GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Location
Sessions, special events, and the exhibit hall will be held at the Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie, San Antonio, TX 78205. Sessions, special events, plenary addresses, and the ETS banquet will be held at the Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St., San Antonio, TX 78205.

Group rate rooms are available at both hotels. To make online reservations go to www.etsjets.org/hotel_information. To make a reservation by phone please call the Marriott Rivercenter at 800-228-9290 or the Grand Hyatt at 888-421-1442.

Future Meetings
2017: “The Heritage of the Reformation”, November 15 - 17 in Providence, RI

Conference Registration
The best conference prices are available to members of ETS, ATS, EPS, and NEAS. If you want to attend the Annual meeting, but are not a member, consider joining ETS. In addition to great conference rates, you’ll receive a one year subscription to the Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society, online access to our JETS archive, and more. For information on becoming a member, please visit, www.etsjets.org/about.

Online registration is available at www.etsjets.org/registration_landing through October 14, 2016. This page includes complete details on pricing, key dates, and how to register online. To register by mail or fax please use the forms in the back of the program. If you need assistance or have questions about conference registration, please email meeting@etsjets.org.

On-site registration will be available at the Conference Registration desk on the second floor of the Marriott Rivercenter. Tickets for the annual ETS Banquet will also be available at the registration desk for $20. Subsidized by ETS, this three course, $50 meal, will be followed by Dr. Daniel B. Wallace’s presidential address.

Conference Registration Desk
The Conference Registration Desk, located on the second floor of the Marriott Rivercenter, will be open:
Monday, November 14: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, November 15: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 16: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, November 17: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Exhibit Hall
The Exhibit Hall is located in Salons G-M on the second floor of the Marriott Rivercenter. With more than 60 confirmed exhibitors, this year promises to be exceptional. Most exhibitors offer generous discounts on their products making this an excellent opportunity to gain valuable resources. Conference name badges must be worn to gain entrance to the Exhibit Hall. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Exhibit Hall Hours:
Tuesday, November 15: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 16: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday, November 17: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

A floor plan of the exhibit hall and listing of exhibitors may be found in the back of the program and in the program app.
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Online Program
The program is available online at www.etsjets.org/annual_program

Program App
Download the ETS Program App onto your iPhone or smartphone for access to the program, maps, list of exhibitors, advertisements, special events, and more. The program app is updated immediately with every change in the program so you will never get caught at a cancelled session when using the app.
- View the daily schedule
- Add sessions to your personal schedule
- Search the app for people, topics, and sessions
- And much more
Search for ETS 2016 in the App Store™ or Google Play™.

Parallel sessions
The parallel sessions are composed of five different session types.

A  AFFILIATED SOCIETY SESSIONS
feature presentations that were selected and arranged by one of the three societies which join ETS each year: the Adventist Theological Society, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, and the Near Eastern Archaeological Society.

D  DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SESSIONS
are composed of presentations that were submitted by ETS members and rated by a panel of scholars who served under the direction of the program chair. These presentations have been grouped into basic disciplines: Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History/Historical Theology, and Practical Theology.

P  PROGRAM UNIT SESSIONS
are a combination of invited papers and proposed presentations which were selected by the program unit steering committees. ETS has three types of program units. Consultations are new program units which are responsible for 1 session of invited papers at the meeting. Study Groups are narrowly focused groups which require active, collaborative participation by the group members. ETS encourages study groups to publish the results of their work. Study groups are responsible for one session of invited papers at the annual meeting. Sections are broadly defined groups that represent general areas of interest. Responsible for one session of invited papers and one session of papers drawn from member submissions, the sections offer the most access for unsolicited papers.

T  THEME SESSIONS
are composed of presentations submitted by members, which address the conference theme. These presentations were evaluated by a panel of scholars under the direction of the program chair. The theme presentations have been arranged into cohesive sessions based on texts, topics, and methods.

C  CAREER SESSIONS
are special sessions that are designed to help ETS members in their careers. These sessions include discussions of the academic job market, publishing, interviewing, and other significant career development topics.
Welcome to the 68th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society

The theme of this year’s conference is The Trinity. John Owen, 16th century Puritan author and theologian, reminds us that

*There was no more glorious mystery brought to light in and by Jesus Christ than that of the holy Trinity, or the subsistence of the three persons in the unity of the same divine nature. . . . And this revelation is made unto us, not that our minds might be possessed with the notions of it, but that we may know aright how to place our trust in him, how to obey him and live unto him, how to obtain and exercise communion with him, until we come to the enjoyment of him.*

It would be impossible for us to overemphasize the centrality of the Trinity for every Christian discipline and every Christian life. There is good reason why, in addition to our confession of biblical inerrancy, the Evangelical Theological Society affirms this concerning the nature of God:

*“God is a Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each an uncreated person, one in essence, equal in power and glory.”*

This year’s program promises to be challenging, edifying, and honoring to the Triune God of our faith. We have three plenary speakers who are uniquely qualified to address this crucial topic. Fred Sanders, of the Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University, will speak to us on the subject: *Evangelical Trinitarianism and the Unity of the Theological Disciplines*. Scott R. Swain, Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida, will focus on *The Bible and the Trinity in Recent Thought: Review, Analysis, and Constructive Proposal*. Finally, Gerald R. McDermott, Beeson Divinity School, will address the very timely topic of *How the Trinity Should Govern our Approach to World Religions*.

There will also be several hundred substantive and instructive papers delivered on the main theme as well as scores of other topics. We anticipate a time of exceptional biblical and theological instruction together with robust dialogue and rich fellowship. And you won’t want to miss the opportunity to explore and enjoy the River Walk in San Antonio!

We should all extend our profound gratitude to the ETS Executive Committee, the program unit committees, and the numerous volunteers who labor so diligently to make this such a successful annual meeting. Special thanks go to Dr. Michael Thigpen, the Executive Director of ETS, his wife Bonnie, and a tremendous team of dedicated servants who take countless logistical details and transform them into a unified and efficient conference.

I look forward to seeing all of you in San Antonio!

Sam Storms
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Senior Pastor, Bridgeway Church
Oklahoma City, OK
President of Enjoying God Ministries
PLENARY SPEAKERS

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Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University  
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