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COS 112: Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition

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COS 112: THEOLOGY IN THE WESLEYAN SPIRIT

June 30-July 25, 2008

Instructor: F. Belton Joyner, Jr.
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Description:

Consideration of the role and responsibility of the pastor as an interpreter of the gospel with emphasis on our Wesleyan heritage and the student=s own growing sense of theological identity. Basic terms, tasks, and methods of Christian theology are introduced, and representative classical themes are defined and illustrated.

Objectives:

- § Allow students to discover that they are already theologians
- § Challenge students to re-examine their understandings of faith in order to broaden and deepen that faith
- § Critical consideration of theological methods and the role of the Wesleyan use of Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason
- § Introduction to the problems inherent in issues such as theodicy, revelation, Christology, law and grace, justification, ecclesiology, and eschatology
- § Development of the pastor=s identity as a theologian
- § Utilization of theology as a resource for pastoral functions

Readings:

Stanley J. Grenz, *What Christians Really Believe and Why* (Westminster John Knox)
Scott J. Jones, *United Methodist Doctrine* (Abingdon Press)
F. Belton Joyner, Jr., *Being Methodist in the Bible Belt* (Westminster John Knox)
The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004
United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Requirements:

Breathing (show up!)...Participation (reading, attentive listening, related discussion)...Responding (quizzes)...Expressing (writing)

Grading:

Mid-term (open book)	25%
Final Exam (closed book)	40%
Essay	35%

Essay: at least 1,200 words on the topic Sin in the Teachings of the Wesleyan Tradition.

Pre-assignment (before the first class):

- (1) Complete reading Grenz. (*What are some commonly held beliefs with which Grenz disagrees?*)
- (2) Read at least first 125 pages of .Jones. (*What are examples of "the extreme center"?*)