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heroes & legends

Milt Hughs Faithful Servant, Collegiate Minister, Lifelong Disciple-Maker



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schedule

Sunday

3:00 - 5:30pm Registration | Wynn Missions Center

5:30 - 6:45pm Dinner

6:45 - 7:45pm Called to Ministry Track Launch | Midwest City Lodge

8:00 - 9:15pm Opening Celebration | Tabernacle Auditorium

9:15 - 10:00pm Collegiate Workers Fellowship: WMU

Fried Pies & WMU | Chapel

Sandy Wisdom-Martin with MC: Mark Robinson

9:15 - 10:00pm Late Registration | Wynn Missions Center

10:00pm Late Night: IMB Happy Birthday, Journeyman!
Neon Dance Party | Centennial Plaza

Mon, Tues, Wed Morning
8:00-9:00am Breakfast

9:00 - 11:00am Morning Celebration | Tabernacle Auditorium

9:00 - 10:30am Leader Breakout Sessions | see breakouts pgs. 12-26

10:30a-12:15pm Collegiate Workers Fellowship | All in Chapel

MON: NOBTS Ministering to the Anxious Generation Sandy Gilliland with MC: Bill Choate

TUES: SWBTS Engaging Culture - Pursuing Transformation
Julius Tennal with MC: Ariay Gruspe

WED: IMB Encouragement for the Valleys & Mountains Ahead

JJ - IMB with MC: Chad Wilkin

11:00-11:15am Break

11:15a-12:15pm Mega Breakout Sessions | see breakouts pgs. 12-26

12:30 - 2:00pm Lunch

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Leaders Events

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Mon, Tues, Wed evening

1:30 - 5:30pm Free Time

Recreation | see pg 9

Treats and Chats

IMB | Hobart Cabin

NOBTS | Wewoka Cabin

SWBTS | Wynn Missions Center

GATEWAY | Pauls Valley Trinity Cabin #2

2:00 - 3:00pm Leaders Meetings

MON: New Collegiate Ministers with Jeff Jones | Chapel

MON: Retirement Prep with Joe Graham | MEC 101

MON: HBCUs with Matthew Hall | MEC 102

TUES: Women in Collegiate Ministry with Sandy Wisdom-Martin & Stacy Murphree | Wynn Missions Center Come enjoy a time with other collegiate ministry leaders for networking, equipping, and encouraging. Whether you're a BCM intern, campus missionary, associate, director, or church leader this time is for YOU as women in collegiate ministry!

WED: International Student Ministry with Bit Stephens & Shelby Hall | Chapel

5:30 - 6:45pm Dinner

6:45 - 7:45pm Breakout Sessions (Leaders too!) | see breakouts pgs. 12-26

8:00 - 9:15pm Worship | Tabernacle Auditorium

10:00pm Late Night

MON: NOBTS Brian Drake Presents: Dual Reality | MEC 12:00am: GUYS ONLY - Ice Cream with the Dudes | MEC 12:00am: LADIES ONLY - Moonlight & Mingle | Wewoka

TUES: SWBTS Collegiate Week's Got Talent* | *MEC* *Sign up Sun. & Mon. in the Waterfall Lobby of the Tabernacle

12:00am: All-In Midnight Prayer Time for the Nations | Centennial Plaza

WED: Gateway Seminary Sharks & Minnows | Downing Way

8:00 - 9:00am Breakfast

9:00 - 9:45am Morning Celebration | Tabernacle Auditorium

10:00-11:00am Campus / Local Church Debrief

11:00-11:15am Break

Thursday

11:15am Closing Celebrations

things to know

Bag Checks & Forbidden Items

All bags must be checked upon entry into the Tabernacle. Drugs and/or weapons of any kind or not allowed on Falls Creek property. Additionally, neither drones (with or without cameras) nor remote controlled flying devices are allowed on campus.

Coffee Shop, Concessions, and Gift Store

| Sunday | Monday - Wednesday | Thursday (1917 Cafe only) |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 3:00-6:00pm | 7:00-11:30am | 7:00-9:00am |
| 10:00-11:15pm | 1:30-5:30pm | |
| | 10:00-11:15pm | |

Emergency Procedures

Emergency sirens will never be a drill. At the sound of a siren, please move immediately into the nearest cabin or building; get in the innermost room on the bottom level and wait for an "all-clear" signal. The "all-clear" signal will be when the siren repeatedly goes on, then off.

