2014 - Earthed: Discovering Our Origin in God

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Reader:
"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
God said, 'Let there be light;'
and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.

God created humankind in his image;
In the image of God he created them;
Male and female he created them.
God blessed them and God said to them,
'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.'

Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.
I will bless you so that you will be a blessing."

People:
"Blessed be God Most High, Maker of heaven and earth"

Reader:
"Where have you come from andwhere are you going?"

People:
"We are running away"

Reader:
"Do not be afraid, I am your shield...
Look toward the heavens and count the stars.
So shall your descendants be.
Abram believed the Lord,
the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness."

People:
"O God of our father Abraham and
God of our father Isaac, O Lord.
We are not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love
and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servants.
We are about to die.
but God will surely come and bring us up out of the land that
he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."
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Enjoy these outstanding speakers with special thanks to the College of Biblical Studies, the Honors College, the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning, Students' Association, and the Department of Language and Literature.

**MONDAY**

Barbara Brown Taylor is the Butman Professor of Religion at Piedmont College in rural northeast Georgia. An Episcopal priest since 1984, she is the author of 12 books, mostly on the preaching life, including *The New York Times* best-seller *An Altar in the World*, acclaimed and award-winning *Leaving Church*, and most recently, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion from Emory University, a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University and has received several honorary doctorates. She and her husband live on a farm in the foothills of the Appalachians.

**TUESDAY**

Stanley Hauerwas is professor emeritus of divinity and law at Duke University, where he has taught in the Duke Divinity School since 1984. A native of West Texas, he earned a degree from Southwestern University, four graduate degrees — including a Ph.D. — from Yale University. Hauerwas taught at the University of Notre Dame from 1970-84. He was named “America’s Best Theologian” by *Time* magazine in 2001 and his 25 books include *A Community of Character*, *The Peaceable Kingdom*, *Resident Aliens*, and *Hannah’s Child: A Theologian’s Memoir*. For 40 years, Hauerwas has been considered a leading voice on the importance of lived theology, of character and virtues, of narrative, and of the church’s role in Christian formation and moral reflection.

**WEDNESDAY**

Andrea Palpant Dilley is an author published in *Christianity Today*, *Beliefnet*, *Hermeneutics*, *Huffington Post*, *CNN Belief Blog*, and *Faith and Leadership*, a journal of the Duke University Divinity School. As a documentary producer, her work has aired nationally on American Public Television. Dilley has written *Jesus Girls: True Tales of Growing Up Female and Evangelical* and *Talking Taboo: American Christian Women Get Frank About Faith*. Her memoir, *Faith and Other Flat Tires: Searching for God on the Rough Road of Doubt* describes her childhood in Kenya as the daughter of Quaker medical missionaries. She lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband and their three children.
SUNDAY

7 p.m.
Don McLaughlin
God's Earthed Words
Genesis 1:1-28

MONDAY

11 a.m.
Barbara Brown Taylor
Abraham's Unchosen Blessing
Genesis 14:1-24

11 a.m.
Lawrence Murray
Believing God Leads to Righteousness
Genesis 15

TUESDAY

11 a.m.
Sam Barrington
God Blesses Outsiders
Genesis 16

7 p.m.
Stanley Hauerwas
The "God Wrestlers"
Genesis 32:3-12, 22-32

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m.
Sam Gonzalez
The Strange Strength of a Matriarch
Genesis 38

7 p.m.
Randy Harris
Abandoned to the Power of God
Genesis 41
**Gospel & Culture**

People of faith wrestle to express the gospel with our lives in a postmodern world. How does the gospel connect with the world? The world is increasingly ignorant of or hostile to Christianity, yet at the same time there is a growing spiritual awareness represented in movies, television and books. These classes explore how Christ addresses culture and is found within culture.

**CLASS SESSION 1**

**BREAKING GOOD**
Monday, 9-9:45 a.m., BSB 250
Chris Perrey

**A HOUSE DIVIDED**
Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m. and Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m., BSB 249
Bruce Johnson

**CLASS SESSION 2**

**THE GOSPEL IN MIDDLE-EARTH**
Monday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 129
Jeff Childers

**Justice & Mercy**

The terminology of justice and mercy is not reserved for the church building, but the performance of justice and the love of mercy must be lived by Christians in the world. Jesus called us to sacrifice, mercy and love. These classes encourage Christians to take justice from the pages of scripture and live it in the routines of life. (Student speakers indicated by *)

**CLASS SESSION 2**

**CHRIST AND THE CONDEMNED**
Monday, 10-10:45 a.m., BSB 249
Robert Lilly

**CLASS SESSION 3**

**KILLING WITH KINDNESS THROUGH RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHURCH**
Monday-Wednesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 127
TJ McCloud, Houston Shearon

**WHAT THE LATINIZATION OF THE U.S. MEANS FOR THE CHURCH**
Tuesday and Wednesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 126
Hector Hinojosa, Daniel Rodriguez

**IS INCARCERATION ALWAYS JUST?**
Wednesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill)
David Dillman, Jeremy Haile

**MINISTRY WITH OTHERS, NOT TO OTHERS**
Wednesday 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 112
Chad Wheeler

**Spiritual Formation**

The practices of spiritual discipline are invaluable to Christians. These classes and experiences explore the art of seeking God in every moment of life.

**CLASS SESSION 1**

**WEATHERING THE STORMS OF LIFE**
Monday and Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium)
Lynn Anderson, Carolyn Anderson

**CLASS SESSION 2**

**MIDLIFE CRISIS OR MIDLIFE CONVERSION**
Monday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium)
Albert Acosta

**CLASS SESSION 3**

**THE SOUND OF GOD'S SILENCE**
Monday and Tuesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium)
Dean Barham
Life is the space God gives everyone to serve and creatively express the gospel. All Christians serve God with their lives. God calls some to the special vocation of ministry. These ministers are called to serve by equipping people for discipleship and to discover their service to strengthen the body of Christ.

SIBURT INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH MINISTRY SUB-TRACK

THE STRATEGICALLY SMALL CHURCH
Monday and Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 114
Jeff Christian

LEADING FOR THE LONG HAUL
Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 114
Chris Smith

CH-CH-CHANGES
Monday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 114
Tim Woodroof

DOES PRAYER MATTER? THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND MINISTERIAL BURNOUT
Tuesday and Wednesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 114
Carson E. Reed

HIGHLIGHT CLASS

NAVIGATING TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP
Monday-Wednesday, 1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 130
Tony E. Roach

PREACHER/EXPOSITOR SUB-TRACK

DIFFICULT PASSAGES IN GENESIS
Monday and Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 103
John Willis

THE FUTURE OF PREACHING
Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 103
Dave Bland, David Fleer

WOMEN IN MINISTRY SUB-TRACK

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
Monday and Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 117
Amy Bost Henegar

GIRLS TELL ALL ON CHURCH POLITICS VS. GIRLY ECONOMICS
Monday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 117
Jess Schell-Williams

WE'RE NOT THERE YET
Monday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 117
Kathy Pulley

BACK TO OUR FUTURE
Tuesday and Wednesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 117
Angela Ravin-Anderson

HOW CHURCHES DO IT
Wednesday 10-10:45 a.m., BSB 117
Jennifer Hale Christy

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUB-TRACK

DOES CHURCH CONNECT CHILDREN TO GOD?
Monday and Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 115
Shannon Rains

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN
Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 115
Ryan Maloney

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTIAN FORMATION
Monday and Tuesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 115
Holly Catterton Allen

WORSHIP SUB-TRACK

WORSHIP LEADERS FORUM
Monday and Tuesday, 1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 121
David Kneip and other worship leaders

I LOVE TO SING THE STORY: EXPLORING STONE-CAMPBELL HYMNODY
Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 120
McGarvey Ice

WORSHIP MUSIC IN CHRISTIANITY AND THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT
Monday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 120
Doug Foster

CHAPLAINCY SUB-TRACK

CREATED FOR WHOLENESS, NOT JUST HOLINESS
Monday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 113
Mike Patrick

CHRISTIANS NEED CARE – THE "FORTH" PART OF MAKING DISCIPLES
Monday, 10-10:45 a.m. and Tuesday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 113
Coy Walters

WORK MATTERS
Monday and Tuesday, 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 113
Will Herring

YOUTH MINISTRY SUB-TRACK

DISCIPLING STUDENTS WHEN THE CHURCH WILL SETTLE FOR LESS
Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m., 9:30-10:15 a.m., 4-4:45 p.m., BSB 130
Tim Henderson

DEAF MINISTRY SUB-TRACK

HOW YOU CAN INTRODUCE JESUS INTO THE HEARTS OF THE DEAF
Monday, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10-10:45 a.m., BSB 122
Dennis Wilson

A CLASH OF CULTURES
Tuesday, 8:30-9:15 a.m. and 9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 122
Larry Prince

PROVIDING A FOUNDATION FOR DEAF LEADERS IN EAST AFRICA
Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and 10-10:45 a.m., BSB 122
Vernon Williams
**Welcome**

*President's Letter*

It is a delight to welcome you to the ACU Summit, where Christians from many nations gather every third week in September. It is a special time to focus on the work of God.

