



# BTSN

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## Participating Schools:

- Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond
- Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
- Campbell University Divinity School
- Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- Chicago Theological Seminary
- Drew Theological School
- Duke University Divinity School
- Candler School of Theology, Emory University
- George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University
- Moorehouse School of Religion, Interdenominational Theological Center
- Logsdon Seminary
- Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary—Baptist Studies Program
- M. Christopher White School of Divinity, Gardner-Webb University
- McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University
- Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Shaw University Divinity School
- Wake Forest University Divinity

## Meet the Baptist Theological Student Network

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Baptist Theological Student Network! The Baptist Theological Student Network, or BTSN for short, was created from the unique experience many seminary students had during the New Baptist Covenant in January 2008. These students from many different seminaries participated in the Stephenson Seminary Scholars Program, engaging in class discussions about the history of Baptists and forming connections with Baptists from all over the country.

The purpose of BTSN is to connect seminary students from different Baptist backgrounds for unity, fellowship, missions, education, and networking. To date there are seventeen participating theological institutions from across the United States. Each school has one representative serving on the steering committee.

At the beginning of September some members from the steering committee attended the human rights conference, "Religious Faith, Torture, and Our National Soul" at McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. There the committee began brainstorming BTSN's purpose and



Members of the Steering Committee at their first meeting in September 2008. L to R: Rodney Thomas, Lauren Waggoner, Dr. Alan Culpepper, Evita Smith, John Withum, and Aileen Lawrimore. Photo courtesy of Aileen Lawrimore.

ideas for the network. Some of the projects BTSN will be taking on are publishing a newsletter each semester, hosting an annual spring conference, and sponsoring a possible mission immersion trip. If you would like to participate in BTSN contact Lauren Waggoner, Program Director, at: [lauren\\_waggoner@hotmail.com](mailto:lauren_waggoner@hotmail.com).

## Spring Conference: Helping the "Least Of These"

BTSN's first annual Spring Conference will be March 26-28, 2008 at McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference's theme is based on Matthew 25:34-40 where Jesus addresses who the least of these are.

This **free** conference will engage students in education, worship, and missions. During part of the conference the students will split up in groups and

participate in different mission opportunities throughout the Atlanta area.

If you are interested in attending the conference, contact Lauren Waggoner at [lauren\\_waggoner@hotmail.com](mailto:lauren_waggoner@hotmail.com). More details can be found on our facebook group and our upcoming website. We hope to see you in Atlanta this March!