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The Southwestern Journal of Theology is the oldest theological journal continually published by a Southern Baptist seminary. In 2020, I had the pleasure of updating the look and feel to reflect a modern approach, but also keep the academic focus. With this update, we introduced an icon that would reflect the journals dedication to scripture, scholarship, and ministry.



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THE BIBLE AND THE UNIVERSITY: *Sola Scriptura* and Interdisciplinary Engagement

Keith Whitley and Rhyme Putman*

If the Bible is a sufficient source for Christian knowledge, why do we need the university? The answer to this question is that true Christian knowing requires a unified approach to knowledge and a recognition that knowing is ultimately for living. The crucial issue for knowing—the most basic of human actions—is whether what we claim to know informs the type of people we become and governs the “rightness” of our actions. The sufficient and necessary conditions for how we know have occupied modern epistemology. This article will deal with “how” we know at some level, but we will seek to address a more fundamental concern related to knowledge: we propose relating the Bible and the university in a way that provides the basis for knowledge that forms our being and acts. To do this, we must supply a unified vision for knowing that provides a foundation for interpreting the meaning and purpose for all things. We believe this foundation of knowledge reflects the biblical view of what it means to know (Prov 9:10) and of what knowledge is for (Matt 22:35–40). We must first establish a Christian conception of knowledge and truth before we relate them to the work of the university. Knowledge is often equated with the apprehension of certain propositions or states of affairs, and truth is often defined as the correspondence with reality.

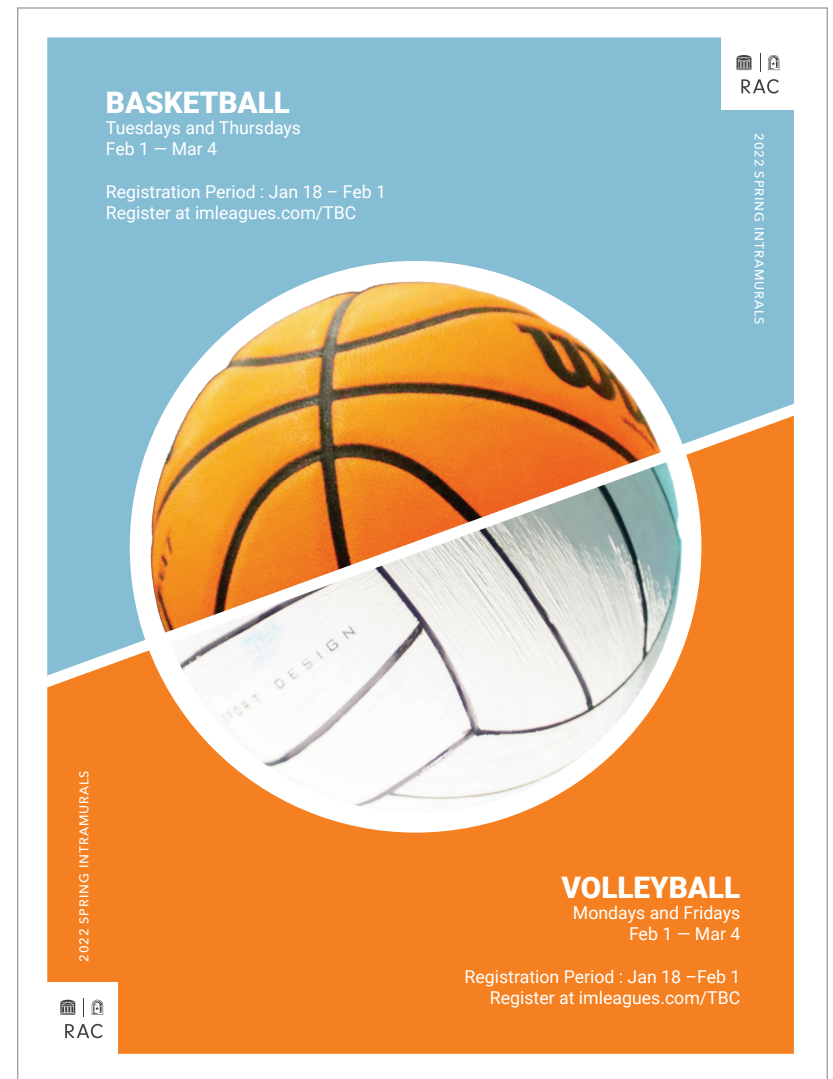
These are foundational and essential commitments for claiming that one has right ideas about the world, but are they sufficient to account for a biblical vision of knowledge? Christian knowing is a peculiar type of knowledge that is more inclusive and comprehensive. It involves knowing God, his works, and his world. Christian knowing is not necessarily synonymous

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INTRAMURAL POSTER

One of the most enjoyable projects I have worked on have been the intramural posters for our recreation center. These posters presented a way to explore creative ideas outside seminary branding. This example was a challenge as both sports were played during the same time period, but on different days of the week.



STUDY ABROAD - OXFORD

Advertising campus sponsored events provided ways to explore how a design can transfer from a printed material to a digital item. Our client wanted posters they could hang around campus, fliers to pass out at chapel, and a campus slide that could be displayed before chapel and on the screens in the student center. From a design perspective, I wanted to create a poster that was eye catching and fun, but reflected the prestige of the campus the students would be visiting.



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STUDENT PROFILE CAROUSEL

Our Director of Marketing and our social media specialist asked for carousel graphics that would focus on students and their experiences at Southwestern Seminary and Texas Baptist College. The idea was to combine photos and quotes into a interesting graphic. This created a opportunity to play with our college branding, visual layout, and Instagram's multi-photo scroll.



APPAREL DESIGN

Texas Baptist College is the undergraduate arm of Southwestern Seminary. To help market the college, our team created t-shirts for students and alumni to purchase. The focus was to create collegiate and youthful apparel. Our inspiration came from other schools and their interpretations of the classic college arch, as well as funky designs using texture.

