

BAPTIST HERITAGE - HIST 5323

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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.

Purpose of the Course, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

The purpose of this course is to provide quality theological education for students in the discipline of theological and historical studies. The core value focus of the course will emphasize spiritual vitality. The course will specifically address the competencies of Christian theological heritage, disciple making, servant leadership and spiritual and character formation.

Course Description

This course surveys Baptist history, polity, and theology from seventeenth-century origins to the present, with primary emphasis on developments in England and North America. Attention is given to Anabaptist and English Separatist antecedents, intellectual and social currents that have shaped Baptist life and thought, institutional developments, theological distinctives and crises, the shaping of Baptist polity and contributions of selected Baptist leaders.

Objectives

- to learn about the people and events important to Baptist formation and development
- to understand and appreciate one's Baptist heritage
- to understand and appreciate the heritage of other groups within the Baptist family
- to interpret contemporary issues in Baptist life in light of their historical roots
- to develop the ability to think historically and critically, placing individuals, movements, and ideas within their proper context
- to learn about the foundation and development of the Southern Baptist Convention and understand its role within the larger Baptist family

Required Texts

There are three (3) required books for this class: a textbook, a documents book, and a discussion of Baptist polity. The text describes and interprets the people, events, and concepts that have been important throughout Baptist history. The documents book provides representative and influential confessions of faith actual important to our heritage. The polity book introduces one way of describing and categorizing Baptist distinctives. These books compliment one another as tools for understanding our Baptist heritage.

Leonard, Bill. *Baptist Ways: A History*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2003.

Lumpkin, William L., ed. *Baptist Confessions of Faith*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, rev. ed. 1969.

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

Recommended texts:

Wardin, Albert W., ed. *Baptists Around the World: A Comprehensive Handbook*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1995. [Currently out of print].

_____. *The Twelve Baptist Tribes in the U.S.A.* Atlanta: Baptist History and Heritage Society, 2007.

Grenz, Stanley J. *The Baptist Congregation*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1985; reprint, Vancouver, BC: Regent College Publishing, 1998.

Sullivan, James L. *Baptist Polity--As I See It*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, rev. ed. 1998.

Brand, Chad and R. Stanton Norman. *Perspectives on Church Government*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003.

Leonard, Bill J., ed. *Dictionary of Baptists in America*. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwy, 1999.

McBeth, H. Leon. *A Sourcebook for Baptist Heritage*. Nashville: Broadman, 1990.

Norman, R. Stanton. *The Baptist Way: Distinctives of a Baptist Church*. Nashville, Broadman & Holman, 2005.

Requirements

- A. **Tour:** Students are required to be involved in the class preparations and meetings for the July 12-24, 2010, trip to Oxford and to participate in the trip at their own expense.
- B. **Assigned Reading:** Students are expected to read the assigned texts prior to the tour and will submit a reading report, indicating that the material has been read. **Due July 12.**

Additional Reading: This year NOBTS will be endeavoring to read through the Bible. A schedule of the daily readings are attached for your convenience. Students are encouraged, but not required, to participate.

- C. **Biography:** Each student will write a review of a biography of someone in Baptist life. You may choose the individual, subject to instructor approval. The choice of subject must be submitted to the professor by **June 1**. Your biography should be 8-10 double-spaced pages in length and follow Turabian, sixth edition, for style. The paper **must have** a title page, a table of contents, a bibliography, and footnotes or endnotes.

Possible subjects for a biography:

John Smyth	John L. Dagg	H. Wheeler Robinson
Thomas Helwys	Alexander Campbell	W. T. Conner
John Bunyan	J. R. Graves	J. Frank Norris
Benjamin Keach	Charles Spurgeon	George W. Truett
John Gill	Johann Gerhard Oncken	Herschel Hobbs
Andrew Fuller	Augustus H. Strong	W. A. Criswell
William Carey	Lottie Moon	Carl F. H. Henry
Roger Williams	B. H. Carroll	Billy Graham
John Clarke	E. Y. Mullins	Annie Armstrong
John Leland	William Bell Riley	Adoniram Judson
Isaac Backus	Walter Rauschenbusch	Ann Judson
Richard Furman	W. O. Carver	Gustaf Palmquist

