

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

Church History 1

March 18-May 12, 2026

8 Week Online Course

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Course Instructor:
Tim Harvey

Course Description:

This online course provides an overview of Christian history from the close of the New Testament era to the eve of the Protestant Reformation (approximately 75 CE to 1500 CE). Students will become broadly familiar with this era of Christian history, with special focus on

- the identity, beliefs, practices, and struggles of the pre-Constantinian church
- the impacts of Constantine's conversion on Christian influence and theology
- monastic reform
- the concerns and criticisms of the pre-reformers
- the church's evolving attitudes about war
- the Doctrine of Discovery

Along the way we will engage both our primary text and selected translated works of Christian thinkers and writers of this era.

This course is available to:

- **TRIM/EFSM** students:
Fulfills **BHTS**
- **CEU** credit:
Fulfills **2 Units**
- Anyone seeking personal or spiritual enrichment

Course Fee: \$300.00

Registration deadline:
February 11, 2026

Please wait to order books until after your registration has been confirmed by the Brethren Academy office.

Expectations:

Active engagement with the primary readings and discussion prompts through the weekly online discussion forum will form a significant amount of our course work. These learnings will be supplemented by content quizzes, brief essays on assigned topics, and a final project involving interaction with a topic from our class and application to current ministry settings.

Course Reading Resources :

González, Justo L. The Story of Christianity, volume 1.

Placher, William C. and Derek R. Nelson. Readings in the History of Christian Theology, volume 1, Revised Edition.

Online lectures will be provided by your instructor in written form (and possibly in video format). These online lectures will be occasionally supplemented with readings provided by the instructor.

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Course Withdrawal Refund Policy:

- Full refund available before registration deadline
- 50% refund from registration deadline to course start.
- No refunds once the course has begun.

Exceptions require approval from the Brethren Academy Director.

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for:

- TRIM and EFSM students fulfilling BHTS credits.
- Pastors and lay leaders seeking CEUs.
- Individuals discerning a call to ministry.

Anyone longing to deepen their theological understanding and faith practice.

Course Format and Requirements:

Online courses require students to be disciplined in their time management, in addition to navigating the online format. Students are expected to invest about ten hours per week during this course.

Time Commitment: 10–12 hours per week.

Technology Requirements: Basic computer skills and reliable internet. A device less than four years old is recommended.

For TRIM/EFSM Students:

Fulfills BHTS requirements.

Full participation, reading, and assignments are required.

For CEU Participants:

Earns 2.0 CEUs.

Reading and participation required.

Distinctive Course Feature:

Weekly readings and online discussions.

Final exam is due Friday, June 12, 2026.

Instructor: Tim Harvey

Tim Harvey is a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, currently serving as pastor of the Roanoke (VA), Oak Grove congregation. In 2011-2012, Tim served as Moderator of the Church of the Brethren, and presided over the 2012 Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO. He has served the wider Church of the Brethren as a member of the General Board (2003-2008) Review and Evaluation Committee (2015-2017) and Annual Conference Parliamentarian. He has also written extensively for Messenger: The Magazine of the Church of the Brethren, and the 2013 Advent Devotional Guide and the 2025 Lenten Devotional Guide for Brethren Press.

Tim is married to Lynette, a retired math teacher. They have three adult children: Emily (married to Jeremy), Zach (married to Sage), and Rose, and a grandson, Finley.

When he is not in his office, you'll probably find Tim in his workshop.

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Register [online](#) or fill out the following information and return, along with payment, to:
Brethren Academy * 615 National Road West * Richmond, IN * 47374

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best contact phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I will be taking this course for: _____ TRIM credit _____ EFSM credit _____ CEU credit _____ PE

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