

1: David S. Dockery, President | The Evangelical Theological Society

An alternative to the controversial New Baptist Covenant, Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal calls Southern Baptists to boldly unite and renew their commitment to the gospel, biblical authority, and their confessional heritage.

This first post is a relatively detailed summary of the book. In his articles, conference addresses, chapel messages, and books, Dockery has been consistently charting a course for the future of the Convention. Much of that material has now been brought together and synthesized as Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal, a book-length agenda for the SBC. Dockery begins with an introduction titled Southern Baptists: Past, Present, and Future. He recounts the origins of the SBC as a sectional denomination, discusses the various theological and cultural movements that shaped Southern Baptist identity, and describes the evolution of the Convention into a modern denomination during the mid-twentieth century. This shift contributed to the rise of progressive theology in the 1960s and 1970s, which in turn inspired periodic conservative backlash. These two competing visions collided in the Conservative Resurgence that began in the 1970s and captured control of the denominational bureaucracy. Such Southern Baptists will build a consensus around the gospel, pursue a renewed Baptist identity, and recommit to the cause of missions and evangelism. Dockery first discusses the primacy of Scripture, arguing that Baptists have historically been thoroughgoing biblicalists. He then outlines an evangelical doctrine of Scripture that hinges upon the inerrancy and sufficiency of the canonical texts. Dockery also discusses the place of doctrine, arguing that Southern Baptists need to differentiate between primary and secondary doctrines by faithfully searching Scripture and looking to Baptist history and the wider Christian tradition for guidance. He then discusses the role that global missions has played in Baptist history in general and the SBC in particular. Dockery closes the chapter by discussing how cooperation fuels our mission endeavors. He argues for a gospel-driven consensus within the SBC that balances a passion for the truth with a call to love others and that models Christian unity before the watching world. The second chapter focuses on the gospel, calling for a Southern Baptist consensus on the good news of all that God has done on our behalf through the person and work of Christ. Dockery begins by noting how programmatic cooperation in the SBC contributed to the decline of the gospel among our churches. He closes the chapter with a call for a Southern Baptist consensus around these fundamental truths. Chapter three focuses on worship among Southern Baptists. Dockery begins by noting the genuine diversity of worship styles among North American Christians, including Southern Baptists. He then provides a brief overview of how Baptists have worshiped over the last century, with particular emphasis on the role that revivalism has played in shaping our worship and the central place of preaching in our corporate worship. Next, Dockery helpfully outlines six different worship styles, most of which are present within sectors of the Southern Baptist Convention. The chapter closes with a call to renew Southern Baptist worship. Dockery finishes with seven suggestions for renewing worship: Dockery is convinced that the renewal of Baptist worship will help facilitate renewal in every other area. Chapter four is titled Serving Church and Society: A Vision for Baptist Education. This is a topic Dockery has extensively addressed in other works, most notably *Renewing Minds*: After an historical overview of Baptist higher education, including early schools, theological traditions, and ten shaping influences, Dockery discusses how our Baptist distinctives inform our approach to higher education and how certain tendencies within the Baptist tradition threaten higher education. He argues for wedding Baptist identity with a deeper commitment to the historic confessional tradition of the church. Dockery then proposes five keys to a renewed vision for Baptist higher education, including a closer connection with the churches, a commitment to academic freedom within a confessional context, the formative role of higher education in Baptist identity, a focus on students, and developing faculties that are communities of scholars who are also devoted churchmen. Dockery closes by proposing a view of theological seminary education that is theologically driven, is connected to the church, is pursued in service to the church and on behalf of the church, that consciously weds theology and practice, and helps facilitate renewal within the SBC. Chapter five focuses on rediscovering our theological heritage for the purpose of contemporary renewal. Dockery begins with an overview of the unique theological emphases of the first three centuries of Baptist history prior to the formation of the SBC. He then

