

WELCOME

Welcome to our 9th annual Refresh Conference! Our theme this year, Soldier On: Train. Endure. is taken from 2 Timothy 2:1-4. Endurance is a theme we see all through the New Testament, and our greatest example is Christ, who endured the cross because of the joy that was set before Him. As ministry leaders we are called to do many things but enduring instead of quitting is mission critical. There are many things a ministry leader must endure-criticism, health issues (personally or of a loved one), death of a family member or friend, people leaving your ministry, personal expectations not being met, etc. It is not just enduring, but how we endure that will determine the influence of our ministry.



Our hope is to encourage those who have had a tough year and give tools to those who are seeking to train and disciple those around them. Our whole campus is excited to serve you in any way we can. If there is anything you need, please let us know. We are glad you are here!

—Dr. Jim Tillotson

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SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Pre-Conference Workshops

2:00–4:00 p.m.	Mrs. Faith Taylor	Effective Women’s Ministry in the Local Church (Ladies Only)	Gray 101
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2:00–4:00 p.m.	Dr. Dennis Wilkening	Getting Things Done in Ministry	Nettleton 105
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6:30 p.m.	General Session Faith Ensembles Concert		Nettleton Chapel
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Dr. Jim Tillotson • Ministering for a Lifetime...? or !

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 a.m.	General Session Pastor Jason LaFlamme • Sticks Down – Heads Up		Nettleton Chapel
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10:00 a.m.	Break		
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10:20 a.m.	General Session Pastor Joe Fant • Restoring the Joy of Ministry		Nettleton Chapel
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11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Workshops (Full descriptions on faith.edu/events/refresh-conference)

Chris Anderson	The Expendable Leader		Nettleton 105
Douglas Brown	The Messianic Psalms: Finding Jesus in the Psalter		Gray 104
Gracia Burnham	A Song in the Jungle (Ladies Only)		Nettleton Chapel
Josh Crockett	Stabilizing Truths in Suffering		Gray 101
Mike Hartwig	Enduring and Thriving Financially in Retirement		Gray 102

12:45 p.m.	Lunch at local restaurants or Benson Hall		
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2:00–3:00 p.m. Workshops (Full descriptions on faith.edu/events/refresh-conference)

Taylor, Tillotson & Wilkening	Panel Discussion: Church Planting, Evangelism, and Preaching		Nettleton 105
Joe Fant	Bearing Burdens without Burnout		Gray 104
Marty Herron	Hitting the Mark: A Program for Effective Church Discipleship		Gray 102
Tim Little	Wisdom from the Song of Solomon		Domokos 125
Faith Taylor	A Woman’s Response to Conflict and Criticism in the Church (Ladies Only)		Gray 101

3:15 p.m.	Campus Tours Visit Exhibitor Tables (2 hours)		Start at Information Booth
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5:15 p.m.	Banquet		Nettleton Chapel
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6:30 p.m.	General Session Dr. Josh Crockett • Awake and Armored		Nettleton Chapel
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8:15 p.m.	Alumni and Friends Reception: Pillsbury Alumni and Friends Reception: Northland		Domokos Hall 125 Gray 101
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9:00 a.m. General Session Nettleton Chapel
Dr. Marty Herron • Worn Out along the Way: Defeating the Enemy of Impatience

10:00 a.m. Break

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Dr. Dean Taylor • Holy Companions: How Friends Help Each Other Endure in Ministry

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Gracia Burnham	Fashions and Muslims and Paul Harvey, Oh My! (Ladies Only)	Nettleton Chapel
Jon Haley	Bible Study in a Digital Age with Logos	Domokos 125
Les Ollila	Symptoms and Solutions of Depression	Gray 104
Dean Taylor	Holy Distractions: The Place of Hobbies in the Life of a Pastor	Gray 101
Dennis Wilkening	More Than a Guest	Nettleton 105
Seminary Q&A	What is Christian Reconstructionism?	Shipp 105

12:45 p.m. Lunch at local restaurants or Benson Hall

2:00–3:00 p.m. Workshops (Full descriptions on faith.edu/events/refresh-conference)

