

Welcome to *The Book of Romans*. I am glad you are interested in learning more about the scriptures, and hope that this will be an enjoyable and educational experience. *Romans* has been a pivotal book in the history of the church, and is considered by some to be even more challenging to study than *The Book of Revelation*. In any case, it is a rich document, full of many challenging truths. I look forward to exploring it together.

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*Feel free to call or text me anytime on my cell, or to e-mail me. I am often traveling around the state for the West Virginia Baptist Convention, and may be out of cell phone range. Just leave a message and I will get back to you.*

# Class Requirements

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**  
**Parchment Valley Conference Center in the**  
**Santrock Education Center**

**Time: 9 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**  
*(Snacks will be provided upon arrival and lunch will be included.)*



## The Book of Romans

*This class will fulfill one requirement for the School of Christian Studies  
ADVANCED Level of Study two-year General Studies' program or the  
three-year Congregational Transformation Program.*

### **Purpose of the Course:**

This course is an introduction to the biblical letter of Paul to the Romans. The primary purpose of the course is to help prepare the students for further study of this book.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course you should:

- 1.) Be familiar with the structure of a Pauline letter.
- 2.) Be able to successfully identify and explain the "argument" of Romans.
- 3.) Be aware of current interpretive issues surrounding this book.
- 4.) Be equipped with a basic knowledge of the authorship, structure and content of the book of Romans.

### **Required Text:**

Your Bible - the Book of Romans,

the student shall pick one: The NIV Application Commentary on Romans by Douglas Moo or The Tyndale New Testament Commentary on Romans by F.F. Bruce

### **Course Method:**

The course will involve primarily four activities, which are as follows:  
(note: these are your assignments)

- 1.) Attend the class.
- 2.) Read the Book of Romans. Read one of the two commentaries.
- 3.) Write a book review on the textbook.
  - a. Two-four pages, double spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt font.
  - b. This paper is a **reaction** to what you have read and not a summary of the text.
  - c. Submit in person on the day of the class, or by e-mail to the address of the instructor.
- 4.) Discussion - participate in class discussions.

All work is to be submitted within a month of the class day.

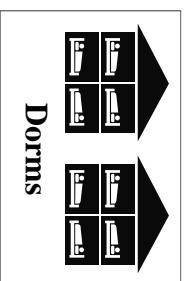
### **Course Requirements:**

- Pay "For Credit" fee.
- Class attendance and participation.
- Students should read the Book of Romans and one of the two commentaries by January 12, 2019.
- Bring pen/pencil, paper, your Bible and textbook(s) to class.
- Write a book review on your textbook, using the above criteria.
- Complete any additional assignment(s) given by the instructor.

*If you have any other questions, please contact Donna Snyder, School of Christian Studies' secretarial assistant, at [snyder@wvbc.org](mailto:snyder@wvbc.org) or 304.422.6449.*

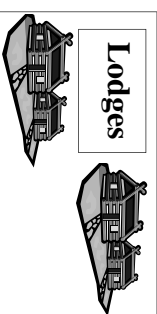
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## Parchment Valley Conference Center



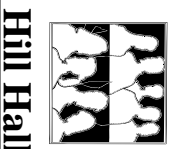
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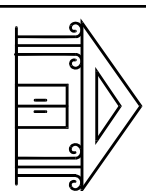


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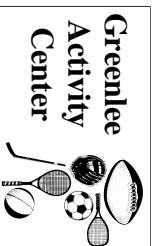


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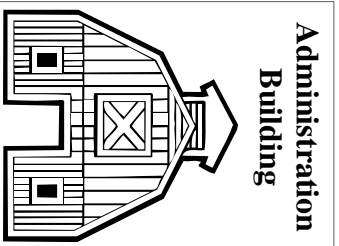


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### Directions to Parchment Valley:

From Charleston: Take I-77 north to Exit 138, bearing into the left turn lane on the exit ramp. At the traffic light, turn left onto State Route 62 south for approximately 0.6 mile (landmarks are the American Electric Power facility on the left and a veterinary clinic on the right.) At the first intersection, the WV State Police office will be on the right and Parchment Valley Road (big, blue sign) will be on the left. Turn onto Parchment Valley Road and travel for 2 miles. The road will open to the Parchment Valley Conference Center complex.

From Parkersburg: Take I-77 south to Exit 138, bearing into the left turn lane on the ramp. Turn left and proceed to the traffic light, bearing into the right turn lane. At the traffic light, turn right onto State Route 62 south for approximately 0.6 mile (landmarks are the American Electric Power facility on the left and a veterinary clinic on the right.) At the first intersection, the WV State Police office will be on the right and Parchment Valley Road (big, blue sign) will be on the left. Turn onto Parchment Valley Road and travel for 2 miles. The road will open to the Parchment Valley Conference Center complex.