

# ECCLESIOLOGY Course Syllabus FALL SEMESTER 2015

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## Note: New Address above

Class Hours: Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM

**TEXT:** KJV of the Bible,

Supporting Texts: See attached list of reference books

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Ecclesiology is the study of the church. This course will explore the Biblical definition and makeup of the church. It will cover various views and theories of the concept of a church. The student will be lead to base his believes firmly upon the Scriptures for a definition of a church.

COURSE GOALS: Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

- 1. Have a clear and confident understanding of the New Testament church as it is taught in the Bible.
- 2. Understand the makeup of a church and to understand its government and officers.
- 3. To be able to recognize and explain the false views and theories of a church.
- 4. To be able to explain who started the church and when it was started.
- 5. Know the doctrines and ordinances of the church.
- 6. To be able to define the primary mission of the church.
- 7. To appreciate the responsibility and security of the church.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Personal responses submitted weekly verifying you have attended the class/lecture.
- 2. Personal responses to the instructors questions via email.
- 3. Read an approved supported textbook and prepare a written 3 page report to be submitted by email.
- 4. Each student must prepare a 5-page (2000 word) research paper from the approved list of subjects listed below to be turned in prior to taking the final exam at the end of the semester.

## Approved Subjects for Reports: Due Date: December 15, 2015

- 1. The Word, "Church"
- 2. The Birth of the New Testament Church
- 3. The Fallacy of the Universal Invisible Church
- 4. The Governing Structure of the New Testament Church (Show type of government, officers, authority.)
- 5. The Purpose, Priority and Mission of the Church
- 6. The Historical Roots of today's Baptist Churches. (Show why the New Testament Church was and is Baptist.)

### COURSE SCHEDULE:

September 22, 2015	Introduction
September 29, 2015	Regular Class
October 6, 2015	Regular Class
October 13, 2015	Regular Class
October 20, 2015	Regular Class
October 27, 2015	Regular Class
November 3, 2015	Regular Class—Mid Term Exam
November 10, 2015	Regular Class
November 17, 2015	Regular Class
November 24, 2015	Regular Class
December 1, 2015	Regular Class
December 8, 2015	Regular Class – Review for Final Exam
December 15, 2015	Final Exam

### COUSE EXAMINATION:

Grades will be based on the student's performance on two tests, each worth 20% of the final grade. Class attendance/participation will be worth 20%. The

book report worth 20%, and the Research Paper worth 20%. Responses to the instructor's questions will be considered a Bonus of 10%.

## GRADING SCALE:

A=100%-94% B=93%-84% C=83%-77% D=76%-67% F=below 67%

## **TESTING**:

Mid-term – November 3, 2015 Final – December 15, 2015