

**The purpose of Village University's
School of Theology is to provide an
intensive community experience that
promotes a love of learning, challenges thinking,
and inspires/motivates participants
to live their faith.**

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is made possible by the
faithful stewardship of the
Village Presbyterian Church congregation,
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INTRODUCTION

As a teaching church, Village Presbyterian Church has taken the role of providing life-long learning for its members as a major part of its life. Village University's School of Theology is a major creative venture by this teaching church, providing an intensive course of study designed to train, enrich and nourish the children of God in the 21st Century.

As with any institution of life-long learning, Village University is growing and evolving to better serve the needs of its students.

Suggestions for courses and course proposals are always welcome. Contact the Adult Ministry Office. Don't forget to become a fan of Village University on



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For the Adult Ministry Committee,
Dr. Ron Patton, H.R., Parish Associate

Welcome to the School of Theology of Village University,

an in-depth, advanced study of various subjects for people who wish to expand their theological understanding of their faith. This catalog represents the courses currently being offered in 2010 and 2011. We invite you to enroll in any or all classes you would like to take. Enrollment in the School of Theology is open to everyone.

You may enroll for all courses online at the Village University website: www.VillageU.com. You may also enroll in person at the Adult Ministry office (Room 119), by telephone (call 913-671-2333) or by mail to the Village Presbyterian Church address.

There is a \$75 per person enrollment fee or a \$125 for a couple to enroll. You can pay this fee with cash, check or credit card (Visa or Master Card).

Registration begins June 1, 2010.

Course Title: *Theology and Film*

Instructor: Philip R. Love

About the Instructor:

Mr. Love is a retired business executive who has had a lifelong passion for theology. After his retirement as CEO of Pryor Resources he earned a master's degree at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He is a licensed minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He and his wife Patty are active members of the Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City.

Semester and Year: Fall 2010

Class Dates: Tuesdays – September 7, 21; October 5, 19; November 2, 16, 30 and December 14

Class Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Classroom 124 at Village Church

Resource Materials:

(1) Howard W. Stone and James O. Duke, *How to Think Theologically*, 2nd ed. (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2006).

(2) Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland, editors, *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005).

(3) A number of movies, including “The Color Purple,” “The Straight Story,” “Tender Mercies,” “Babette’s Feast.”

Course Description:

There’s an interesting paradox about theology. It has the reputation among many Christians as the remote and sterile occupant of the ivory tower (where it belongs). And yet, as Howard Stone and James Duke write: “To be Christian at all is to be a theologian. There are no exceptions.” The bridge between theology’s ivory tower reputation and its inescapable role for every Christian is the lived experience of life. In this class we will “do” theology by engaging some compelling narratives of life experience as portrayed in a number of films and reflect on them in light of classic and contemporary themes of theology.