A hard copy of your paper will be turned in to the professor. An additional copy of your paper must be posted on the appropriate area under the “Groups” area on Blackboard as a .pdf document. This will allow the rest of the class to read your paper in its original format. Failure to post your paper on Blackboard in the correct format will result in a **5 point penalty**. A late paper will be assessed an initial **10 point penalty**. Each calendar day after the due (excluding Sunday) an **additional 10 point penalty** will be assessed. **Due July 12.**

D. Confession of Faith: Each student will write their own personal Confession of Faith. Include Scripture references as support for your views. While you may choose to model your confession after one of the existing confessions, it is not necessary to do so. If you make extensive use of one or more existing confessions, please note this in an introductory paragraph. However, this is your personal confession. Do not simply copy entire sections of a confession. Put it into your own words. Include the elements which you believe are necessary to be a Christian and to practice as a Baptist. Use headings to indicate major necessary doctrines such as God, Bible, humanity, salvation, Church (definition/authority over congregation/congregational leaders/ordinances), last things, etc. Your confession **must** have a title page and a table of contents. There are no page limits and it may be single spaced. The Confession is worth 50 points. A late confession will be assessed an initial **10 point penalty**. Each calendar day after the due date an **additional 10 point penalty** will be assessed. **Due July 12.**

E. Research Paper: Choose one of the following options for your research paper. E-mail me your top three topic interests (in order of preference from either option) **by June 30**. Assignments will be determined shortly thereafter. Papers **require** a title page, a table of contents, a bibliography, and footnotes or endnotes (parenthetical citations are not acceptable). 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 appendix should come before the bibliography and be single spaced. The text of your paper (not counting table of contents, appendix, or bibliography) should be 8-12 pages in length (no more, no less). Use 5 - 10 sources with a minimum of

three (3) books (do not use only Internet sources).

A hard copy of your paper will be turned in to the professor. An additional copy of your paper must be posted on the appropriate area under the “Groups” area on Blackboard as a .pdf document. This will allow the rest of the class to read your paper in its original format. Failure to post your paper on Blackboard in the correct format will result in a **5 point penalty**. A late paper will be assessed an initial **10 point penalty**. Each calendar day after the due (excluding Sunday) an **additional 10 point penalty** will be assessed. Projects will be graded on clear organization, spelling, and grammar as well as content. Format is important only on the paper copy that you hand in. For examples of Turabian form, see the Turabian Tutor on Blackboard. The paper is worth 100 points.

Due August 16.

Some resources for these projects include:

Albert Wardin, *Baptists Around the World* – **extremely helpful**

Bill Leonard, ed., *Dictionary of Baptists in America*;

Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists;

Daniel G. Reid, ed., *Dictionary of Christianity in America*;

Frank Mead, *Handbook of Denominations*;

Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches;

Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk, *Operation World*;

East-West Christian Organizations;

John A. Siewert and Edna G. Valdez, eds., *Mission Handbook: U.S. and Canadian Christian Ministries Overseas, 1998-2000*;

“Your Guide to International Missions,” International Mission Board

J. Gordon Melton, *Encyclopedia of American Religions*;

J. Gordon Melton, *American Religious Creeds*;

“Baptist Connections” <http://home.sprintmail.com/~masthewitt/baptists/links.html>

“Open Directory of Baptists”

http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Religion_and_Spirituality/Christianity/Denominations/Baptist/

“Association of Religion Data Archives - Maps”

