



Church & ABC History

(American Baptist Polity Course)

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◆ Learn about the New Testament Church, the historical church, and the emergence of Baptists in the seventeenth century
- ◆ Examine the arrival of Baptists in the US and the union of denominational life to foster common ministry
- ◆ Explore the history of American Baptists
- ◆ Study current issues and the changing structure of American Baptists
- ◆ Focus on the meaning of call to ministry, ordination, and the structure of local church
- ◆ Identify Baptist Principles, look at practical applications to these principles, and the tensions they create.

WHEN IS IT OFFERED?

This experience is normally offered *annually* and divided into four (4) *non-consecutive* Saturday sessions, virtually by Zoom.

The instructor in recent years has been Rev. Dr. Darrell James, retired pastor, still residing in New Albany, IN, who has over 30 years of experience in ABC life, including having served on boards and committees for both the ABC-IN/KY Region & ABC-USA. Recently Darrell served as Interim Region Minister before Kristi Jones was called to serve as an RM.

If interested in taking this course, please contact:

The ABC-IN/KY Region Office,
Any Region Minister,

or Rev. Dr. Dan Cash, Dean of
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