

RELIGION II

Section Moderator: Dr. Andrew Watts

Room: Fidelity 407

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00 – 7:30

“‘Love is as Strong as Death’: The Wisdom of the Song of Songs”

Michael C. Kuehn

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mark McEntire

The Song of Songs has been the topic of much debate and discourse for centuries. Both scholar and casual reader alike discover the rich, sensual images of the Song, prompting a plethora of interpretations. Often classified as wisdom literature, the Song invites the reader to grow in wisdom through illustrations utilizing one of the most powerful aspects of humanity: love. This presentation will explore common interpretations, suggest the necessity of preserving the sensual nature of the text, and discuss ambiguity as a far richer thing than pinning down an exact meaning, drawing primarily on Song of Songs 7:1 – 8:7.

7:30 – 8:00

“From Greek Text to Sermon

Brandon Maxwell & Blake Swafford

Faculty Advisor: Bob Byrd

Two students will explore their own journey into the Greek text of passages in the Gospel of Mark and the sermon themes that grew out of the experience. Brandon Maxwell will exegete Mark 13:14-23, and Blake Swafford will exegete Mark 12:41-44.

8:00 – 8:30

“Embracing Tradition and Making it Relevant”

Michael Kuehn

Faculty Advisor: Bob Byrd

Michael Kuehn examines the use of the *Shema* in Mark 12:28-34.

8:30 – 9:00

“Translating Exodus”

Alaina Yates Wood, Ashley Eayre, Nicholas Prien

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mark McEntire

Students in second year Biblical Hebrew have translated passages from the book of Exodus as part of a larger exegetical project. In this presentation they will be presenting their own translations of their selected texts and discussing some of the issues and problems they encountered in attempting to render these Hebrew texts in English.