Gracia Burnham	The Guarantee No One Wants (Ladies Only)	Nettleton Chapel
Tim Capon	Be Careful...Be Faithful: Cultivating Strong Marriages	Gray 102
Paul Hartog	Early Christian Opposition to Abortion	Nettleton 105
Jason LaFlamme	Small Town Ministries	Gray 104
Kurt Skelly	The Danger of Good Customer Service	Gray 101

3:15 p.m. Campus Tours Start at Information Booth
 Visit Exhibitor Tables (2 hours)

6:30 p.m. General Session Nettleton Chapel
 Matt and Christy Taylor Concert
Pastor Kurt Skelly • The Pre-Battle Is the Battle

8:15 p.m. Alumni and Friends Reception Gray 101
 Faith, Omaha, and Denver

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 a.m. General Session Nettleton Chapel
Dr. Paul Hartog • Demolishing Strongholds with Divine Weaponry

10:00 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. General Session Nettleton Chapel
Dr. Dennis Wilkening • The Incredible Impact of Being Chosen

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GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS

Dr. Josh Crockett	<i>Senior Pastor</i> Morningside Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina
Pastor Joe Fant	<i>Senior Pastor</i> Community Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana
Dr. Paul Hartog	<i>Chair, Theological Studies Department</i> Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary
Dr. Marty Herron	<i>Executive Vice President</i> Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary
Pastor Jason LaFlamme	<i>Senior Pastor</i> Munising Baptist Church, Wetmore, Michigan
Pastor Kurt Skelly	<i>Senior Pastor</i> Faith Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dr. Dean Taylor	<i>Chair, Pastoral Studies Department</i> Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary
Dr. Jim Tillotson	<i>President</i> Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary
Dr. Dennis Wilkening	<i>Faculty, Assistant Professor of Biblical Counseling</i> Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Dr. Chris Anderson

Vice President of Global Opportunities

Biblical Ministries Worldwide

Dr. Douglas Brown

Seminary Dean; Director, Master of Divinity Program

Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

Mrs. Gracia Burnham

Missionary

Ethnos360

Mr. Tim Capon

State Representative

Iowa Association of Regular Baptist Churches

Mr. Jon Haley

Presenter

Logos Bible Software

Dr. Mike Hartwig

Financial Representative and Director of Training

Financial Architects

Dr. Tim Little

Assistant Professor of Old Testament

Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

Dr. Les Ollila

Chaplain

Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

Mrs. Faith Taylor

Director, Women's Ministries Program

Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

TWIGS COFFEE SHOP

Enjoy a variety of snacks and beverages in the Twigs Coffee Shop, our Hospitality Room for the conference. Make this room your place to relax and connect with other Christian leaders and spouses during the week. **All drinks and snacks are complimentary to registered attendees.**

Tuesday	12:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	Thursday	8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	Friday	8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

MEALS

Your registration for the conference includes a banquet on Wednesday evening, which will be held in the Nettleton Center Gym. Pre-purchased lunch tickets are located inside your name badge holder. If you did not purchase meal tickets ahead of time, they are available for purchase at Benson Hall. For restaurant options in the area, please refer to page 62 in the booklet.

Benson Meal Times		Prices	
Breakfast	6:30–8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	\$9.00
Lunch	11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Lunch	\$10.75
Dinner	5:00–6:30 p.m.	Dinner	\$10.75

CHILD CARE

Child care will be available during all pre-conference seminars, general sessions, and workshop sessions each day. Child care is provided for nursery (0–2) and preschool (3–5) age children in Nettleton 103 and 104. Child care will only be provided for healthy children. You may bring your children 15 minutes before the sessions begin. Please pick up your children at the close of the sessions.

NURSING ROOM

A nursing room is available for mothers during the conference. The nursing room is located in Nettleton 104.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Assistive listening devices are available for the sessions in the gym. Please visit the sound booth for assistance.

BOOKSTORE

Your registration fee includes a \$40 gift card to the Faith Bookstore to be used during the conference week. *This gift card expires the Saturday after the conference.*

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.–6:30p.m.	Thursday	8:30 a.m.– 6:30p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Friday	8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

CAMPUS TOURS

Campus tours will be given on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. These tours will start at the information booth at 3:15 p.m. each day.

LIBRARY

Do you need to study for Sunday's messages? Take advantage of Faith's library for your sermon preparation. It will be open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access is available to you while you are on the Faith campus. Visit the information booth to get login information.

SHUTTLE SERVICES

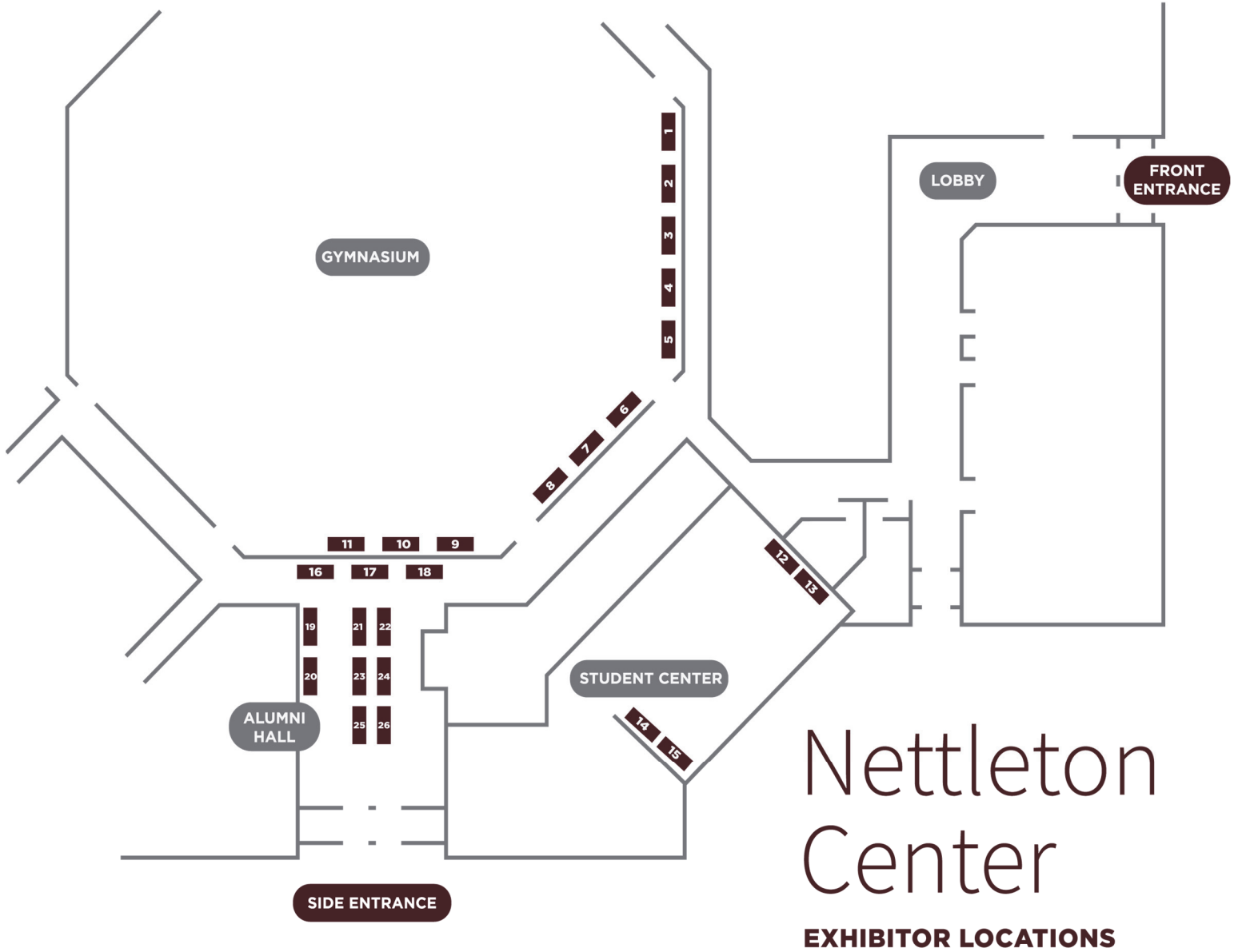
From 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, shuttles will be available for transportation from the Nettleton Center to Benson Hall (dining hall) and back again. For these services, please wait in the Nettleton entryway and the Benson lobby area at the designated shuttle stops.

EXHIBITOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Various exhibitors are holding their own individual prize drawings at their tables. Stop by and submit your name to the blue box at each table in order to enter the drawings and have a chance to win a prize. Each exhibitor will contact winners to pick up their prizes.

EXHIBITOR MAP

Exhibitors are listed on the next page.



EXHIBITORS

1. **Northland Camp**
Dunbar, Wisconsin
2. **BEME-LA, Baptist Evangelistic Ministry Endeavors**
South America
3. **Reasons for Hope**
Corydon, Iowa
4. **Baptist Children's Home**
Valparaiso, Indiana
5. **AdvanceTech Systems, LLC**
Lafayette, Indiana
6. **Prophecy Focus Ministries**
Union Grove, Wisconsin
7. **Adelphos-USA**
Pekin, Illinois
8. **Baptist Mid-Missions**
Cleveland, Ohio
9. **ABWE-Good Soil**
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania
10. **The Wilds Christian Camp**
Brevard, North Carolina
11. **Land of the Bible** (Thursday and Friday only)
Fredericksburg, Virginia
12. **Logos Bible Software**
Bellingham, Washington
13. **Open Door Baptist Missions**
Greenville, South Carolina
14. **Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary**
Ankeny, Iowa
15. **Biblical Ministries Worldwide / Church Works Media**
Atlanta, Georgia
16. **The Church Ambassador Network**
Des Moines, Iowa
17. **Regular Baptist Ministries**
Elgin, Illinois
18. **Financial Architects**
Des Moines, Iowa
19. **Brains and Bibles**
Ankeny, Iowa
20. **Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp**
Gowen, Michigan
21. **Baptist Church Planters**
Grafton, Ohio
22. **Archstone Construction**
Des Moines, Iowa
23. **Bibles International**
Grand Rapids, Michigan
24. **Appanoose Ministries, Inc**
Plano, Iowa
25. **TwoTone Creative**
West Des Moines, Iowa
26. **Parkwood Ministry Connections**
Chicago, Illinois

EFFECTIVE WOMEN'S MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Mrs. Faith Taylor • Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.

GETTING THINGS DONE IN MINISTRY

Dr. Dennis Wilkening • Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.

Three Principles:

1. **The Toughest Person to Lead Is Yourself**
2. **People Don't Grow by Accident**
3. **The Choices You Make, Make You**

Learn the System:

1. **Capture**
2. **Clarify**
3. **Organize**
4. **Reflect**
5. **Engage**

MINISTERING FOR A LIFETIME...? OR!

Dr. Jim Tillotson • Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

2 Timothy 2:1-7

STICKS DOWN – HEADS UP

Pastor Jason LaFlamme • Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

John 21:1-17

Introduction:

How is your heart and ministry perspective right now?

Whom do you listen to more than anyone else?

Three Simple Daily Reminders for Gospel Ministers:

#1 You have been R_____.

[Matthew 16:13-20]

The Question:

Who do you say that I am?

The Answer:

The C_____!

#2 You have been R_____.

[1 Timothy 1:12; 3:1]

The Question:

Have you been called by God?

The Answer:

K_____ G_____!

#3 You need to stay R_____.

[John 21:15-22]

The Question:

Do you really love Jesus?

The Answer:

P_____ It!!

Conclusion:

RESTORING THE JOY OF MINISTRY

Pastor Joe Fant • Wednesday, 10:20 a.m.

John 3:22–30

AWAKE AND ARMORED

Dr. Josh Crockett • Wednesday, 6:20 p.m.

Romans 13:11-14

WORN OUT ALONG THE WAY

Defeating the Enemy of Impatience

Dr. Marty Herron • Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Numbers 21

Defeating Impatience:

1. _____ of Impatience (v. 4)

- _____ of victory (v. 3)
- Condition of tiredness (v. 4a)
- _____ on adverse circumstances (v. 4b)

2. _____ of Impatience (v. 5)

- _____ of others – (v. 5a)
- Allowance of negative thinking (v. 5b)
- _____ about past blessings (v. 5c)

3. _____ of Impatience (v. 6)

- _____ as sin (v. 7)
- Cleared conscience (v. 7)
- _____ of the Savior (v. 8)

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up” (John 3:14).

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32).

HOLY COMPANIONS

How Friends Help Each Other Endure in Ministry

Dr. Dean Taylor • Thursday, 10:20 a.m.

Acts 16 and Other Selected Passages

“Biblical and church history prove that no man will persevere well in pastoral ministry without the grace of friends to walk beside him.”¹

_____ the kind of friend and _____ the kind of friend
whose influence contributes to endurance in ministry.

A mutually encouraging friendship that contributes to endurance in ministry:

1. May begin _____ but _____ through involvement in the
_____ (Acts 16:1-10)
2. More about _____ than _____ (Acts 21:1-14)
3. Endures _____ (Acts 21:17, 30-36; 24:23; 27:1-2ff;
28:16, 30)
4. _____ over _____ (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 23-24;
2 Timothy 4:11)
5. Never _____ the sustaining _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ
(2 Timothy 4:16-17)

“The friendship of Luke and Paul was the dynamo that powered the Church’s growth in its first generation. That was God’s providential purpose in bringing them together, because Paul and Luke together accomplished what they could never have done separately. This is the power of friendship in God’s plan.”²

¹ Michael A. G. Haykin, et.al., *Pastoral Friendship: The Forgotten Piece to a Persevering Ministry*, 103

² Scott Hahn, “How Luke and Paul’s Friendship Affects Us,” October 3, 2023, angelusnews.com/voices/luke-paul-friendship-hahn

THE PRE-BATTLE IS THE BATTLE

Pastor Kurt Skelly • Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

DEMOLISHING STRONGHOLDS WITH DIVINE WEAPONRY

Dr. Paul Hartog • Friday, 9:00 a.m.

2 Corinthians 10:1–6; 1 Peter 3:13–17

THE INCREDIBLE IMPACT OF BEING CHOSEN

Dr. Dennis Wilkening • Friday, 10:20 a.m.

1 Timothy 1:12

1. The Excitement

2. The Exercise

3. The Endurance

THE EXPENDABLE LEADER

Dr. Chris Anderson • Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

THE MESSIANIC PSALMS

Finding Jesus in the Psalter

Dr. Douglas Brown • Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

A SONG IN THE JUNGLE

Mrs. Gracia Burnham • Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

STABILIZING TRUTHS IN SUFFERING

Dr. Josh Crockett • Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

ENDURING AND THRIVING FINANCIALLY IN RETIREMENT

Dr. Mike Hartwig and Jared Pearson • Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

What's your strategy?

1) Know the “State of your Flocks”

Proverbs 27:23 “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;”



2) Take Refuge from Danger

Proverbs 27:12 “The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.”

3) Save with a Passion

Proverbs 21:20 “Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”

- a. Principle of the three buckets
- b. Develop a wealth building account

4) Deal with Debt

Proverbs 22:7 “The rich rules over the poor and the borrower is the slave of the lender.”

Proverbs 21:20 “Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”

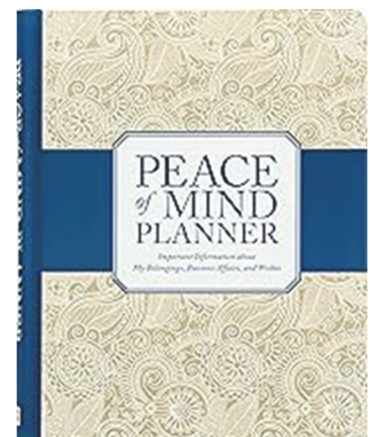
5) Lean into Others

Proverbs 13:20 “He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

Recommended Book:

Peace of Mind Planner: Important Information about My Belongings, Business Affairs, and Wishes

by Peter Pauper Press Inc | Nov 3, 2014



PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr. Dean Taylor, Dr. Jim Tillotson, and Dr. Dennis Wilkening
Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

