

REPORTS RELATING TO THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The 52nd annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society was held in Nashville, Tennessee, November 15–17, 2000, with a record-breaking registration of 1689, more than 350 over the previous year's record. The beautiful Opryland Hotel provided the setting. Participating publishers offered generous discounts on their books and other products from more than sixty booths in a large exhibit hall.

The program theme, "Israel: Past, Present and Future" was explored in six plenary sessions and by many of the several hundred individual papers. Participants came from as far away as Israel, Jordan, Indonesia, the Philippines, and from Europe to fellowship, exchange ideas, critique one another, and to keep abreast of the most recent scholarship in their disciplines. Nearly twenty study groups also met as part of the overall program.

President-elect Darrell Bock served as program chairman and put together an impressive array of plenary speakers. On Wednesday afternoon, Ronald Youngblood of Bethel Seminary West began with a superb address on "Israel in the Old Testament: Its History." That evening, a record 835 persons gathered in the presidential ballroom for the fellowship banquet and after a delicious meal heard ETS president John Sailhamer of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary deliver a provocative address on "Messiah and the Hebrew Bible," which appears in this issue of *JETS*. After the banquet, Marty Goetz, a Jewish Christian recording artist presented a vocal and piano concert, accompanied by violinist Joy Garmaise.

On Thursday afternoon, Louis Goldberg, past ETS president, currently with Jews for Jesus, addressed a plenary audience on the "Identity and Affirmation of the Messianic Congregation within the Body of the Messiah," followed by a time of audience participation. Immediately thereafter, Darrell Bock moderated a panel discussion on "Evangelizing Jews Today." The participants were Stuart Dauerman, a Jewish believer who founded Jews for Jesus with seven others and is now rabbi of Ahavat Zion Messianic Synagogue in Beverly Hills, CA; Michael Rydelnik, professor of Jewish Studies at Moody Bible Institute; David Brickner, executive director of Jews for Jesus, both of whose parents were holocaust survivors; John Fischer, executive director of Menorah Ministries; and Mitch Glazer, president of Chosen People Ministries. They discussed practical ways of reaching Jews with the message that Jesus Christ is God's promised Messiah.

The fourth plenary session was held on Thursday evening and featured two Arab believers, Bishira Awad, president of Bethlehem Bible College, and Imad Shehadeh, president of Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS), as they each spoke on "Israel Present and Future from the Eyes of Non-Israelites in Contact with Israel." That was followed by a plenary session

address by David Friedman, "Israel Present and Future from the Eyes of a Messianic Jew Living in Israel." These two sessions featured viewpoints that were much in contrast, and lively public discussion followed each.

The sixth and final plenary address was delivered by Craig Blaising, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His topic, "The Future of Israel as a Theological Question," wove together the various threads of the issue and gave well-reasoned critiques of positions that seek to eliminate a future for the literal descendants of Jacob.

As many as eighteen parallel sessions ran concurrently on such disciplines as Old Testament, New Testament, theology, archaeology, and philosophy, as well as on the conference theme. Parallel programs were also conducted by the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the Near East Archaeological Society, the Evangelical Missiological Society, and the Adventist Theological Society. As last year, an area was set aside for members to display resumes, for institutions to advertize available positions, and where informal interviews could take place.

On Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., the first business session was called to order by ETS president John Sailhamer. He then introduced president-elect Darrell Bock who gave a brief devotional, followed by prayer by John Sailhamer. It was moved, seconded and carried (MSC) to adopt the docket, that is the program for the meeting which had been printed and distributed to all members previously. The secretary-treasurer, James Borland, then presented both the membership and financial reports.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Membership	Total	Full	Assoc.	Student
11-23-99	2871	1636	649	586
New Members (2000)	549	152	109	288
Members Reactivated	32	21	6	5
Members Dropped	(304)	(123)	(86)	(95)
Failed to pay 2000	269	110	83	76
Dropped per request	15	6	2	7
Bad addresses	17	4	1	12
Deceased	3	3	0	0
Total Membership 11-20-00	3148	1686	678	784