In the event of a fire, the need to evacuate Falls Creek or portions of the grounds may be necessary. Falls Creek Staff will assist all guests in proper evacuating procedures. Please do not come up with your own plan as our staff is trained in these areas extensively.

If you need assistance during your stay, please contact the Welcome Center at 580-369-2101. If you have already contacted 911 for an emergency, please notify the main office so we can direct first responders upon their arrival and departure of our campus.

First Aid

Guests in need of *basic* first aid may seek attention at the Falls Creek First Aid Station during these hours only:

| Sunday | Monday - Wednesday | Thursday |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 3:00-5:30pm | 9:00-11:30am | 9:00-11:30am |
| After evening | 1:30-5:30pm | |
| service until | 6:30-7:30pm | |
| 11:00pm | After evening service | |
| | until 11p | |

Internet Access for Guest Use

Guest Wi-Fi is available in specific locations. Bandwidth is limited which may impact Internet speed.

Password is: fallscreek

Meal Plan Dining

If you purchased a Collegiate Week Meal Plan, all meals will be served on the second floor of the Mathena Event Center.

Breakfast | 8:00am Lunch | 12:30pm Dinner | 5:30pm

No Life Guard = No Swimming

No swimming or wading is allowed if a Falls Creek lifeguard is not present.

Places to Go



Quiet Hours

Quiet hours need to be observed from midnight until 6:30am. Please be quiet during these hours out of respect for other guests and security.

Recreation Area & Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses to and from the Riverfront Recreation Area will run from 1:00-6:00pm and depart from the Jordan Welcome Center parking lot.

Seminaries and Organizations

Several seminaries, graduate schools, and ministry organizations are here this week to answer questions you may have about furthering your education or serving in ministry beyond college. Don't forget to visit their exhibit booths this week to see what they have to offer.

Smile, You May Be on Camera!

Falls Creek/Oklahoma Baptists will be recording, videotaping and photographing this event. You may be filmed, recorded, or photographed individually or as a part of the audience. By your attendance, you're granting the permission to be recorded or photographed by any means; commercial or any other use of your likeness, voice, and words without compensations, specifically waiving all rights of privacy during the videotaping, filming, recording, or photographing and release of Falls Creek/Oklahoma Baptists from liability for loss, damage, or compensation for the commercial or other use of your likeness, image, voice, or words; compliance with all rules and regulations for this event.

Wristbands

Wristbands must be worn at all times. Wristbands are required for entrance onto campus, participation, and recreation/tournaments, concession purchases, and entry into the tabernacle. Replacement wristbands can be purchased for one dollar at the Jordan Welcome Center. Wristbands will be replaced free of charge if the broken wristband is returned at the Jordan Welcome Center.

tournament schedule

All Tournaments start at 1:30 PM.

Times and brackets are available in the Jordan Welcome Center and at the Rec Hut at Riverfront Recreation.

Day of tournament registration will be from 8:30 AM till 9:30 AM in the Waterfall Lobby of the Tabernacle.

Competitive 4x4 Volleyball | Volleyball Courts

Casual 4x4 Volleyball | Volleyball Courts

Casual 6x6 Volleyball | Volleyball Courts

Men's 3x3 Basketball | Pavilion

Ultimate Frisbee | Field 1

Monday

Flag Football | Rec Field

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Kickball | Field 1 and 2

Wednesday

Women's 3x3 Basketball | Pavilion

tournament rules

Pickleball Doubles | Pavilion

Soccer 7x7 | Field 1 and 2

Forfeit Rule: Teams that arrive 5 minutes after game time will be removed from the tournament.

Volleyball

Scoring is rally point. First team to 15 and win by 2. 4x4 can only have a maximum of 5 players and a minimum of 4. 6x6 can only have a maximum of 9 players and a minimum of 6.

Ultimate Frisbee/Kickball/Flag Football/Soccer

Single Elimination games, time limit of 20 minutes per game.