traces the development of Southern Baptist theology through the writings of six theologians: Boyce, Basil Manly Jr. The general trend moves from Scripture to experience, along with the waning of doctrinaire Calvinism. Dockery then discusses Southern Baptist theology since the mid-th century, dividing his discussion into pre- and post-Conservative Resurgence tendencies. He notes that prior to , the Convention was divided between conservatives and moderates, the latter including both theological progressives and those who tolerated them, including many who were individual conservatives. There was no real confessional center to the SBC, leading to a series of theological controversies and the breakdown of the older, theologically based consensus in favor of a more pragmatic consensus. But our commitment to biblical inerrancy provides us with the foundation to move forward toward a new consensus within the SBC. The final chapter is titled Praying for Church and Convention Leaders: Character, Conviction, and Cooperation. Dockery calls for Convention leaders who exemplify godly character. He also calls for leaders with strong theological convictions, in particular a commitment to biblical inerrancy and sufficiency and an appreciation for the heart of the historic Baptist confessional tradition, though not necessarily total doctrinal uniformity. He then argues for a renewed cooperation built around our renewed confessionalism, with genuine humility and Christ-centered unity driving us every step of the way. Dockery concludes this chapter, and the book, with a review of all that he has discussed and a call for these priorities and emphases to guide us in a new Southern Baptist consensus and renewal, for the glory of God, the health of our churches, and the sake of those who do not yet know Christ.

2: Between The Times – Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal: Summary

[This is the first of two posts that will interact with David Dockery's new book, Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal (B&H Academic,). This first post is a relatively detailed summary of the book.

This year, Dockery is once again responsible for one of if not the most the most important books on published on the Southern Baptist Convention. I found the entire book helpful. Most important, however, were the essays presented by Wills, George, Stetzer and Rainer. It blew me away. Not only in his apt description of Baptist principles and strong words on Calvinism, but in his amazing description of his first church: If you had to place this church on the map of Baptist typology, it would be a tthe outer edge of the bubbling bilge of a rivulet washed up by the backwaters of Sandy Creek. And we were, a band of strangers living in teh shadows surrounded by fears. But when I later read about how the early Christians in Carthage were known to their neighbors by the love they had for one another, I knew what that meant, for this church embraced me and my folks with a love that was palpable. That little Baptist church taught me John 3: It is interesting to see how Wills exmines the two streams of understanding regarding what it means to be Baptist. So, just follow the link to Amazon and buy the book. Trust me, it is worth your money. Stetzer notes that missional has become something of a catch phrase in the SBC and notes that it is necessary to define what missional is. But missional churches seek to engage their immediate cultures as well as the ethne of the world. Giving to missions or going on short-term mission trips –as important as these are –do not fulfill our missional calling, nor does focusing exclusively on the church and its community while ignoring the rest of the world. They involve the members in the ministry and mission of church and gospel. We must seek first the Kingdom. With an adaptation of the parable of the Prodigal Son to contemporary Southern Baptist life, Shaddix essentially shows that the future of the traditional church lies with a contemporary culture. The youth of today are the church of tomorrow, and it is necessary that the traditional church reach out to its young leaders if it is to be viable into the future. The young leadership will return to traditional churches that show a passionate and sacrificial abandonment to the mission of Jesus Christ. And our attrition rate will go down, regardless of our musical styles and denominational forms. The traditional church will survive and thrive if its people have a change of heart about their God, his worship, and the people for whom he died. This book is a must read for Southern Baptists. We need all be open to change, to follow our God and be involved in his mission to the world.

