

**Editorial**

This issue is a compendium of articles written by various faculty members of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a graduate student from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Each is committed to scholarship in the service of Christ and the church.

I wish to offer special thanks to Terry Wilder for his past service as journal editor and for his help in the transition. I also wish to thank Steve Andrews for his advice and help on this edition and planning for the future.

The first article is a submission from Thor Madsen, the Academic Dean of Midwestern Seminary. The article deals with the problem of evil with specific reference to the power of Pharaoh in the book of Exodus.

The second article is a helpful piece submitted by Jim Hardwicke that will aid in understanding what is meant by the term "emerging church."

The third article is by Midwestern's new theology professor, Rustin Umstadd. His article explores the role of the Holy Spirit in the manifestation of God's love and wrath.

The fourth article represents some of my own thoughts concerning the Sabbath. It represents an effort to understand what role the Sabbath can and should take in our modern lives.

If you would like to have a Midwestern Seminary faculty member speak in your church, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than happy to serve you.

Enjoy!

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