



We are pleased to offer the following courses for credit or audit during May and June of 2009. Syllabi will be posted soon. Any courses available for advanced credit (6 units) are marked [Adv]. However, please note that all advanced courses require work to be done prior to the beginning of class. To register for these courses, please follow the procedures outlined on the previous page.

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### **CH 3XB3 *The Reformation***

**Date:** May 4 - 8, 2009

**Instructor:** Dr. Gordon Heath

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** Martin Luther, the German Protestant reformer of the 16th century, was a larger-than-life figure who became a German national hero and an icon in the Protestant world. John Calvin, the French Protestant reformer, was responsible for the development of the Calvinist movement - a movement that quickly became the international type of church renewal. This course examines the lives of these and other reformers - including the lives of the women reformers. It also deals with the roots, development, and significance of the sixteenth century reformations in Christianity – Protestant and Catholic – in their social, political and religious contexts.

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**BIO:** Dr. Gordon Heath joined McMaster Divinity College as Assistant Professor of Christian History in the summer of 2004 after five years of teaching history at Tyndale University College. His research interests lie particularly in the area of church/state and church/war issues. Besides teaching at the College, he also serves as Director of the Canadian Baptist Archives. He and wife, Virginia, have two children, Josh and Natasha.

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### **MS 2XA3 *Church for this Generation and the Next:* *Contemporary Trends in Church Ministry***

**Date:** May 4 - 8, 2009

**Instructor:** Rev. Lee Beach

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to help students wrestle with the nature and purposes of the church, as well as with the dynamics of contemporary Western culture and its impact upon ecclesiology in that context. We will explore emerging theological trends and various recent and current attempts to develop approaches that meet the challenges of being faithful to the Biblical

purposes of the church and are relevant in their cultural context. Finally students will be invited to think critically about these trends and begin to construct their own philosophy of church ministry within current North American culture.

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**BIO:** Rev. Lee Beach is the Director of Ministry Formation and Lecturer in Ministry Studies at McMaster Divinity College, where he is also engaged in Ph.D. studies in the area of Christian ministry. Lee has 17 years of pastoral experience and currently serves as a Minister-at-Large with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. Lee is married to Joanne and has two children, Josh (14) and Alexandra (12). He enjoys watching sports, running, playing tennis, reading, and eating good food.

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### **TH 3XA3/6XA6 *God and Human Anguish* [Adv]**

**Date:** May 4 - 15, 2009

Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Instructor: **Dr. Clark Pinnock**

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**Course Description:** The problem of evil and suffering is a major issue for the Bible, theology, philosophy, literature, ministry, and human life. One cannot escape it and many of our doctrines converge upon it. The goal here will be to review what has been said and to work toward an adequate response – theoretically and practically. After all, the test of theology is whether it can cope with problematic dimensions of human existence like this one. A one day theological conference on this issue (considered part of the course) will be held on the Saturday following the first week of classes. This course is available for advanced degree level credit.

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**BIO:** Dr. Clark Pinnock taught at McMaster Divinity College from 1977 - 2002 and is now Professor Emeritus of Theology. He holds a Ph.D. in New Testament and is the author of many books including *Flame of Love*. Prior to his coming to the College, he taught at Regent College in Vancouver. He is married to Dorothy and has a married daughter and a granddaughter. He greatly enjoys being retired and having the freedom to do what he feels called to do.

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### **NT/CH 3XA3/6XA6 *The Kingdom of God: New Testament and Early Church Development* [Adv]**

**Date:** May 11 - 15, 2009

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Instructor: **Dr. Hans Foerster**

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** Jesus came to proclaim the Kingdom of God and the first Christians expected that the world would soon come to an end. Thus, in the beginning of Christianity there was no systematically developed elaborate Christology or Ecclesiology. Nevertheless, the later Church developed a complex set of theological and related beliefs. The class will explore and discuss how the Christology and ecclesiastical structures evolved and developed in early

Christianity from the teachings found in the New Testament. This course is available for advanced degree level credit.

