

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**Springfield, Missouri**  
**June 25-29, 2012**

**NOTE: Class Schedule:**

**Monday June 25 at 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday – Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Friday – 8 a.m. to noon.**

**BTH/PTH 974 The Theology and Practice of Spiritual Gifts (3 Credits)**  
**David Lim, D. Min**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is an eclectic course, combining biblical (especially Paul, Mark, Luke, and John), missiological, theological and pastoral insights to the gifts of the Spirit. It presents the biblical theological base for ministry in Spiritual gifts and an understanding of the church and her major functions from a theological and structural point of view. Pastors and Missionaries need to grasp the sensitivities and unique needs of multi-cultural churches, especially as it relates to spiritual gifts. Most importantly, the development of gift ministry in our own lives is emphasized and practiced.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

**Upon the completion of the course, the participant should be able to:**

1. Defend and teach a strong Biblical perspective of the work of the Holy Spirit
  - A. through exercise of all the gifts
  - B. through understanding the cosmic context (spiritual warfare)
  - C. through understanding the church context (structure and flow)
2. Exercise the gifts regularly
  - A. in personal life
  - B. in appreciation of the subtleties and perspectives in a multi-cultural context
  - C. in view of missions and the second coming of Christ
3. Evaluate contemporary phenomena and lead his/her church forward from the basis of biblical authority.

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### **TEXTBOOKS**

Farina, Sam, Paul Kolbeck, Tim Hogg & John Carnett. *P50 – My 50 Day Journey to Empowered Living*, 2007.

Horton, Stanley, ed. *Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1994.

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Trask, Thomas E., Wayde I. Goodall, and Zenas Bicket, eds. *The Pentecostal Pastor: A Mandate for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1997.

### **COURSE METHODOLOGY**

Class sessions combine lecture, video, discussion, and actual ministry times. We should glean from the experience and wisdom of the students as well. Class interaction is invaluable and expected.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Pre-Session:**

1. The participant should thoroughly read the instructor's book, *Spiritual Gifts: A Fresh Look*, as well as his chapters in *Systematic Theology* (pgs. 457-488) and *The Pentecostal Pastor* (pgs. 570-577). Write a 5-8 page reflection paper on the materials, highlighting the most significant concepts and the reason for their significance.

**Due Date: First day of class, Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

#### **Session:**

1. The participant should attend all class sessions. The class starts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 12 June, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from 13 to 15 June 2012.
2. The participant should be involved in the interaction and discussion of course material.

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### **Post-Session:**

1. Write a 10-page essay reflecting summary and insight from the class as you are putting these concepts together in your own person and ministry.
2. Prepare a formal research paper of 15-20 pages (for M. Div students) and 20-25 pages (for D. Min. students), typed, double-spaced, and on a specific topic related to the gifts of the Spirit. Thorough research, adequate documentation (i.e. footnotes and bibliography as required in the Turabian 7<sup>th</sup> edition style guide), a clear sense of purpose, and clarity of presentation are expected.

The paper should also contain a title page, an outline of the contents, an introduction and a conclusion/summary. The instructor should approve the paper topics during the course. Topics could include: A study on a specific gift of the Spirit; an enabling ministry such as apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher; a contemporary issue of Pentecostal/Charismatic concern; the relationship between gifts and fruit or gifts and holiness; differences in gift lists.

3. Participants are required to read 1500-2000 pages. This reading includes specifically (1) Unit 6 – Spirit-Anointed Worship (67 pgs.) in *The Pentecostal Pastor: A Mandate for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, compiled and edited by Thomas E. Trask, Wayne I. Goodall, & Zenas J. Bicket; and (2) chapters 13, 15 to 18 (184 pgs.) in *Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective*, edited by Stanley M. Horton. The total pages (1500-2000) includes all of the required texts, any books from the bibliography, any books read and used for the research paper; and any books read in preparation for class discussion. Submit to the professor a bibliographic reading report that lists the books read and the number of pages read from each book.

**Due Date: 10-page reflective essay on 16 July 2012 (Monday) and Research Paper on September 10, 2012 (Monday)**

**Send all assignments to:**

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### **COURSE GRADING**

Pre-Session Reading & Reflection	15%
10-page reflective Essay	25%
Additional Reading	10%

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