

Renewal School of Ministry

Term Offered: Spring Term

Course Name: New Testament Survey

Course Times/Dates: 1.5 hour Zoom meetings for six weeks, Begins April 6, 2021 and meets on six consecutive Tuesdays. The classes will be live.

Course Content: In this class we will survey how we got the New Testament, attempts to understand these writing, and interpretation issues. For each book we will look at authorship, background information, key themes and passages. The six topics in the first term include:

- 1. How we got the New Testament, interpretation issues, the Synoptic Gospels
- 2. Continuing studies of the Gospels and Acts
- 3. Introduction to letter writing, Paul
- 4. Exploring the letters
- 5. Continuing study of the letters
- 6. Interpreting the Book of Revelation

The course is designed to help the student better understand the New Testament writings and to provide a basis for effective interpretation.

Requirements for Credit: To receive credit for the course students will need to:

- Attend every live Zoom session
- Participate in the class discussions
- Give a brief oral report of one of the letters
- Write a one paper on their approach to interpreting the New Testament.
- One absence is permitted as long as the student makes arrangements to watch the Zoom replay.

Book Requirements: The New Testament will be the primary text for the course.

Costs: There is \$10 fee to cover costs for taking courses in the Renewal School of Ministry. If you choose to take multiple courses in a term the fee is \$25 per term. Please enroll for the course/s on our website: **www.hsrm.org**.

Instructor: This course will be taught by Rev. Ed Owens. He graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. He served as the long-term pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan. He is the national chair of the Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries. In his "retirement" he serves as a consultant for transition ministry with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan. <u>edgarowens@sbcglobal.net</u>.