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Beautiful San Francisco, California, was the setting for the forty-fourth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. Over 500 persons registered for the three-day conference, which was held November 19-21, 1992, at the spacious San Francisco Airport Hilton.

"The Strategy for the Church in the '90s" was the conference theme, and a program of six plenary sessions and over one hundred parallel sections was prepared by Gerry Breshears. Highlighting the meeting were plenary addresses by Edmund Clowney on "God's Aliens: The Church at the End of the Millennium" and Russell Chandler on "How Churches Can Make It to the Millennium." John Woodbridge considered "The American Great Awakenings: Models for Today?", and great interest was stimulated by J. Christy Wilson and David Wells, who handled a dual presentation on "Theology and Missiology in the '90s: The Uniqueness of Christ in the Face of Pluralism."

Plenary presentations by three notable and innovative pastors—David Fisher of Park Street Church in Boston, Randy Pope of Perimeter Church in Atlanta, and Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Mission Viejo—were followed by a lively panel discussion. Just their insight, practicality and wisdom were worth the entire trip to San Francisco.

Following the annual banquet, attended by 340 persons, Gordon Lewis' presidential address, "The Church and the New Spirituality," was read by program chairman Gerry Breshears. This was due to the unexpected hospitalization of President Lewis in Denver just prior to the annual meeting.

At the banquet, Secretary-Treasurer Simon Kistemaker was recognized for his sixteen years of faithful service in that position with the gift of a lovely engraved clock. Jean Kistemaker, who has so ably served as secretary to the secretary-treasurer, was honored along with her husband. Each spoke briefly, and the services of both will be greatly missed. We wish them well as they approach retirement.

Meeting simultaneously with ETS were the Evangelical Missions Society, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the Near East Archaeological Society, and the Adventist Theological Society. The dispensational study group met the morning of November 19, prior to the start of the conference.

During the first business session Simion Kistemaker, retiring secretary-treasurer, presented the membership report and the financial report:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Total	Full	Assoc.	Student
Active Membership 11/1/91	2036	1334	469	233
New members	258	91	58	109
Members reactivated	19	15	4	0
Members changed status	0	19	29	(48)
Members dropped*	(209)	(95)	(67)	(47)
Total Membership 11/1/92	2104	1364	493	247
*Dropped per request	14	7	2	5
Incorrect addresses	14	6	4	4
Deceased	2	2	0	0
Failed to pay 1992	179	80	61	38

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE—CASH BASIS
YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

	1992	1991
REVENUES		
Dues and subscriptions	\$57,978.04	\$54,841.55
Annual meeting	19,904.20	17,498.00
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	2,495.08	1,502.83
Interest on savings	3,367.71	4,223.42
Miscellaneous income	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,180.00</u>
	<u>87,245.03</u>	<u>80,245.80</u>
EXPENSES		
<i>JETS</i>	35,202.56	33,683.31
Accounting	350.00	345.00
Annual meeting	12,360.09	12,455.20
News Letter	427.75	703.56
Office and general	1,469.91	1,753.83
Postage	3,956.64	3,308.13
Regional expense	1,250.00	750.00
Salaries	5,526.75	4,862.00
Stipends	<u>8,790.00</u>	<u>7,850.00</u>
	<u>69,333.70</u>	<u>65,711.03</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	17,911.33	14,534.77
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	<u>92,449.97</u>	<u>77,915.20</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year	\$110,361.30	\$92,449.97

In the second business session the following officers were elected for 1993:

President—Gerry Breshears
President-Elect—L. Rush Bush
Vice-president—George W. Knight, III
Vacancy on Executive Committee—Gordon R. Lewis
Vacancies on Membership Committee—Harold W. Hoehner
and David W. Hall

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee, chaired and presented by Ronald T. Clutter:

We, the members and participants in the forty-fourth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society at San Francisco, California, on November 19–21, 1992, wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the following:

The management and staff of the San Francisco Airport Hilton Hotel for their fine work in providing an excellent setting for our meeting.

Gerry Breshears, program chairman, and all program participants for an informative and stimulating meeting.

The members of the Executive Committee: Gordon Lewis, president; Gerry Breshears, president-elect; L. Russ Bush, vice-president; Simon Kistemaker, secretary-treasurer; Ronald Youngblood, *Journal* editor; Michael Bauman and Ferris L. McDaniel, book-review editors; Bruce Demarest, News Letter editor; David Kennedy, monograph editor; and executive committee members Elmer Smick (retiring this year), James Borland, Robert Thomas and H. Wayne House for their exemplary service to the Society this year.

The Adventist Theological Society, the dispensational study group, the Evangelical Missions Society, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, and the Near East Archaeological Society for their substantial contributions in offering collateral programs at this meeting.

Be it resolved:

That through scholarship and example the members of the Evangelical Theological Society provide dynamic leadership to the Church in its quest for Biblical holiness, unity and love.

That the members of the Evangelical Theological Society direct their substantial energies to provide the Church with necessary tools for the development, promotion and defense of a Biblical world and life view.

That the members of the Evangelical Theological Society devote themselves to respond forcefully to the challenges of bioethics, false spiritual movements and detrimental social-cultural changes.

The dates, places, and themes for future annual meetings were announced:

1. November 18–20, 1993, Washington, D.C.: “God and Caesar.”
2. November 17–19, 1994, Chicago, Illinois: “Hermeneutics: Issues and Concerns.”

The secretary-treasurer noted that four ETS members had passed away in 1991. He read the memorials for Earl S. Kalland, D. Wayne Knife, Stephen W. Paine, and James Edwin Powell. After reading from the Scriptures, he led in prayer.

Our Society looks forward to continued growth and effectiveness in the years ahead. I encourage each member to plan to join us in Washington, D.C., next November as we consider the relations between “God and Caesar.”

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