This year we turn our attention to the beginning of the Bible – Genesis. This year’s theme is “Earthed” and it represents God’s creative work with humanity. This week the speakers and experiences will challenge you to walk closely with God and enrich the work being done in churches around the world. My prayer is that you will re-discover your origin in God and submit to God's work in every moment of your life.

Here at ACU you will notice as earth is moved to build new spaces for our students to learn, experiment and prepare for their future work in God’s kingdom. Thanks for your extra patience with parking and construction as our campus grows. Many exciting things are happening at Abilene Christian and we look forward to seeing you and to hearing about what God is doing in your life.

In Him,

Phil Schubert, President

*Director's Letter*

There are few dustier places than West Texas. It is a place where earth can sometimes take to the sky and fly to new places. The next time you get dust in your eye, let it remind you of the story we tell about where we came from. Our earthly genesis is from an eternal God.

The ACU Summit provides occasion to travel away from all that is typical about your life and enter a long running conversation about the ongoing work of God in the world. I know you may not have the time, but I invite you to make the time to consider your origin. Come be with friends new and old in this centuries-long conversation of faith.

There will be concerts, conversations, preaching and much more to help focus our attention on God. Enjoy all that you can take in. Then take back to your home a life renewed in focus upon the Creator. May we all worship God with our earthly lives.

Blessings,

Brady Bryce
7-8:15 P.M. OPENING THEME CONVERSATION

GOD’S EARTHED WORDS (GENESIS 1:1-28)
7-8:15 p.m., Moody Coliseum .................................................... 142107-01
Worship Leader: John Hodges (Tyler, Texas)
Preacher: Don McLaughlin (Atlanta, Ga.)

8:30-9:30 P.M. LATE-NIGHT EVENTS

PERFORMANCE: LEAVING RUIN
8:30-9:30 p.m., WPA, Fulks Theatre
Jeff Berryman (Seattle, Wash.)

Leaving Ruin is the poignant tale of a small West Texas church in the nowhere town of Ruin. Jeff Berryman’s solo performance chronicles the tough, often humorous battle of man chasing the will of God in a desert of divine silence.

COFFEE HOUSE: SUNDAYS WITH WENDELL BERRY
What Wendell Berry is Teaching Me About Sabbath Rest
8:30-9:30 p.m., Brown Library Learning Commons .................................................... 142108-01
Sara Barton (Malibu, Calif.)

While not often considered a Christian author, Wendell Berry’s award-winning writing is rooted in Christian tradition. His more than 50 books of poetry, fiction and essays explore themes such as place, community, simple pleasures, good work, and good rest. Experience what Berry’s poetry is teaching Sara about the spiritual discipline of Sabbath.

SEAN PALMER AND THE 31ST AND VINE PRAISE BAND
8:30-9:30 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill)
8 A.M.

- MORNING PRAYERS AT JACOB'S DREAM

9-9:45 A.M. CLASSES: SESSION 1

TWO HUNDRED GOATS, THIRTY CAMELS AND THE JABBOK
Thoughts About Reconciliation
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) .............................. 142201-01
Linda King (Edmond, Okla.)
The story of Esau and Jacob's reconciliation offers a launching point to examine the power of apology and the effectiveness of symbols to bridge chasms of estrangement, and promote healing and peace.

- WEATHERING THE STORMS OF LIFE
Our Story
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) .............................. 142201-02
Lynn Anderson (San Antonio, Texas), Carolyn Anderson (San Antonio, Texas)
Across 50 years of ministry, we have walked with people through life's storms. These last five years since Lynn's lung cancer diagnosis have proven the steepest learning curve. Lynn and Carolyn share their story, what they have learned and what has helped most. Part 1 of 3.

MOVING BEYOND MISSIONAL
Exposing the Attractional vs. Missional Lie
9-9:45 a.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) .................. 142201-03
Dan Bouchelle (Hurst, Texas)
A decade past the missional makeover, it is time to reassess the impact, progress, mistakes and lessons of a call to revision. Part 1 of 2.

- THE STRATEGICALLY SMALL CHURCH
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 114 ......................................................... 142201-04
Jeff Christian (Houston, Texas)
Most churches in the United States are “family-size churches” between 50-150 people. Many churches feel pressure from members and leadership to compare themselves to megachurches. Explore what makes family churches vital in the kingdom. Part 1 of 3.

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL AGING
Acceptance of Aging Realities
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 130 ......................................................... 142201-05
Jack Scott (Pasadena, Calif.), LaCreta Scott (Pasadena, Calif.)
Aging brings challenges. Hear these retired parents of five and grandparents of 11 thoughtfully examine how to age gracefully. Jack served as a minister, college president and state senator. LaCreta served as an English professor and wrote the newspaper column, “Life Lessons.” Part 1 of 2.

- I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
The Power of Testimony in Faith Formation
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 117 ......................................................... 142201-06
Amy Bost Hengenar (New York, N.Y)
Learn what is a testimony and the role it can play in our spiritual lives. Testimony does not always mean a dramatic conversion story. It can be a quiet recognition of God's work in life. Part 1 of 3.

- DOES CHURCH CONNECT CHILDREN TO GOD?
The Coming Children's Ministry
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 115 ......................................................... 142201-07
Shannon Rains (Kingwood, Texas)
Children's ministry should be one of the most important tasks of church leaders. This class examines the past, present and future of children's ministry. Church leaders will be challenged to diligence in intentionally engaging children on the spiritual journey. Part 1 of 3.
P.A.T.H.
A New Way to Assess Team Health
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 121
Sonny Guild (Abilene, Texas)
Having an effective and healthy mission team is important and a challenge. A new tool to assess team health (P.A.T.H.) will be introduced. This assessment tool measures team health and helps move them to greater effectiveness.

JACK, ME AND OTHERS
A Journey of Faith With C.S. Lewis
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 129
Tony Ash (Abilene, Texas)
Years after his death, C.S. Lewis still strengthens the faith of those who encounter his writings. Hear about one man’s journey with Jack and be ready to start your own journey anew. Part 1 of 3.

DIFFICULT PASSAGES IN GENESIS
Selected Texts
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 103
John Willis (Abilene, Texas)

DOING YOUR CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY
A Shared Story
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 120
Carisse Mickey Berryhill (Abilene, Texas), Donald Philip Simpson (Abilene, Texas)
A workshop for church leaders on why and how to document and celebrate congregational history, whether the church is 150 years or 1 year old. Part 1 of 3.

RAISING GOD’S CHILDREN
Blessing God With God’s Blessing
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 128
Christopher Keith McCurley (Abilene, Texas)
Children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3) entrusted to us. Stamped on them are the words, “Handle with Care.” The best way to care for the treasured gift of children is to return them to their rightful owner. Part 1 of 2.

RACE/ETHNICITY: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
Unleashing the Power of Cultural Competency in Our Faith Communities
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 104
Sara Salik (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Our ethnic identities are often overlooked or minimized within the context of our corporate bodies. However, discovering and navigating the richness of our diversity can strengthen our churches.

STRANGEROUS LOVE
Creating Space in Your Church for Young Families
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 112
Mic Biesboer (Abilene, Texas)
“Strangeroes Love” is a conversation that gives participants practical ways of how hospitality and affection led my congregation to a growing young family ministry. A renewal of hospitality goes beyond fancy guest services and instead leads God’s people into the hearts of sometimes-messy strangers.

CREATED FOR WHOLENESS, NOT JUST HOLINESS
Self-Integration
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 113
Mike Patrick (Abilene, Texas)
Consider ways our “earthisness” impacts both an integrated life experience and our connection to God. We often feel pulled in different directions by our values, beliefs, emotions, behaviors and relationships. Discover how we can be one with ourselves as well as with God. Part 1 of 2.
ON-CAMPUS DINING
The World Famous Bean
(Monday - Wednesday)
Breakfast: 7-9:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner: 5-7 p.m.

Lunch at The Patio
(Monday - Wednesday)
Outside on the west side of the World Famous Bean,
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

MONDAY

● HOW YOU CAN INTRODUCE JESUS INTO THE HEARTS OF THE DEAF
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 122
Dennis Wilson (Lubbock, Texas)
A hearing Child of Deaf Adults (CODA) is considered a purist of the deaf culture. This class, taught by a CODA, will discuss unique methods for teaching deaf children and adults about Jesus. Part 1 of 2.

RUNNING ON EMPTY
How to Gain Everything by Doing Nothing
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 127
Rick McCall (Houston, Texas)
Sometimes we feel like hamsters running on a wheel all day, falling over, getting up and doing it all over again. Explore how to gain balance in a multi-tasking world. Examine Sabbath rest and start to breathe. Part 1 of 2.