FINANCIAL REPORT
EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

REVENUES	2000	1999
Dues and Subs	\$ 103,318.00	\$ 73,918.02
Annual Meeting	106,330.62	90,170.00
Interest on Savings	15,412.60	12,934.32
Miscellaneous Income	<u>8,606.71</u>	<u>14,375.15</u>
	<u>\$ 233,667.93</u>	<u>\$ 191,397.49</u>
EXPENSES		
Journal (<i>JETS</i>)	\$ 54,485.61	\$ 52,800.15
Monograph	0.00	2,000.00
Accounting	625.00	600.00
Annual Meeting	41,132.05	36,034.66
Newsletter	1,250.00	1,100.00
Office and General	11,866.66	9,023.46
Office Equipment	1,469.00	3,136.84
Postage	14,263.62	10,580.91
Regional	4,000.00	3,000.00
Secretarial Help	9,418.46	8,348.54
Web Site	1,155.00	300.00
Stipends	<u>51,700.00</u>	<u>38,375.00</u>
	<u>\$ 197,365.40</u>	<u>\$ 169,914.87</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 36,302.53	\$ 21,482.62
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$ 248,875.40	\$ 227,392.78
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 285,177.93</u>	<u>\$ 248,875.40</u>

It was MSC to accept these reports.

Four members were then nominated for the three slots to serve on the nominating committee along with the two most recent past presidents. By a show of hands, the tellers determined the three top vote getters to be Bruce Ware, Gerry Breshears, and Rick Taylor. Gerald P. Cowen, Mark Dubis and Doug Kennard were chosen to serve as the resolutions committee.

The secretary then read a motion that was passed unanimously by the ETS executive committee in their meeting on Tuesday evening, November 14, 2000. That motion expresses a concern and was read for the information of our members. It follows:

“The Executive Committee, in response to requests from a group of charter members and others, to address the compatibility of the view commonly referred to a ‘Open Theism’ with biblical inerrancy, wishes to state the following: We believe the Bible clearly teaches that God has complete, accurate and infallible knowledge of all events past, present and future including all future decisions and actions of free moral agents. However, in order to insure fairness to members of the society who differ with this view, we propose the issue of such incompatibility be taken up as part of our discussion in next year’s conference ‘Defining Evangelicalism’s Boundaries.’”

In the second business session, held on Friday, November 17, president Sailhamer called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. James Borland delivered reports on the spring meetings of the various ETS sections, noting the times and places of their meetings, themes, some of the speakers, the officers elected, and the time and place of their next meeting. He also gave a brief necrology for the three members who had passed away since our last meeting, read Scripture, and led in prayer.

Andreas Köstenberger, editor of *JETS*, gave his annual report on the journal. He noted that each issue of the journal was published on time, and that an updated form and style guide for contributors would be forthcoming in the March issue of *JETS*.

Gerald Cowen, chairman of the resolutions committee, read and then moved the adoption of the following resolution:

“In the 52nd Annual session of the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in Nashville, Tennessee from 15–17 November in the second millennial year of our Lord,

Whereas the program for this year’s session was well conceived and effectively presented by Darrell Bock, and

Whereas the President, John H. Sailhamer, the Secretary-Treasurer, James Borland, the Editor of *JETS*, Andreas Köstenberger, and the other Officers of the Evangelical Theological Society have well and faithfully served the needs of the Society and the professional development of the membership, and

Whereas the registration workers and recording teams have with great patience, Godly endurance, and a kindly spirit graciously served their assignments, and

Whereas the Staff, management, and employees of the Opryland Hotel have kindly, expertly, and superbly provided professional conference services to the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the Evangelical Theological Society be extended to those mentioned above and that we as a society pray for peace in Israel and that our Father's kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven, all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Given this day, November 17 in the second millennial year of our Lord.”

This motion was passed without dissent.

