

Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry

Book Review Guidelines

MISSION & HISTORY: In 2002, Dr. R. Stanton Norman founded the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry (BCTM) based on his deep passion for theology and his love for Baptists. The mission of the BCTM is to develop, preserve, and communicate the distinctive theological identity of Baptists. It is geared towards important dialogue between theologians, SBC entity leaders, and local church leadership. It exists to provide theological and ministerial resources to enrich and energize ministry in Baptist churches, to bring together professor and practitioner to produce and apply these resources to Baptist life, polity, and ministry.

We believe that theology should define and undergird ministry in the Church. Our mission is to assist churches realize this vision and to strengthen Baptist churches in pursuit of the Great Commission and Great Commandments. In 2003, the Baptist Center published our first issue of the online journal. In 2004, we held our first conference on church polity.

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STYLE & FORMAT: Book reviews should reflect a scholarly touch, yet respond to practical issues of ministry. The book review must be single-spaced, using Turabian-style footnotes for citations, 12-point Times New Roman font. Consult standards for the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* for abbreviations, etc. Reviews typically are 800-1000 words. Include brief biographical information about the author(s) or editor(s), a statement of the work's purpose, a summary and evaluation of the content, and an evaluation of the value of the book for readers. In the upper left-hand corner of the review, please include autobiographical information for the by-line (name, position, etc.), author and title of the book, publisher, publication date, number of pages, and list price. The electronic copy must be submitted in a Word document or Rich Text Format (RTF), sent electronically as a file attachment by e-mail to harwoodsec@nobts.edu for review by one of the book review editors:

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