<http://www.thearda.com/MapsReports/maps/USMaps.asp>

Option 1 A professor at a community college in the area where you are serving has asked you to explain if Southern Baptists are any different from other Baptist groups in the United States. Compare your assigned group and its stated beliefs and denominational structure with that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Note the similarities and differences in outlook, teachings, and methods of organization. Compare the “Baptist Faith and Message” with the official Doctrinal Statement or Confession of Faith of the group. Explain what a church needs to do to be considered a cooperating church within that fellowship and how churches are represented at the various denominational levels (voting/financial representation with association, state, nation). Describe who comprises denominational leadership (president and/or executive council) and how it is chosen. Indicate each group’s willingness to participate with interdenominational agencies such as the Baptist World Alliance or World Council of Churches. You may also want to write your group’s denominational headquarters and ask for copies of their Constitution, By-Laws, and Confession of Faith. Finally, as an appendix, include a two-page, singles-paced fact sheet on your denomination. It should include information on your denomination’s

headquarters (address, phone, web site, etc.), number of congregations and where they are concentrated (North, South, New England), and a brief summary of beliefs and structure. You may also include anything else you find of interest about your group. Your fact sheet should be no longer than two (2) pages and does not count toward the page limit of your paper.

Your grade will be determined as follows:

History	20 points
Summary of Doctrine	20 points
Denominational structure/organization	20 points
Comparison with SBC	20 points
Fact sheet (Appendix)	10 points
Form/Grammar	10 points

American Baptist Association	General Association of Regular Baptist Churches
American Baptist Churches, USA	Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, International
Baptist Bible Fellowship International	General Association of General Baptists
Baptist Missionary Association of America	Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Canadian Baptist Federation	World Baptist Fellowship
Canadian National Baptist Convention	National Association of Free Will Baptists
Conservative Baptist Association of America	National Baptist Convention, USA
Converge Worldwide [Baptist General Conference]	North American Baptist Conference
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Primitive Baptists (various groups)
Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches (Canada)	Progressive National Baptist Convention

Option 2 You have been asked to give a report to the Baptist World Alliance on Baptist missions and development in a select area of the world. In your report you will:

1. Give a brief history of when Baptist activity (by all Baptist denominations) began in your area and its subsequent development
2. Identify the Baptist denominations currently doing mission work in your area, the number of missionaries they send and type of work they do (hospital, church planting, education). Please note if information is not available on your country because of security reasons.
3. Note if your country also sends missionaries to other countries, listing the countries and the size of the missionary force.
4. Offer an explanation for the number of different Baptist denominations in your country. Example: Why are there 14 Baptist denominations in Japan? – see Wardin. (e.g. historical development, cultural differences, or theological controversy).
5. Include an appendix. Describe the unique challenges to evangelism and Baptist development in your country. Make suggestions for responding to these challenges. Include statistics (creative access countries excluded) of the Baptist denominations in your country (number of congregations/ membership). It should be two (2) pages, single-spaced, and does not count toward the page limit of your paper.

Your grade will be determined as follows:

History of Baptist work in your country	30 points
Identify Baptist groups sending missionaries to your country	20 points
Identify places where your country sends missionaries	15 points
Explain why there are more than one Baptist group	15 points
Appendix	10 points
Form/Grammar	10 points

Argentina	Korea
Australia	Liberia
Bangladesh	Malawi
Brazil	Mexico
Cameroon	Myanmar (Burma)
China	Nigeria
Cuba	Philippines
Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire)	Russia
Denmark	Scotland
Germany	South Africa
India	Spain
Jamaica	Sweden
Japan	Ukraine

Penalties

- A. *Tests*: A student who misses a test for anything other than an excused (a death or illness in the family) or a **previously** approved reason will not be allowed to take a make up exam.
- B. *Papers*: A late paper will be assessed an initial **10 point penalty**. Each calendar day after the due date an **additional 10 point penalty** will be assessed. Failure to post a copy of the paper on Blackboard will result in the **loss of 5 points**.
- C. *Plagiarism*: New Orleans Baptist Seminary maintains high academic standards and is not tolerant of plagiarism. If you copy another author's work and present it as your own, you will be caught, and the penalty could be failure on that assignment or the course or expulsion from the Seminary.

Possible Points & Grading Scale

<u>Possible Points</u>	<u>Grading Scale</u>
Reading: 50 pts.	A = 325-350 pts.
Biography: 100 pts.	B = 297-324 pts.
Confession: 50 pts.	C = 269-296 pts.
Research Paper: <u>100 pts.</u> 300 pts.	D = 245-268 pts. F = 244 - ↓ pts.

