

## **BMATS - CH 211c - BAPTIST HISTORY**

### **Instructor:**

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### **Textbook:**

Overbey, Edward H. *A Brief History of the Baptists*. Little Rock: The Challenge Press, 1974.

### **Videos:**

BMAA Department of Missions Doctrinal and Practical Ministries Studies -  
Baptists through the Ages  
New Testament Churches across the Centuries  
English Baptist Churches  
Baptists in America

### **Course Description:**

This course covers the period from the establishment of the Church in A.D. 27 through the twentieth-century Baptist Church. Special emphasis is given to the origin and perpetuity of the church, special dissenting groups, the tracing out of the Anabaptists and English Baptists, and investigation of Baptist foundations in America.

### **Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course you should be able:

1. to demonstrate knowledge of the historical background of Baptists in general and Associational Baptists in particular.
2. to identify basic events, movements, and leaders throughout Baptist history.
3. to demonstrate understanding of what makes Baptists distinct from other evangelical groups.

### **Course Structure:**

The course consists of 8 lessons, 4 video lessons, 2 book reports, and one final exam. Each lesson and book report will be worth 100 points and the final exam will be worth 100 points.

91% or 1365 points will be required for the grade of A  
81% or 1215 points will be required for the grade of B  
71% or 1065 points will be required for the grade of C  
61% or 915 points will be required for the grade of D  
less than 915 points will result in the grade of F

## **Lessons**

Each lesson consists of a reading assignment and a worksheet to complete. Do the reading assignment first, read through the questions of the worksheet, then go back through the textbook answering all questions correctly. Follow this procedure or the study method which benefits you most.

## **Video Lessons**

Each lesson consists of a video assignment and a video-worksheet to complete. View the video first, read through the questions of the worksheet, then go back through the video to answer all questions correctly.

## **Book Reports:**

Select two books which deal with **Baptist** History. These can be books you own or books you can borrow from any library. Read each book and make a one to two page report (typed or **neatly** handwritten). The report will be graded on the following criteria:

1. choice of book
2. summary of material
3. your personal reaction

## **Final exam**

All other assignments must be turned in before taking the final exam. The final exam will be comprehensive. Most, if not all, questions will be taken from lesson worksheets.

## **Time estimate for student engagement:**

Textbook Reading	10 hours
Lessons	40 hours
Video Lessons	10 hours
Book Reports	30 hours
Final Exam	2 hours

RECOMMENDED READING

- Christian, John T. *A History of the Baptists*. Texarkana: Bogard Press. 1922.
- Cramp, J. M. *Baptist History from the Foundation of the Christian Church*. New York: American Baptist Publication Society, 1868.
- Duggar, John W. *The Baptist Missionary Association of America 1950-1986*. Texarkana, TX: Baptist Publishing House. 1988.
- Glover, Conrad N. and Austin T. Powers. *The American Baptist Association (1924-1974)*. Texarkana, TX: Bogard Press. 1979.
- Jackson, D. N. *Baptist Doctrines and History*. Rev. ed. Texarkana, TX: Baptist Publishing House, 1986.
- Lumpkin, W. L. *Baptist Confessions of Faith*. Chicago: Judson Press, 1959.
- Orchard, G. H. *A Concise History of Baptists*. Lexington, Kentucky: Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, 1956.
- Thompson, E. Wayne and David L. Cummins. *This Day in Baptist History*. Greenville, SC: Bob Jones University Press. 1993