3x3 Basketball

Limit of 15 minutes per game. First to 11 and win by 2 by 1s and 2s. At 15 minutes, the leading team wins. No more than 4 players per team.

walk up recrention

Sunday (No Riverfront Rec):

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Monday - Wednesday:

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Late Night after 8:30 PM

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Gaga Ball

Cornhole

Lifesize Chess and Checkers

Ping Pong

9 Square

Volleyball

Skate Park

Basketball

riverfront rec

Volleyball

Pickleball

Basketball

Horseshoes

baptist lake

Swimming

Water Slides

Quad Zipline

entry creek



speaker schedule

Sunday Evening Timothy Ateek

Monday Morning Timothy Ateek

Monday Evening Julius Tennal II

Tuesday Morning Morgan Little Moore & Sandy Gilliland

Mental Health Discussion

Tuesday Evening Julius Tennal II

Wednesday Morning Paul Worcester

Wednesday Evening Andy Pettigrew

Thursday Morning Jeff lorg

Andy Pettigrew
Jeff lorg band: Cody Dunbar

& Matt Roberson

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will assist in meeting priority needs for outreach and programs in the Emerging Regions areas. One-hundred percent of this offering will go directly to the field.



Are you ready to play your part in taking the gospel to the nations? You can take a short-term trip or go for a summer, semester, or two years after graduation. Visit us at the IMB exhibit or stop by the Hobart "Mission" Cabin to talk about opportunities. You can go. IMB can help. Let's talk. www.imb.org/students



What would it look like for a generation of collegiate Christians to live their lives on mission? What would happen if this generation leveraged their careers, their majors, and the places they live for the sake of the gospel and for the needs of their neighbors?

These are the years when students can see how their gifts and passions intersect with needs in North America. A student might be needed in one of the great cities of North America or in the rural hills of Appalachia. A student could help plant a church, meet the needs of refugees, or rebuild a community after a natural disaster. In the end, it is all about being the hands and feet of Christ and taking the gospel to those who need the good news of a great Savior.

breakouts

Monday Breakouts
Tuesday Breakouts
Wednesday Breakouts
Thursday Breakouts

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Called to Ministry

called to ministry track

The Called to Ministry Track is open to anyone, but is geared toward college students who feel God's call to ministry or are exploring that possibility. In this track, you will be able to:

- 1. Connect with other college students who feel this call.
- 2. Attend seminars that deal with their calling and prepare for that calling.
- 3. Meet with and connect with leaders of the SBC Seminaries and agencies.

All Called to Ministry breakouts will be denoted with yellow highlighter and: 2mn

morning mega breakouts

Disciple-Making 101

Paul Worcester, NAMB

Tabernacle

Take a deep dive into the Biblical principles and practical strategies for personally discipling others.

Speaking the Truth in Love to Our LGBTQ+ Friends

Bob Stewart, NOBTS

MEC Main Hall

Do the culture wars sometimes seem to leave no survivors? Must we affirm their lifestyle in order to truly love our LGBTQ+ friends? Come hear what the Bible teaches about love, sex, and marriage, as well as loving responses to LGBTQ+ talking points that build bridges rather than destroying relationships.

Why Christianity, Why Jesus

Justin Woodall, LSU, Istrouma Baptist

FBC Ardmore Cabin

They students in college now have been labeled the "Why Generation". So many are asking why and it's our job to point them to the answers in scripture. But that all begins with answering the main questions, Why Christianity and why Jesus. This breakout will cover the in's and outs of why we do what we do in Christian life. From prayer, to time in the word, from evangelism to showing that Jesus is the true answer and how we can share that with our campuses.

Biblical Approach to Grief and Crisis

Dr. Jonathan Okinaga, SWBTS

MEC 103/105

Life's hardships can shake even the strongest faith. Whether facing personal loss, family struggles, or unexpected crises, students need biblical wisdom to process their pain. This session explores how Scripture provides hope and stability in grief, offering a Christ-centered perspective that leads to healing. You will learn how to navigate personal suffering and minister to others facing similar trials with grace and truth.

Head, Heart, & Hands to the Nations

Bryan Wooten, IMB

MEC 104/106

Join us we discuss the knowledge, character, and skills required to serve effectively as a sent one among the nations. How the gospel empowers each of these areas. How God uses your local church to cultivate future goers.

Is God Calling Me to Ministry Leadership?

Josiah Espinoza, Director of Enrollment, Gateway Seminary Midwest City Lodge

Discover and explore your calling to ministry leadership. Whether it's full-time, part-time, alongside another career, or through volunteer service, every calling matters. God is ready to equip you for the work He's prepared you to do.

