

**MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING
M.O.S.T. (MSOP Ongoing Spiritual Training).
First Quarter / Sept. 18 – Dec. 11. 2014**

**MIRACLES AND PARABLES OF CHRIST
Course # 639 / Thursdays 2:00—5:00 P.M.
Instructor, T. J. Clarke**

Instructions

Texts: King James or American Standard Versions
Handouts in class or online
Other special reading assignments may be given

Requirements:

1. All reading assignments must be done before class begins. You are required to read the Scriptures and handouts over the chapter(s) assigned. This is an absolute must. You cannot properly contribute to the classroom study if you have not prepared in advance.
2. Each student is required to take readable comprehensive notes each day on the material covered in class and to **keep them in a three hole notebook** entitled, **Miracles and Parables of Christ**. Handouts are to be a part of your notebook. Do not include other material you gather on your own in your notebook. Please keep that separate. On the days we cover handout material you are to make marginal notes on the handout or on separate paper on material and Bible references that are not covered in the handout. This notebook will be checked periodically during the quarter and be factored into your final grade. **Online students seeking credit: you will be required to email or mail a copy of your class notes no later than Dec. 15, 2014 .**
3. Students enrolled in the class for credit toward the advanced diploma are required to write a 12-15 page paper (double-spaced, 12 point font) using eight or more resources in your composition. You have your choice of two topics for your report: (1) a defense of New Testament miracles; or, (2) an introduction to the parables of Christ in the gospels. Once you notify me of your choice I will give/send to you the further requirements for your choice. These papers are due on the Monday following the last day of this Fall class, December 15, 2014. Late papers will be reduced in grade value.
4. Test dates are given below. We will follow this schedule as closely as possible. If you need to call me about any matter pertaining to our class, please use my cell phone number (417) 379-3940; if necessary my home phone is (662) 280-5455. My email address is tjclarke@msop.org.

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CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MIRACLES & PARABLES

Sept. 18	Introduction to Miracles # 1; Opposition to the supernatural; rejection of miracles
Sept. 25	Introduction to Miracles # 2; Purpose and nature of Biblical miracles
Oct. 2	Christ's virgin birth; Jesus' nature miracles
Oct. 9	Christ's healing miracles
Oct. 16	Christ's miracles over demon powers
Oct. 23	Miracles of resurrection, Christ's and others. TEST
Oct. 30	Introduction to the Parables
Nov. 6	Some specific Kingdom parables
Nov. 13	Parables on the cost of discipleship
Nov. 20	Parables on how to serve God
Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO CLASS
Dec. 4	Parables on how to live as one of God's children
Dec. 11	Some miscellaneous parables. TEST [Papers and class notes due from students seeking credit for this class.]