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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Christian Writing 242 - "This class is dedicated to writing well. The pastor and other ministers must know how to correctly communicate in the written word. From published sermons to weekly Sunday bulletin articles, the pastor is called upon to write correctly and needs to understand how. The class will cover correct sentence structure and paragraphing, correct use of writing mechanics (e.g. punctuation), good use of vocabulary, creative rhetorical devices, and other writing skills. Much of this course will be spent working through the process of writing: pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

Also the class will cover academic writing for the purpose of Seminary writing. Students are required to purchase the *Form and Style Guide* of the Missionary Baptist Seminary, and the majority of it will be covered. Students will be taught to document and cite following the form and style of the Modern Language Association (MLA). The serious issue of academic integrity and plagiarism will also be covered."

REQUIRED BOOKS:

Seminary Writer's Guide by David Harris - available online at mb-seminary.com
A limited number of hard copies are available.

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers - published by the Modern Language Association of America.

SUGGESTED BOOKS:

A Christian Writer's Manual of Style, published by Zondervan.

Plain English Handbook, by Walsh.

Precision, by Robert J. Gula

ATTENDANCE AND CLASS DECORUM:

--Attend class! The attendance policy found in the school catalog will be our guide.

--I do not make distinction between "excused" and "unexcused" absences.

--I do not assign makeup work for excessive absences.

--There is to be no cell phone use in class.

--You must do your own work; plagiarism will result in an "F".

GRADING: Grading may be strict. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and content will all be considered. **Turn your assignments in on time.** Assignments turned in late may or may not be accepted.