BMATS - RE 313 - INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Spring 2011)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a study of the history of religious education from Old Testament to contemporary times. The study will focus upon: (1) development of various philosophies of Christian education, (2) Trends and issues in the practice of contemporary Christian education, (3) development of a personal Christian education philosophy.

TEXTBOOK: The Educational Ministry of a Church (Revised & Expanded) (Revised ed. of Educational ministry of a church, 1982). Broadman & Holman ISBN 0-8054-1063-5. (Note the text is available through Amazon at a greatly reduced price)

OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course students should be able to:
1. describe and discuss Christian Education at various points in history. Requirement 1
2. be able to explain various philosophies of Christian education. Requirement 4
3. identify trends and issues in the practice of Christian Education today. Requirement 4-5

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
1. Write a research paper on the history of Christian Education in each of the following time periods: Old Testament, New Testament, early church, Middle Ages, Reformation, and early America. Each paper should be from 1-2 pages in length.
2. Read and critique 10 journal articles about Christian education. The critique should contain: bibliographic information, a short summary, and a personal reaction.
3. Write a paper in which you identify various philosophies of Christian education showing how they have helped you in your thinking about Christian education.
4. Read one additional book on Christian education and write a report
5. Attend and participate in all class activities.

CLASS CALENDAR: A schedule will be given the second week of the semester.

GRADING: Grades will be based 50% on tests, and 50% on class participation and reports. All work is due on date indicated. If work is late, the grade will drop one letter each week.

This syllabus is dated 1/4/11. The syllabus is subject to revision to better meet class needs.