



# Profile

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Allan McNicol is an Australian citizen and permanent resident of the United States. He was born in Queensland, Australia, and received his early education there. His parents and grandparents were closely associated with the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement and he works within that tradition as a professor in a seminary associated with the Churches of Christ.

In 1962 McNicol came to America and received degrees from Abilene Christian University, Yale, and Vanderbilt (Ph.D. in New Testament). Since 1972 he has lived in Austin, Texas, teaching at Austin Graduate School of Theology. He is married to Patricia Burke McNicol from Midland, Texas. Patricia majored in piano performance at Texas Tech and the University of Texas in Austin and now teaches piano at her studio in Austin. Two sons, Rob and Chris, are adults and live outside of Austin.

For the past several decades McNicol has pursued several major academic interests. He worked for many years with the late William Farmer in Gospel Studies, particularly in the area of the Synoptic Problem. McNicol continues to research and publish in that area. He is also interested in the area of eschatology and is working currently on a book on *The Conversion of the Nations in Revelation*. His most recent book, *Preparing for the Lord's Supper*, Austin: Christian Studies Press was published in 2007.

In the area of church life, McNicol maintains a deep interest in the Restoration Movement and its development theologically. He teaches seminars and classes in schools and churches within this heritage on several continents. At present he is especially interested in the theological identity of the Churches of Christ as a religious tradition. He has written several articles taking the position that Churches of Christ should not view themselves as part of Evangelicalism or the Evangelical Movement, which has no coherent ecclesiology. McNicol argues that, as a fellowship seeking to restore the common faith of the ancient church, Churches of Christ stand or fall on their ecclesiology. In this context he continues to emphasize the centrality of the rites of baptism and the Lord's Supper for perceiving God's action in the life of the church.

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