



**A MINISTRY OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF INDIANA AND KENTUCKY
IN COOPERATION WITH ABC-GI ALONG WITH SPONSORING
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES & ASSOCIATIONS**

C105 Church and ABC History

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Description and Purpose

This course is intended to help students examine the early beginnings of Baptist life and thought and to trace the influence of these early beginnings on American Baptist life today. It is hoped that each student will become more knowledgeable about the ecclesial, theological, sociological and political understandings of the American Baptist Churches, USA and the ABC IN/KY. It is anticipated that the student will make an effort to translate this increased knowledge of American Baptists into effective participation in their local church, Association, Region and National denomination.

Focus of This Experience

1. Students will grow in their knowledge and understanding of the historical origins and the theological, cultural, political and sociological context which produced what we know today as the American Baptist Churches, USA.
2. The student will learn and be able to discuss the issues, concerns, relationships and patterns of functioning as American Baptists. The student will be encouraged to further her/his work within the local church. Students will also produce a Statement of Faith to aid in their work in the local church.
3. Students will explore the riches of congregationalism and its particular expression in the ABC, USA. Issues of governance, power, authority and relationships will be examined.

Required Texts

- Bill J. Leonard, Baptist Ways: A History, Judson Press, 2003.
- Norman H. Waring & Winthrop S. Hudson, A Baptist Manual of Polity and Practice. Revised Edition, Judson Press, 1991.
- George H. Tooze, Baptist Principles with Practical Applications and Questions for Discussion, Mercer Press, 2013
- I. George Blake, Finding A Way Through the Wilderness: Tracing Baptist History in Indiana, Central Publishing Company, Inc., 1983. **THIS BOOK WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AS A GIFT FROM THE ABC-IN/KY REGION MINISTRY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES. If you want it mailed to you before the first day of class, please send the cost of postage which is \$5.00.**

Suggested Texts

(To help you build a personal library)

Brackney, William H., Baptist Life and Thought: 1600-1980, Judson Press, 1983.

Hunt, Rosalie Hall, Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy, Judson Press, 2005.

Shurden, Walter B. Editor, Proclaiming the Baptist Vision: The Bible. Smyth and Helwys Publishing, Inc. 1994.

Shurden, Walter B. Editor, Proclaiming the Baptist Vision: The Church. Smyth and Helwys Publishing, Inc. 1996.

Shurden, Walter B. Editor, Proclaiming the Baptist Vision: The Priesthood of All Believers. Smyth and Helwys Publishing, Inc. 1993.

Shurden, Walter B. Editor, Proclaiming the Baptist Vision: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Smyth and Helwys Publishing, Inc. 1999.

Freeman, Curtis, et al, Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Christian People, Judson, 1999.

Student Expectations

1. Attend all sessions whenever possible
2. Contact the instructor in advance, if you will be absent
3. Be prepared for each class session
4. Participant in class
5. Support and encourage other students in the class
6. Communicate with the instructor, if you have any questions or concerns

Please bring the following to each class session:

- Textbooks
- Good English Translation of the Bible
- Notebook (for handouts, assignments and taking notes)
- 2 pens/pencils (electronic device to take notes, if preferred)
- Syllabus, handouts & assignments

Requirements to Earn Credit

1. Completion of assignments
 - a. Complete assigned reading in the texts and handouts with capability to discuss the material and join in the discussion.
 - b. Develop a statement of faith and present in class during final session.
 - c. Join a group of students who will do some research on one of the Baptist principles and make a presentation in class. Groups will be formed at the first class session.
2. Participation in class discussions and exercises.
3. Read additional articles or blogs as may be assigned
4. Bring textbooks and completed assignments to each class session.
5. Attend at least 15 of the 20 hours of classroom time
6. If absent one class session, earn an excused absence by doing the following:
 - a. contact the instructor about your absence (preferably before the absence, but at least within 72 hours of the absence)
 - b. obtain notes from two students who did participate in any class session you missed
 - c. request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation(s) for the class session you missed in note format (3 slides per page); of course, this only applies if the instructor uses PowerPoint in the class session you missed.
 - d. complete a special assignment given by your instructor in addition to regular assignments; this is usually an enriching experience that will most likely pertain to the class session the student missed in some way.

Class Sessions

Note: Assignments listed under each class session date are due on or before that date.

Session 1—July 28, 2018

Reading Assignments: Maring & Hudson – Chapters 1-6
Leonard – Chapter 1, chapter 2-only pgs 18-27 & 36; plus chapters 3-5
Tooze – Chapter 1

Focus:

- Introductions
- Baptist Formations: To introduce the emergence of Baptists out of the ecclesiastical history in Europe.
- Baptist Principles: To identify the emerging principles which make Baptists distinctive.
- Baptists in the United States: To understand Baptist beginnings in America and growth into the 21st century.

Session 2—August 18, 2018

Reading Assignments: Maring & Hudson – Chapters 7-11
Leonard – Chapters 6, 8-9, 16
Tooze – Chapters 2-3

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Session 2—August 18, 2018 (CONTINUED)

Focus:

- Regenerate Church Membership
- The Nature of Authority
- The marks of the Local Church and Congregationalism
- The Meaning of Church Membership
- The Laity
- Ordination
- Spiritual Gifts
- Spiritual Temperament
- Call
- Baptism and The Lord's Supper
- Judson and the Missionary Movement.

Session 3—September 22, 2018

Reading Assignments: Blake – All
Tooze – Chapters 4-7
Checkout the website: baptisthistoryhomepage.com/indiana.index.html
(go to the Tab “Baptist History Homepage,” then the Tab
“American Baptist Church History”)

Focus:

- Baptists in Indiana and their spread throughout the state.

Session 4—October 13, 2018

Assignments: Tooze – Chapters 8-9
Statement of faith due
Group presentations

Focus:

- Class Presentations
Possible topics—Biblical Authority, Soul Freedom, Separation of Church and State, Priesthood of Believer, Baptism and Lord's Supper.
- Wrapping up & Evaluations

Tentative Daily Class Schedule

Arrive 8:45am

9:00am	–	10:15am	Session A
10:15am	–	10:30am	BREAK
10:30am	–	11:45am	Session B
11:45am	–	12:30pm	LUNCH
12:30pm	–	1:45pm	Session C
1:45pm	–	2:00pm	BREAK
2:00pm	–	3:15pm	Session D

Class Location

Scottsburg First Baptist Church
122 N Hyland St
Scottsburg, IN 47170