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Developing Your Students to be Multipliers & Mobilizers

Zach & Derek, IMB

Healdton

IMB NextGen helps students - American & global - become multipliers of the gospel & mobilizers for the Kingdom.We train & send them to global campuses in some of the hardest places. Come hear about how teaching them to be multipliers with a global Christian worldview is a game-changer.

Hitting the Ground Running

Gary Stidham

Wewoka

"Help! Students Arrive in Three Weeks, & I'm Not Prepared!" This seminar will discuss key tasks to accomplish & strategies to implement to have a strong start to your college ministry year.

evening breakouts

Campus Myths About Science and Christianity

Bob Stewart. NOBTS

Tabernacle

"Science and Christianity are at odds?" "If it can't be proven by science, it can't be known." "Science Has Disproven God and Miracles." "Darwin Destroyed Design." Come hear why people believe such things and how you can be confident that they aren't true.

Discipleship to Avoid Deconstruction

Dr. Andy Jennings, SWBTS

MEC Main Hall

The "deconstruction" trend is on the rise. You have probably seen the videos online where young adults explain why they have left the Christian faith. They will often give intellectual-sounding arguments to show supposed weaknesses of many important Christian claims like the reality of Jesus's Resurrection or even just the belief that God is loving. How do we keep from walking the path of deconstruction ourselves, and how can we talk to people who have started down that path? In this session, we will discuss the main characteristics of the deconstruction movement and how biblical patterns for discipleship offer the best response to it.

Secret Ingredients in Life-Changing Small Groups

Tyler Hoffpauir, Arkansas State

FBC Ardmore Cabin

What makes a small group thrive? Discover the spiritual, relational, and practical elements that make your group not just good—but spiritually transformative.

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evening breakouts cont'd

How to Share the Gospel with Mormons

Ben Sutton, Salt Lake City

MEC 103/105

You have probably seen Mormon missionaries on your campus. You may have Mormon classmates, friends, and family members. While Mormons have much of the same vocabulary as us, their beliefs are vastly different. Often, we feel hesitatant to talk with Mormons because we don't know what they believe or what to say. This seminar will be a practical opportunity to learn basic Mormon beliefs and how to articulate the gospel to them.

Grit: Growing in Perseverance

Brad P., OneLink International

MEC 104/106

When we don't see change in our lives, we can be tempted to lose hope. With patient effort and dependence on the Lord it is possible to move forward, even when we feel "stuck" with certain struggles.

Biblical Approach to Addictions

Dr. Jonathan Okinaga, SWBTS

MEC 101

Many view addiction as a purely medical or psychological issue, but Scripture presents a deeper perspective. This session challenges the world's view of addiction and presents a biblical framework for understanding and overcoming life-dominating sins. You will learn how to identify false solutions, embrace the transforming power of Christ, and help others break free from destructive patterns through biblical discipleship.

Broken

Jody Dean, NOBTS

MEC 102

A discussion of how to overcome and thrive from relationships that have caused a missing connection with a parent. Death, divorce, and abandonment are a few ways you may have to navigate a broken relationship. A reminder that God is a father to the fatherless.

Leading with Confidence

Emily Dean, NOBTS

Velma, First Cabin

Do you ever struggle with understanding what confident leadership looks like? Do you find yourself second guessing every decision? How can you be confident without being prideful? In this breakout, discover how you can confidently lead in the spaces God has called you.

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The Key to Global Missions

Andy Pettigrew, IMB

Pauls Valley Trinity #2 Cabin

Have you ever considered how important it is to preach the true, biblical gospel – even if people already believe in God? Do people have to believe the gospel if they are already spiritual? What role does the gospel play in animistic society? This session examines the role of the gospel and its importance for the Great Commission, especially among so many people who already believe in a higher being.

So You Want to Be a Pastor?

Trey Graham, Pastor FBC Midwest City, OK

Midwest City Lodge

What is a pastor according to the scriptures? What does pastoring look like today?

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I Love You But No - Setting Boundaries in Ministry

Sandy Gilliland

Chapel

Boundaries are not barriers - they are bridges to healthier relationships. In this breakout session, we'll explore how Christian ministers can lovingly & clearly set limits with students while maintaining connection & trust. Learn how to model emotional and relational health, prevent burnout, & foster deeper spiritual growth in those you serve by saying "no" when needed & "yes" to what matters most.

