

## **Editorial**

This issue is devoted to the Southern Baptist Convention's January Bible Study book, *Nehemiah*. The articles contained in this volume are written to aid the busy pastor or teacher who will be leading in studies on this Old Testament book.

Our guest contributor to this issue is Dr. Mervin Breneman, Professor of Old Testament at ESEPA Seminary in San Sebastián, Costa Rica. He is the author of numerous scholarly works, including a volume on *Ezra and Nehemiah* in the *New American Commentary* series. Breneman contributes to this journal a helpful article titled, "A Theological Primer for *Nehemiah*."

Other contributors of articles to this issue include: Dr. Stephen Andrews, Professor of OT and Hebrew at MBTS, who provides a teaching outline for *Nehemiah*. Stephenie Long and Andrew McClurg, MBTS teaching assistants, also supply an annotated bibliography for this OT book. Dr. Albert Bean, Professor of OT and Hebrew at MBTS, furnishes an article on preaching points from *Nehemiah*, and Dr. Terry Wilder, Associate Professor of NT and Greek at MBTS, contributes a previously unpublished sermon from *Nehemiah* 11:17 preached by Peter Grant, a 19th-century Scottish Baptist pastor and hymn writer. Finally, Dr. Phil Roberts, President of MBTS, provides a special report on some recent efforts by the Church of the Latter-Day Saints to increase understanding and improve relationships between them and evangelicals. He concludes that this endeavor by the Mormons is evidently just a recasting of their image—without sacrificing anything of substance—so that they will be thought of as a more mainstream, and even distantly evangelical, church. This issue also contains several reviews by MBTS faculty and others on recent books and software.

If you like what you read in this issue and would like to have one of our faculty members speak in your church or lead your congregation in a study of *Nehemiah*, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than happy to serve you.

To God's glory! Enjoy.