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**BIO:** Dr. Hans Foerster holds a doctorate in early church history from the University of Vienna, and has published four scholarly books and numerous articles on various topics covering New Testament studies, early church history, papyrology and coptology. For the last ten years, he has contributed to various newspapers in Austria, communicating his research to a wider audience.

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### **TH 1AO3 *Theology for Life and Ministry (Systematic Theology 1)***

**Date:** May 25 - 29, 2009

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Instructor: **Dr. Steven Studebaker**

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** Theology is a dynamic and contextual effort to discern appropriate and authentic ways to embody the redemption revealed in Jesus Christ in our lives and ministries. Through this course you will explore the rich content of Christian theology and the application of that theology to contemporary issues of Christian life and ministry. Specific theological topics covered in this class are revelation and Scripture, the Trinity, Christ, creation, and humanity.

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**BIO:** Steven M. Studebaker, Ph.D. (Marquette University) is Assistant Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario. He is the author of several books and articles on Pentecostalism (*Defining Issues in Pentecostalism: Classical and Emergent*) and Jonathan Edwards (*Jonathan Edwards' Social Augustinian Trinitarianism in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*). He is ordained with the Assemblies of God and served as youth and associate pastors in churches in Washington and Minnesota. He is married to Sheila, and they have two children, Gabby and Max.

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### **MS 2XB3 *Reaching and Transforming the Next Generation through the Local Church***

**Date:** May 25-29, 2009

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Instructor: **Rev. Dr. Dave Overholt**

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Outline:** Youth and college ministry is a part of local churches no matter the size. All pastors need a base-line understanding of how to minister to these age groups. In this course we will develop a clearer understanding of the developmental issues and Canadian culture realities of 15 to 25 year old students. We will then look at various models of reaching these age groups through the local church. Finally, we will discuss the various skills that are necessary when ministering with people in this time of life.

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**BIO:** Rev. Dr. Dave Overholt is the founding pastor of Church on the Rock, a youth targeted church, with 700 in attendance. In addition to 24 years in youth ministry, he has a doctorate in education from the University of Toronto with a thesis in Adults Mentoring Adolescents. He has taught youth ministry, Christian education, creativity and leadership at various seminaries across the country and heads up the Youth and Family Ministries major at Tyndale Seminary. His books include: *Reasons to Believe*, *Live What You Believe*, and *Soul Searching the Millennial Generation*.

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### **OT 3XC3 Royal Drama: A Reading of 1 Kings**

**Date: June 1 - 5, 2009**

Instructor: **Dr. Keith Bodner**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon – **Off-site at  
Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington**

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**Course Description:** Anyone interested in biblical studies can benefit from a close reading of 1 Kings. As we will discover, the establishment of the monarchy represented a crucial stage in the story of Israel. Not surprisingly, therefore, a significant portion of the Hebrew Bible relates to the matter of kingship, with a host of historical and theological reflections. Using a literary methodology, this course will study the exciting narrative of 1 Kings by working carefully through the drama on a chapter-by-chapter basis.

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### **MS 3XD3/6XD6 Pastoral Care and Counselling with Grieving Persons [Adv]**

**Date: June 1 - 5, 2009**

Instructor: **Dr. Wade Rowatt**

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to equip persons in church settings for effective care and counseling with grieving individuals at a level appropriate to their role and education. It explores the Biblical, theological, psychological, and social understandings of grief across the life cycle span. Ministry application will focus on the life and work of the local congregation, the ministry of chaplains, and pastoral counseling. This class will use role play, small group sharing, and individual assessments to focus on care and counseling with grieving persons. This course is available for advanced degree level credit.

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**BIO:** Dr. Wade Rowatt has authored or co-authored nine books in the field of pastoral care and counseling. For 23 years he taught psychology of religion and pastoral care at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Since 1995, he has been the Director of The St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center where he does individual, family, and group counseling. He is married to a music teacher and therapist, Jodi, and they have three adult children and three grandchildren.

