

AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY

SPECIAL SUBJECTS and INDIVIDUALS in AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY

1600s

Creative forces in American Christianity

European connections to the establishment of the faith in America

Influence of Genevan republicanism

Separation of church/state issues

Early English missionary societies

Puritan colonies

American Congregationalism/democracy

Plymouth experiment

John Cotton

Increase Mather

Cotton Mather

Harvard and Yale

Half-way Cove

Experiments in religious liberty

Baptist (RI) and RC (MD) beginnings

Roger Williams

Baltimore family

Religious diversity in the middle colonies: Dutch/German Reformed, German/Scandinavian Lutherans, English Quakers, Mennonites

early American Reformed churches

Swedes and Lutherans in Delaware

Fox and Quakerism

William Penn

Mennonites/Brethren

Pacifism

Michael Schlatter

1700s

Colonial Presbyterians

- Francis Makemie
- early Presbyterian churches
- first presbytery and first synod
- the Adopting act
- Covenanters

Great Awakening in New England

- Jonathan Edwards: life and work
- George Whitefield's religious/political contributions in the new world
- Old Light-New Light controversy

Great Awakening in Middle/Southern Colonies

- Tennant family
- Log College
- Old Side-New Side controversy

Colonial missions and benevolent enterprises

- John Elliot
- David Brainerd
- Orphanage work

War of Independence and the churches

- Influence of Geneva and John Locke
- John Witherspoon
- Chaplains

Nationalization of the American churches

Presbyterian General Assembly and the U.S. Constitution

John Wesley and the Methodists

1800s

The Western Movement of Population and the Rise of the Popular Churches

Charles Beatty

Presbyterian expansion

1801 Plan of Union

the Baptists and John Taylor

the Methodists and Francis Asbury

Thomas Campbell

the Unitarians

The Second Awakening and the Frontier Schisms

Lyman Beecher

Thomas Paine

Timothy Dwight

camp meetings of early 1800's

Presbyterian schisms

The Era of Organization and the Rise of Modern Missions

Presbyterian missions (245-46)

Samuel J. Mills

Adoniram Judson

American Home Mission Society

Religion in the Restless Thirties and Forties

Albert Barnes

Old School-New School division

Reformed Episcopal Church

Missouri Synod Lutheran Church

German Reformed Church

case of John W. Nevin and Philip Schaff

the Roman Catholic Church and the Jesuits

the Millerites

the Mormons

Charles Finney and Perfectionism

Slavery Controversy and Schisms

Presbyterian meeting of 1818 and slavery (292-93)

Southern Baptist Church

Southern Methodist Church

Presbyterian divisions--north and south; Old and New Schools

Old School slavery disputes (308)

Pacific Northwest missions: Jason Lee and Marcus Whitman

the YMCA

Dwight Moody

John Wanamaker

The Churches North and South and the Civil War

Gardiner Spring (311)

the Southern Presbyterian Church

Generals Lee and Jackson

Henry Ward Beecher

The Churches in the Period of Reconstruction

the WCTU

immigration and the churches

the American Sabbath

Robert Ingersoll

Presbyterian reunion
Moody's campaigns
Jewish organization
Horace Bushnell
evolution and the churches
higher criticism beginnings
Charles A. Briggs
Henry Preserved Smith
A. C. McGiffert

1900s

The Church and the Changing Economic Order

Northern Baptist Convention
“holiness” movement and the “second blessing”
Pentecostalism
R.A. Torrey
Billy Sunday
the Social Gospel
Student Volunteer Movement
Sheldon Jackson
the Orthodox churches
Judaism and Zionism

The Church and the Rise of the City

Mary Baker Eddy
the institutional church
Salvation Army
Phillips Brooks
Sunday Schools and church schools
Federal Council of Churches
the Social Creed of the Churches

World War I: Prosperity and Depression

- pacifism in America
- J. Gresham Machen--early years
- Princeton and Westminster
- Fundamentalism
- Rise of Scofield Dispensationalism
- Harry Emerson Fosdick
- the Scopes trial
- prohibition and the churches
- Rethinking Missions
- premillennialism in America
- Karl Barth and neo-orthodoxy in America
- church unions
- Faith and Order
- Life and Work

Through a Decade of Storm to the Mid-Century

- the church and World War II
- Social Gospel pacifism
- the World Council of Churches formation
- church's use of radio and films
- New Evangelicalism and the National Association of Evangelicals
- Billy Graham Crusade/cooperative evangelism
- Charismatic Movement
- Jesus Movement

Threshold of Post-modernism and beyond

- Vineyard Movement roots in Calvary Chapel Movement
- Moral Majority and Christian Coalition
- Televangelism
- Feminism in the North American church; Re-Imagining God
- Chicago Statement on Inerrancy
- Promise Keepers
- Emerging Church

OTHER SPECIAL SUBJECTS

modern ecumenical theology and ethics
recent progress in church unions
recent activities of the National Council of Churches
the American Council of Christian Churches
current situation in American separatist churches
rapprochement between North American Evangelicals and Roman Catholics

American Presbyterian history:

Princeton Seminary: founding, early years, theology

Amendments of 1903

the “five fundamentals”

reorganization of Princeton

J. Gresham Machen

Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions

trials of Machen, Carl McIntire, et al.

Presbyterian Church of America

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Bible Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church in America

reunion of Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches

Confession of 1967: adoptions and consequences

Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals