CHURCH HISTORY I
Course Syllabus

MEETING PLACE & TIME:  Rockpointe Community Church, Sterling Heights, Tuesday Nights 7-9 PM

CLASS DATES:  April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23.

INSTRUCTOR:  Donald R. Pedde, Ph.D.
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CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS:  TBD


COURSE DESCRIPTION:  This class will provide the student with the background/history of the Orthodox Christian Church including the early church fathers.  The course will examine the first 1500 years of Christian history.  Attention will be given to the major thinkers, heresies, places, movements, and creeds of the Church.  The contemporary significance of the history of the Church will be discussed.

ASSIGNMENTS &GRADING:  500 points total

- **Quizzes**: 250 points
  Except for weeks 1, 6, and 12, there will be a quiz each week from the weekly assigned reading and from the previous class lecture.

- **Exams**: 200 points
  Two exams will be given during the course (weeks 6 and 12) and will be based on class lectures only.  All questions will be objective (i.e., true/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank, etc.).  The first exam will cover all the lecture material up to that point and the second exam will cover everything since the first exam.

- **Class Participation** – 50 points
  10% of the grade is for attendance and participation in class.

GRADING POLICY:  The Detroit Bible Institute employs a letter-grade system.  A student must complete a minimum of 75% of all course work (375 points) in order to pass (please see DBI Student Catalog for further details on grades).

ATTENDANCE POLICY:  In accordance with The Detroit Bible Institute policy all students must attend a minimum of 10 classes in order to receive credit for the course.  Excused absences are considered at the discretion of the instructor and will not count against the
student. In the event that a student does have an excused absence, the instructor reserves the right to assign extra homework and reading to make up for lecture time missed by student.

**BEHAVIORAL POLICY:** Students will fail course and may be dismissed from class if they are found cheating, being dishonest about work done in the course, harassing other students or demonstrating destructive behavior.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Week 1 (4/7):
- Why study church history? Preparation for Christ and His Church. Three perspectives on church history (pp. 77-78).
- Post-lecture reading - chapters 1-3.

Week 2 (4/14):
- Post-lecture reading - chapters 4-6.

Week 3 (4/21):
- Post-lecture reading - chapters 7-8.

Week 4 (4/28):
- Post-lecture reading - chapters 9-11.

Week 5 (5/5):

Week 6 (5/12):
- **EXAM 1**
  - “The Christian Roman Empire” Part II.
  - Post-lecture reading - chapters 12-14

Week 7 (5/19):
- Post-lecture reading - chapters 15-16.

Week 8 (5/26):
- Quiz on chapters 15-16. Eastern Orthodoxy.
- Post-lecture reading - chapters 17-19.

Week 9 (6/2):
- Post-lecture reading chapters 20-21.

Week 10 (6/9):
- Post-lecture reading chapters 22-23.

Week 11 (6/16):

Week 12 (6/23):
- **EXAM 2**