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### **OT 3XD3/6XD6 *Famous Last Words: A Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles* [Adv]**

**Date: June 8 - 12, 2009**

Instructor: **Dr. Keith Bodner**

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm,

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** Arguably the most underrated books in the canon, 1 & 2 Chronicles has a vital message for the church and academy today. As the last books of the Hebrew Bible, Chronicles is uniquely positioned to provide what one scholar refers to as “one of the richest mines of spirituality in all Scripture.” The post-exilic period, when Chronicles was composed, witnessed the production of new kinds of literary and theological works. This course is designed in a seminar format, and discussions will center around close analysis of the biblical text and relevant secondary material. This course is available for advanced degree level credit.

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### **MS 3XF3/6XF6 *Anger and Anxiety in the Context of Pastoral Counselling* [Adv]**

**Date: June 8 - 12, 2009**

Instructor: **Dr. Wade Rowatt**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to investigate theories of anger and aggression from selected views of psychology, culture, and biblical/theological foundations. Students will be requested to look at their own beliefs and thoughts in these areas in order to consider applications for pastoral care and counseling. Students will have a variety of personal learning experiences and clinical cases for role-play during this course. This course is available for advanced degree level credit.

**BIO:** Dr. Wade Rowatt has authored or co-authored nine books in the field of pastoral care and counseling. For 23 years he taught psychology of religion and pastoral care at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville,

Kentucky. Since 1995, he has been the Director of The St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center where he does individual, family, and group counseling. He is married to a music teacher and therapist, Jodi, and they have three adult children and three grandchildren.

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**MS 1BO3 Course Title: *Church Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

**Date: June 15-19, 2009**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Instructor: **Dr. Joyce Bellous**

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** An introduction to the various issues associated with church leadership, as well as a study of the skills necessary to survive and thrive as a church leader in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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**BIO:** Joyce is Associate Professor of Lay Empowerment and Discipleship at McMaster Divinity College. She has taught at the College since 1993 and writes in the area of education, ethics and culture. She works and educational consultant and was speaker at the Conference of Christian Teachers in Calgary, Alberta in October 2005. Her special interest is children and spirituality.

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**TH/MS 2XC3 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: His Life, Theology, and Significance for Today***

**Date: June 15 - 19, 2009**

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Instructor: **Patrick Franklin, PhD Cand.**

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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**Course Description:** Many people are familiar with Dietrich Bonhoeffer as a hero of the resistance movement against the Nazis during World War II. Far less recognized are the deep theological convictions that grounded and fuelled his resistance. This course provides an introduction to the life and thought of one of the twentieth century's most intriguing theologians. In his knowing, being, and doing, Bonhoeffer demonstrates the crucial interplay between biblical faith in Jesus Christ, theological reflection, Christian community, and decisive action within one's historical context. We will observe how these mutually enriching elements continually shaped Bonhoeffer's identity and existence as a theologian, pastor, and agent of political change. This will lead us to consider the significant contemporary implications of Bonhoeffer's life and theology for Christian spiritual formation, public witness, political engagement, and the identity and mission of the church in contemporary postmodern culture.

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**BIO:** Patrick S. Franklin, BA, MDiv, ThM, PhD (cand.) served as a pastor for several years at Chartwell Baptist Church in Oakville, Ontario. He is currently studying for the PhD at McMaster Divinity College, specializing in ecclesiology, Christian ethics, theology and postmodern culture, and trinitarian theology. He and his wife, Elena, delight in raising their two boys (Josiah and Samuel) and serving God together at their local church in the areas of leadership, teaching, spiritual direction, and worship.

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**NT 2XB3 Course Title: *Paul: His Life, Letters and Theology***

**Date: June 22 - 26, 2009**

**Instructor: Andrew Pitts, PhD Cand.**

**Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

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**Course Description:** A historical, exegetical and theological survey of the apostle Paul, including recent research pertaining to each of these areas. The topics to be studied include Paul's life (e.g. issues of chronology, Paul's pre-Christian development in Tarsus and in Rabbinic Judaism, his conversion experience and various missionary endeavors), letters (e.g. their literary structure, content and key themes) and theology (e.g. major theological streams in Pauline thought, issues of continuity and discontinuity). Paul's ethical concerns will also be addressed in light of his theology, especially how they pertain to ministry today.