TEACHING AS TRANSLATION
Bearing the Light of the Living Word
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 249
Kenneth Hawley (Lubbock, Texas)
Discover how reflections on translation and incarnation can shape a vision for teaching. Classic meditations on the word of translators and teachers will prompt people to be a new, living translation of the word in our classrooms and into all the world.

●●● BREAKING GOOD
A Christian Response to Evil in Pop Culture
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 250
Chris Perrey (Abilene, Texas)
The world has opinions about what makes someone bad or good. How can Christians contribute to the discussion? This analysis of the popular television series "Breaking Bad" (spoiler warning) helps converse about morality in and outside of the church.

10-10:45 A.M. CLASSES: SESSION 2

SACRED UNVEILING THE GOD OF ME
A Growing Idol
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill)
Emily Lavender (Brentwood, Tenn.)
Consider the messy journey of unveiling the idols lurking within. Learn how exposing idols significantly decrease their power. Part 1 of 2.

● MIDLIFE CRISIS OR MIDLIFE CONVERSION
Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium)
Albert Acosta (Abilene, Texas)
How frustration, confusion, spiritual dryness – even pain – as we enter the second half of life can be an invitation to go deeper into our souls and grow closer to God. Part 1 of 2.

GAME-CHANGER
The Inescapable Impact of Jesus
10-10:45 a.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center)
Chris Seidman (Dallas, Texas)
The life and teachings of Jesus have shaped civilization. This three-part consideration of the practical impact of Jesus aims at deepening your appreciation of Him and equipping you for conversation in your network of relationships. Part 1 of 3.

● LEADING FOR THE LONG HAUL
Reality is Your Friend
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 114
Chris Smith (Brentwood, Tenn.)
This class reflects on the wisdom of the late Dr. Charles Siburt as it applies to congregational life. Each of the subtitles are statements Siburt told students through the years. Part 1 of 3.
Reading Barbara Brown Taylor's writing stuns me, challenges me, and heals me, both with the beauty of her prose and the depth of her wisdom. A gift to every person who's felt the darkness but not had the words to articulate it ... A truly beautiful book.

— Shauna Niequist, author of Bread & Wine
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, LOVE LEVITICUS
A Christian Reading of Leviticus 19
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 130                      142202-05
Mindi Thompson (Abilene, Texas)

Jesus said that one of the most important commandments is to love your neighbor, but this is not something He invented. Learn how the teachings in Leviticus 19 shaped Jesus’ earthly ministry and how they can shape our ministry today. Part 1 of 2.

GIRLS TELL ALL ON CHURCH POLITICS VS. GIRLY ECONOMICS
Hearing Our Daughter’s Voice
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 117                      142202-06
Jess Schell-Williams (Fort Worth, Texas)

This class reveals my research discoveries interviewing adolescent girls in the U.S. within Churches of Christ regarding the heights to which they may aspire (or not). Hear their provocative responses and consider the state of our youth, our daughters, our sisters and our friends. Part 1 of 2.

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN
Created in His Image
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 115                      142202-07
Ryan Maloney (Abilene, Texas)

Children innately reflect facets of our Creator. Children are capable of significant ministry. The faith of children is intrinsically relational. Explore ways to bless your congregation by listening to children and by intergenerational shared ministry experience. Part 1 of 3.

GAILYN VAN RHEENEEN’S MISSIONS
Celebrating 25 Years of a Global Best-Seller
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 121                      142202-08
Chris Flanders (Abilene, Texas)

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Gailyn Van Rheenen wrote Missions (Zondervan), what has become one of the best-selling, most-used missions textbooks of all time. Hear us discuss what he has learned in the writing and updating of this classic text.

THE GOSPEL IN MIDDLE-EARTH
Dragon-Sickness, Wraithing and Other Modern Inconveniences
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 129                      142202-09
Jeff Childers (Abilene, Texas)

Tolkien’s works enjoy global popularity. But what do hobbits, elves and dragons have to do with the real world? And if Middle-earth has no churches, why would Tolkien dub his stories “fundamentally religious”? Explore the timeless power of Tolkien’s vision of good, evil and life with God in the modern world. (also see Monday night Coffee House). Part 1 of 2.

THE FUTURE OF PREACHING
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 103                      142202-10
Dave Bland (Memphis, Tenn.), David Fleer (Nashville, Tenn.)

These classes will explore future directions and issues facing contemporary preaching. Part 1 of 3.

I LOVE TO SING THE STORY: EXPLORING STONE-CAMPBELL HYMNOLOGY
Worship and Song Among the Elias Smith and Abner Jones Movement
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 120                      142202-11
McGarvey Ice (Abilene, Texas)

The experience of worship and singing is formative. It shapes individuals and communities. This class takes a closer look at the hymnody of the early American Restoration Movement, raising questions for reflection about how and what we sing today.

THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE
A Theology for Christian Unity
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 128                      142202-12
Allan Stanglin (Amarillo, Texas)

The Central Church of Christ in Amarillo partners with three churches (Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian) to worship and serve together for the sake of their city. Allan Stanglin explores the theology and background of this initiative. The second session involves all four clergy in an open discussion. Part 1 of 3.
**YOUTH EXCAVATION**

*Empowering Youth to Discover Community*

10-10:45 a.m., BSB 112  
Justin Whiteley (Abilene, Texas)

This class looks at the work done by the Carver Youth Council in the Abilene community. It will highlight areas where we can empower youth to be active in the community and give teens an opportunity to be leaders.

**CHRISTIANS NEED CARE – THE "FORTH" PART OF MAKING DISCIPLES**

*Emergent Disciple Care*

10-10:45 a.m., BSB 113  
Coy Walters (New Burgh, Ind.)

She was full of hope for the umpteenth time until her son fled rehab, and was charged with a felony and DUI. Discover how church provides hope, comfort and direction to a distraught mother. Part 1 of 2.

**HOW YOU CAN INTRODUCE JESUS INTO THE HEARTS OF THE DEAF**

10-10:45 a.m., BSB 122  
Dennis Wilson (Lubbock, Texas)

Part 2 of 2.

**DIVIDED BY SCRIPTURE, UNITED IN CHRIST**

*Scripture as Authority*

10-10:45 a.m., BSB 127  
Joshua Jackson (Norcross, Ga.)

Develop a better understanding of how Christ unites us by examining the role of scripture for people of faith across cultural, experiential and various other differences. Part 1 of 2.

**CHRIST AND THE CONDEMNED**

*Charging the Church to Serve Christ*

10-10:45 a.m., BSB 249  
Robert Lilly (South Bronx, N.Y.)

God places people in our midst to provide us opportunity to serve. Our country’s incarceration policies result in more than 600,000 persons released from prison annually. Learn how the church can grab this opportunity to serve returning citizens.

**LET THERE BE VERSE**

*Experience the Creation Story With Poetry*

10-10:45 a.m., BSB 250  
Mitchell East (Austin, Texas)

Throughout history, poets have attempted to express humankind’s most important stories. Experience what happens when the poetry of Genesis is performed and discover how poets explore our origin.

**11-11:50 A.M. THEME CONVERSATION**

**ABRAM’S UNCHOSEN BLESSING (GENESIS 14:1-24)**

11-11:50 a.m., Moody Coliseum  
Worship Leader: Rodney Johnson (Odessa, Texas) and student worship team  
Preacher: Barbara Brown Taylor (Clarkeville, Ga.)

**1:15-2:05 P.M. HIGHLIGHT CLASSES**

**THE COLOR OF SILENCE**

*Race, Religion and the Contemplative Orientation*

1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill)  
Eric Wilson (Memphis, Tenn.)

"May they be one as We are one," Jesus prayed. However, so many things separate humanity. Poet, preacher and spiritual director Eric Wilson explores contemplative practice as solution to issues of justice, racial reconciliation and church divide. Part 1 of 3.
MONDAY

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
The Church Crisis No One is Talking About
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) ........................................ 142204-02
Jonathan Stormont (Abilene, Texas)
Mentoring, discipling and passing on the gospel in the local church. Discover why it matters and how to do it. Part 1 of 3.

UNCUT
Why I Almost Went to Law School
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 114 ................................................................. 142204-03
Collin Packer (Denver, Colo.)
If we read closely, we begin to realize that God used some messed-up people to change the world. People like, well, you and me. Come discover the "Uncut" version of God's story. Part 1 of 3.

NAVIGATING TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP
God Does Not Call the Qualified, He Qualifies the Called (Joshua 1:1-3)
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 130 ................................................................. 142204-04
Tony E. Roach (Abilene, Texas)
Mentoring is the greatest leadership. To navigate transitional church leadership, leaders must lead beyond their current positions, titles and accomplishments to prepare the next generation of leaders. Discover "kingdom relationships" between old and young. Learn how to transition from one generation (of elders or ministers) to the next. Part 1 of 3.

WORSHIP LEADERS FORUM
Worshipping With Genesis
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 121 ................................................................. 142204-05
David Kneip (Abilene, Texas) and other worship leaders
Join this frank conversation with practicing worship ministers about contemporary worship ministry. Consider how biblical texts and tough issues affect worship ministry in today's world. Part 1 of 2.

3-3:45 P.M. FEATURED GUEST
REDEEMING DARKNESS: A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE NIGHT TIME
3-3:45 p.m., Moody Coliseum ....................................................... 142205-01
Barbara Brown Taylor (Clarksville, Ga.)

4-4:45 P.M. CLASSES: SESSION 3

WITNESSING NEW CREATIVE: POVERTY, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
AND THE MISSION OF GOD
Why Revitalize?
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) ........................................ 142206-01
J. McDonald Williams (Dallas, Texas)
These sessions address the moral, theological, historical, business and socioeconomic imperatives of securing opportunities for our low-income fellow citizens. Explore the best and worst practices of neighborhood revitalization in order to best serve low-income communities. Part 1 of 2.

THE SOUND OF GOD'S SILENCE
When God is Not There
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) ........................................ 142206-02
Dean Barham (Nashville, Tenn.)
Many find connection with God can grow cold. They struggle with doubts or distance from God. This silence may be God's invitation to go deeper in your walk with God and experience a life you have not yet known. Part 1 of 2.

EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE
Engaging From God's Heart
4-4:45 p.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) ....................... 142206-03
Josh Ross (Memphis, Tenn.)
Not once in Ephesians are the people of Ephesus encouraged to leave that sinful city to show faithfulness. Instead, they were equipped to engage the world with mission and purpose. Christians are at their best when they do the same. Part 1 of 2.

WOMEN FOR ACU PIE SALE
McGlothlin Campus Center Living Room
Sunday 8-10 p.m., Monday-Wednesday 12:30-4 p.m. and 8:30-10 p.m.
**CH-CH-CHANGES**

*The Opportunities of the Interim Season*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 114 ................................. 142206-04

*Tim Woodroof (Antioch, Tenn.)*

So you've lost your minister? Transitions in the life of a church offer great potential for church renewal and transformation. Good things can happen as leaders embrace rather than resist transition.

**WE'RE NOT THERE YET**

*Expanding Women's Ministries in the 21st-Century Church*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 117 ................................. 142206-05

*Kathy Pulley (Springfield, Mo.)*

A growing number of churches are opting to become either partially or completely gender inclusive. Focus will be given to the types of churches that opt in and to the congregational results. Learn who is opting in, and how it is going.

**INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

*Why Bring Generations Together?*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 115 ................................. 142206-06

*Holly Catterton Allen (Siloam Springs, Ark.)*

Our faith communities have separated generations for decades. Discover key spiritual benefits of participating in intergenerational Christian experiences. Learn how faith communities can become intentionally intergenerational. Part 1 of 2.

**KEEPING UP WITH THE ABRAHAMS**

*Lessons in Family Relationships From the Patriarchs*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 121 ................................. 142206-07

*Meredith Platt (Houston, Texas)*

The families in Genesis are not picture perfect. They struggle with conflict, communication, sex, deception, abuse and more while trying to be faithful to God. Explore what following God means when you are part of or work with imperfect families.

**GOD ON THE MOVE**

*China Mission in Your Own Backyard*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 103 ................................. 142206-08

*Kilnam Cha (Abilene, Texas), Fei Gao (Abilene, Texas), John Xu (Abilene, Texas), Daqing Yuan (Abilene, Texas)*

God is on the move. Doctors Cha, Gao, Xu and Yuan all came to Christ after coming to the U.S. Discover why they came to believe and learn how you can participate in God's mission in your backyard and in China. Part 1 of 3.

**WORSHIP MUSIC IN CHRISTIANITY AND THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT**

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 120 ................................. 142206-09

*Doug Foster (Abilene, Texas)*

A survey of the history of Christian worship music with particular attention to the a cappella tradition of Churches of Christ and how that reflects the larger history.

**OVERCOMING SELF-DOUBT TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE**

*A Tribute to Brennan Manning*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 128 ................................. 142206-10

*Kristina Davis (Abilene, Texas)*

Christians sometimes let self-doubt and guilt get in the way of believing we are worthy of grace. These sessions use the works of Brennan Manning to discover our rightful place as God's beloved children. Part 1 of 3.

**P.O.T.S.**

*Praying on the Spot*

4-4:45 p.m., BSB 120 ................................. 142206-11

*Felicia P. Hopkins (Buffalo, NY)*

This session will help people to better understand the basic principles of prayer and of being able to understand the theology of intercessory prayer. We will discuss intercessors in the Bible. Part 1 of 2.


**MONDAY**

**WORK MATTERS**

*Caring for People in the Workplace*

*Will Herring (Aledo, Texas)*

More than 65 percent of our waking hours are spent in a workplace environment. Within the past 30 years, businesses have utilized the workplace to care for employees. Learn more about how business and churches can work together to care for people. Part 1 of 2.

**EXTREME SOUL MAKEOVER**

*Rediscovering Yourself in Christ*

*Eboni Ellerson (Fort Worth, Texas)*

Sometimes we need a makeover. The New Testament speaks of us as a spiritual house and a chosen people (I Peter 2:4-10). Discover the remodel available to each of us as God's living stones.

**KILLING WITH KINDNESS THROUGH RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHURCH**

*Grief or Relief*

*TJ McCloud (Nashville, Tenn.), Houston Shearon (Garland, Texas)*

These sessions explore the complicated dynamics of Christian relief and development work based on years of research, study and experience in Latin America and Eastern/Central Africa. Learn responsible methods for relief and development work. Part 1 of 3.

**ROMAN EMPIRE, AMERICAN EMPIRE AND REBEL CHRISTIANS**

*Subversive Christianity in Empires Past and Present*

*Jay Hawkins (Caldwell, Idaho)*

America is the world’s dominant cultural, economic, and military power. Early Christians testified to a different kind of power and disrupt business as usual in the Roman Empire. Learn how to apply their example to our time. Part 1 of 2.

**WHEN HELPING HELPS**

*How God’s Economics Helps Solve Global Poverty*

*Milton Jones (Amarillo, Texas)*

Bill Gates once noted that while the world is better now than it has ever been, people do not rush to continue what works well. Learn how churches and charities can help the poor progress and provide better long-term relief from poverty. Part 1 of 2.

**7-8:15 P.M. THEME CONVERSATION**

*BELIEVING GOD LEADS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS (GENESIS 15)*

*7-8:15 p.m., Moody Coliseum*  
*Worship Leader: Kevin Schaffer (Amarillo, Texas)*  
*Preacher: Lawrence Murray (Oklahoma City, Okla.)*

**8:30-9:30 P.M. LATE-NIGHT EVENTS**

**COFFEE HOUSE: THE HOBBIT**

*Gospel Truth for the 21st Century*

*Jeff Childers (Abilene, Texas)*

Tolkien’s works enjoy global popularity. But what do hobbits, elves and dragons have to do with the real world? And if Middle-earth has no churches, why would Tolkien dub his stories “fundamentally religious”? For die-hard Tolkien fans or people who don’t know Ents from Maiar, this conversation explores good news from Middle-earth for the 21st century.
8 A.M.

- MORNING PRAYERS AT JACOB'S DREAM

8:30-9:15 A.M. CLASSES: SESSION 1

HOW I THINK I LEARNED TO THINK THEOLOGICALLY
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) ......................... 142301-01
Stanley Hauerwas (Durham, N.C.)
Hear a world-class theologian give practical insight to how one thinks theologically. Stanley has taught ethics and theology at Notre Dame, Duke, in churches, and now offers insight in these two classes. Part 1 of 2.

WEATHERING THE STORMS OF LIFE
What We Are Learning
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) ......................... 142301-02
Lynn Anderson (San Antonio, Texas), Carolyn Anderson (San Antonio, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

MOVING BEYOND MISSIONAL
Reversing Gears for Better Traction
8:30-9:15 a.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) ................ 142301-03
Dan Bouchelle (Hurst, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

THE STRATEGICALLY SMALL CHURCH
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 114 .............................................. 142301-04
Jeff Christian (Houston, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

DISCIPLING STUDENTS WHEN THE CHURCH WILL SETTLE FOR LESS
Beyond the Dog and Pony Show
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 130 .............................................. 142301-05
Tim Henderson (Tyler, Texas)
When youth ministry is reduced to amusement, students are crippled by accepting less than God's transformation of their lives. This class explores frameworks and directions for calling disciples to the kingdom. Part 1 of 3.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
The Power of Testimony in Evangelism
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 117 .............................................. 142301-06
Amy Bost Henegar (New York, N.Y.)
Part 2 of 3.

DOES CHURCH CONNECT CHILDREN TO GOD?
The Child's Spiritual Life
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 115 .............................................. 142301-07
Shannon Rains (Kingwood, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

BUILDING SUCCESS INTO SHORT-TERM MISSIONS
How to Maximize the Benefits of STM's After the Trip is Over
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 121 .............................................. 142301-08
Gary Lynn Green (Abilene, Texas)
Research findings are mixed as to whether or not short-term mission trips (STM) produce deeper faith and stronger commitments. Discover what studies indicate and learn how to use STMs for lasting spiritual growth.

JACK, ME AND OTHERS
A Journey of Faith With C.S. Lewis
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 129 .............................................. 142301-09
Tony Ash (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.
• **DIFFICULT PASSAGES IN GENESIS**
  Selected Texts
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 103 .................................................. 142301-10
  John Willis (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.

• **DOING YOUR CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY**
  What It Might Look Like
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 120 .................................................. 142301-11
  Carisse Mickey Berryhill (Abilene, Texas), Donald Philip Simpson (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 2 of 3.

• **RAISING GOD’S CHILDREN**
  Blessing God With God’s Blessing
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 128 .................................................. 142301-12
  Christopher Keith McCurley (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.

• **SHARING SUNDAYS**
  Practical Partnerships for Preaching
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 112 .................................................. 142301-13
  Jordan Hubbard (Belton, Texas), Scott Meyer (Salado, Texas)
  Jesus sent out his disciples two by two, which may guide the preaching life. Come hear two
  preachers share their experience of co-writing sermon series, the processes they learned, and
  the benefits of partnering for preaching. Part 1 of 2.

• **CREATED FOR WHOLENESS, NOT JUST HOLINESS**
  Images of God
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 113 .................................................. 142301-14
  Mike Patrick (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.

• **A CLASH OF CULTURES**
  Meeting the Spiritual Needs of the Deaf in a Hearing World
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 122 .................................................. 142301-15
  Larry Prince (Abilene, Texas)
  This class provides a clearer understanding of deaf culture. Discover how cultural differences
  affect our ability to preach and teach the Bible to deaf and hard-of-hearing Christians within the
  context of a larger hearing world. Part 1 of 2.

• **CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION FOR MINISTERS**
  Churches and Seminaries Join to Train Ministers
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 126 .................................................. 142301-16
  Brady Bryce (Abilene, Texas)
  Local congregations and ministers possess great wisdom for training ministers. ACU’s Graduate
  School of Theology now approaches minister training as contextual education for
  ministry. Come discover and shape the partnership of church and seminary.

• **RUNNING ON EMPTY**
  How to Gain Everything by Doing Nothing
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 127 .................................................. 142301-17
  Rick McCall (Houston, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.

• **A HOUSE DIVIDED**
  The Black Church and the Gay Marriage Question
  8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 249 .................................................. 142301-18
  Bruce Johnson (Lithonia, Ga.)
  A rift in the black church over gay marriage has widened since both President Barack Obama
  and the NAACP came out in support of marriage equality. This class explores what Christians
  and churches can do. Part 1 of 2.
CANDY-CRUSHING OUR SOULS: SPIRITUAL FORMATION AS BRAIN FORMATION
Cultivating Whole Brain Faith in a Left-Brain Church
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 250 ........................................ 142301-19
Wilson McCoy (Lebanon, Tenn.)
Discover the impact of technology and the Internet on our faith and minds. We will wrestle with these questions and their possible effect on spiritual formation. Learn to cultivate a faith that embraces both sides of the brain. Part 1 of 2.

9:30-10:15 A.M. CLASSES: SESSION 2

HOW TO WRITE A THEOLOGICAL SENTENCE
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) ........................................ 142302-01
Stanley Hauerwas (Durham, N.C.)
Part 2 of 2.

MIDLIFE CRISIS OR MIDLIFE CONVERSION
Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) ........................................ 142302-02
Albert Acosta (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

GAME-CHANGER
The Inescapable Impact of Jesus
9:30-10:15 a.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) ........................................ 142302-03
Chris Seidman (Dallas, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

LEADING FOR THE LONG HAUL
Slow is Fast
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 114 ........................................ 142302-04
Chris Smith (Brentwood, Tenn.)
Part 2 of 2.

DISCIPLING STUDENTS WHEN THE CHURCH WILL SETTLE FOR LESS
Transformation and Discipleship
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 130 ........................................ 142302-05
Tim Henderson (Tyler, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

GIRLS TELL ALL ON CHURCH POLITICS VS. GIRLY ECONOMICS
Theological Afflictions
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 117 ........................................ 142302-06
Jess Schell-Williams (Fort Worth, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN
Created for a Purpose
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 115 ........................................ 142302-07
Ryan Maloney (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL SERVICE
Not Just Another Master’s Degree
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 121 ........................................ 142302-08
Kent Smith (Abilene, Texas), Chris Flanders (Abilene, Texas)
ACU is pioneering graduate training that enables students to learn at the pace and context of their choice, with peers under experienced mentors, all while studying with ACU’s world-class faculty. Learn more about this innovative approach to missional education.

THE GOSPEL IN MIDDLE-EARTH
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 129 ........................................ 142302-09
Jeff Childers (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.
THE FUTURE OF PREACHING
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 103
Dave Bland (Memphis, Tenn.), David Fleer (Nashville, Tenn.)
Part 2 of 3.

I LOVE TO SING THE STORY: EXPLORING STONE-CAMPBELL HYMNODY
Worship and Song Among the James O'Kelly Movement
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 120
McGarvey Ice (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE
The Response to Christian Unity
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 128
Allan Stangin (Amarillo, Texas), Howard Batson (Amarillo, Texas), Burt Palmer (Amarillo, Texas), Howard Griffin (Amarillo, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

LOVING BY GRACE
Romans 12
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 112
Billy Carl (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Grace affects several areas of the Christian life. Paul shares how the church is a multi-membered, multi-gifted body of believers bound together in mystical union with Jesus. Christians have responsibility to love by grace. Part 1 of 2.

CHRISTIANS NEED CARE – THE “FORTH” PART OF MAKING DISCIPLES
Ongoing Disciple Care
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 113
Coy Walters (New Burgh, Ind.)
Part 2 of 2.

A CLASH OF CULTURES
Meeting the Spiritual Needs of the Deaf in a Hearing World
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 122
Larry Prince (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

DIVIDED BY SCRIPTURE, UNITED IN CHRIST
Many Become One
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 127
Joshua Jackson (Norcross, Ga.)
Part 2 of 2.

IS A “MODERN FAMILY” WELCOME IN YOUR CHURCH?
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 249
Sally Gary (Dallas, Texas)
Many wonder how to respond to the same-sex couple who wants to join your church. Our response is key to insuring our children and grandchildren are in a faith community and committed to relationship with God.

DESIGN FOR CHANGE IN DALLAS
“Is That the Poisonous One?”
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 250
Nicole Ramos (Imperial, Calif.), Alan Songer (Tomball, Texas), Bethany Richardson (Nacogdoches, Texas), Molly Clemans (Melissa, Texas)
These classes delve into the experiences of the four co-founders of the Dallas chapter of Design for Change, a project-based design-thinking program. Discover their work with the youth of South Dallas who battle poverty and educational disparity. Plus, hear the stories behind these titles. Part 1 of 2.
11-11:50 A.M. THEME CONVERSATION

GOD BLESSES OUTSIDERS (GENESIS 16)
11-11:50 a.m., Moody Coliseum ............................................. 142303-01
Worship Leader: David Kneip (Abilene, Texas) and student worship team
Preacher: Sam Barrington (South Bend, Ind.)

1:15-2:05 P.M. HIGHLIGHT CLASSES

● THE COLOR OF SILENCE
Race, Religion and the Contemplative Orientation
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) .................................. 142304-02
Eric Wilson (Memphis, Tenn.)
Part 2 of 3.

● FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
Blue Hair and Orange Carpet
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) .................................. 142304-03
Jonathan Storment (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

● UNLIMITED
Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Hitler
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 114 ............................................. 142304-04
Collin Packer (Denver, Colo.)
Part 2 of 3.

● NAVIGATING TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP
When God Guides, He Will Provide (Joshua 1:4-5)
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 130 ............................................. 142304-05
Tony E. Roach (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

● WORSHIP LEADERS FORUM
Burning Questions in Worship Ministry
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 121 ............................................. 142304-06
David Kneip (Abilene, Texas) and other worship leaders
Part 2 of 2.

3-3:45 P.M. FEATURED GUEST

HOW TO BE CAUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
3-3:45 p.m., Moody Coliseum ............................................. 142305-06
Stanley Hauerwas (Durham, N.C.)