3: Book Review: Southern Baptist Identity | www.enganchecubano.com

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Renewing Markers of Southern Baptist Identity: Focusing on the Gospel: Giving Glory to God: Serving Church and Society: Rediscovering Our Theological Heritage: Praying for Church and Convention Leaders: Character, Conviction, and Cooperation Initial Thoughts: Dockery has continued to blaze a path guided by a passion for cooperation and guarded by a commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Southern Baptists have a chequered past when it comes to deciding whether our legacy will be one of cooperation or controversy. In recent years, we have seen a spike of controversial issues that stand to divide Bible-believing, gospel-proclaiming Southern Baptists—issues that are far from essential or first order to our faith. In this day, it is imperative for Southern Baptists on all sides of the issue to consider and heed the call for consensus and renewal for the sake of the gospel and our stewardship of it. These are turbulent days in the Southern Baptist Convention. There are significant debates and questions about our Baptist identity. Our churches are struggling to reach people in a postmodern culture. David Dockery is one of those voices of hope in these uncertain days. He reminds us that we cannot yield the gains the Convention has made in its commitment to truth and doctrinal fidelity. Yet, he offers a plan for renewal and consensus within our confessional heritage. I am encouraged and I am thankful for the prophetic voice of David Dockery. It calls our denomination to nothing less than a Great Commission resurgence rooted in the great biblical and theological truths that we hold in common. David Dockery is, as always, careful, insightful, and gracious. Here is a thesis that can chart a course for our denomination. It is my prayer that this book will not only be read, but that its vision will be embraced. The past generation has witnessed a denominational revolution, one that was much needed and for which we can give thanks to God. The question now is: Will we follow the model of the French Revolution which brought needed change but also unraveled much that was good and led to dissipation and fragmentation, or the American Revolution which issued in a new republic with enduring structures filled with hope for the future? David Dockery, in the convincing and studied manner so typical of all his writings, calls for a fresh return to our theological, educational, and missiological roots. Few people know Southern Baptists as well as Dockery, and no one is better able to provide a compass by which to steer us once again out of our doldrums and onto the high seas of effectiveness. It is multifaceted in its content. It is a primer on Southern Baptist history. It is a skillful analysis of the many forces and factors which have made us who we are. It is a masterful discussion of the theological issues which should pull us together and point us toward unity. Most of all, it is a call from a man devoted to God to encourage a Convention to remember its biblical purpose. He urges us to build on this foundation by directing our energies to a renewed consensus around the nature of the Gospel itself. If we hope to gain a hearing, we must stand united on the primacy of the Gospel—in our corporate worship, in our personal witnessing, as well as in our institutions of higher education. He points out the strong commitment that our Southern Baptist leaders and Baptist leaders over the centuries have had to the inerrancy, accuracy, and sufficiency of Scripture. His call for us to come together around the biblical essentials of our faith is a welcomed intrusion into these chaotic times in Southern Baptist life, in our churches and entities. This is a must read book for anyone serious about Southern Baptists coming together to become instruments God can use effectively in this age. May we heed the call. Land, President, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal gives a discerning overview of our Southern Baptist history and heritage and offers a distinctive insight and hope for our denominational future without compromising our long standing commitment to the authority and accuracy of the Bible. If I could I would make it a must read for every seminary faculty, seminarian, pastor, and lay leader. It is a timely word for these challenging days. His book is a prophetic, clarion call to cooperation, unity, and renewal amongst Southern Baptists. Many issues in this day threaten to sidetrack us from advancing the Gospel, missions, and theological education together. Dockery urges us to focus on our confessional heritage and renew our commitment to truth, to doctrinal fidelity, and to the Christ-centered message of the

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Gospel. If you care anything about the future of the Southern Baptist Convention, then you need to read this book and appropriate its exhortation. It is well written, well documented, and offers a fascinating and much needed proposal. We must have renewal for and a renewed commitment to our historic roots and cooperative nature. The proposal by Dockery offers the best hope I have read. Dockery is the president of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, recognized as a top tier institution by U. He also serves as chairman of the board of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, has authored more than twenty-five books including *Renewing Minds* and *Shaping a Christian Worldview*, and is a contributing editor for *Christianity Today* magazine.

4: David Dockery - Wikipedia

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5: David Dockery's Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal | Denny Burk

Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal is a landmark book. Dockery has done all Southern Baptists a great service by laying out the framework for Baptist cooperation. Dockery has done all Southern Baptists a great service by laying out the framework for Baptist cooperation.

6: Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal Faithlife Ebooks

In David Dockery's book Southern Baptist Consensus and Renewal, he lists seven different groups of conservative Southern Baptists. Fundamentalists: hard-lined people who often have more in common with "independent" Baptists than with the SBC heritage.

7: Southern Baptist: Books | eBay

David Dockery's SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONSENSUS AND RENEWAL is the best introduction to the current state of the Southern Baptist Convention. - Mark E. Dever, Pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

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