During this second business session the following officers were elected for 2001:

President—Darrell L. Bock
 President-Elect—Millard J. Erickson
 Vice-President—David M. Howard, Jr.
 Secretary-Treasurer—James A. Borland
 Journal Editor—Andreas Köstenberger
 Vacancy on Executive Committee—John H. Sailhamer
 Vacancies on Membership Committee—Robert Thomas
 and Rick Taylor
 Vacancies on the Editorial Committee—Gary Habermas
 and Greg Beale

The previously mentioned executive committee resolution questioning the compatibility of open theism with the Bible's inerrancy was read one additional time. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

The places, and themes for future annual meetings are:

- 2001 “DEFINING EVANGELICALISM'S BOUNDARIES” Nov. 14–16
 (Wed.–Fri.) The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO (800) 634-7711
- 2002 “EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY AND OTHER RELIGIONS”
 Nov. 20–22 (Wed.–Fri.) The Regal Constellation (Toronto, ON)
- 2003 “JESUS” Nov. 19–21 (Wed.–Fri.) Atlanta Hilton (Atlanta, GA)

Our Society again added more than 500 new and reactivated members in 2000. We anticipate continued growth and effectiveness in our scholarly presentations and discussions in the years ahead. I encourage each member to join us next November 14–16 (Wed.–Fri.) at the Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO, as we consider the theme, “Defining Evangelicalism's Boundaries.” Hotel rooms are \$104 per night for single occupancy; \$125 for double; \$146 for triple, and \$177 for quad, plus other taxes and fees. Rooms at these rates may be secured until October 13 at 800-634-7711. We contracted for 550 rooms for Tuesday, and 700 for Wednesday and Thursday nights, 200 for Friday evening, and 50 for Saturday.

JAMES A. BORLAND

MEMORIALS

HERMAN A. HOYT

Herman A. Hoyt was born on March 12, 1909, the oldest of ten children born to Clarence Lyman and Anna Leola (Dorsey) Hoyt in Greenfield, Iowa. Herman placed his faith in Christ because of the influence of his mother and several godly pastors of the Brethren Church at Dallas Center, Iowa. After the eighth grade Herman taught for one year in a country school, then became valedictorian of his high school class. Following high school, the entire family moved to Ashland, Ohio, where Herman attended their denominational school, Ashland College. On August 30, 1930, Herman and his childhood sweetheart, Harriet Lucile Fitz, were married.

Herman received his A.B. (as valedictorian) and his Th.B. degree (with highest honors) from Ashland College and Seminary, then was called upon to teach in that seminary until 1937, at which time he co-founded, with Alva J. McClain, Grace Theological Seminary. Moving the school to Winona Lake, Indiana, in 1939, Herman served as professor of New Testament, registrar, and later as dean, then president from 1962–1976. During that time he also earned his B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees.

Herman Hoyt served on the Board of Trustees the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, the American Association for Jewish Evangelism, and Bryan College which awarded him an honorary LL.D. He twice served as moderator of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

He had a large Bible conference ministry, primarily as an expositor of the Word, but found time to write eight books and numerous articles. He was a charter member of the Evangelical Theological Society (1950), and though busy with many other ministries, always found time to read the society's publications. He was a great encourager of those in the ministry.

Herman's publications were numerous, including *This Do in Remembrance of Me* (1947), *All Things Whatsoever I Have Commanded You* (1948), *Then Would My Servants Fight* (1958), and various contributions to the *Brethren Quarterly*. Moody published *The End Times* (1969), and Hoyt contributed to *The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views* (InterVarsity, 1977), and *War: Four Christian Views* (InterVarsity, 1981). BMH Books published Hoyt's *Commentary on Revelation, Studies in II Peter, The United States in Prophecy* and *An exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews*.

Several years after retirement from Grace Theological Seminary, Herman and Harriet moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to be near their son, Max. Harriet died in 1995, and Herman joined her with Christ on August 29, 2000. Herman's funeral was conducted on September 2 in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. He lived ninety-one years, five months, and seventeen days.

Herman is survived by his two sons, Joseph Paul of Walworth, WI, and Edwin Max of Pequea, PA; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four brothers, Garner E. and Lowell, each of Dayton, TN, Solon W. of Winona Lake, IN, Eldon D. of Indianapolis, IN; and a sister, Thelma Gehman of Winona Lake, IN.