4-4:45 P.M. CLASSES: SESSION 3

● WITNESSING NEW CREATIVE: POVERTY, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
AND THE MISSION OF GOD
How (and How Not) to Revitalize
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) .................................. 142306-01
J. McDonald Williams (Dallas, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

● THE SOUND OF GOD'S SILENCE
The Abundance in Absence
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) .................................. 142306-02
Dean Barham (Nashville, Tenn.)
Part 2 of 2.

EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE
Engaging for God's Mission
4-4:45 p.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) ...................... 142306-03
Josh Ross (Memphis, Tenn.)
Part 2 of 2.
DOES PRAYER MATTER?:
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND MINISTERIAL BURNOUT

What's Going On?
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 114 .................................................. 142306-04
Carson E. Reed (Abilene, Texas)
Ministers are leaving churches at alarming rates. One aspect of the complicated puzzle is how ministers and churches attend to spiritual well-being. This class presents some early research about the connections between burnout and the practice of spiritual disciplines. Part 1 of 2.

DISCIPLING STUDENTS WHEN THE CHURCH WILL SETTLE FOR LESS
Being Real in An Age of Illusion
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 130 .................................................. 142306-05
Tim Henderson (Tyler, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

BACK TO OUR FUTURE
Forming a More Perfect Union
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 117 .................................................. 142306-06
Angela Ravin-Anderson (Pearland, Texas)
Being created in the image of God equips believers to join in God's mission of reconciling the world. Discover how the Holy Spirit shapes the corporate community of believers, the church, to serve as a witness to the reign of God. Part 1 of 2.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTIAN FORMATION
Four Ways to Bring Generations Together
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 115 .................................................. 142306-07
Holly Catterton Allen (Silos Spring, Ark.)
Part 2 of 2.

EQUIPPING CHILDREN AND TEENS TO THRIVE IN OUR WORLD TODAY
Challenges to Thriving for Children and Teens
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 121 .................................................. 142306-08
Jennifer Shewmaker (Abilene, Texas)
Youth grow up in a culture promoting sexualization and materialism that do not align with Christianity. Explore the challenges and strategies of how churches and families can equip youth to thrive and become world changers. Part 1 of 2.

MY DAY TO DIE
My Journey From Death to Life in Jesus
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 129 .................................................. 142306-09
Serge Gsoro (Kigali, Rwanda)
My race began within the horrors of the Rwandan Genocide. Escaping death many times, my race brought me to America. I am passionate about injustice, especially involving children. With God guiding my feet, my course now points toward ministry to at-risk children. Part 1 of 2.

GOD ON THE MOVE
Burdened Past and Hopeful Future
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 103 .................................................. 142306-10
Kilnam Cha (Abilene, Texas), Fei Gao (Abilene, Texas), John Xu (Abilene, Texas), Daiqing Yuan (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

FIVE FACTORS NOW DETERMINING THE SHAPE OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 120 .................................................. 142306-11
Doug Foster (Abilene, Texas)
Worldwide Christianity has changed in the last few decades. Five factors have affected the church in the 20th and 21st centuries. Learn how these influences are shaping Christianity generally, including Churches of Christ.

OVERCOMING SELF-DOUBT TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE
A Tribute to Brennan Manning
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 128 .................................................. 142306-12
Kristina Davis (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.
HUNGER AT THE DOORSTEP
Food Insecurity in Dallas: Ways of Change
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 104 .......................... 142306-13
David Wall (Bryan, Texas), Kirk Farrell (Richardson, Texas), Jenny Dennis (Garland, Texas),
Josh Maday (Celina, Texas), Joyce Schuster (North Richland Hills, Texas)
Hunger is not simply an international problem. Hunger is in our cities, our neighborhoods and
at our doorsteps. This class pursues the problem and the solutions to hunger in Dallas, using the
medium of film. Part 1 of 2.

P.O.T.S.
Praying On the Spot
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 112 .......................... 142306-14
Felicia P. Hopkins (Buffalo, N.Y.)
Part 2 of 2.

WORK MATTERS
Caring for People in the Workplace
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 113 .......................... 142306-15
Will Herring (Aledo, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

WHAT THE LATINIZATION OF THE U.S. MEANS FOR THE CHURCH
Facing the Reality
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 126 .......................... 142306-16
Hector Hinojosa (Fort Worth, Texas), Daniel Rodriguez (Malibu, Calif.)
These sessions examine demographic information and challenge some common misconceptions
about Latinos in America. Explore traditional approaches to Latinos, elimination of the language
barrier and how to reach the fastest growing people group in the nation. Part 1 of 2.

KILLING WITH KINDNESS THROUGH RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHURCH
Good Intentions, Mixed Results
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 127 .......................... 142306-17
TJ McCloud (Nashville, Tenn.), Houston Shearon (Garland, Texas)
Part 2 of 3.

ROMAN EMPIRE, AMERICAN EMPIRE AND REBEL CHRISTIANS
Faith That Undermines the Power of a Superpower
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 249 .......................... 142306-18
Jay Hawkins (Caldwell, Idaho)
Part 2 of 2.

WHEN HELPING HELPS
How God's Economics Helps Solve Global Poverty
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 250 .......................... 142306-19
Milton Jones (Amarillo, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

7-8:15 P.M. THEME CONVERSATION
THE “GOD WRESTLERS” (GENESIS 32:3-12; 22-32)
7-8:15 p.m., Moody Coliseum .......................... 142307-01
Worship Leader: Matt Elliott (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Preacher: Stanley Hauerwas (Durham, N.C.)

8:30-9:30 P.M. LATE-NIGHT EVENTS
COFFEE HOUSE: TELLING GOD'S STORY
How to Write Christian Fiction
8:30-9:30 p.m., Brown Library, Learning Commons .......................... 142308-01
Lynne Gentry (Cherryvale, Kan.)
When Jesus wanted to ensure his audience did not forget his point, he told a story. Discover
how to tell stories that change lives. Learn how to polish your story for success in the
publishing business.
CONCERT WITH TREY WRAPE
8:30-9:30 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill)

8 A.M.

● MORNING PRAYERS AT JACOB’S DREAM

9-9:45 A.M. CLASSES: SESSION 1

THE COLORFUL PORTRAIT
Embracing Diversity in the Image of God
8:30-9:15 a.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) ........................................ 142401-01
Amy McLaughlin-Sheasby (Abilene, Texas)
Explore how to reflect the image of God by embracing racial diversity in our congregations. Examine a theology of racial diversity, current racial barriers in churches, and effective means to overcome these barriers.

WEATHERING THE STORMS OF LIFE
What Helps Most
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) .................................................. 142401-02
Lynn Anderson (San Antonio, Texas), Carolyn Anderson (San Antonio, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

SUNDAY MORNING MATTERS
The One Hour No Church Should Neglect
9-9:45 a.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) ................................. 142401-03
Eric Gentry (Memphis, Tenn.)
Sunday morning has fallen on hard times with worship wars, fear of “performance” labels, and resistance to attractive ministry. It could be that your church’s most effective (or ineffective) outreach event happens during one critical hour.

THE STRATEGICALLY SMALL CHURCH
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 114 ................................................................. 142401-04
Jeff Christian (Houston, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL AGING
Active Responses to Growing Older
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 130 ......................................................... 142401-05
Jack Scott (Pasadena, Calif.), LaCreta Scott (Pasadena, Calif.)
Part 2 of 2.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
The Power of Testimony in Worship
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 117 ................................................................. 142401-06
Amy Bost Henegar (New York, N.Y.)
Part 3 of 3.

DOES CHURCH CONNECT CHILDREN TO GOD?
Essential Relationships
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 115 ................................................................. 142401-07
Shannon Rains (Kingwood, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

700 SUMMER INTERNS LATER
What We Learned in 10 Years
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 121 ................................................................. 142401-08
Larry Henderson (Abilene, Texas)
WorldWide Witness is ACU platform for summer missions internships. This class examine interesting trends and lessons learned. Plus hear bold predictions for the future.

JACK, ME AND OTHERS
A Journey of Faith With C.S. Lewis
9-9:45 a.m., BSB 129 ................................................................. 142401-09
Tony Ash (Abilene, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.
• DIFFICULT PASSAGES IN GENESIS
  Selected Texts
  9-9:45 a.m., BSB 103 .................................................. 142401-10
  John Willis (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 3 of 3.

• DOING YOUR CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY
  And the Words Became Flesh, Paper and Digital Files
  9-9:45 a.m., BSB 120 .................................................. 142401-11
  Carisse Mickey Berryhill (Abilene, Texas), Donald Philip Simpson (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 3 of 3.

• MAY THE FAITH BE WITH YOU
  Instilling Authentic Faith in Future Generations
  9-9:45 a.m., BSB 128 .................................................. 142401-12
  Travis Roberts (Coppell, Texas)
  Consider how we, as the church, are doing at creating real faith in the lives of our children. Explore the systems we use and those we might try.