Summer Semester Bible Reading Plan

June 1, 2010 – July 31, 2010

JUNE

- 1 Isaiah 32:11-34:17, Galatians 5:19-6:18, Psalm 115:9-13, Proverbs 23:29-30
- 2 Isaiah 35:1-37:20, Ephesians 1:1-23, Psalm 115:14-18, Proverbs 23:31-32
- 3 Isaiah 37:21-39:8, Ephesians 2:1-22, Psalm 116:1-7, Proverbs 23:33-35
- 4 Isaiah 40:1-41:20, Ephesians 3:1-21, Psalm 116:8-14, Proverbs 24:1-2
- 5 Isaiah 41:21-43:13, Ephesians 4:1-24, Psalm 116:15-19, Proverbs 24:3-4
- 6 Isaiah 43:14-45:10, Ephesians 4:25-5:14, Psalm 117:1-118:4, Proverbs 24:5-6
- 7 Isaiah 45:11-48:11, Ephesians 5:15-33, Psalm 118:5-9, Proverbs 24:7-9
- 8 Isaiah 48:12-50:11, Ephesians 6:1-24, Psalm 118:10-14, Proverbs 24:10-12
- 9 Isaiah 51:1-54:3, Philippians 1:1-21, Psalm 118:15-21, Proverbs 24:13-14
- 10 Isaiah 54:4-57:13, Philippians 1:22-2:11, Psalm 118:22-29, Proverbs 24:15-16
- 11 Isaiah 57:14-60:16, Philippians 2:12-30, Psalm 119:1-4, Proverbs 24:17-18
- 12 Isaiah 60:17-63:19, Philippians 3:1-21, Psalm 119:5-8, Proverbs 24:19-20
- 13 Isaiah 64:1-66:24, Philippians 4:1-23, Psalm 119:9-11, Proverbs 24:21-22
- 14 Jeremiah 1:1-2:37, Colossians 1:1-20, Psalm 119:12-16, Proverbs 24:23-25
- 15 Jeremiah 3:1-4:31, Colossians 1:21-2:15, Psalm 119:17-20, Proverbs 24:26-27
- 16 Jeremiah 5:1-6:21, Colossians 2:16-3:17, Psalm 119:21-24, Proverbs 24:28-29
- 17 Jeremiah 6:22-8:13, Colossians 3:18-4:18, Psalm 119:25-27, Proverbs 24:30-34
- 18 Jeremiah 8:14-10:17, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12, Psalm 119:28-32, Proverbs 25:1-3
- 19 Jeremiah 10:18-12:17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:13, Psalm 119:33-36, Proverbs 25:4-7
- 20 Jeremiah 13:1-15:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:7, Psalm 119:37-40, Proverbs 25:8-10
- 21 Jeremiah 15:5-17:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:8-28, Psalm 119:41-44, Proverbs 25:11-12
- 22 Jeremiah 17:19-20:6, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12, Psalm 119:45-48, Proverbs 25:13
- 23 Jeremiah 20:7-22:30, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:18, Psalm 119:49-52, Proverbs 25:14-15
- 24 Jeremiah 23:1-24:10, 1 Timothy 1:1-20, Psalm 119:53-56, Proverbs 25:16-17
- 25 Jeremiah 25:1-26:24, 1 Timothy 2:1-3:7, Psalm 119:57-60, Proverbs 25:18-20
- 26 Jeremiah 27:1-29:14, 1 Timothy 3:8-4:16, Psalm 119:61-64, Proverbs 25:21-22
- 27 Jeremiah 29:15-31:14, 1 Timothy 5:1-25, Psalm 119:65-68, Proverbs 25:23-24
- 28 Jeremiah 31:15-32:25, 1 Timothy 6:1-21, Psalm 119:69-72, Proverbs 25:25-26
- 29 Jeremiah 32:26-34:11, 2 Timothy 1:1-18, Psalm 119:73-77, Proverbs 25:27-28
- 30 Jeremiah 34:12-36:26, 2 Timothy 2:1-21, Psalm 119:78-81, Proverbs 26:1-3

