

CH0121W The Church, Then and Now

Offered: 2018: Saturdays throughout the year: February – November (12 sessions)
[For Students in the Transformation Program only]

This unit provides an introductory survey of the origins, theology and mission of the church, with specific reference to Baptist perspectives on these themes.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Identify several biblical images of the church.
2. Describe central elements in the history and theology of the Baptist movement.
3. Articulate their understanding of the role and mission of the church today.
4. Explain simply some biblical and theological perspectives on baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per session, on twelve Saturdays throughout the year

Assessment: One 1,500 word essay (60%)
One 1,000 word Bible study (20%)
One 1,000 word tutorial paper (20%)

Faculty: Richard Mallaby (Co-ordinator) and other Whitley faculty

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Baptist World Alliance, Study and Research Division. *We Baptists*. Franklin, TN: Providence House, 1999.

Beasley-Murray, Paul. *Radical Believers: The Baptist way of being church*. Baptist Union of Great Britain, 1992.

Ehrman, Bart D. *The New Testament: A historical introduction to the early Christian writings*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. Chapter 29.

Gill, Athol. *Life on the Road*. Dandenong, Vic: UNOH Publishing, 2009. 'Learning to read the road maps.'

Goldingay, John E. *Theological diversity and the authority of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987.

Hanson, Paul D. *The people called: The growth of community in the Bible*. 2nd edn. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2001.

Van Gelder, Craig and William David Taylor. *The essence of the church: A community created by the Spirit*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.