Helping Students to Discern Their Calling

Cory Barnes, NOBTS

Wewoka

God is calling all believers to use the gifts and passions He has given them to serve His kingdom for His glory. College leaders are often key counselors for students in discerning how God is calling them to serve. The concepts of kingdom need (does this work help others?), individual gifting (am I good at this work?), & personal passion (do I care about this work?) help guide students to pursue God's calling on their lives.

College Minister or Counselor? Navigating Mental Health Crises & Knowing When You're in Over Your Head

Morgan Little Moore

Healdton

As college ministers, you are on the front lines of the mental health crises facing your students. Let's talk about how you can support students through challenging conversations like suicide, anxiety, and depression, and how to help them to find healing and growth emotionally and spiritually!

Tuesday morning mega breakouts

Sharing Your Faith Without Fear

Adam Venters & Rachel Walton, University of South Carolina

Tabernacle

This session will focus on how students can learn how to share their faith and breaking barriers of doubt in order to see and experience life change.

Finding God's Will: How a Christian Makes Decisions

Gary Stidham, TX BSM

MEC Main Hall

Do you struggle with making big decisions? Learn some helpful, Biblical principles to discern God's will for specific situations.

Praying Scripture: How to Have a Vibrant Prayer Life

Dr. Coleman Ford, SWBTS

FBC Ardmore Cabin

This breakout session will equip students to grow in their prayer life by learning to pray Scripture back to God. Specifically, this session will unpack the method of praying the Bible, with a specific focus on making the Psalms the foundation for the student's ongoing and growing life of prayer.

How to Communicate on Purpose

Warren Haynes, Gateway

MEC 103/105

Be empowered to engage in meaningful conversations that reflect your faith with clarity and intentionality. Learn biblical principles and practical tools to help believers communicate with confidence, fostering deeper connections and impactful discipleship.

Get a Job as a Journeyman

Jacob Hicks, IMB

MEC 104/106

Come learn about the Journeyman program and how you can be a part of what God is doing around the world.

Called to Lead: A Heart for Children's Ministry

Jennifer Howington, Texas Baptists

Midwest City Lodge

Do you feel that God may be calling you to serve in children's ministry? Do you feel led to create spaces where children feel safe, loved, and excited to grow in their faith? This calling isn't just a role--it's a mission to nurture the next generation of Christ-followers with joy, purpose, and intentional discipleship. In this session, we will discuss what it means to be called and to serve in childhood ministry.

Tuesday

leaders only

IMB Changes: New Pathways to Rollout & Update

Andy Pettigrew/IMB Staff, IMB

Healdton

Come learn about the new rollout of pathways and opportunities for going & partnering with the IMB field team. This will be a roundtable discussion with a Q&A opportunity.

How to Approach Cultural Issues with Biblical Truth

Shane Pruitt, NAMB

Wewoka

Do you find it difficult to talk about cultural shifts that push against the gospel? How do we think biblically about these things? How do you address cultural misconceptions that threaten to cancel anyone with an opposing view? Our culture is dominated by lies that oppose God's truth. Let's talk about the best way to approach these cultural issues biblically.

evening breakouts

Going Through the Motions

Hayden Summerhill: VP Enrollment, MBTS

Tabernacle

What should you do when you just don't feel like going to church? Reading your Bible? Praying? Going to small group? Come to this breakout to consider whether "going through the motions" is legalistic, or maybe just what you need.

How to Have Hard Conversations

Armando Hernandez, SWBTS

MEC Main Hall

How do you speak the truth in love like Jesus? This session offers a biblical, practical guide to lead difficult conversations with wisdom, grace, and a heart for redemption—just as Scripture teaches us.

Reaching International Students

Carola Manriquez, Gateway Seminary

FBC Ardmore Cabin

Learn the skills necessary to assess an intercultural situation and diagnose culturally appropriate strategies for sharing the gospel.

