

# Church History

## *The Puritans in New England (Special Session)*

### *Timeline*

- November 1620. The Mayflower arrives off the coast of Massachusetts, Plymouth Colony established.
- 1625. King Charles I ascends to the throne of England.
- April 1630. Puritan lawyer John Winthrop leads a group of Puritans to New England where they establish the Massachusetts Bay Colony in June of that year.
- 1633. William Laud appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury, launches stringer persecution of groups such as the Puritans in England.
- 1684. Original Massachusetts Bay Colony charter revoked by the King and replaced.
- 1692. Salem Witch Trials. 5 women executed as witches.

### *Important people/groups:*

**The Puritans.** “English Protestants in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries who sought to purify the Church of England of Roman Catholic practices” – Wikipedia. Two primary groups came to New England: separatists and non-separatists.

**The Church of England.** Official Protestant Church in England resulting from the English Reformation. United with the State: The King of England is also the head of the church.

**King Charles I.** King of England from 1626-1649. Married to Henrietta Maria of France, a Catholic. Not very pro-Protestant, to the ire of Puritans and Presbyterians.

**William Laud.** Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633-1640. Favored Episcopalianism and Arminianism, both of which put him at odds with the Puritans, whom he persecuted.

**Plymouth Colony.** Separatist Puritans who sought to begin a fresh start away from England and the Church. Financed by the Plymouth Company. First English colony in New England.

**Massachusetts Bay Colony.** Non-Separatist Puritans who obtained an official charter to establish trade in New England and chose to settle there to escape increasing persecution in England.