

Course Syllabus
7th Grade Bible
New Testament Survey (2016-17)

Instructor: Miss Peggy Jo Stanley

Location: Room 613

Bio: This will be my 18th year teaching at ELCA! I graduated from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. I have a passion for middle schoolers and have been working with this age group of kids for over 39 years. I am excited to have an opportunity to connect with the students through God's Word!

Contact Info: The best method of communication with me is through e-mail. My e-mail address is Peggy.Stanley@eagleslanding.org. I will respond to your e-mail within 24 hours; however, if you haven't heard back from me, please resend or let me know through the middle school office (678) 818-1034.

Course Overview: This course is designed to provide the students with an overview of the entire New Testament in relation to the Old Testament. The material will be very much story-oriented so that the students can find themselves within God's story and see that they are part of something bigger than just themselves! I believe that the best way to learn something is to interact with it in a hands-on manner, so I want to get the students digging into the Bible themselves, formulating their own questions, and bringing their own personality to the subject. It is my hope that by the end of this school year the students will feel a few steps closer to Jesus and learn that they can be honest and open with the Lord about who they are, trusting that Jesus will love and lead them throughout their lives and into eternity!

Textbook: *The Bible* (ESV) and *He Shall Crush His Head (Part 2)* [textbook and student workbook]

Course Outline:

- Unit 1- The Incarnation of Christ (Lesson 1.1-1.6)
- Unit 2- Jesus' Ministry Begins (Lesson 2.1-2.7)
- Unit 3- Jesus' Popularity Grows (Lesson 3.1-3.5)
- Unit 4- Jesus Rejected (Lesson 4.1-4.9)
- Unit 5- Jesus' Final Days (Lesson 5.1-5.8)
- Unit 6- The Church is Born (Lesson 6.1-6.7)
- Unit 7- The Church Expands (Lesson 7.1-7.5)

Grades: I grade on a point system. Grade points vary according to what assessment it is (quiz, project, test, Christian service). Chapter tests are always worth 100 points. Everything else varies from 10 points on up (with the exception of getting things signed which is one point). At any time a student's grade can be calculated by taking the total number of points he/she has accumulated and dividing it by the total number of points possible (Do NOT add the percent grades together and divide by the number of grades). There will be NO extra credit other than extra credit questions on quizzes or tests.

There will be a quiz at the end of each chapter and a test after each unit. We have memory verse quizzes every Thursday. Chapter quizzes will be Friday, but at least one-week notice will be given for tests.

Homework: Students should not have much homework this year. They will be responsible for filling in their textbook and sections covered in class. However, most of this should be completed in class. We will have some assignments and projects throughout this study that may require some work at home. I don't want this course to be back-breaking, but I do want the students to learn as much as possible, and the best way to accomplish that goal is by giving them assignments to engage with and think through on their own.

Student Organization and Supplies:

Organization is one of the keys to having a successful year. Please have the following:

1. Bible (ESV) Must be a **PHYSICAL** copy of the Bible (*devices will be permitted only at specific times*)
2. Pencils/Pens
3. Colored pencils
4. Composition books (2)
5. Highlighters, scissors, glue

Cell Phones: Students are expected to turn cell phones off during the school day. Students utilizing a cell phone during school hours will have their cell phone taken away and will need to go to the office to retrieve it at the end of the day.

Christian Service

Each semester students are expected to complete 4 hours of service in the Church or community. It will count as 2 quiz grades. Our desire is to help you in what Jesus asked of His church, to serve others in His name. Missions trips, service projects with the church, school groups or in the community are a good place to start. Suggestions: feeding the homeless, volunteer yard squads, working a church event, helping with Children's Church, time at retirement homes... If you have difficulty finding something, the Bible department tries to create and post opportunities.

Things that will NOT be accepted: working at parents business, visiting elderly relatives, cleaning your aunt's yard, babysitting family members... Rule of thumb, it can't be for a family member and you can't be paid for it. If you have a question if something counts, please ask.

Forms can be downloaded from my webpage or the school website. Please complete the form with your parents explaining the details of your service. These are due at the end of each semester: **December 10th** and **May 19th**, but can be turned in any time after completion. It is your responsibility to get your form to me.

We are open to new ideas and opportunities, so please share!!

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I have read and understand all of the objectives, requirements, and expectations for the course 7th Grade Bible taught by Miss Stanley.

Student signature

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Parent signature

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