Course Description
This course analyzes the theology of evangelism and our faithfulness to God’s call. It also examines various strategies for and approaches to the church’s evangelistic task in the heritage of United Methodism, stressing the proclamation and the enactment of the gospel.

Course Objectives
• Significant reference to the biblical roots of evangelism, with particular attention to New Testament foundations as illustrated in the scriptures examined in COS 311
• Interpretation of the Wesleyan heritage of evangelism
• Survey of strategies and models for evangelism in the past, present, and future life of the church
• Analysis of contemporary issues in evangelism, such as debates on church growth methodologies, the relationship of evangelism and mission, evangelism in relation to personal and social transformation, evangelization and liberation theologies, and revivalism
• Focus on evangelism in and use for the local congregation, with emphasis on such issues as preaching evangelistically, organizing and training laity for evangelism, relating evangelism to Christian education (including evangelism in confirmation classes), and planning for long-range evangelistic efforts in communities
• Critical analysis of and appreciation for electronic media as instruments of evangelism

Required Textbooks
**Recommended Textbooks**


**Precourse Assignments**

A. **Precourse Assignment.** Read Scott J. Jones’ book *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor: A Theology of Witness and Discipleship*. Write a 4 page critique and review of the text according to the following guidelines: typed, double spaced (8½ x 11 paper). Critique the material in the text, and include answers to the four questions below in this written review. Please add your email address and/or telephone number on the cover page.
   a. What are the main points (theses) of the text (book)?
   b. What are the major strengths of the text?
   c. What are the major weaknesses of the text?
   d. In what ways has this text helped you or might help you in the future? Be specific.

B. **Due the first day of class.** Write a 4 page critique and review of the Faith-Sharing text by Fox and Morris. Follow the same instructions above and in your written review and answer the same four questions as for the previous assignment.

C. **Read** Part I of the text *Considering the Great Commission* before class begins.

**Additional requirements** for this course will be given on the first day of class.
**DIRECTIONS FOR EMAILING PRECOURSE WORK**

Please read **all the directions** below before emailing your assignments to the COS Office, any emails received that do not follow the directions below will not be accepted. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt and if your email is not submitted correctly an email indicating you will need to resend your assignments.

1. Email only michelle.levan@emory.edu, do not email the instructor your assignment.
2. Emails must be **received** no later than 11:59pm on the May 1, 2013 deadline.
   a. Please note that the cut off time is EASTERN STANDARD TIME zone, so email your assignments accordingly.
   b. Any precourse work received after May 1st at 11:59pm will be subject to a late penalty.
      1. Precourse work received between May 2 – June 1 is 1 letter grade deduction.
      2. Precourse work received between June 2 – June 20 is 2 letter grade deductions.
      3. You will be drop from any course for which precourse work has not been received after June 20, 2013. No precourse work will be accepted after the June 20th deadline.
3. The course number and the phrase “precourse work” should be the subject of your email:
   Example - **Precourse Work 113**
   a. You will need to send a separate email for each course you are registered to attend.
4. Precourse work must be sent as an attached document and not in the body of the email.
   a. Any version of Microsoft Word or WordPerfect documents will be accepted; PDF and Mac-Pages documents will be accepted.
   b. All of your assignments for each course must be in one document, multiple documents are not acceptable. You should send only one attachment with course all assignments.
5. Your FULL name, phone number and email, should all be clearly included at the beginning of your email:
   Example: Michelle Levan
   404.727.4587
   michelle.levan@emory.edu

6. **Plagiarism Policy and Plagiarism Defined** paragraphs must be included in the body of your email (both are below), not within your precourse work. The inclusion of the policy and definition in the body of the email, verifies that you agree to it and your email will represent your signature. If the email does not include the plagiarism policy and definition it will not be accepted. Your email, with the plagiarism policy and definition will be printed and used as cover sheet for your precourse work, because it has the verification of date and time received, and your agreement to the plagiarism policy and definition, and your contact information.

**Plagiarism Policy**

I have read the plagiarism definition below and verify that this assignment represents my own work, except where credit is given. I have also made copies of this assignment and I will bring them with me to class in the event that any of my work is misplaced.

**Plagiarism Defined**

“You plagiarize when, intentionally or not, you use someone’s words or ideas but fail to credit that person. You plagiarize even when you do credit the author but use his exact words without so indicating with quotation marks or block indentation. You also plagiarize when you use words so close to those in your source, that if your work were placed next to the source, it would be obvious that you could not have written what you did without the source at your elbow. When accused of plagiarism, some writers claim I must have somehow memorized the passage. When I wrote it, I certainly thought it was my own. That excuse convinces very few.” From page 167 of The Craft of Research by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams, published in 1995 by The University of Chicago Press in Chicago.

7. **If you do not follow the procedure your precourse work WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!!!!!**