

C. Outline for the Syllabus and Course

This is the rough outline from the word "go"

- I. Introductory notes:
 - A. Syllabus
 - B. Course
 - C. Outline
 - D. Factors

- II. Sketches of American Church History
 - A. The Colonial Period
 - B. The National Period
 - C. Major Events of Influence

- III. Troubled Waters
 - A. Development of Theological Liberalism
 - B. Denominations in Difficulty
 - C. Modern Ecumenism
 - D. Alternative Ideals and Moves

- IV. Expressions in American Ecclesiology
 - A. Freedom of Religion
 - B. Church and State relationships
 - C. Polity ideals
 - D. Church and Societal Responsibility

- V. Developments in the Sphere of American Christendom
 - A. The Concept and expression of Revivals
 - B. Faith Missions
 - C. Interdenominationalism
 - D. Use of Para-Church Agencies
 - E. The Charismatic Movement
 - F. The Personality Groupings

- VI. Summary and Conclusion

That is the broad outline of the course and from it many subpoints will develop. You can help me keep track of where we are in the process of these things. Remember: a professor who is lost in the syllabus rarely recovers in time for the exam! And this should be a happy course for us...working in the areas that are close to home and with names of persons and places already known to us. Keep an eye out for your denominational grouping or your ecclesiological ideals. Nothing is really new in history, so far as ideal and expression are concerned and you will be aware of that repeatedly.