



# *Church & ABC History*

## *(American Baptist Polity Course)*

A ministry of ABC-IN/KY, in cooperation with ABC-GI and sponsoring American Baptist Churches & Associations, that is growing, equipping and enriching Christians for ministry in their home churches, communities and associations.

### **CLASS INFORMATION:**

**TITLE:** Church & ABC History  
(American Baptist Polity Course)

This experience is divided into 4 Saturday class sessions meeting on:

April 4  
April 25  
June 6  
June 13

#### **LOCATION:**

ABC-IN/KY Region Office  
65 Airport Parkway, Suite 120  
Greenwood, IN 46143

**Register by Mar 16 & SAVE!**

**Registration Deadline is Mar 27, 2020**

**RSVP by Mar 30**  
**for planning & preparation purposes**

### **CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ➔ Survey 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

### **ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:**

**Rev. Dr. Darrell James** is a graduate of Southwest Baptist University (B.A.) & Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div., PhD), with additional studies at Baylor University & Hebrew Union College / Jewish Institute of Religion. As he has served in many different capacities with American Baptist ministries, he has also served as an instructor with CLI for more than 10 years. Although he retired from full time pastoral ministry in December 2017, Darrell still currently serves on the ABC-IN/KY Region Board as the chair of the board's personnel committee. He also has experience serving on ABC boards and committees at a national level. Darrell served as a pastor for over 40 years throughout the U.S, but nearly 28 of those were as an American Baptist Pastor in Southern Indiana where he was very active in American Baptist life. He continues to enjoy staying connected to other American Baptist pastors in his area. He and his wife, Linda live in New Albany, Indiana.