Responding to Cults on Campus

Eric Hunter, West Texas A&M

MEC 103/105

Jesus promised to build His church, but the enemy seeks to distort, divide, and distract. On college campuses, cults and deceptive groups often target students with misleading teachings and manipulative tactics. We'll define what a cult is, explore how they operate, and equip you with biblical wisdom and practical strategies to respond effectively. Learn how to stand firm in your faith, engage with truth and love, and help others stay rooted in the gospel.

tue sday evening breakouts cont'd

How to Teach the Bible

Cory Barnes, Taylor Divney & Eli Byrd, NOBTS

MEC 104/106

Do you find yourself beginning to have opportunities to open the Bible and share with groups of people? Then come to this breakout and hear how to move from reading God's Word, to understanding the message of Scripture, to organizing your thoughts in a way that makes sense to others.

Being a Christian in a Political World

Larry Lyon, NOBTS

MEC 101

how should Christians view their role in the realm of politics? How should Christians engage with politics and politicians, and how can Christians vote and not alienate their friends, family, and neighbors? Should Christians be a part of politics at all?

You NEED to Be in this Breakout!

Mackenzie Norman, IMB

MEC 102

We are constantly surrounded by urgent messaging asking us to take action- online, in the church, from our parents, and from our friends. We're inundated with requests to show up, to serve, to choose what matters most. But how are we supposed to know where the greatest need is? And how are we supposed to make the best decision when faced with good options? Let's talk about stewarding our lives in wise ways that fill gaps and bear fruit for the glory of God.

Time

Jody Dean, NOBTS

Velma, First Cabin

A look at stewardship of time. You may desire to be more productive or learn to maximize your time to accomplish tasks. We will explore how to leverage your time for growing with Christ and stewarding your time with others and your work.

Pornology: Girls and Porn, Erasing the Gray

Sarah Farley-Beall, IMB

Pauls Valley Trinity #2 Cabin

It is critical to your spiritual, social, and mental health to understand the culture's view of porn and how to set up boundaries. Learn how emotional, fictional, graphic love stories, and porn can sabotage your relationships and cripple your self-esteem. let's talk about why lust, porn, and sex should not be gray areas in your dating life.

Tuesday

Life on the Mission Field, IMB

IMB Missionaries, Journeyman, and Staff

Midwest City Lodge

When God says go, what does that mean and for how long? If you are working through questions like: "Is God calling, me to the mission field?" "How long does going look like?" "Do I have to give up my dreams?" "What should you do to prepare?" "What is life really like on the field?" "But what about my parents and my dating life?" Come learn and ask questions!

benders only

Common Collegiate Evangelism Myths

Paul Worcester, NAMB

Chapel

In this breakout, we will explore common misconceptions & lies that collegiate leaders believe about evangelism & discuss best practices for saturating your campus with the gospel.

Mentoring Students to be Missional Disciplemakers

Stephanie Newton, WMU

Wewoka

We'll discuss the 'why & how' to equip collegians to mentor new beleivers in pairs & groups. This session will provide practical helps that collegians can use in their everyday settings.

Church-Based Roundtable

Jared Gregory & Josh Mauldin

Healdton

Come brainstorm & troubleshoot various opportunities & difficulties unique to church-based collegiate ministry while building community with others who "get it."



wednesday mega breakouts

Can I Talk About That? How to Navigate Cultural Issues in a Biblical Way
Shane Pruitt, NAMB
Tabernacle

Do you find it difficult to talk about cultural shifts that push against the gospel? How do you address cultural misconceptions that threaten to cancel anyone with an opposing view? Our culture is dominated by lies that oppose God's truth. Let's talk about the best way to approach these cultural issues Biblically.

Key Ingredients for a Healthy Soul

Tim Dowdy, NAMB

MEC Main Hall

When is the last time you thought about the health of your soul? If we are honest we don't think about it much, if ever. Being unaware of the condition of your soul is a dangerous place to live. It's like driving a car without ever checking the fuel gage, the only time you notice is when your car is on the side of the road. It's one thing to refill a car with gas but its quite another thing to try to repair an empty, broken soul. So today we are looking at a few ingredients that help us nurture health in the place that matters most, our soul.

From Scrolls to Scripture: Where'd the Bible Come From and What Translation is Best?

Ted Williams, NOBTS

FBC Ardmore Cabin

Although the Bible is central to the Christian faith and practice, can it be trusted as an accurate representation? This breakout explores the origins of the Bible and how to select a modern translation.

