

Baptist Union of Great Britain
TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORS AND PREACHERS

Course Descriptors

BAPTIST BELIEF AND PRACTICE

Aims

The aims of this module are:

- To introduce key events and issues within Baptist history.
- To examine issues of Baptist identity, and how these have been lived out in different ways at different times.
- To help participants explore what it means to be Baptist today.

Description

Through an exploration of both historical and contemporary understandings of what it means to be Baptist, this module will enable participants to understand the particular contribution Baptists make to the life and mission of God's people. The development of key Baptist beliefs and principles will be outlined, and connections made to current issues facing the church such as authority, membership, and renewal.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, participants should be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding of the origin and development of Baptist life.
- An understanding of the key principles that have shaped Baptist identity.
- An ability to make connections between historical perspectives and contemporary Baptist life and witness.

Assessment

There will be two assignments to be completed. It is expected that at least one of these will be a written piece of work (1200-1500 words) on a theme central to the area of learning covered in this module. The other may be the preparation of a 'journal', to include a variety of ways that illustrate the participant's engagement with the issues covered in this module (eg book review, poetry, case study).