

ETS Regional 2025

**Theme: Scripture
Cedarville University
Cedarville, OH**

Friday March 21, 2025

1:30 PM to 2:45 PM Check-in and Registration, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies (Lakeside Atrium)

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM Session 1, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

BTS 116: “Hearing Scripture: Implications for Hermeneutics, Accommodation, Application”; Brent Sandy (Wheaton College)

BTS 117: “The Discourse Function of Imperative Participles in 1 Peter”; Jordan Atkinson (PhD student, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 205: “The Fat Pasture of the Soul: Thomas Cranmer, The Bible, and the English Reformation”; Joseph D. Garner III (Hannibal-LaGrange University)

BTS 206: “Theology and Biblical Interpretation: An Augustinian Prolegomena”; Daniel Scheiderer (Grace Baptist Church)

BTS 208: “Mapping Matthew: Evaluating and Integrating Structural Approaches to the First Gospel”; Chris Miller (Cedarville University)

3:55 PM - 4:40 PM Session 2, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

BTS 116: “The House of Feasting and the House of Mourning: Intertextual Links between Ecclesiastes and John in Establishing Jesus as the Consummate Sage”; Kyle Dunham (Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 117: “It’s not about the ‘I’: A Divisive Worship Lament and Paul’s Solution in Romans 7:14-25”; Dave Pederson (Wheaton College)

BTS 205: “Scripture, Reason, and John Locke: Isaac Watts’s Approach to the Trinity”; Jonathan S. Marko (Cornerstone Theological Seminary)

BTS 206: “Addressing the Islamic Claim of the Bible’s Corruption”; Samad Hashmi (Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 208: “A Practiced Progress: Integrating Followership and Leadership in Pastoral Ministry”; Aaron Trent (PhD student, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

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4:50 PM to 5:35 PM Session 3, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

BTS 116: “Qohelet’s Use of Genesis for a Discourse on a Cursed-Yet-Graced Life”; Kevin G. Wang (PhD Student, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary)

BTS 117: “Literal Interpretation: A Literally Lousy Term?”; Joel Thomas (PhD student, Lancaster Bible College/Capital Seminary)

BTS 205: “Heidegger’s View of Theology in *Being and Time*”; Joshua Kira (Cedarville University)

BTS 206: “Adopted as Sons: Reading Metaphor as Scripture”; Eric Turner (Hannibal-LaGrange University)

BTS 208: “Left in the Dark: Exploring the Canonical Design of Cognitive Dissonance in Psalm 88”; Ched Spellman (Cedarville University)

5:45 PM to 7:15 PM Dinner Break

Dinner on your own. Multiple options are available on campus or in Xenia (15 minute drive).

7:30 PM to 8:55 PM Session 4: Keynote Address

Center for Biblical and Theological Studies (BTS 104)

Citations of Scripture in the Two Editions of Jeremiah

Michael B. Shepherd
Professor of Biblical Studies
Cedarville University

Saturday, March 22, 2025

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM Coffee in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies (Atrium)

8:00 AM to 8:35 AM Business Session, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies (BTS 104)

Midwest Region of ETS Business Session

- Regional Chair comments (Jason Lee)
- Election of Regional Officers (Jason Lee- moderating)

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8:45 AM to 9:30 AM Session 5, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

BTS 101: “Old Testament and Intertestamental Influence on Jesus’ Teaching in Matthew 18:15-17”; David Young (PhD Student, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 116: “Fire on the Mountain: Old Testament Allusions in the Descent of the Spirit in Acts 2:1-4”; Philip J. Long (Grace Christian University)

BTS 117: “So That We May Rejoice: The Structural Role of ἵνα Purpose Clauses in Philippians”; Ray A. Umphrey (University of the Cumberlands)

BTS 201: “Reconsidering Subjectivity's Role in the Understanding of Scripture”; Matthew Baker (PhD student, Liberty University)

BTS 203: “Unpacking Paul’s Rhetoric in Romans 9 using Discourse Analysis”; Jonathan Hernandez (MDiv student, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 205: “In Your Light, We See Light: The Role of Systematic Theology in Contemplation and Catechesis”; Jeremy M. Kimble (Cedarville University)

BTS 206: “Religious Liberty and Christian Particularism in a Pluralistic Society: Comparing the ‘Global Ethics’ of Küng and Nussbaum”; Paul Hartog (Faith Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 208: “Benjamin Keach’s Use of *Sedes Doctrinae* in His Defense of Believer’s Baptism”; Lucas Admiraal (PhD Student, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary)

9:40 AM to 10:25 AM Session 6, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

BTS 101: “Dechristologizing the Song of Songs: Applying the Song Through the Lens of Divine Absence”; Timothy A. Little (Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary)

BTS 116: ““And Now the Lord God Has Sent Me and His Spirit”: The Divine Missions and Reading the Old Testament”; Michael Pereira (PhD Student, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 117: “One Body, One Spirit: The Radical Reach of Paul’s Gospel”; Chris Miller (Cedarville University)

BTS 201: “Database Applications for New Testament Greek”; Alan Bunning (Center for New Testament Restoration)

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BTS 203: “Reading Atonement Canonically— the Day of Atonement in Conversation with Sinai”; Christine Palmer (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary)

BTS 205: “John Calvin’s retrieval of the Apostles’ Creed in his eschatology”; Han Min Cho (PhD Student, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 206: ““Isaac Backus at 300: Assessing a ‘Pioneer Champion of Religious Liberty’”; Jason Duesing (Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 208: “Clarifying Authorial Intended Pragmatics: Human and Divine”; Eric Duenke (DMin student, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary)

10:35 AM to 11:20 AM Session 7, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

BTS 101: “Once Saved, Always Known: The Relationship Between Omniscience and Election”; Jake Rainwater (Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 116: “The Fourth Gospel’s Apologetic Against the Shaming of Jesus”; E. Randolph Richards (Palm Beach Atlantic University)

BTS 117: “Reading Scripture Collectively as a Disciple Community: Insights from Luke-Acts”; Michael Blythe (Nations University)

BTS 201: “How a bad Bible translation helped give the world a white Jesus, and the challenges this poses for many global Christians.”; Robert Priest (Taylor University)

BTS 203: “Personal and Christological: A Comparison of Patristic and Reformational Readings of Psalm 88”; J. Caleb Little (Bloomfield Christian School)

BTS 205: “Capital Punishment in the Pentateuch and Ancient Near East”; Andrew A. Carr (Independent Scholar)

BTS 206: “Reading the New Testament alongside the Qur’an: Hebrews as an unlikely Case Study”; George Bristow (Institute for the Study of Religion in the Middle East)

BTS 208: “The Role of Christian Spiritual Classics in the Spiritual Formation of C. S. Lewis”; Isaiah Swain and Hank Voss (Taylor University)

11:25 AM to 12:10 PM Session 8, Center for Biblical and Theological Studies

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BTS 101: “Lord of All Creation: How Luke Develops Jesus’ Identity in Acts through Sermon-like Speeches”; Aaron W. White (First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, Ohio)

BTS 116: “The Christocentric and Christotelic Nature of Johannine Pneumatology”; Adrian P. Rosen (Assemblies of God Theological Seminary)

BTS 117: “Doing History Providentially or Doing History about Providence?”; Terry Michael Wise (PhD Student, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

BTS 201: “A Trinitarian Theology of Lectio Divina: Locating the Practice of Lectio Divina within the Economy of Grace”; Bryan Shuler (Lifepoint Church)

BTS 203: “Sexual Humiliation in the Crucifixion? The Shame of the Cross and Evangelical Dialogue”; Rachel Nesse (PhD student, Dallas Theological Seminary)

BTS 205: “Can the Church of Smyrna Unlock the Meaning of the Millennium?”; David L. Palmer (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary)

BTS 206: “Colossians 1:24: An Hermeneutical Overview and Proposal”; David Kimberly (Barnabas Ministry)

BTS 208: “The Transcendent Communicator”; Jeffrey D. Chamberlain (PhD student, Trinity Evangelical Theological Seminary)

12:15 PM Dismissal