RICHARD THORNTON MCINTOSH

Richard Thornton McIntosh was born on April 22, 1930, in Norwalk, Ohio, the second of the two children born to William A. and Ruth C. (Gilbert) McIntosh. After his father's passing in 1934, Richard and his sister Moya were reared by their mother during the depths of the depression. Richard trusted Christ as Savior through the outreach of Calvary Baptist Church (GARBC) of Norwalk, Ohio, at the age of nine. Even before he was graduated from high school, Richard sensed his call to the ministry and was actively involved as leader of the youth group at Calvary Baptist where he spoke numerous times.

At Bryan College Richard majored in English and was actively involved in Christian service, even serving as president of the local Child Evangelism Fellowship. During his sophomore year, Richard met Barbara Ellen Becker as they washed dishes together on a work scholarship. They were married on September 15, 1951 at Grace Brethren Church in Troy, Ohio. One year later, Richard received his B.A. degree and began a two-year pastorate at Barbara's home church, Grace Brethren of Troy, while also working in a factory to support their growing family. Richard II was born in Troy in 1952 and Kathryn Sue joined them there in 1954.

From Troy, the family moved to Indiana and accomplished several important things. Richard enrolled in the B.D. program at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana, but lived in Tippecanoe where he also pastored the Congregational Christian Church from 1954–58. After Michael Thomas was born in 1958, and Richard had finished seminary, the family moved to Lima, Ohio, where Richard pastored the Northside Baptist Church from 1958–60. John Mark joined the family there in 1959.

Receiving a call from Cedarville College in 1960, Richard took up responsibilities as Dean of Students and part-time English teacher. He also developed the Christian service program and oversaw financial aid and campus security. In 1970, Richard resigned and began Th.D. work at Grace Theological Seminary, commuting with another Cedarville faculty member. Completing most of his residency, Richard returned to Cedarville College as associate professor of Bible, but also taught some doctrine, philosophy, missions, Christian education and Greek. He continued at Cedarville for the next fourteen years and led mission trips to Australia for five weeks in 1979 and to Togo, West Africa, in 1982.

From 1984–90, Richard pastored the Bible Baptist Church of Kokomo, Indiana, and then the First Baptist Church of Galion, Ohio, from 1990 until his retirement in 1998. Richard's health began to deteriorate in the 1980s, and he had angioplasty in 1986. It grew worse as the years progressed, and he later developed diabetes. After a massive heart attack, Richard passed

into the presence of the Lord on April 7, 2000, at the Kettering Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. His funeral was held at Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville, where Richard had lived and served for so many years. He is buried next to the Cedarville University campus in North Cemetery, so as he expressed it, he could “keep an eye on the dormitories.”

Richard’s life lacked just fifteen days of reaching three-score and ten years. He and Barbara were married for over forty-nine years. Richard loved gardening, walking, traveling, and reading, especially *JETS*. He had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since his student days at Grace, for more than forty years.

Richard is survived by his wife Barbara of Xenia, Ohio; his son, Richard II, and his wife, Margaret, of Orange, CA; his daughter, Kathryn, and her husband, Jack Gorby, of Fairborn, OH; his son, Michael, and his wife, TeriJo, of Cedarville, OH; his son, John Mark, and his wife, Danette, of Helena, MT; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and his sister, Moya, and her husband, Glen Hamer, of Camden, AR.

TIMOTHY ROSS PHILLIPS

Timothy Ross Phillips was born in San Gabriel, California, on September 9, 1950, to W. Ross and Amilee (Long) Phillips. Timothy was the oldest of four children. He was born again at a Child Evangelism club at the age of eight or nine.

Timothy earned his B.A. degree from Wheaton College in 1972; his M.T.S. from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in 1974, and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1986.

While at Wheaton, Timothy met Sandra Slighly, a nursing student, at a hayride in 1971. They were married two years later on August 24, 1973, at the home of Sandra’s parents, Donald and Eunice Slighly on Gull Lake, Michigan.

Timothy returned to teach at Wheaton College in 1982 as assistant professor of Theology, eventually becoming professor of Historical and Systematic Theology. He was known for his commitment to teaching excellence, scholarship, and evangelism. He initiated and co-sponsored the Wheaton College Theology Conference Series, beginning in 1993. He sought to nurture the Third World church through the development of Theological Scholarship, and traveled in 1988 and 1990 to Nigeria, and made another trip to Kenya to teach graduate and post-graduate courses.