How to Study the Bible

Chris Larmoyeux, Arkansas BCM

MEC 103/105

Let's be real. Most of us don't like to read books, especially big books. The Bible is a book... a big book. And the Bible can be a confusing book. How do we make sense of all the different stories in the Bible? Is it sinful to eat shellfish? Like Hosea, should we marry a prostitute? Should we play with snakes and drink poison as a witness for Christ? What does the Bible really say? What does it mean? And how can I apply it in my life? In this breakout, we will learn tips for understanding the Bible's content and message, methods of interpretation, how to utilize quality study tools and be prepared for conversations with others.

Reaching the Least Reached

Greens & Reese, IMB

MEC 104/106

What role can you play among the 3000+ people groups who have still not heard the name of Jesus? Come hear amazing stories of God's work among the least reached. Learn about Project 3000 and the NEW Journeyman opportunities!

wednesday

Teaching and Preaching God's Word

Dr. Cory Barnes, Dean of Graduate Studies, NOBTS

Midwest City Lodge

It's time to prepare a Bible study, a devotion, or a sermon. You grab your Bible and notebook and sit down at a table—now what? In this breakout, we will work through a passage of Scripture together to help establish a method for moving from personal reading to public teaching of God's Word. This is a lab-style breakout. Be prepared to work with others in the session to move from reading to communicating a passage of Scripture.

lenders only

Everyday Discipleship

Warren Haynes, GS

Healdton

Everyday Discipleship equips believers to live out the Great Commission in their daily lives through intentional, relational, & practical approaches. This breakout provides biblical insights & actionable strategies to help Christians make disciples naturally in their homes, workplaces, & communities.

Women in the Mission of God

Catherine Renfro, NAMB

Wewoka

Sharing the hope of the gospel can seem daunting. Do I know enough? Am I bold enough? Can I lead women well in this area of ministry? As a follower of Jesus, God has given you & those you lead a ministry. 2 Corinthians 5:18 refers to this ministry as the ministry of reconciliation. Come learn practical ways to leverage your life & the minstry God has entrusted to you to not only make Jesus known, but to equip those you lead to do the same as they engage in the mission of God.

evening breakouts

Love, Sex, and Marriage According to Jesus

Cory Barnes, NOBTS

Tabernacle

God created sex for our good and for his glory. The biblical narrative shows us that God has a design and purpose for sex, marriage, and singleness. In our current culture, we often struggle with how the plan God gives us in Scripture is relevant in a world with rapidly changing ideas about sex. The purpose of this breakout is for us to look at how the Bible informs our sexual practice and how we can speak about the Bible's message concerning sex with bold compassion in a world that has serious questions about the Bible, sex, and sexuality.

wednesday evening breakouts cont'd

Do All Religious Roads Lead to Heaven? Debunking Pluralism's Buffet-Table Approach to Religions

Tawa Anderson, NOBTS

MEC Main Hall

A majority of Americans, including American Christians, embrace religious pluralism, believing that it matters more how devout you are, rather than which religion you follow - wrongly thinking that someone can be saved by being a faithful follower of any world religion. In this breakout session, I will identify four fatal flaws of this common viewpoint, showing that (a) religious pluralism cannot possibly be true, and (b) religious pluralism ends up being more judgmental and exclusivistic than the Christian religion they criticize to begin with.

Light in the Marketplace: Serving Christ in a Secular World

Armando Hernandez, SWBTS

FBC Ardmore Cabin

Do you ever wonder how your future career fits into God's plan? Is it possible to serve Christ while working a "secular" job? One of the most transformative ideas from the Reformation was Martin Luther's doctrine of vocation—a powerful reminder that all work, when done for God's glory, is a sacred calling. Whether you're a future pastor or physician, teacher or tech innovator, filmmaker or financial analyst, your work matters in the Kingdom of God. Join Armando as we unpack what it means to be a light in the workplace and discover how your job can be a platform for pointing others to Christ.

The Hour that Changed the World

Adam Venters & Rachel Walton, University of South Carolina

MEC 103/105

This session is focused on prayer. Life changing, world impacting and God honoring prayer. Come ready to pray.

Apocalypse Applied

Stephen Craver, Shreveport BCM

MEC 104/106

The Book of Revelation. Christians have obsessed over it, ignored it, and even fought about it. One thing we almost never do is apply it to our walk with Christ today. How can we if it's all about the future? But John couldn't have been clearer, "blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it." Christ followers can be blessed by living out the truth of this beautiful and challenging book. If we can live it, we can understand it! Together we will look at how Revelation fits into the Bible, its unique nature, and how to interpret its passages. Most importantly this session will show the book's central theme, and how students can live out the applications of the apocalypse.

