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Telling the Story

3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ON EVANGELISM
AND CHURCH GROWTH

February 28 - March 2, 2025



A FREE CONFERENCE
DESIGNED FOR ALL CHURCH
MEMBERS, LEADERS, AND MINISTERS

Featured Keynote Speakers:



HON. SHELTON GIBBS IV
KAUFMAN, TX

"TELLING THE STORY WHEN I'M HURTING"

7:00 PM • FRIDAY



DR. DEVIN SWINDLE
SEARCY, AR

"TELLING THE STORY NO MATTER THE COST"

11:00 AM • SATURDAY



SAM BAILEY
LANCASTER, TX

"TELLING THE STORY WITH PURPOSE"

4:00 PM • SATURDAY



DR. STEVE CLOER
MEMPHIS, TN

"BECOMING A CHURCH THAT ENGAGES NEIGHBORHOODS & CITIES"

9:45 AM • SUNDAY



MITCH WILBURN
TULSA, OK

"TELLING THE STORY LIKE IT'S THE LAST TIME"

8:30 & 10:45 AM • SUN

Welcome to *Telling the Story* and to Prestoncrest Church of Christ! This weekend many will gather to equip, edify, worship, fellowship, discuss, and dream about the future of the church. Every presentation and speaker will focus on Kingdom growth in a variety of capacities. We pray that the experience will challenge your thinking, touch your heart, and nourish your soul.

I am indebted to numerous volunteers and leaders for their tremendous assistance. As we approach our third year of the conference, support continues to grow. From the Prestoncrest eldership and ministry staff, Prestoncrest volunteers, planning committees, speakers from across the country, and all of our attendees, it is truly a team effort. I would be lost without Kellie Wilkinson who masterfully navigates every detail. May God receive all the glory for anything and everything that results from this conference.

Again, we are honored by your presence and thrilled to welcome you to Prestoncrest. May God bless you richly.

Dr. Jacob Hawk

DIRECTOR OF TELLING THE STORY CONFERENCE
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Schedule:

SPEAKER BIOS AND FULL CLASS & TRACK DESCRIPTIONS @
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 pm: Hon. Shelton Gibbs IV KEYNOTE (AUDITORIUM) • 8:15 pm: Dismissal & Fellowship

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 am: Praise & Worship

9:00 am: Class

9:45 AM: BREAK #1

10:00 am: Class

10:45 AM: BREAK #2

11:00 am: Dr. Devin Swindle KEYNOTE (AUDITORIUM)

12 Noon: Lunch FELLOWSHIP HALL

LUNCH RSVP REQUIRED BY FEB. 16

1:00 pm: Class

1:45 PM: BREAK #3

2:00 pm: Class

2:45 PM: BREAK #4

3:00 pm: Class

3:45 PM: BREAK #5

4:00 pm: Sam Bailey KEYNOTE (AUDITORIUM)



SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 am & 10:45 am: Worship, Mitch Wilburn KEYNOTE (AUDITORIUM)

9:45 am: Bible Class, Dr. Steve Cloer KEYNOTE (AUDITORIUM)

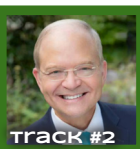
MORE DETAILS & BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS LISTED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

9AM SATURDAY



GROWING AND MATURING LEADERS by Dr. Nathan Mellor

The desire to lead is common, but training to lead is rare. How can churches equip the next generation for effective leadership?



DOES DOCTRINE MATTER? by Dr. Bryan Pruitt

Paul urged Timothy to watch his life and doctrine closely. Why is sound teaching so important for the health of churches?



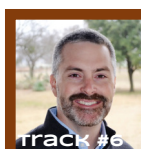
WHAT ABOUT "THE SINNER'S PRAYER?" by Paul Shero

What is "The Sinner's Prayer" and how does it align with New Testament teachings concerning salvation?



FINDING HOPE IN HOPELESSNESS by Dr. Jim Martin

Many feel hopeless. How can Christians embrace and share the enduring hope found in Christ amidst life's challenges?



History: 5 WAYS TO UNLEASH GOD'S POWER IN YOUR EVANGELISM by Seth McDowell

Evangelism can be frustrating without tangible results. Discover practical ways to rely on God's power to share faith.



FINDING GOD FROM A POSTMODERN PERSPECTIVE by Dr. Matthew Morine

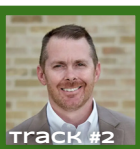
In a world that denies absolute truth, how can we effectively proclaim Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life?

10AM SATURDAY



DEACONS TODAY BUT ELDERS TOMORROW by John Cawyer

Today's servants prepare for tomorrow's opportunities. How can deacons in the church serve and train effectively?



IMMOVABLE FAITH IN A DRIFTING WORLD by Reed Swindle

Culture changes, but Scripture remains. How can believers rely on God's eternal word for guidance and discipleship?



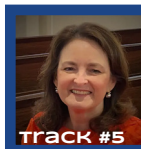
WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO NEVER HEAR THE GOSPEL? by Wes McAdams

What about people who never hear the gospel? Will they be lost? How does the Bible address these dilemmas?



ARMING OUR CHILDREN FOR CULTURAL WAR by Robert K. Oglesby

The world competes for attention, challenging God's voice. How can we teach children to recognize truth?



LYDIA: OPEN HEARTS AND OPEN HOMES by Lisa Pipkin

Lydia's brief mentioning in Acts leaves a lasting impact. How can churches cultivate influential, faithful women leaders?