• ACCESSING OUR ABILITY TO CREATE
  How Do I Become a Creator Like Christ?
  9-9:45 a.m., BSB 113 .................................................. 142401-14
  Rodney Johnson (Odessa, Texas)
  As God creates the heavens and the earth, so God’s children possess similar ability to change the fate of humanity. Explore our unique ability as humans to partner with Christ and change a hurting world.

• PROVIDING A FOUNDATION FOR DEAF LEADERS IN EAST AFRICA
  9-9:45 a.m., BSB 122 .................................................. 142401-15
  Vernon Williams (Abilene, Texas)
  Sam’s Place (named after former ACU math professor S.E. “Sam” McReynolds) is an orphanage and school for the deaf in Western Kenya. This missions effort is dedicated to a successful future for families and business people in the deaf culture of East Africa. Part 1 of 2.

• CANDY-CRUSHING OUR SOULS: SPIRITUAL FORMATION AS BRAIN FORMATION
  Cultivating Deep Brain Faith in a Shallow-Minded World
  9-9:45 a.m., BSB 250 .................................................. 142401-17
  Wilson McCoy (Lebanon, Tenn.)
  Part 2 of 2.
10-10:45 A.M. CLASSES: SESSION 2

SACRED UNVEILING THE GOD OF ME
Connection With Those I Am Least Like
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) .................................. 142402-01
Emily Lavender (Brentwood, Tenn.)
Part 2 of 2.

GAME-CHANGER
The Inescapable Impact Of Jesus
10-10:45 a.m., MCC Zone C (Hunter Welcome Center) ......................... 142402-02
Chris Seidman (Dallas, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

OS LEADING FOR THE LONG HAUL
Manage Yourself
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 114 ................................................................. 142402-03
Chris Smith (Brentwood, Tenn.)
Part 3 of 3.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, LOVE LEVITICUS
A Christian Reading of Leviticus 19
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 130 ................................................................. 142402-04
Mindi Thompson (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

HOW CHURCHES DO IT
The Full Inclusion of Women in Churches of Christ
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 117 ................................................................. 142402-05
Jennifer Hale Christy (Thousand Oaks, Calif.)
There are more than a dozen fully gender-inclusive Churches of Christ in America. This class is for those asking, “How did they get there?” or “How can we get there?” Explore the processes employed by those congregations.

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN
Created for Community
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 115 ................................................................. 142402-06
Ryan Malone (Abilene, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

MISSION IN COMMUNITY
Ancient Church Forms for Today
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 121 ................................................................. 142402-07
Kent Smith (Abilene, Texas)
If God is an intimate community, then we bear God’s image best in community. Explore current experiments to embody the missional effectiveness of ancient Christian households, the Celtic mission teams, and Moravian intentional communities.

FROM CONFUCIUS TO CHRIST
Teaching Chinese Non-Believers About Christ
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 129 ................................................................. 142402-08
Berlin Fang (Anhui, China), Fei Gao (Abilene, Texas)
This class unpacks the unique cultural background of Chinese non-believers, from the influence of Confucian thought, local beliefs and superstitions to atheist formal school education. Learn how to work with these entrenched beliefs and bring good news.

THE FUTURE OF PREACHING
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 103 ................................................................. 142402-09
Dave Bland (Memphis, Tenn.), David Fleer (Nashville, Tenn.)
Part 3 of 3.

I LOVE TO SING THE STORY: EXPLORING STONE-CAMPBELL HYMNODY
Worship and Song Among the Barton Stone Movement
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 120 ................................................................. 142402-10
McGarvey Ice (Abilene, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.
THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE
A Commitment to Christian Unity
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 128
Allan Stanglin (Amarillo, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

LOVING BY GRACE
Romans 12
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 112
Billy Curl (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Part 2 of 2.

BRIDGES
Bridging the Gaps That Divide Us
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 113
Fate Hagood (Compton, Calif.)
Jesus offers hope for the church to bridge the theological, religious, political, cultural and racial gaps that keep us divided.

PROVIDING A FOUNDATION FOR DEAF LEADERS IN EAST AFRICA
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 122
Vernon Williams (Abilene, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

DIVIDED BY SCRIPTURE, UNITED IN CHRIST
Many Become One
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 127
Joshua Jackson (Norcross, Ga.)
Part 2 of 2.

LOL, BATH SALTS, AND GAY MARRIAGE
American Cultures to Be Heard
10-10:45 a.m., BSB 249
Michael Dublin (Raleigh, N.C.)
Sexting, drug use and gay marriage are new to many Christians, yet these are well known to our children and adolescents. Discover what this means for Christianity and for your congregation.

DESIGN FOR CHANGE IN DALLAS
"I Ain't Never Been So Excited About Something Educational Before"
9:30-10:15 a.m., BSB 250
Nicole Ramos (Imperial, Calif.), Alan Songer (Tomball, Texas), Bethany Richardson (Nacogdoches, Texas), Molly Clemans (Melissa, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

11-11:50 A.M. THEME CONVERSATION
THE STRANGE STRENGTH OF A MATRIARCH (GENESIS 38)
11-11:50 a.m., Moody Coliseum
Worship Leader: Phillip Jackson (League City, Texas) and student worship team
Preacher: Sam Gonzalez (San Antonio, Texas)

1:15-2:05 P.M. HIGHLIGHT CLASSES
THE COLOR OF SILENCE
Race, Religion and the Contemplative Orientation
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill)
Eric Wilson (Memphis, Tenn.)
Part 3 of 3.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
Living Genealogies
1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium)
Jonathan Storment (Abilene, Texas)
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  Exposed
  1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 114 .......................................................... 142404-03
  Collin Packer (Denver, Colo.)
  Part 3 of 3.

- **NAVIGATING TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP**
  Where God Directs, He Will Protect (Joshua 1:6-9, 10-18)
  1:15-2:05 p.m., BSB 130 .......................................................... 142404-04
  Tony E. Roach (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 3 of 3.

- **3-3:45 P.M. FEATURED GUEST**
  FAITH AND OTHER FLAT TIRES
  3-3:45 p.m., Moody Coliseum ................................................. 142405-01
  Andrea Pulpant Dilley (Austin, Texas)

- **4-4:45 P.M. CLASSES: SESSION 3**
  IS INCARCERATION ALWAYS JUST?
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 200 (Chapel on the Hill) ............................... 142406-01
  David Dillman (Abilene, Texas), Jeremy Haile (Washington, D.C.)
  An examination of the causes, consequences and politics of mass incarceration. This class will ask why mass incarceration should matter to Christians.

  WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
  Overcoming Resistance in the Wilderness
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 100 (Hart Auditorium) .................................... 142406-02
  Wade Hodges (Dallas, Texas)
  The more vital the task, the more resistance faced trying to complete it. Using Jesus’ testing in the wilderness, this class explores ways to overcome the forces keeping us from living up to our full potential as Christ-followers.

  DOES PRAYER MATTER?
  THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND MINISTERIAL BURNOUT
  Paying Attention
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 114 ............................................................. 142406-03
  Carson E. Reed (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.

  VALEDICTORY ADDRESS
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 130 ............................................................. 142406-04
  Jack P. Lewis (Memphis, Tenn.)
  The Valedictory Address provides occasion to hear a mature (95 plus years), respected leader offer parting words. While not a "last word for all time," this is a lasting word of wisdom for all.

  BACK TO OUR FUTURE
  Forming a More Perfect Union
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 117 ............................................................. 142406-05
  Angela Ravin-Anderson (Pearland, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.

  A VISION FOR TOMORROW
  An Introduction to Transhumanism
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 115 ............................................................. 142406-06
  Trevor Thompson (Abilene, Texas)
  Julian Huxley coined the term transhumanism in 1957: "man remaining man, but transcending himself, by realizing new possibilities of and for his human nature." This session will offer an introduction to the beliefs, key figures and hopes of today's transhumanist movements.

  EQUIPPING CHILDREN AND TEENS TO THRIVE IN OUR WORLD TODAY
  Strategies for Thriving for Children and Teens
  4-4:45 p.m., BSB 121 ............................................................. 142406-07
  Jennifer Shewwmaker (Abilene, Texas)
  Part 2 of 2.
● MY DAY TO DIE
My Journey From Death to Life in Jesus
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 129
Serge Gasore (Kigali, Rwanda)
Part 2 of 2.

● GOD ON THE MOVE
China, America's Next Ally Against Radical Islam
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 103
Kilnam Cha (Abilene, Texas), Fei Gao (Abilene, Texas), John Xu (Abilene, Texas),
Daiqing Yuan (Abilene, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

● THE BIBLE AND ITS READERS
An Introduction to Different Readings
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 120
Noemi Palomares (Elsa, Texas)
This class delves into these questions: What it means to be a reader of the Bible? How does one's perspective influence a reading of the Bible?

