



6:15PM each Wednesday night (see schedule below) in Room 106 at East Booneville Baptist Church.

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different varieties of churches? **Where** did they come from? **What** are the differences? **Why** are there differences? These are all great questions, and this class will encourage you to think carefully about how to answer fairly. Even among churches who would say “we love Jesus” there are differences in belief and practice, and some of these reasons are more essential/important than others. There are also new religions that don’t hold to essential Christian doctrines and there are entirely different religions all around the world that are something altogether different. Sometimes in matters of faith and religion there are barriers that separate people. But Jesus left his followers with the Great Commission, a command to build and follow Gospel bridges into all cultures. In this class we will look at various tribes through the lens of church history. We will look at essentials of Christianity as well as some secondary issues of doctrine and practice among denominations & Christian “tribes”. And then we will explore some new religions, cults, and world religions. My prayer is that this study will drive you to the scriptures and prayer to help equip you be a faithful ambassador of Christ where he has placed you. -Ed Earnest

| SCHEDULE: | TITLE: | A CLOSER LOOK AT: |
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| Week 1 : Feb. 8 | “Timeline & Overview” | ...why church history matters, definitions & differences, and the big picture of this class. |
| Week 2 : Feb. 15 | “Growing Influence” | Catholic & Orthodox |
| Week 3: Feb. 22 | “Reformation Rumbblings” | Lutheran, Presbyterian, & Anabaptists |
| Week 4 : Mar. 1 | “Liturgy & Revivalism” | Anglican/Episcopal, Methodists, & more |
| Week 5 : Mar. 8 | “Separatists Scatter” | Congregational, Baptist, & Restoration Movement (Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Church of Christ) |
| SPRING BREAK : Mar. 15 | <i>There are no mid-week activities or classes this week.</i> | |
| Week 6: Mar. 22 | “Signs & Wonders” | Apostolic, Pentecostal, Word of Faith, & more |
| Week 7 : Mar. 29 | “The Pendulum Swings” | Unitarian Universalists, Christian Science, & more |
| Week 8 : Apr. 5 | “New Revelations? part 1” | Latter Day Saints (Mormons) & Jehovah’s Witness |
| Week 9 : Apr. 12 | “New Revelations? part 2” | Scientology, International Churches of Christ, & more |
| Week 10 : Apr. 19 | “World Religions part 1” | Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Islam, & more |
| Week 11 : Apr. 26 | “World Religion part 2” | Eastern Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, & more |
| Week 12 : May 3 | “World Religions part 3” | Neopagan, Wicca, New Age, & Humanism |