JULY

- 1 Jeremiah 36:27-38:28, 2 Timothy 2:22-3:17, Psalm 119:82-88, Proverbs 26:4-6
- 2 Jeremiah 39:1-41:18, 2 Timothy 4:1-22, Psalm 119:89-95, Proverbs 26:7-9
- 3 Jeremiah 42:1-44:14, Titus 1:1-2:8, Psalm 119:96-100, Proverbs 26:10-12
- 4 Jeremiah 44:15-47:7, Titus 2:9-3:15, Psalm 119:101-104, Proverbs 26:13-16
- 5 Jeremiah 48:1-49:6, Philemon 1-25, Psalm 119:105-108, Proverbs 26:17-19
- 6 Jeremiah 49:7-50:23, Hebrews 1:1-2:9, Psalm 119:109-12, Proverbs 26:20-23
- 7 Jeremiah 50:24-51:32, Hebrews 2:10-3:11, Psalm 119:113-120, Proverbs 26:24-26
- 8 Jeremiah 51:33-52:16, Hebrews 3:12-4:13, Psalm 119:121-128, Proverbs 26:27-28
- 9 Jeremiah 52:17-34, Hebrews 4:14-6:8, Psalm 119:129-136, Proverbs 27:1-2
- 10 Lamentations 1:1-3:12, Hebrews 6:9-7:10, Psalm 119:137-144, Proverbs 27:3-4
- 11 Lamentations 3:13-66, Hebrews 7:11-8:6, Psalm 119:145-152, Proverbs 27:5-6
- 12 Lamentations 4:1-5:22, Hebrews 8:7-9:14, Psalm 119:153-160, Proverbs 27:7-8
- 13 Ezekiel 1:1-3:15, Hebrews 9:15-10:10, Psalm 119:161-168, Proverbs 27:9-10

14 Ezekiel 3:16-6:14, Hebrews 10:11-31, Psalm 119:169-176, Proverbs 27:11-13
15 Ezekiel 7:1-9:11, Hebrews 10:32-11:12, Psalm 120:1-7, Proverbs 27:14-16
16 Ezekiel 10:1-12:7, Hebrews 11:13-31, Psalm 121:1-8, Proverbs 27: 17-18
17 Ezekiel 12:8-14:11, Hebrews 11:32-12:11, Psalm 122:1-9, Proverbs 27:19-20
18 Ezekiel 14:12-16:34, Hebrews 12:12-29, Psalm 123:1-4, Proverbs 27:21-22
19 Ezekiel 16:35-17:24, Hebrews 13:1-25, Psalm 124:1-5, Proverbs 27:23-24
20 Ezekiel 18:1-19:14, James 1:1-21, Psalm 124:6-125:5, Proverbs 27:25-27
21 Ezekiel 20:1-21:7, James 1:22-2:17, Psalm 126:1-6, Proverbs 28:1-3
22 Ezekiel 21:8-22:31, James 2:18-3:12, Psalm 127:1-5, Proverbs 28:4-5
23 Ezekiel 23:1-24:5, James 3:13-4:17, Psalm 128:1-6, Proverbs 28:6-8
24 Ezekiel 24:6-26:6, James 5:1-20, Psalm 129:1-8, Proverbs 28:9-11
25 Ezekiel 26:7-27:36, 1 Peter 1:1-21, Psalm 130:1-8, Proverbs 28:12-14
26 Ezekiel 28:1-30:8, 1 Peter 1:22-2:17, Psalm 131:1-132:5, Proverbs 28:15-18
27 Ezekiel 30:9-32:16, 1 Peter 2:18-3:12, Psalm 132:6-12, Proverbs 28:19-22
28 Ezekiel 32:17-33:33, 1 Peter 3:13-4:11, Psalm 132:13-18, Proverbs 28:23-25
29 Ezekiel 34:1-36:12, 1 Peter 4:12-5:14, Psalm 133:1-134:3, Proverbs 28:26-28
30 Ezekiel 36:13-37:28, 2 Peter 1:1-21, Psalm 135:1-7, Proverbs 29:1-3
31 Ezekiel 38:1-39:29, 2 Peter 2:1-22, Psalm 135:8-12, Proverbs 29:4-6

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