Timothy loved out-of-doors work, doing gardening with trees, berries, and bushes, and he loved reading and writing. He led the Wheaton in the Holy Land Trip in 1994, visiting and teaching through Israel, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey. He co-authored with Dennis Okholm, *Welcome to the Family* (Victor Books, 1996), and edited *Christian Apologetics in a Post-Modern World* (IVP, 1995), *Four Views on Salvation in a Pluralistic World* (Zondervan, 1995), and *The Nature of Confession* (IVP, 1996).

Timothy Phillips was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for the past thirteen years and was a member of the Wheaton Bible Church. He passed into the presence of Christ from his earthly home on September 27, 2000. His life span was five decades, two weeks and two days. He died of cancer after a two-year battle.

Timothy is survived by his wife Sandra; his nineteen year-old son, Aaron B. Phillips; his eleven year-old son, Caleb D. Phillips; two brothers, David of Phoenix, AZ, and Mark of San Francisco, CA; and a sister, Deborah Juranek of San Gabriel, CA.

ERNEST DINWOODIE PICKERING

Ernest Dinwoodie Pickering was born on December 14, 1928, in St. Petersburg, Florida, the oldest son of Ernest Joseph and Evelyn Ida Pickering, who were officers in the Salvation Army. The family lived and ministered in Florida, Maryland, West Virginia, Alabama, and Texas. Ernest came to know Christ as a teenager in Dallas, Texas.

Ernest Pickering received his A.B. degree from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, in 1948, and his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1952 and 1957, respectively. Ernest met his wife to be, Ariel Yvonne Thomas, during a summer pastorate in Colorado City, Texas. A student at Dallas Bible College, Yvonne came out to play the piano that summer. After their marriage on August 16, 1952 at Homestead Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, the couple moved to New Kensington, Pennsylvania, where Ernest pastored Maranatha Bible Church until 1957.

From 1957–59, Ernest was National Executive Secretary of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America. In 1959 he became pastor of Woodcrest Baptist Church in Fridley, Minnesota, and simultaneously served as Dean of Central Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis until 1965. From 1965–69, Ernest pastored the Bible Baptist Church of Kokomo, Indiana, then became Dean at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania for one year, before serving as president of that institution for the next eight years.

From 1978–85 Ernest pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio, before accepting the call to be president of Northwest Baptist Seminary in Tacoma, Washington (1985–87). Ernest then returned to teach at Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit for one year. From 1988–93, Ernest served as pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church of Minneapolis, and also as the president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, which was not only birthed but also still housed in the church's facilities.

Ernest authored numerous articles, booklets, and books. His works, *Biblical Separation*, *The Tragedy of Compromise*, *For the Hurting Pastor and Those Who Hurt Him*, and *Charismatic Confusion* have had wide circulation. His final work, *Our Tear-Washed Eyes: Why Does God Allow His People to Suffer?* was written after Ernest lost his sight.

Between 1993 and 1996, Ernest served as Deputation Director for Baptist World Mission, Decatur, Alabama, then as field representative from 1996 until his death. Dr. Pickering lost his eyesight as a result of radiation received in November, 1996, to treat cancer in his frontal sinuses. He was a voracious reader and served with all his strength. He loved his duties as husband, father, and grandfather. Ernest died on October 16, 2000. His life spanned seventy-one years, ten months, and two days. He was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for forty of those years. Ernest Pickering's funeral at Summit Baptist Bible Church was attended by 350 fundamental and evangelical leaders and the message was delivered by Bob Jones University President, Bob Jones III.

Surviving are his wife, Yvonne of Clarks Summit, PA; daughter Dawn Jacobs and her husband Roger, also of Clarks Summit, PA; son Lloyd Ernest Pickering and his wife Kellie of Auburn, AL; three grandchildren Amber Jacobs, Derek Jacobs, and Northe Ernest Pickering, who was born on the very day Ernest died, and named for him; and a brother, William Pickering of Santa Ana, CA.

