

Welcome

Dr. Michael Spradlin and *The Journal* Committee

Welcome to the 2018 edition of the Mid-America *Journal*. This edition could not be more timely as we see a major effort in society to redefine what constitutes a marriage and what constitutes a family. These articles will encourage you and clarify what the Bible says on the nature and function of the biblical family. I pray that this will be a blessing for you and that you will stand firm in the fight to uphold what Scripture says.

In Christ,
Dr. Michael Spradlin
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What comprises a biblical family? This edition of the *Journal* addresses that question from several different applications, including theology, biblical studies, counseling, Christian education, missions, and preaching. Writers include scholars from each of these disciplines. You will find thoughtful theological engagement with the Scriptures that lay the foundation for practical application in various areas of life.

The MABTS *Journal* Committee prays this edition will bless you as you study this important subject and as you engage a secular culture with the biblical basis for marriage and family.

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