BEARING BURDENS WITHOUT BURNOUT

Pastor Joe Fant • Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

Galatians 6:1-5

HITTING THE MARK

A Program for Effective Church Discipleship

Dr. Marty Herron • Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

WISDOM FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON

Teaching God's Design for Love to the Next Generation

Dr. Tim Little • Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

A WOMAN'S RESPONSE TO CONFLICT AND CRITICISM IN THE CHURCH

Mrs. Faith Taylor • Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

**FASHIONS AND MUSLIMS
AND PAUL HARVEY, OH MY!**

Mrs. Gracia Burnham • Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY IN A DIGITAL AGE WITH LOGOS

(Logos Bible Software)

Mr. Jon Haley • Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

SYMPTOMS AND SOLUTIONS OF DEPRESSION

Psalm 77 – A Psalm of Asaph

Dr. Les Ollila • Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

1. Symptoms of Depression

- Uncomforted _____ - Psalm 77:2
- Overwhelmed _____ - Psalm 77:3
- Troubled _____ - Psalm 77:4
- Silenced _____ - Psalm 77:4
- Diligent _____ - Psalm 77:6

We make statements like, “I can’t take any more of this.”
Where do we turn? What do we do?

2. The Psalmist asks six rhetorical questions

- Will the Lord cast us off _____? – Psalm 77:7
- Will He be _____ no more?
- Is His _____ clean gone? – Psalm 77:8
- Does His _____ fail forever more?
- Hath God forgotten to be _____? – Psalm 77:9
- Hath He in anger shut up His _____? Selah – Psalm 77:9

The focus of Asaph begins to shift from himself to the works of God,
the way of God, the wonders of God, and the greatness of God.
This pivotal point begins steps to overcoming depression.

3. Solutions to depression

- Remember the _____ of God – Psalm 77:11
- Focus on the _____ of God – Psalm 77:11
- Focus on the _____ of God
 - In the sanctuary – Psalm 77:13
 - In the sea – Psalm 77:19
- Consider the _____ of God – Psalm 77:13
- Consider the _____ of God – Psalm 77:20

Psalm 46:10 – Be still and know that I am God.

From tempest to peace

From wrath to love

Job 42:12 – The latter and better than the first.

HOLY DISTRACTIONS

The Place of Hobbies in the Life of a Pastor

Dr. Dean Taylor • Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Ministry is a high-stress occupation. If the tension of ministry is always on your mind, body, and soul, you will wear down and lose your effectiveness. Hobbies and outside pursuits are ways to release the tension that comes with the responsibilities and rigors of ministry so you can be renewed and ready to serve again. Hobbies can also cultivate your mind, strengthen your body, and elevate your soul in ways that make you a healthier person. Having a hobby is not a primary essential to pastoral longevity like guarding your integrity or companionship in your marriage, but it is an element of human experience that can enhance your well-being and extend your effectiveness.

1. A Biblical Basis

2. Benefits

“Numerous studies demonstrate the mental and physical health benefits of having a hobby or interest outside of work, even if your work is ministry.”¹

- Temporary _____ from weighty issues enabling you to _____ later with greater concentration and clarity
- Physical activity that combats _____ and brings greater _____.

“Sedentary habits have a tendency to create despondency in some constitutions . . . To sit long in one posture, poring over a book, or driving a quill, is in itself a taxing of nature; but add to this a badly ventilated chamber, a body which has long been without muscular exercise, and a heart burdened with many cares, and we have all the elements for preparing a seething cauldron of despair, especially in the dim months of fog. The ferns and the rabbits, the streams and the trouts, the fir trees and the squirrels, the primroses and the violets, the farm-yard, the new-mown hay, and the fragrant hops – these are the best medicine for hypochondriacs, the surest tonics for the declining, the best refreshments for the weary.”²

- “ _____ activity to start and finish in a pastoral world of _____ to-dos and of _____ investment in people’s lives.”³
- Connect you with people as _____

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¹ Aaron Earls, *Why Pastors Need Hobbies*. Insights, Lifeway Research June 22, 2022. Accessed 9/24/23

