Welcome to Human Anatomy! This class is designed for Orthodox middle school students, and our goal is to explore the functions and systems of the human body. We will discover the blood and guts, we will encounter disease and death, but we will finally realize the elegance and beauty of God’s work in our human frames. As Christians, we respect the flesh in part because God Himself took on flesh and submitted to every phase of human development, pain, and also death.

Introduction:

My name is Dallas Shipp, and I am your instructor for this course. I have always enjoyed studying human biology for fun, and I hope to communicate that enjoyment to you.

First off, acquire your curriculum from the Good and the Beautiful webpage, and prepare to bring your textbook to our teaching sessions and read chapters as you are directed.

What to Expect:

- We will meet bi-weekly and progress through the chapters of our textbook with reading assignments. We will have exercises, homework, and assessments for each section. I anticipate a unit test every three weeks.
- Assessments will involve vocabulary words, written descriptions of processes, and questions for interpretation.
- Students will be asked to perform experiments described in the textbook at home to model physical processes or illustrate concepts in class.
- Our class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 pm EST. We will divide each class into lecture and exposition of the weekly focus lesson, review of the previous lesson or assignment, and preparation for a weekly activity or discussion. Students are expected to bring a notebook to class and to take notes for review and assessments.
Students can expect to use the *Encyclopedia Britannica online* to complete vocabulary assignments.

Schedule:

- Our class will follow the schedule of our textbook. Thus, we will spend three weeks on each chapter, and each chapter will conclude with a test.
- Each chapter will cover a system of the body. Thus, we will go in depth with each system for several days. Each student will be expected to read the chapter in question and to complete assignments on their own time outside of class.
- The class will run from August 31st to April 14th, with holidays and breaks according to the St. Athanasius calendar.