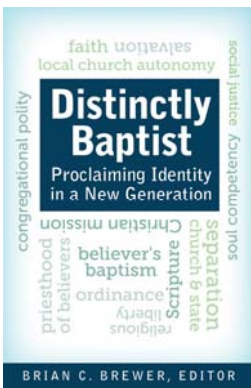


## New Collection Proclaims Baptist Identity from the Pulpit



Valley Forge, PA, August 5, 2011 – We are living in a post-denominational age. Pastor, style of worship, relationships, and fellowship opportunities more likely determine church membership than denominational affiliation. Should today's pastors and preachers therefore avoid addressing the distinctives of their faith tradition, or are these collective beliefs more important than ever? The contributors to *Distinctly Baptist: Proclaiming Identity in a New Generation* say it's time to make Baptists aware of the power and potential of their own witness.

When Baptists celebrated the 400th anniversary of their distinctive tradition in 2010, the faculty of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University delivered a unique chapel series to proclaim the Baptist identity. Beginning with those sermons and expanding upon them, this new book offers this generation a relevant understanding of Baptist faith and identity, based on the proclamation of 14 classic and emerging distinctives:

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Authority of Scripture  
Soul competency  
Priesthood of believers  
Vocation and calling  
Christian mission  
Believers' church

Congregational polity  
Local church autonomy  
Believer's baptism  
Lord's Supper  
Religious liberty  
Separation of church and state  
Social justice

Intended first and foremost to encourage and equip Baptist preachers, *Distinctly Baptist* will also be a useful study tool for individual or small-group study. Church educators as well as seminary and university professors will also find it an invaluable resource for teaching the relevance of Baptist identity to disciples and seminarians alike.

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