



The Andrew Fuller Center

for Baptist Studies

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The Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, now located at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, seeks to promote the study of Baptist history and doctrine as well as reflection on the contemporary significance of that history. The Center is named in honor of Andrew Fuller (1754-1815), a late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century British Baptist pastor/theologian who opposed aberrant doctrine among Baptists in England and was instrumental in the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society. Fuller was a close friend and theological mentor of William Carey, founder of the modern international missions movement.

The Andrew Fuller Center holds an annual major conference that examines various aspects of Baptist history and thought. It also supports the publication of a critical edition of the works of Andrew Fuller, and from time to time, other works in Baptist history. In time, it is hoped the Center will have a role in mentoring junior scholars involved in Baptist studies. Twice each year, the Andrew Fuller Center also publishes *Eusebeia*, a journal primarily, though not exclusively, related to Baptist history and thought.

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[FROM THE *editor*]



C. H. Spurgeon once described Andrew Fuller as “the greatest theologian” of his century. Yet, it is amazing that such an important figure in the history of British Evangelicalism has been largely overlooked by historians of this movement since Spurgeon’s day. The publication of a critical edition of Fuller’s works by Paternoster Press, beginning this year, will undoubtedly help rectify this situation, as will the annual conference put on by The Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies.

The first of such conferences, held in 2007, was devoted to the topic of “Andrew Fuller the Reader” and explored the various theological influences on Fuller’s thought, ranging from the Reformation and the Puritan John Owen to the doyen of eighteenth-century Evangelicalism, Jonathan Edwards. All of the plenary sessions of this conference except that of Dr. Russell Moore, who gave a superbly argued “The Contemporary Significance of Andrew Fuller” at the conference banquet on August 27, can be found here in this issue of *Eusebeia*. This issue also includes most of the parallel sessions, as well as two other papers, one revisiting Fuller’s doctrine of the atonement and the other a fresh study of the important epistolary relationship between Fuller’s close friend

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John Ryland, Jr., and that paragon of eighteenth-century Scottish Evangelicalism, John Erskine.

Due to the size of this issue, it was felt that it would be best not to include any book reviews. These will resume in the next issue of the journal. Enjoy Fuller! **E**

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