Organizing Your Old Testament Junk Drawer

Colt Booth, Portland State

MEC 101

You may know the names and stories: Abraham, Moses, David. But how do they all fit together, and what is the overarching story God is telling throughout the Old Testament? Come and learn the story of the OT!

wednesday

Leaving a Legacy of Leadership

Hunter Mullennix, Houstons First Baptist

MEC 102

Do you want to be a leader who leaves a legacy of leaders behind you? Come learn how to become a leader who raises up other leaders for God's kingdom.

Why Does God Allow Suffering and Pain in Our Lives?

Dr. Jeremy Butler, University of Arizona

Velma, First Cabin

This is one of the biggest questions that people ask about the Christian faith. How can we share why God allows suffering in the world and in our lives in order to share the gospel. Dr. Jeremy Butler is a campus minister who suffers from Bi-Polar 1 Disorder.

For Guys Only - Redeeming Guys for Missions and Ministry

Brad Kinney, IMB

Pauls Valley Trinity #2 Cabin

There are lots of things that will derail guys from fulfilling God's purposes for them in missions and ministry: pornography, sex, parental expectations, money and more. Lets talk about it and some practical ideas for victory!

Preparing for Ministry Leadership

Hayden Summerhill, Midwestern Seminary

Midwest City Lodge

I think God is calling me to ministry. What do I do now? Learn next steps to prepare well for living out your call to ministry.

leaders only

Key Ingredients of Building a Healthy Team

Tim Dowdy, NAMB

Chapel

No one can do ministry alone. In fact, we actually accomplish more when we have a team working seamlessly together. So building a healthy team is essential to advance the gospel & to accomplish the mission before us. In this session, we will look at the key ingredients to build & maintain a healthy team.

Influential Leadership (For Women)

Emily Dean, NOBTS

Wewoka

Do you see yourself as a leader? Have you ever wondered what leadership looks like for you? Women have been an integral part of God's story since the beginning, & God has a place for each of us to serve. In this session, we will talk about the power of influence & how God calls us to lead as we make disciples.

Go Method & IMB Tools

Amy Meadows, IMB

Healdton

Come learn about updates & training on Go Method, new IMB tools, & resources that can elevate your missions strategy.

thursday morning mega breakouts

Leveraging Your Life for the Gospel

Catherine Renfro: National Director of Women's Evangelism, NAMB

Tabernacle

As a follower of Jesus, God has called you to play a role in what He is doing to expand His Kingdom. Join Catherine Renfro as we look at the biblical foundation for living life on mission, while exploring practical ways to engage people with the hope of the gospel.

10 Commandments of Dating

Gary Stidham, TX BSM

MEC Main Hall

How should two people go from strangers to spouses? Learn some wise, biblical principles to navigate the complexity of modern dating.

The Power of Pause: Cultivating a Life-Giving Sabbath Rhythm Eric Hunter, West TX A&M FBC Ardmore Cabin

In a culture that glorifies busyness, rest can feel like a luxury rather than a necessity. But what if the key to a thriving life is found in the sacred rhythm of Sabbath? We will explore the biblical foundation, practical benefits, and transformative power of intentional rest. We will examine actionable steps you can implement weekly, monthly, and yearly to create a life-giving rhythm of rest and renewal.

Jesus Uses Introverts Too!

Jared Gregory, Overflow Denton

MEC 103/105

Think leadership is only for the loud and outgoing? In this breakout, we'll explore the unique strengths God gives introverts and how these quieter gifts can make a powerful impact in leadership. Come discover how your quiet nature might be your greatest leadership strength.

Why Short-term Missions?

Kimberly Sandoval, IMB

MEC 104/106

Can I really make a difference on a short-term mission trip? Why should I go overseas for a summer while there's still ministry to be done here? What qualifies me to take the gospel to the nations? Join us as we talk through these questions and more with IMB personnel, and hear firsthand how God is using students to spread His glory among the nations.

Discovering Your Gifts for Ministry

Ginger Bowman, Texas Baptist

Midwest City Lodge

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