

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Burgess, Stanley M., ed. *New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 2002.

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

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 eleven 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 (e.g., mid-term and final exams). **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. Research papers this semester will focus on the healing evangelists of the mid-twentieth century as bridges between classical Pentecostalism and the charismatic renewal.  
**DUE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2002.**

### GRADING

11 quizzes	60%
Research paper	40%

### 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: B—Burgess; W—Wacker

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| Sep 3  | Introduction to the course   |
| Sep 5  | Charismatic movements before 1900<br><i>Convocation at 10:20 a.m. will mean that class time will be shortened.</i><br>B-European Pietist Roots; Irving, Edward; West of Scotland Revival   |
| Sep 10 | Holiness and "Higher Life" movements<br>B-Holiness Movement; Black Holiness Pentecostalism; Keswick Higher Life Movement   |
| Sep 12 | Healing and premillennialism<br>B-Healing in the Christian Church; Eschatology; Faith Homes; Simpson, Albert B.  |
| Sep 17 | Radical evangelicals and world evangelization<br>B-Signs and Wonders; 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. (Located in reference section of AGTS library or can be downloaded from the instructor's website.) |

- Sep 19 Early Pentecostal revivals—Topeka  
Parham, Charles F.; Topeka Revival; Apostolic Faith (Baxter Springs, KS)
- Sep 24 Contd.—Azusa Street  
**Bartleman, Azusa Street**; B-Azusa Street Revival; Seymour, William J.; Bartleman, Frank
- Sep 26 Contd.—India  
B-India; Ramabai, Sarasvati Mary; 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)
- BTH Departmental Lecture at 2:30 p.m.: “The Calcutta Revival of 1907 and the Reformulation of Charles F. Parham’s ‘Bible Evidence’ Doctrine”**
- Oct 1 Early Pentecostals: Who were they? What were they like? What did they believe?  
W—Intro., 1, 2
- Oct 3 Contd.  
W—3, 4, 5, 6
- Oct 8 Contd.  
W—7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Oct 10 Historiography of Pentecostalism  
B-Bibliography and Historiography of Pentecostalism in the United States; 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 15 New missionary diaspora  
B-Missions, Overseas (N. American Pentecostal); Missiology: Pentecostal and Charismatic
- Oct 17 Visit to Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center at AG Headquarters
- Oct 22 Early Pentecostals and issues  
W—12, 13, 14, 15, Epilogue
- Oct 24 Theological issues  
B-Initial Evidence; Finished Work Controversy; Oneness Pentecostalism

- Oct 29 Pentecostal organizations and changes in the movement  
B-Assemblies of God; Church of God (Cleveland, TN), Church of God in Christ; Hispanic Pentecostalism; International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; United Pentecostal Church International
- Oct 31 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)
- Nov 5 Salvation/healing movement  
B-Branham, William M; Positive Confession Theology
- Nov 7 Charismatic movement in the Protestant churches  
B-Charismatic Movement; Shepherding Movement
- Nov 12 Charismatic movement in the Roman Catholic Church  
"Catholic Charismatic Renewal" in ***Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements (1988) (reference section)***; Kilian McDonnell, O.S.B., "The Death of Mythologies: The Classical Pentecostal/Roman Catholic Dialogue," *America*, March 25, 1995, 14-19.
- Nov 14 Charismatic movements among conservative evangelicals  
B-Brownsville Revival; New Apostolic Reformation; Third Wave; Toronto Blessing
- Nov 19 Implicit values in Pentecostalism  
B-Spirituality, Pentecostal and Charismatic
- Nov 21 World Pentecostalism: Africa (roundtable discussions hereafter)  
B-pp. 3-22, 67-76, 85-8, 150-5, 180-1, 227-38, 264-9, 273-6
- Nov 26 World Pentecostalism: Latin America  
B-pp. 23-5, 29-31, 33-42, 51-53, 55-58, 65-6, 77-9, 81-4, 141-7, 157-67, 175-8, 209-11, 253-5
- Dec 3 World Pentecostalism: Europe  
B-Belgium, Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Sweden; Europe, Eastern (Survey); Europe, Western (Survey)
- Dec 5 World Pentecostalism: Southern and East Asia  
B: Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka; also: Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Pacific Islands

Dec 10 World Pentecostalism: China and Taiwan  
B-China, Taiwan

Dec 12-18 Exam Week

### RESOURCES

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

Prepared by Gary B. McGee, August 16, 2002.