CHURCHES FOR THE COMMUNITY by Terry Fischer

Being in a community differs from serving it. How can churches impact neighbors with meaningful outreach?

*TRACK #5 (WOMEN'S MINISTRY) IS ONLY OFFERED AT 10 AM, 2 PM, AND 3 PM

SATURDAY
12 NOON IN #231:
 (DETAILS ON BACK)
"YOUR FIRST
WORLD BIBLE
SCHOOL
STUDENT"
 by Marcus McKee



TRACKS: SCAN QR FOR DESCRIPTIONS ~ SEE MAP/LOCATIONS ON REVERSE...

- #1: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** PRESTON PLACE #125 (S.H.O.U.T. CLASSROOM)
 - #2: FAITH FOUNDATIONS** PRESTON PLACE #135 (DISCOVER CLASSROOM)
 - #3: ANSWERS FOR TOUGH QUESTIONS** PRESTON PLACE #200 (FAMILIES IN CHRIST CLASSROOM)
 - #4: FAMILIES AND TEENS** CHURCH BUILDING #223 (FRIENDSHIP CLASSROOM)
 - #5: LADIES' MINISTRY*** PRESTON PLACE #130 (HEARTS IN ACTION CLASSROOM)
 - #6: MISSION POSSIBLE** PRESTON PLACE #100 (THE ZONE / PCYG / YOUTH CLASSROOM)
- BONUS CLASS: 9 AM & 1 PM (Auditorium)*



1PM SATURDAY



PRIORITIZING COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY WITH THE CHURCH by Mike Pipkin
 Transparency builds trust. How do church leaders balance openness and confidentiality with their congregations?



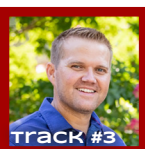
MARRIAGES THAT MINISTER by Jim and Janis Burrow
 Join us as we explore how Kingdom couples can build godly marriages that minister and point to the cross.



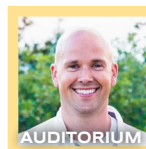
ENGAGING PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS by Dino Roussos
 Many reject salvation through Jesus alone. How can we discuss truths with those embracing multiple paths to God?



RECIPES FOR GROWING CHURCHES by Dr. David Duncan
 Do growing churches have a secret or can every church experience growth through intentional, dedicated efforts?



WHAT ABOUT HELL? by Keith Harris
 Is hell real or is it a myth? Is it truly eternal? How can a loving God allow agonizing punishment?

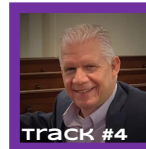


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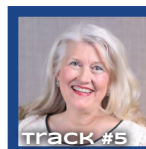
THE BEAUTY OF THE MINISTER/ELDER RELATIONSHIP by Dr. Jacob Hawk
 Ministers and elders must work in harmony for God's glory. Join us as we explore this special partnership for Kingdom growth.



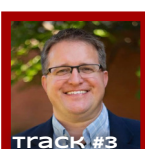
THE FIGHT! by Gary Cochran
 Family struggles are relentless. How does Nehemiah's story provide guidance, encouragement, and hope in today's spiritual battles?



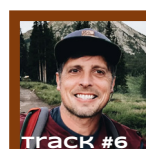
IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF THE WORLD by Mitch Wiggains
 How can Christians maintain the vital but delicate balance of engaging the world without conforming to it?



A PRAYER LIFE THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS by Dr. Michelle Tucker
 Prayer brings life-changing results. How do we become people who not only pray, but people of prayer?



HOW DO I KNOW THE BIBLE IS TRUE? by Dr. Jeremie Beller
 If the Bible is false, faith collapses. How can we be sure Scripture is the infallible, inspired, authoritative Word of God?



LEADING A BIBLE STUDY – WHERE DO I BEGIN? by Boo Scott
 How do we lead a study with neighbors, co-workers, and friends? Should we use curriculum or adapt to situations?

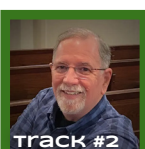
3PM SATURDAY



LEADING BY LISTENING by Brad Yurcho & Steven Miller
 Shepherds must lead while listening. How can leaders guide while staying attentive to the congregation's needs?



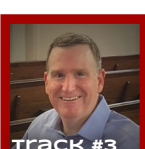
WHY CHURCHES NEED ADOPTION AND FOSTERING MINISTRIES by Kerry Fitzgerald
 How can churches promote fostering and adoption as a reflection of God's heart?



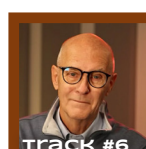
THE SHAPE OF FAITH by Bob Chisholm
 How does outreach connect to faith's foundation? Reaching out makes sense only as a part of the Shape of Faith.



A STORY TO TELL by Dianne Reed
 God's gifts help us through challenges. Hear Dianne's story of how struggles can become opportunities for God's glory and mission.



WHY WOULD A GOOD GOD ALLOW SUFFERING? by Dr. Gordon Dabbs
 Why does suffering exist? How can believers today explain why bad things happen to good people?



FROM MAFIA TO MINISTRY by Mike Mazzalongo
 A journey from mobster's son to minister. Join us as we hear how God is blessing this worldwide ministry.

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IDEAS? CONCERNS?
APPLAUSE?

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Noon on Saturday:

During Lunch in #231:
CHURCH BUILDING, UPSTAIRS / FOR12 CLASSROOM

"YOUR FIRST WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT"
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Sign up at the WBS table at the conference before lunch on Saturday to attend

BOOTH LOCATED IN THE FOYER AT THE CHURCH BUILDING



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