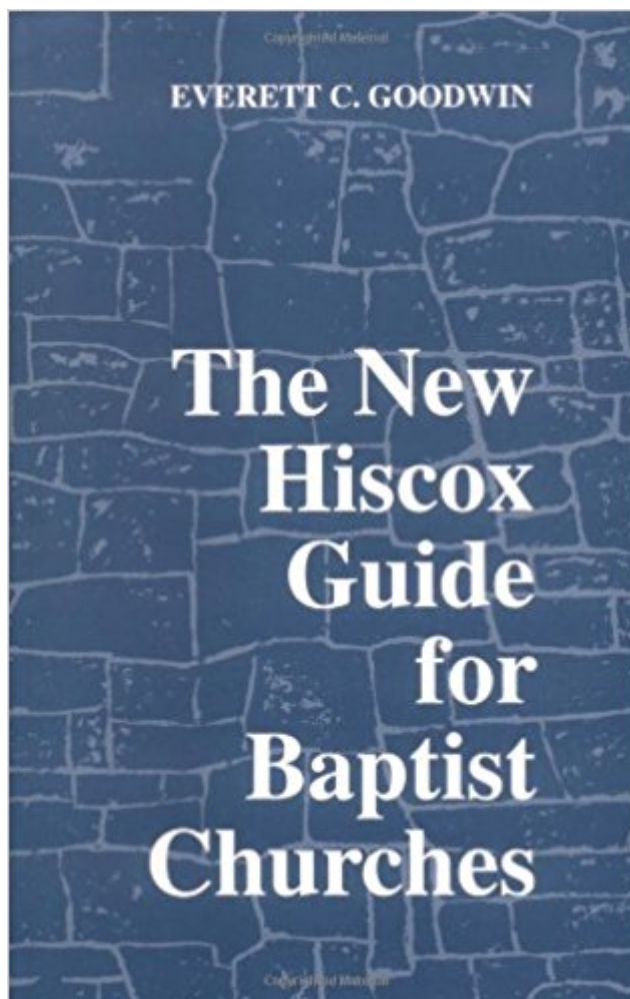


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# The New Hiscox Guide For Baptist Churches



## Synopsis

Dr. Edward Thurston Hiscox (1814–1901) was a distinguished Baptist theologian and author whose *Standard Manual for Baptist Churches* (published in 1890) and *New Directory for Baptist Churches* (published in 1894) were considered two of the foundational works of the modern Baptist church. In 1964, these books were combined into the *Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches*, which has become a classic work in its own right. At the end of the 20th century, the book was revised and updated by well-respected Baptist pastor and teacher Dr. Everett C. Goodwin. The book is divided into eight chapters: Nature of the Church; Membership of the Church; Church ministry; Church leaders and officers; Christian worship; Christian ordinances, rituals and ceremonies; The witness of the Church; Church order, process and discipline. Following these chapters are seven appendices that include a Baptist chronology, creeds and confessions, and more.

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It is an excellent resource for anyone who wishes to have a clear understanding of the Baptist church; what it is and how it operates. I highly recommend this book. --Kurt A. Johnson, Marseilles, Illinois

A third-generation Baptist minister, Everett C. Goodwin is pastor of Scarsdale Community Church in Scarsdale, New York, and former chaplain at Flint Hill School in Oakton, Virginia. The author of *The*

New Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches and Baptists in the Balance, Goodwin has pastored congregations in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Washington D.C., where he was senior minister of the historic First Baptist Church.

As an Blackamerican Baptist for 40 years, the continual question raised by many members was a desire to know what written rules could they read about Baptist Polity? As Black Baptists with a tradition closely aligned to White Southern and somewhat Northern American Baptists, Blackamerican Baptists held strong belief in the primacy of the Word of God over all man-written documents lacking Divine Inspiration. Hiscox remained the strongest contender as a "Book of Order" for Baptists, regardless of racial, social, or class designation. The "New Hiscox Guide" serves as an excellent writing for historical/traditional Baptists Churches to read as a complementary text to the Word to capture the human-Divine dimension of faith. This book though comprising some short comings, for the greater part aligns with the Word of God more closely and consistent with the Biblical instruction. Excellent reading for new Baptist Pastors, as well as re-shaping the thoughts of Church offices,e.g., Deacons and Trustees, who have too long allowed themselves to be blinded by the writings of Southern Baptists love with Naylor's misconstruing of faith.

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