing it. Don't be disappointed if you think you've messed up in some way. You can start by "practising" smiling at people. Practice being friendly. Then take the next step of "practising" talking to people about anything. In Christianity, evangelism is the commitment to or act of publicly preaching (ministry) of the Gospel with the intention of spreading the message and teachings of Jesus Christ. Christians who specialize in evangelism are often known as evangelists, whether they are in their home communities or living as missionaries in the field, although some Christian traditions refer to such people as missionaries in either case. Some Christian traditions consider evangelists to be in a leadership position; they