2017 [un]APOLOGETIC GREATER DALLAS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Park Cities Baptist Church

FRIDAY, January 27

3:00 pm Registration Opens

4:00 – 5:15 pm Parallel Sessions One:

How can a good God allow so much pain and suffering?

The problem of theodicy -- how can such evil and suffering exist in a universe created by a good, loving God -- is a centuries-old, unresolved paradox that is inherent in all religions that include a belief in a personal all-loving, all knowing, all-powerful, and present God. Join Dr. Jeff Warren as he unpacks these issues from a Biblical perspective.

by **Jeff Warren**

Bridging the Gap Between the Cross and the Crescent:

This workshop will compare the beliefs of Islam to that of Christianity, helping the Christian understand the Muslim concept of salvation. Participants will be equipped to engage their Muslim friends with the gospel message. Attention will be given to effective and practical methods for building bridges for effective communication of the gospel with the people of the Crescent.

by Joshua del Risco

5-Point Calvinism: Is there a better option?

5-Point Calvinism is growing in popularity among Southern Baptists, but there are robust Biblical alternatives to this interpretation which simply have not received the attention they deserve. Dr. Leighton Flowers, a former Calvinist and the Director of Apologetics for Texas Baptists, offers an overview of the issues concerning election and predestination which will give much needed clarity to the doctrines of salvation from a non-Calvinistic Traditional Southern Baptist perspective.

by Leighton Flowers

5:15 – 6:15 pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:30 – 7:30 pm General Session One in Great Hall

THE ATHEIST ENCOUNTER

How well can you defend your faith? What would you say if an atheist challenged your deepest convictions about God and the Bible? In this session Sean will role play an atheist, raise tough questions against the faith, and see how well the audience can defend their faith. Then Sean will step out of character and help students directly learn from the experience. This is a hands-on experience where you will walk away motivated and equipped to more lovingly and intelligently make a case for Christianity.

by Sean McDowell

7:30 – 7:45 pm BREAK

7:45 – 8:45 pm General Session Two in Great Hall

THE UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE

The intersection of evangelism and apologetics: Practical ways to reach others through defending our faith.

by Lee Strobel

SATURDAY, January 28

8:00 am Doors Open

9:00 – 10:00 am General Session Three in Great Hall

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

While living life as a highly successful investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune, Lee Strobel's life changes when his wife becomes a Christian and his research leads him to the overwhelming evidence of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

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10:00 – 10:15 am BREAK

10:15 – 11:10 am Parallel Sessions Two

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by Leighton Flowers

Same Sex Marriage

Marriage is important to God. The Bible both begins and ends with a marriage. And yet a proper understanding of marriage, as well as its importance, continues to slip away in our culture. In this session, Sean provides both the biblical and non-biblical evidence for defending natural marriage. And he provides some practical steps for how the church can build a marriage culture.

by Sean McDowell

11:15 – 12:10 am **General Session Four in Great Hall**

THE BEAUTY OF INTOLERANCE

While intolerance can be immoral and harmful, intolerance can also be good. We are all intolerant of something. Jesus was intolerant of hypocrisy, Martin Luther King, Jr. was intolerant of racism, and Bono is intolerant of poverty. The key issue we will look at in this session is: How do we properly understand and live out a biblical view of intolerance?

by Sean McDowell