

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HIS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the origins and development of the Pentecostal and charismatic movements in the 20th Century: formative influences, cultural and social factors, key personalities, centers of revival, theological issues, spirituality, and impact on modern Christianity.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To examine modern Pentecostalism in its various forms.
2. To discern the contributions that Pentecostalism has made to Christianity and spirituality.
3. To analyze the nature of contemporary Pentecostalism, its diversity and essential unity.
4. To research and interpret Pentecostal history based on primary sources and relevant secondary literature.

TEXTBOOKS

Bartleman, Frank. *Azusa Street: The Roots of Modern-day Pentecost*. S. Plainfield, N.J.: Bridge Publishing, 1980.

Martin, Larry E., ed. *The Topeka Outpouring of 1901*. Joplin, Mo.: Christian Life Books, 1997.

Synan, Vinson. *The Century of the Holy Spirit: 100 Years of Pentecostal and Charismatic Renewal*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001.

Wacker, Grant. *Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001.

Recommended:

Burgess, Stanley M., ed. *New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House (forthcoming).

METHODOLOGY

Lecture, discussion

REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and participation in class sessions. Absences should be taken only as needed and must not exceed the number permitted in the seminary catalog if credit is to be given. Students should not plan ministry activities during the semester either in the U.S. or overseas that will cause them to miss more classes than allowed by the seminary policy.
2. Completion of all assigned reading.
3. Successful completion of ten unannounced quizzes over scheduled readings during the course of the semester. Each quiz will be made up of one essay question. Students with a reading (e.g., dyslexia) or writing challenge may ask the instructor for an alternative means of examination. **Quizzes cannot be made up at a later time.**
4. Preparation of a 15-page research paper (exclusive of endnotes and bibliography) based on primary sources. Topics must be approved by the instructor. **DUE: NOVEMBER 15, 2001.**

GRADING

10 quizzes	70%
Research paper	30%

CAUTIONS

1. Late work will be penalized.
2. Incompletes will be given only in the event of extreme circumstances.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Key: S—Synan; W—Wacker

Aug 30	Introduction to the course
Sep 4	Charismatic movements before 1900
Sep 6	Holiness and “Higher Life” movements S—1, 2
Sep 11	Healing, premillennialism, and missions
Sep 13	Radical evangelicals and world evangelization Gary B. McGee, “Shortcut to Language Preparation? Radical Evangelicals, Missions, and the Gift of Tongues,” <i>International Bulletin of Missionary Research</i> 25 (July 2001): 118-20, 22-23. (reference section of AGTS library)

- Sep 18 Early Pentecostal revivals
Martin, *Topeka Outpouring*
- Sep 20 Contd.
S—3
Bartleman, *Azusa Street*
- Sep 25 Contd.
Gary B. McGee, "'Latter Rain' Falling in the East: Early-Twentieth-Century Pentecostalism in India and the Debate over Speaking in Tongues," *Church History* 68 (September 1999): 648-665. (reference section)
- Sep 27 Early Pentecostals
W—Intro., 1, 2
- Oct 2 Contd.
W—3, 4, 5, 6
- Oct 4 Contd.
W—7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Oct 9 New missionary diaspora
S—4
- Oct 11 Historiography of Pentecostalism
Joe Creech, "Visions of Glory: The Place of the Azusa Street Revival in Pentecostal History," *Church History* 65 (September 1996): 405-424. (reference section)
- Oct 16 Theological issues
S—5, 6
- Oct 18 Pentecostals and pacifism
W—12, 13, 14, 15, Epilogue
- Oct 23 Pentecostal organizations and changes in the movement
S—11, 12
- Oct 25 New Order of the Latter Rain
Richard Riss, "The Latter Rain Movement of 1948," *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 4 (Spring 1982): 32-45. (reference section)
- Oct 30 Salvation/healing movement
S—13

- Nov 1 Contd.
- Nov 6 Charismatic movement in the Protestant churches
S—7
- Nov 8 Contd.
S—8, 10
- Nov 13 Charismatic movement in the Roman Catholic Church
S—9
- Nov 15 Contd.
- Nov 20 International Roman Catholic and Classical Pentecostal Dialogue
Kilian McDonnell, O.S.B., "The Death of Mythologies: The Classical Pentecostal/Roman Catholic Dialogue," *America*, March 25, 1995, 14-19.
- Nov 27 Implicit values in Pentecostalism
Russell P. Spittler, "Spirituality, Pentecostal," in *Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* (reference section)
- Nov 29 Issues facing Pentecostals
S—14
- Dec 4 Presentation of research conclusions
- Dec 6 Contd.
- Dec 10-14 Exam Week

RESOURCES

Resources for research and research methodology will be discussed in class.

Prepared by Gary B. McGee, August 17, 2001.