

## BAPTIST ORIGINS IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA - HIST 9408

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### Seminary Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### Course Description

This seminar involves analyses of Baptist origins in England and America in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Prominent personalities and distinctive doctrines are interpreted in their historical setting. An effort is made to determine possible relationships between Anabaptists and Baptists. English influences upon American developments are evaluated.

### Objectives

- to learn about the people and events important to Baptist formation and development and examine them in light of contemporary research
- to examine and evaluate Baptist distinctives
- to provide students with a working knowledge of the primary documents of the era
- to understand and appreciate one's Baptist heritage
- to develop the ability to think historically and critically, placing individuals, movements, and ideas within their proper context

### Required Texts

Brackney, Willam H. *The Baptists*. Westport, CT: Praeger, 1994.

Norman, R. Stanton. *More Than Just a Name: Preserving Our Baptist Identity*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2001.

Shurden, Walter B. *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms*. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys Publishing, 1993.

### Requirements

- A. Reading Reviews:** Each student will prepare a (2) 2-3 page, single-spaced reading review. The report will be on reading assigned from one of our texts.

- B. Book Review:** Each student will write a book review of an assigned book and from pamphlets in our library collection. The review will be written as though for an academic magazine or journal. It should identify the book's main thesis or purpose, give a brief summary of the contents, and include an evaluation of the work's strengths and weaknesses. All quotations and direct references to sections in the book should be indicated by page numbers within parentheses. Citations or paraphrases from other sources should be noted and documented using either footnotes or endnotes. Reviews should be 3-5 pages in length, single-spaced. Each student will write two reviews.
- C. Papers:** Each student will write a paper on an assigned topic. The paper **must have** a title page, a table of contents, a bibliography, and footnotes or endnotes. It must be double spaced and follow Turabian, sixth edition, for style. However, **do not** use chapters to separate sections of your paper (chapters require a new page for each new chapter and the project is not long enough to justify this). Use section headings instead. The paper should be 15-20 pages in length, double-spaced. For examples of Turabian form, see the sample at <http://homepage.mac.com/glstevens/FileSharing2.html>. For guidelines on writing a research paper, see [http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/research\\_essays.htm](http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/research_essays.htm). One copy must be provided for the professor and for each member of the class at least one week before the paper is presented.
- D. Personal Perspective:** Each student will write a brief personal perspective on the origins of Baptists.

## Evaluation

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| Reading Reviews:            |            |
| Text Review                 | 10%        |
| Book Review 1               | 20%        |
| Book/Pamphlet Review 2      | 20%        |
| Research Paper:             | 40%        |
| <u>Personal Perspective</u> | <u>10%</u> |
|                             | 100%       |

Grades will be assigned on the basis of the NOBTS grading scale.

## Cellular Phones and Pagers

The instructor requests that all phones and pagers be turned off or adjusted so as not to disturb the class. If you can wait until a break time to attend to calls and pages, that would be greatly appreciated.

Fowler, Stanley K. *More Than a Symbol: The British Baptist Recovery Baptismal Sacramentalism*. With a Foreword by William H. Brackney. Studies in Baptist History and Thought Series. Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster Press, 2002.

Hobbs, Herschel H. *The Baptist Faith and Message*. Nashville: Convention Press, 1996.

R[itor], A[ndrew]. *A Treatise of the Vanity of Childish-Baptisme: Wherein the deficiency of the Baptisme of the Church of England is considered in five particulars thereof. And wherein also is proved, the Baptizing is Dipping, and Dipping Baptizing*. London: N.p., 1642.

Tombes, John. *An Exercitation About Infant Baptisme; Presented in certaine Papers, to the Chair-man of a Committee of the Assembly of Divines, Selected to consider of that Argument, in the years, 1643, and 1644. With some few Emendations, Additions, and an Answer to one new Objection*. Translated out of Latine, by the author. London: M.S. for George Whittington, 1646.

Etherington, John. *The Anabaptists ground-work for Reformation, or, NewPlanting of Churches, That no man, woman, nor child, may be baptized, but such as have justifying Faith, and doe make profeffion thereof, before, to the Baptizer, Found falje, with all things depending thereon*. London: M. Simmons; Imprimatur: Iames Cranford, 1644.

