

Selected DVDs on Methodist history

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ABSOLUTE BASICS OF THE WESLEYAN WAY (101108) This 12-session DVD, packed with dynamic illustrations (by Andrew Chandler) and compelling analogies, explores the key elements of the Wesleyan movement. Sessions: 1) **What was the young Wesley like?**; 2) **What happened at Aldersgate?**; 3) **What was Wesley like after Aldersgate?**; 4) **What did John Wesley do?**; 5) What is the goal of the Christian life?; 6) What is repentance?; 7) What is justification and new birth?; 8) What is sanctification?; 9) What is entire sanctification?; 10) What are sacraments?; 11) What are Classes and Bands?; 12) What happened after Wesley? **DVD segments are 7-9 minutes long**. Includes sample book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Middle school - Adult. 101 Minutes.

BLACK METHODISM: LEGACY OF FAITH – REVIVAL (102049) This special anniversary DVD celebrates the 40th anniversary of several related and pivotal events in the life and history of The United Methodist Church: the end of the racially segregated Central Jurisdiction in 1967; the birth, through merger, of The United Methodist Church in 1968; the establishment of the General Commission on Religion and Race in 1968. This version, which includes the original 'Legacy of Faith' first broadcast in 1994, has a new introduction and updated ending. Includes guide. Age: Middle school - Adult. 31 Minutes.

CLAIMING THE STORY: A JOURNEY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY FOR UNITED METHODISTS (103062) This DVD documents the drama of Christianity -- the personalities, movements, and events that shaped each age. Following the German and English Reformations, the storyline follows the development of United Methodism, showing its links with the entire Christian story. Includes guide. Age: Middle school - Adult. 40 Minutes.

CLAYRIDE: A GALLOP THROUGH METHODIST HISTORY (103061) This humorous, musical synopsis of two hundred years of the history of Methodists in America begins with Asbury's arrival, the Christmas Conference of 1784, and the movement of the church across the frontier. A claymation animation from the UMC bicentennial film, From the Word Go. Age: Upper elem. - Adult. 5 Minutes.

FORGED BY FIRE: UNTOLD STORIES OF FAITH (106016) This series of five extraordinary stories, told by United Methodist people with a commitment to being the church in a transformed society, takes root in the deeply complex historical struggles of their ancestors. These stories point to the resilience of the church and people of faith as they dare to act with freedom and with unity to restore community and resist dominant norms, behaviors, and perceptions that justify hate based on race, ethnicity, nationality, and language. Five segments: 1) U.S. Internment of Japanese American Communities (10 min.); 2) The Trail of Tears: Cherokee Forced Removal (9 min.); 3) Underground Railroad: African-American Passage to Freedom (7 min.); 4) When the Border Crosses over Us: Hispanic/Latino Struggles on the U.S. Mexican Border (12 min.); 5) The Newest Immigrants: Pacific Islanders (8 min.). Includes guide. Age: High school - Adult. 46 Minutes.

FRANCIS ASBURY: A FLAME SPIRIT (106104) This short documentary discusses the impact of Francis Asbury (1745-1816). Sent to the American colonies by John Wesley as a Methodist preacher, he became the leading bishop of American Methodism as it transformed from renewal movement to church. Through example and determination, he established the shape of American Methodism for its first one hundred years. Age: High school - Adult. 8 Minutes.

JOHN WESLEY STORY (110045) This DVD includes two DVD segments for two age groups. 'The John Wesley Story: Torchlighters Series' is a 33-minute long animated story about John Wesley designed for youth ages 8-12. There is a leader's guide with student handouts for this segment. 'The Faith that Sparked the Methodist Movement' is a 50-minute documentary on John Wesley for adults. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish for both segments.

JOHN WESLEY: THE MAN AND HIS MISSION (110057) This documentary, hosted by Wesley expert Keith Garner and filmed at key locations, provides a comprehensive view of John Wesley's life and legacy. Also includes bonus segments (5 minutes each) of Keith discussing six of Wesley's sermons: Means of Grace; The Almost Christian; Salvation by Faith; God's Love for Fallen Man; The Marks of the New Birth; and The Catholic Spirit. Age: High school - Adult. 55 Minutes.

JOHN WESLEY, THE PROUD METHODIST (110012) This DVD documents the life of John Benjamin Wesley, the founder of Methodism, from his birth and upbringing in a deeply religious English country parsonage to his death 88 years later, when the church he never meant to start was already becoming an institution. Special attention is paid to the roots of the Methodist movement in Wesley's personality, events leading up to his 'true' conversion at Aldersgate, and emphases he placed on social equity and community service. Illustrated with period engravings, lithographs, and portraits. Age: Middle school - Adult. 27 Minutes.

JOHN WESLEY'S 300TH BIRTHDAY: 11 VIDEO SEGMENTS (110039) Produced in commemoration of John Wesley's 300th birthday, this DVD includes eleven 1-minute segments on various aspects of his life and influence: Who was John Wesley?; John Wesley the organizer; John Wesley the preacher; John Wesley the publisher; Wesley and social concerns; Wesley and money; Wesley and the Epworth Rectory; Wesley in America; Wesley and opposition; Main themes of John Wesley's thought; Wesley's lasting influence. Age: Middle school - Adult. 11 Minutes.

LIVES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS: PART 2 (112053) 12 lectures, **each 30 minutes long**: 1) Catherine of Siena; 2) Bernardino of Siena; 3) John Hus and the Hussites; 4) Thomas More; 5) Martin Luther; 6) **John Wesley and the origins of Methodism**; 7) The monks of Mount Athos; 8) Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Maximilian Kolbe; 9) Damien of Molokai and Teresa of Calcutta; 10) From slavery to Martin Luther King; 11) Gustavo Gutierrez and liberation theology; 12) Defining the Christian life. Includes lecture transcript and course guidebook. Age: Adult. 360 Minutes.