² Spurgeon, C. H. *Lectures to My Students*. 1982 (Thirteenth printing) Reprinted by Marshall, Morgan and Scott, Ltd. 157-158

³ Rusty McKie, *Pastors and the Hobbyless Life*. Amicalled.com/2017/07/06 Accessed 9/24/23

- Time to _____ and _____ in the beauty and majesty of creation
- Connecting with people without _____
- Share your products, knowledge, or skills in ways that _____ others
- Sermon _____
- Make you a _____ person

3. Cautions

- Can become more of a _____ commitment than they should
- Can become a habitual _____ from daily work or family life
- Can _____ your relationship with your _____
- Might focus your heart's _____ in a way that should be _____ for God

Hobbies have their place but should be kept in order under our highest priorities and never take the place, or even distract us from, our passionate pursuit of loving God and serving Him with our lives.

4. Ideas

“Learning and longevity attended [Butler], to which qualities bee-keeping may well have had a contributory factor . . . Langstroth and Digges also made bee-keeping a significant interest in their working lives, which contributed to their well-being. For Langstroth, it provided a sense of healing after ill health and stress; for Digges, there was an unalloyed sense of happiness in relating to bees; for Butler, the appreciation of bees contributed to his appreciation of the wonder of Creation.”

⁴ John Owen (2018) *Bee-keeping as Holy Distraction in the Life of the Revd Charles Butler, 1571–1647, Rural Theology*, 16:2, 132-135

MORE THAN A GUEST

Dr. Dennis Wilkening • Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

1. **The PURPOSE of Assimilation**

2. **The PROCESS of Assimilation**

3. **The PLAN for Assimilation**

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTIONISM?

The Revival of Postmillennialism in Evangelicalism

Seminary Q&A • Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

THE GUARANTEE NO ONE WANTS

Mrs. Gracia Burnham • Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

BE CAREFUL... BE FAITHFUL

Cultivating Strong Marriages in a Challenging Culture

Mr. Tim Capon • Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

EARLY CHRISTIAN OPPOSITION TO ABORTION

Dr. Paul Hartog • Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

SMALL TOWN MINISTRIES

Pastor Jason LaFlamme • Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

Introductory Thoughts:

- Are we well thought of by “O_____”? (I Timothy 3:7)
 - Do you want a community P_____? (Acts 17:6)
 - P_____ and M_____ (I Corinthians 3:6)
 - “The Community is not coming to your Church.” (Thom Rainer)
 - Some ministries have a S_____ L_____ (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
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- Water Bottle Ministry
 - Soda Pop Survey
 - Firemen Date Night
 - Quilting Guild
 - Fishing Derby
 - Cancer Walk Volunteers
 - Tower Shoot
 - 4th of July Ferris Wheel & Bounce House
 - Astronaut Assembly
 - Bereavement Meals
 - Christmas Gift Door Hangers
 - Motorcycle Ride and Lunch
 - Mini Football & Water Bottle Giveaway
 - Piano Concert
 - Freedom Hunt (Lunch and Guiding)
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Hunter’s Breakfast
 - Benefit Dinners (Presence & Donations)
 - Radio Commercials
 - Sole to Soul (7K Fun Run)
 - Veteran’s Assembly
 - Christian Movie Night
 - Community Concerts in the Park
 - Pinewood Derby
 - Coffee & Donuts for Emergency Workers
 - Streaming Ministry
 - Hunter’s Safety Classes
 - Bereavement Baskets
 - Wild Game Dinner

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TAKE-AWAY PAGE

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General Sessions

Dr. Jim Tillotson (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Jason LaFlamme (Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.)

Pastor Joe Fant (Wednesday, 10:20 a.m.)

Dr. Josh Crockett (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.)

Dr. Marty Herron (Thursday, 9:00 a.m.)

Dr. Dean Taylor (Thursday, 10:20 a.m.)

Pastor Kurt Skelly (Thursday, 6:30 p.m.)

Dr. Paul Hartog (Friday, 9:00 a.m.)

Dr. Dennis Wilkening (Friday, 10:20 a.m.)

Workshops

Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.

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