Fage, Robert, Jr. *The Lawfulness of Infants Baptisme. Or an Answer to Thomas Lamb his eight Arguments, entitled, 'The unlawfulness of Infants Baptisme.' And may serve also to the false minors, an old out-worne Arguments in the late book of C. Paul Hobson, till a more particular and compleat Answer come forth to anatomise the fallacies of the said Book, entituled, 'The fallacie of Infants Baptisme'*. N.p.: W. Wilson, 1645.

*A Declaration against Anabaptists: To stop the Profecution fo their Errours, falsly pretended to be a Vindication of the Royall Commifsion of King Jesus, as they call it. Briefly and fully anfwering all their Allegations, and clearly proving the Anabaptifticall Doctrine to be againft the glory of God, the honour of Chrif and his Church, againft the Covenant of grace, and againft the word of God, and priviledges of the Church made over to them by promife; And also againft the Solemne League and Covenant of the three Kingdomes. In Anfwer to a book, by Francis Cornwall presented to the house of Commons, on Friday laft, for which he is committed*. London: Ja:Cranford; Printed for R.W., 1644.

Hussey, William. *An Answer to Mr. Tombes his Scepticall Examination of Infants-Baptisme: Wherein Baptisme is declared to ingraft us into Christ, before any preparation: And the Covenant of the Gospel to Abraham and the Gentiles is proved to be the same, extended to the Gentiles children, as well as to Abrahams: Together with the Reason, why Baptize children, is not so plainly set down in the Gospel, as Circumcise children, in the Law, and yet the Gospel more plain then the Law*. London: [Printed for] John Saywell, 1646.

Blake, Thomas. *Mr. Blakes Answer, to Mr. Tombes his Letter. In Vindication of the Birth-Priviledge, or Covenant holineffe of Believers, and their Iffue, in the time of Gospel. Together with the right of Infants to Baptisme*. London: Printed by R. L. for Abel Roper, 1646.

## Schedule

| Week | Dates          | Subject   | Student                                       |
|------|----------------|---|---|
| [1]  | Jan. 24        | Orientation   |   |
| [1]  | Jan. 31        | Library Day   |   |
| [2]  | Feb. 7         | G. H. Orchard, <i>A Concise History of Baptists</i><br><br>Joseph Ivimey, <i>A History of the English Baptists</i> , vol. 1<br>B. R. White, <i>The English Baptists of the Seventeenth Century</i>              | Gary<br>Blackwell<br>Mark Foster<br>David Han |
| [3]  | Feb. 14        | William H. Whitsitt, <i>A Question in Baptist History</i><br>James McGoldrick, <i>Baptist Successionism</i><br>William R. Estep, <i>The Anabaptist Story: An Introduction into Sixteenth-Century Anabaptism</i> | Hochul Song<br>Billy Puckett<br>Trudy Penton  |
| [4]  | Feb. 21        | Brackney ix-54<br><br>Brackney 55-107<br>Shurden 1-59   | Gary<br>Blackwell<br>Mark Foster<br>David Han |
| [5]  | Feb. 28        | Greer-Heard   |   |
| [6]  | Mar. 7         | Shurden, 60-119<br>Norman, 1-82<br>Norman, 83-168   | Hochul Song<br>Billy Puckett<br>Trudy Penton  |
| [7]  | Mar. 14        | Stanley Fowler, <i>More Than a Symbol</i> ,<br>Blackwell<br><br>Herschel H. Hobbs, <i>The Baptist Faith and Message</i> [1996]<br>Pamphlet Reviews: Ritor/Tombes  | Gary<br><br>Hochul Song<br>Mark Foster        |
| [8]  | Mar. 21        | Pamphlet Reviews: Etherington/Fage/ <i>Declaration</i><br>Pamphlet Reviews: Hussey<br>Pamphlet Reviews: Blake   | Trudy Penton<br>David Han<br>Billy Puckett    |
|      | <b>Mar. 28</b> | <b>S P R I N G</b><br><b>B R E A K</b>  |   |
| [9]  | Apr. 4         | Research Paper<br>Balthasar Hubmaier  |   |
| [10] | Apr. 11        | Research Paper<br>Ancient Church  |   |

- [11] Apr. 18 Research Paper  
Collegiate Mennonites
- [12] Apr. 25 Research Paper  
JLJ Church
- [13] May 2 Research Paper  
John Smyth
- [14] May 9 Research Paper  
First Baptist Church in America
- [15] May 16 Personal Perspective on Origins