



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 in Indiana/Kentucky
- ◆ 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 sometimes create.
- ◆ This course is essential to pastors but helpful to laypersons as well
- ◆ Required for Ordination and **M28** Certificate in Theological Education
- ◆ Continuing Education Units (CEUs) also available upon request.

WHEN IS IT OFFERED?

This course is usually offered *annually* and divided into four (4) *non-consecutive* Saturday sessions, virtually by Zoom; however, an individualized study, likely also held virtually, might be available upon request.

Instructor is Rev. Dr. Darrell James, 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. Darrell served as Interim Region Minister before Kristi Jones was called to serve as an RM, and he currently pastors Mill Creek Baptist Church-Salem. He resides in New Albany, IN.

If interested in taking this course, please contact:

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