METHODIST HISTORY (113041) Lectures by 22 of the world's leading Methodist scholars: 1) English and Continental Reformation (61 min.); 2) John and Charles Wesley -- Early Years (52 min.); 3) Methodist Beginnings -- 1725 - 1737 (46 min.); 4a) Aldersgate and Its Results -- 1738 (36 min.); 4b) Methodist History -- 1739 - 1744 (27 min.); 5a) Early Methodist Revival -- 1740 - 1760 (26 min.); 5b) Methodism in Britain (25 min.); 6a) The Later Wesleyan Movement (32 min.); 6b) The Legacy of Charles Wesley (35 min.); 7a) American Methodism -- 1740s - 1860s (32 min.); 7b) African Methodism in Early America (25 min.) 8) Holiness and Missions in 19th & 20th Centuries (60 min.); 9a) Methodism in Europe (38 min.); 9b) In China, Japan and Korea (20 min.); 9c) In India, Philippines and Oceania (15 min.); 10a) Methodism in Africa (28 min.); 10b) In Latin America and Caribbean (21 min.); 10c) In Russia and Eurasia (20 min.); 11a) Methodist Social Concerns (40 min.); 11b) Global Methodism (17 min.); 12a) From Mission to Missionary Church (19 min.); 12b) The Conscience of Methodism (30 min.). Kit also includes CD-ROM with a variety of printable documents. Hosted by Justo Gonzalez, this study is part of The Wesleyan Studies Project. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 705 Minutes.

METHODIST IDENTITY, PART 1: OUR STORY (113059) Lectures by 18 of the world's leading Methodist scholars: 1) John and Charles Wesley -- the early years (28 min.); 2) Methodist beginnings -- 1725-1737 (31 min.);

3a) Aldersgate and its results (15 min.); 3b) Methodist history -- 1739-1744 (14 min.); 4a) Early Methodist revival -- 1740-1760 (14 min.); 4b) Methodism in Britain -- 1760-1791 (16 min.); 5) The legacy of Charles Wesley (25 min.); 6a) American Methodism -- 1740s-1860s (16 min.); 6b) African Methodism in early America (15 min.); 7a) The Holiness Movement and missions (14 min.); 7b) Global Methodism (17 min.); 8) Methodism and social holiness (31 min.). Bonus segments: Methodism in Europe (38 min.); In China, Japan, and Korea (20 min.); In India, Philippines, and Oceania (15 min.); In Africa (28 min.); In Latin America and the Caribbean (21 min.); In Russia and Eurasia (20 min.). Kit also includes CD-ROM with a variety of printable documents. Hosted by Justo Gonzalez, this study is An Adult Education Course. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 236 Minutes.

OUR UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE (115011) Two 17-minute segments on one DVD. Part 1: THE FOUNDERS, a biographical introduction to the men and women in whose lives may be found the origins and early development of The United Methodist Church -- Life in late medieval times, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Susanna Wesley, The Wesleyan revival in England, The first Methodists in America, Beginnings of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Philip Otterbein, Martin Boehm, Jacob Albright, Summary. Part 2: TRAVELS ON A LONG ROAD, continues the story with the American Revolution and shows the organizational growth of the churches of United Methodism, their ministry to the early U.S. frontier and their worldwide growth through two centuries of mission and eventual unification -- American Revolution, Asbury, Coke, Christmas Conference, Otterbein, Boehm, Albright, Asbury, Circuit riders, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ, The Evangelical Association, Camp meetings, Divisions among the Methodists, Missions, The social gospel, Education, Participation of laity/women/youth, Church union, Formation of The United Methodist church. Includes guide. Age: Middle school - Adult. 34 Minutes.

REVIVAL: FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT (118058) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this six-session DVD study, we join Adam Hamilton in England and the U.S. as he explores the life and teachings of John Wesley. Sessions: 1) Precursors to revival (11 min.); 2) A longing for holiness (10 min.); 3) A crisis of faith (15 min.); 4) A necessity of grace (16 min.); 5) Works of mercy (10 min.); 6) Persevering to the end (15 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. Age: High school - Adult. 81 Minutes.

SHARING THE HERITAGE: THE HISTORY OF UNITED METHODISM IN AMERICA (119061) This DVD discusses the beginnings of the Methodist movement in the United States, giving an historical overview of its record-setting growth and responsive evolution. Includes founders of the church such as Wesley, Asbury, Otterbein, Albright, and others. Age: Middle school - Adult. 21 Minutes.

WESLEY AND HIS TIMES (123039) John Wesley's intellectual and spiritual development is traced in this dramatized biography from his childhood to the dispatch of Thomas Coke to America. Age: Upper elem. - Adult. 15 Minutes.

WOMEN SPEAK OF GOD (123124) Author: Oden, Amy. From the earliest days of the church, women have spoken and written of their faith. In this eight-session DVD study, you will hear their stories of how God works in difficult times and places. Sessions: 1) Introduction -- our family history; 2) Perpetua -- rebellious daughter; 3) Macrina -- scientist and pastor; 4) Juana Inés de la Cruz -- intellectual in the kitchen; 5) **Susanna Wesley -- first theologian of the Methodists** (and mother of John and Charles Wesley); 6) **Jarena Lee -- preaching pioneer** (first woman preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church); 7) **Georgia Harkness -- theologian for the people** (American Methodist theologian); 8) Our stories -- we speak of God. DVD segments are **approx. 20 minutes each**. Kit also includes participant's guide and leader's guide. An eye-opening mid-level course for men as well as women; especially appreciated by those with an interest in history. Age: Adult. 146 Minutes.