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BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

**HIST 9408 BAPTIST ORIGINS IN  
ENGLAND AND AMERICA**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Theological and Historical Studies  
Spring 2019 – Monday 1:00-4:50 pm  
(1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6)

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### **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.

### **Core Value Focus**

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is *doctrinal integrity*. We want everything we do to be characterized by offering the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Curriculum Competencies**

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are:

Theological and Historical Heritage – comprehensive overview of Baptist formation and development

Disciple Making – use the people from our past to model Christ-like behavior

Servant Leadership – use the people from our past to model servant leadership

Spiritual and Character Formation – model Christian character in relating to those in the Baptist family with whom we disagree

Biblical Exposition – demonstrate the biblical foundation for Baptist distinctives

Worship Leadership – examine the variety of worship styles and practices used by Baptists

### **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.

## Student Learning Outcomes

In order to understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church, the student, by the end of the course, should:

- 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

Bebbington, David W. *Baptists Through the Centuries: A History of a Global People*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2010.

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.

Williams, Michael, E. *Witnesses to the Baptist Heritage: Thirty Baptists Every Christian Should Know*. Macon, GA: Mercer Press, 2015.

## Requirements

**A. Text Review:** Each student will write a book review of the Brackney text. The review will be written as though for an academic magazine or journal. It should:

- 1) begin with bibliographic information on the book and a brief bio of the author
- 2) identify the book's main thesis or purpose,
- 3) give a brief summary of the contents,
- 4) 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. **Due February 11.**

**B. History Review:** Each student will write a review of an historical perspective on Baptist origins. The review will follow the same guidelines as the text reviews. **Due February 25.**

**C. Pamphlet Review:** Each student will write a review of several pamphlets in our library collection. Digital copies of the pamphlets will be provided to each student. The review will follow the same guidelines as the text reviews. **Due March 11.**

- D. Biography:** Write a biography on a major individual associated with Baptist life from the seventeenth century. You may choose the individual, subject to instructor approval. The choice of subject must be submitted to the professor by **March 1**. Your biography should be 8-10 double-spaced pages in length. The paper **must have** a title page, a table of contents, a bibliography, and footnotes or endnotes. **Due March 25.**
- E. Research Paper:** Each student will write a paper on some aspect of Baptist Origins or identity. The choice of subject must be submitted to the professor by **March 11**. 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, eighth 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. **One copy** must be provided each member of the class and **one copy** for the professor. **Due April 22.**

### Evaluation

Reading Reviews:	
Text Review	10%
History Review	10%
Pamphlet Review	10%
Biography	30%
<u>Research Paper</u>	<u>40%</u>
	100%

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

Landon Adams

*A Declaration against Anabaptists: To ftop the Profecution fo their Errours, falfly 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 Chrifft 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 alfo againft the Solemne League and Covenant of the three Kingdomes. In Anfwer to a book, by Francis Cornwall prefented to the houfe of Commons, on Friday laft, for which he is committed.* London: Ja:Cranford; Printed for R.W., 1644.

Ainsworth, Henry. *A Censure Upon a Dialogue of the Anabaptists [by John Murton], Intituled, A Description of What God Hath Predestinated Concerning Man.* 1642.

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

Fage, Robert, Jr. *The Lawfulnesse of Infants Baptisme. Or an Answer to Thomas Lamb his eight Arguments, entituled, 'The unlawfulnessse 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 fallasie of Infants Baptisme'.* N.p.: W. Wilson, 1645.

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.

Andrew Bailey

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.

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.

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.

Andy Baker

[Fealty, Daniel]. *A Warning for England especially for London in the famous history of the Frantick AnaBaptists their wild Preaching & Practises in Germany.* [London], n.p., 1642.

Bakewell, Thomas. *A iustification of two points now in controversie with the Anabaptists concerning baptisme : the first is, that infants of Christians ought to be baptized, with grounds to prove it, and their objections answered. With a briefe answer to Master Tombes twelve doubtfull arguments against it in his exercitation about infants baptisme. Also a briefe answer to Captaine Hobsons five arguments in his falacy of infants baptisme, being (as he saith) that which should have beene disputed by him, and Mr. Knowles, and some others; against Mr. Calamy and Mr. Cranford. The second point is, that the sprinckling the baptized more agreeth with the minde of Christ then dipping or plunging in or under the water: with grounds to prove it, and a briefe auswer [sic] to what they have to say against it.* London printed for Henry Shepard at the Bible in Tower-street, and for William Ley at his shop in Pauls Church-yard neere Doctors Commons 1646.

Mayne, Jasper. *A sermon against false prophets : Preached in St. Maries Church in Oxford, shortly after the surrender of that garrison.* [Oxford], 1647.

Spanhemius, Frederick. *Englands Warning by Germanies Woe: Or, An Hiftoricall Narration, of the Originall, Progreffe, Tenets, Names and Feverall Sects of the Anabaptifts, in Germany, and the Low Countries: Continued for about one hundred and twenty years, from Anno 1521. (which was the time of their first Rife,) untill these Dayes. Wherin is fet forth their severall Errors dangerous, and very deftructive to the Peace both of Church and State: The way and manner of their fpreading them: The many great Commontions: (yea, to the effufion of much blood,) which they occafioned in thofe parts, by their oppofition to, and refiftance of the Civill Magiftrates; And what course was there taken for the suppressing them.* London : Printed by John Dever & Robert Ibbitson, for John Bellamie, at the three Golden Lions in Corn-hill, neere the Royall Exchange, 1646.

Some, Robert. *A Godly treatise : wherein are examined and confuted many execrable fancies, given out and holden, partly by Henry Barrow and John Greenwood, partly by other of the Anabaptistical.* London : By G[eorge] B[ishop] deputie to Christopher Barker, printer to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, 1589.

## Schedule

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Student</b>
Jan. 28	Orientation	
Feb. 11	Bebbington 1-63; 177-214 Shurden 1-119 Norman, 1-168	Landon Adams Andrew Bailey Andy Baker
Feb. 25	G. H. Orchard, <i>A Concise History of Baptists</i> Joseph Ivimey, <i>A History of the English Baptists</i> , vol. 1 William H. Whitsitt, <i>A Question in Baptist History</i>	Landon Adams Andrew Bailey Andy Baker
Mar. 11	Pamphlet Reviews Pamphlet Reviews Pamphlet Reviews	Landon Adams Andrew Bailey Andy Baker
Mar. 25	Biographies	
Apr. 8	Library Day	
Apr. 22	Research Papers	
May 6	Research Papers	

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