● OVERCOMING SELF-DOUBT TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE
A Tribute to Brennan Manning
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 128
Kristina Davis (Abilene, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

● HUNGER AT THE DOORSTEP
Food Insecurity in Dallas: Ways of Change
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 104
David Wall (Bryan, Texas), Kirk Farrell (Richardson, Texas), Jenny Dennis (Garland, Texas),
Josh Maday (Celina, Texas), Joyce Schuster (North Richland Hills, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

● MINISTRY WITH OTHERS, NOT TO OTHERS
Building Community Among the Urban Poor
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 112
Chad Wheeler (Lubbock, Texas)
Hear stories of Christian-community development from the streets of Lubbock, Texas. As an urban church-plant, Carpenter's Church has been about building a peculiar community among those experiencing poverty and homelessness since 1998.

● OUR PASSPORTS SAY WE HAVE COME HOME
Stories of Third-Culture Kids for Present Churches and Future Mission
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 113
Peter Cariaga (Cebu, Philippines)
Third-culture kids – children of missionary, military and international business families – have much to offer the church, but their help often goes untapped. In this class, TCKs speak for themselves about their global upbringing and their insights for mission work.

● WHAT THE LATINIZATION OF THE U.S. MEANS FOR THE CHURCH
Embracing the Opportunity
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 126
Hector Hinojosa (Fort Worth, Texas)
Part 2 of 2.

● KILLING WITH KINDNESS THROUGH RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHURCH
Light of the World
4-4:45 p.m., BSB 127
TJ McCloud (Nashville, Tenn.), Houston Shearon (Garland, Texas)
Part 3 of 3.

7-8:15 P.M. THEME CONVERSATION
ABANDONED TO THE POWER OF GOD (GENESIS 41)
7-8:15 p.m., Moody Coliseum
Worship Leader: Sam Souder (Fairfax, Va.)
Preacher: Randy Harris (Abilene, Texas)
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Registration opens Sunday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. Pre-register at acu.edu/summit. When you first arrive at campus, go directly to Summit Headquarters inside the McGlothlin Campus Center (see campus map on page 44). There you may pick up your registration packet of freebies.

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Classes are 45 minutes in length. Tuesday morning classes begin at different times that align with the university class schedule.

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Exhibits • Where can I go for conversation, coffee and information?
Exhibits will be housed in Moody Coliseum, McGlothlin Campus Center, and the Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building. For more information about exhibits or to reserve exhibit space, contact Sandy Lowe at 325-665-6193 or sandyloweink@gmail.com.

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Lunch at The Patio: (Monday-Wednesday) Outside on the west side of The Bean, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
See page 38 for the full meal schedule.

Shuttle Service • How can I get around campus?
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

3 p.m.
World Bible School Workshop
Hillcrest Church of Christ, Family Room
(650 E. Ambler Ave., Abilene 79601)
Speaker: Bill Colwell
Contact: Bill Colwell, 512-345-8190, Ext. 108 or bill@worldbibleschool.net

5 p.m.
Asia Interest Group
Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building, Missions Strategy Room, Room 219
Contact: Larry Henderson, 325-674-3757 or larry.henderson@acu.edu

8:30 p.m.
World Christian Broadcasting Reception
McGlothlin Campus Center, Living Room
Speaker: Charles Caudill
Contact: Earline Perry, 325-677-8866 or earlinedperry@gmail.com

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 a.m.
Missions Prayer Breakfast hosted by Missions Resource Network
McGlothlin Campus Center, Living Room
Tickets: Complimentary
Contact: Marti Van Roy, 888-641-2229 or marti.vanroy@mrnet.org

Noon
Ag Mission Luncheon
Hillcrest Church of Christ, Multi-Purpose Room
(650 E. Ambler Ave., Abilene 79601)
Tickets: Complimentary
Contact: Mandy Scudder, 325-674-2401 or scudderm@acu.edu

Friends of ACU Library
Brown Library Lower Level, Special Collections Area
Honoree: Everett Ferguson
Tickets: RSVP to Donald Philip Simpson
Contact: Donald Philip Simpson, 325-674-4818, dps04b@acu.edu

Let's Start Talking
McGlothlin Campus Center, Living Room
Speaker: Mark Woodward
Tickets: RSVP to Casey Williams
Contact: Casey Williams, 817-684-7578 or LST@lst.org

Mission Alive Celebration Dinner
Hunter Welcome Center, McCabe Conference Center, Zone A
Speakers: Bob Grigg from the Crossing in San Antonio, Texas and Brandon Bradley from the Hillcrest Christian Church in McKinney, Texas
Tickets: Complimentary (register at MissionAlive.org)
Contact: Holly Thigpen, 214-335-5848 or holly@missionalive.org

5 p.m.
Christian Child and Family Services Association
1202 Estates Drive, Abilene 79602
Speaker: David McQueen
Tickets: $15
Contact: Jim McNiece, 325-665-2111 or jmcniece@ChristianHomes.com

Sam's Place
Hunter Welcome Center, McCabe Conference Center, Zone A
Join us for a special video presentation
Tickets: $15 (at the door)
Contact: Eileen Stephen, 325-698-3255 or churchoffice@willischurchfamily.org

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7 a.m.
Restoration Quarterly
1226 Kingsbury Road, Abilene 79602
Tickets: Complimentary
Contact: James W. Thompson, 325-674-3781 or thompsonj@acu.edu

Hope for Life and Herald of Truth Ministries
McGlothlin Campus Center, Living Room
Speaker: Juan Antonio Monroy, “50 Years With Herald of Truth”
Tickets: Complimentary (available from Hope for Life staff at the door or by calling 325-698-4370)
Contact: Bill Brant, 325-698-4370 or bbrant@heraldoftruth.org

Noon
Halbert Institute for Missions
Hunter Welcome Center, McCabe Conference Center, Zone A
Honoree: Juan Antonio Monroy
Speaker: Steve Ridgell
Tickets: $5 (pick up at Summit Headquarters in the McGlothlin Campus Center or contact Angie)
Contact: Angie Merritt, 325-674-3711 or armilla@acu.edu

5 p.m.
Celebration Dinner: Honoring Christian Servants and Leaders
Hunter Welcome Center, McCabe Conference Center, Zone A and B
Speaker: Lynn Anderson
Honorees: Jerry and Gail Heiderich
Tickets: $7 (pick up at Summit Headquarters in the McGlothlin Campus Center or contact Tina)
Contact: Tina Chisholm, 325-674-3700 or tina.chisholm@acu.edu

8:30 p.m.
Come Before Winter Reception
McGlothlin Campus Center, Living Room
Contact: Kelliann Hale, 325-280-5334 or kellianhale@gmail.com
3 WAYS TO REGISTER

Online: acu.edu/summit
Fax: 325-674-6783
Mail: ACU Box 29423, Abilene, Texas 79699-9423

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Are you:

Interested in Summit email news? O YES O NO
Interested in receiving ACU Today magazine? O YES O NO

O High school student: Graduation year __________
O College student
O Graduate student

O Ministry leader
O Elder
O Deacon
O Bible teacher

O Preacher
O Youth minister
O Education minister
O Children's minister
O Campus minister
O Worship minister

Pre-Registration for Activities

O Meal tickets (Pre-order online by Sept. 12), $6 per meal
O Fair Trade Summit T-Shirt, $15
O Small O Medium O Large O X large O XX large
O Childcare for preschool age children

Name ___________________________ Age _______
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O RV parking:
O Sunday O Monday O Tuesday O Wednesday

O Celebration Dinner: Honoring Christian Servants and Leaders, Tuesday, 5 p.m., $5

While you’re in town, watch the ACU Wildcats play football against University of the Incarnate Word on Sept. 20 in Abilene. For ticket information visit acusports.com.
STUDENT ART CONTEST WINNER
Meagan McBride, freshman communications disorders major

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Genesis is our best story to describe what happens at the first. It relates the odd story of when the transcendent God chose to create and to make promises that result in relationship. The pages of Genesis allow readers to observe these promises of God “earthed” in creation. Surprisingly this “in the beginning” story does not begin with a victory, a powerful leader or the conquest of a territory. Instead, God hovers over the darkness of the deep and makes humans so they can reflect God. In these earthy reflections of God we see the persistence of God to embody relationship. The least spectacular tale is the old, barren couple, who follows a voice from a dream. This voice calls them to abandon the home they know for a journey into the unknown – destination TBD. Genesis relates both the cosmic beginning of God’s relationship to all created things (chapters 1-11) and also focuses its gaze on God’s intentions to bless the whole world through the this specific old couple (chapters 12-50). A powerful God submits to traveling a dusty road in creating and calling and blessing all people. In this risky relationship with humans, the eternal connects with the finite. Our origin is from an eternal God who earthed eternal promises for the good of all people. God continues to bring light and life from darkness and barrenness.