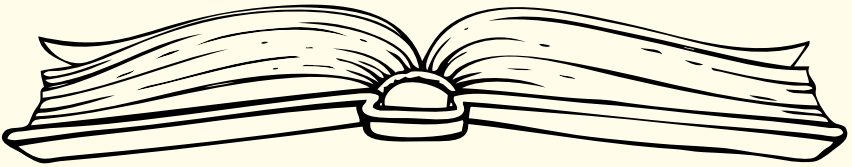


68th Annual Berean Christian Conference

Our Story of



God's Glory

July 1 · 8, 2017

Grove City College · Grove City, PA

BIG DADDY *Weave*

"My Story"

If I told you my story
You would hear **HOPE**
That wouldn't let go
And if I told you my story
You would hear **LOVE**
That never gave up
And if I told you my story
You would hear **LIFE**
But it wasn't mine

[Chorus]

If I should speak
Then let it be
Of the **GRACE** that is
greater
Than all my sin
Of when justice was served
And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus
That draws me in
Oh to tell you my story
Is to tell of Him

If I told you my story
You would hear **VICTORY**
Over the enemy
And if I told you my story
You would hear **FREEDOM**
That was won for me
And if I told you my story
You would hear life
Overcome the grave

[Repeat Chorus]

This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long (x2)

For the grace that is greater
Than all my sin
Of when justice was served
And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus
That draws me in
Oh to tell you my story
Is to tell...

Of the grace that is greater
Than all my sin
Of when justice was served
And where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus
That draws me in

Oh to tell you my story
Is to tell of Him (x2)

This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long

Saturday, July 1

Our Story of God's Glory...

"Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me." (Psalm 66:16, NIV)

Noon	Registration Begins: <i>Mary Anderson Pew Dormitory</i>
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Conference Opening: <i>Gregg Burdett & Dave Schopf</i>
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Our story:



Sunday, July 2

HOPE that wouldn't let go...

"The Lord delights in those who fear Him and put their HOPE in his unfailing love." (Psalm 147:11, NIV)

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. What Is Your Story: *David Elliott*
A BCC Story Experience: Worship, Message, Writing and Sharing

12:00 p.m. Conference Photo: *Steps of Crawford Hall*

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Fellowship, Rest, & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *Ed Hogrebe*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Story Time

6:45 p.m. Worship Service

7:15 p.m. My Most Memorable Year

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Fellowship & Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Monday, July 3

LOVE that never gave up...

"...but the Lord's unfailing LOVE surrounds the man who trusts in Him." (Psalm 32:10, NIV)

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Interest Groups *(until 10:45 a.m.)*

11:00 a.m. Interest Groups *(until Noon)*

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Fellowship, Rest, & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *Kevin Edwards*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Story Time

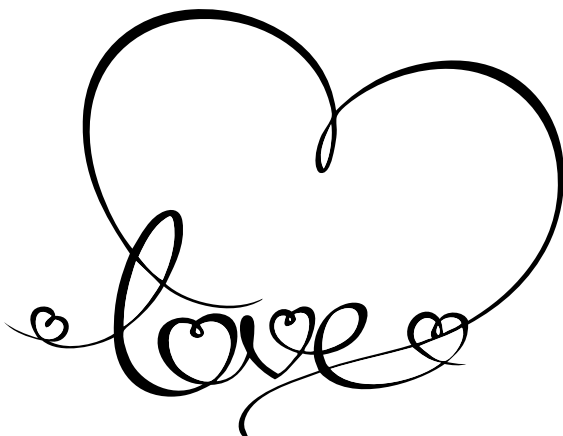
6:45 p.m. Worship Service

7:15 p.m. Sermon: *Wayne Urbaniak*

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Fellowship & Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked





Tuesday, July 4

LIFE but it wasn't mine...

*"I have come that they may have LIFE and have it to the full."
(John 10:10, NIV)*

- 7:45 a.m.** **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Worship Service**
- 9:30 a.m.** **Sermon:** *Tim Chabot*
- 10:00 a.m.** **Fellowship**
- 10:30 a.m.** **Interest Groups** (*until Noon*)
- 12:15 p.m.** **Lunch**

***** *Fellowship, Rest, & Recreation* *****

- 3:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Café**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Bible Study:** *Jon Larson*
- 5:15 p.m.** **Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m.** **Story Time**
- 6:45 p.m.** **Worship Service**
- 7:15 p.m.** **Speed Stories**
Ben Burdett *Clint Oftedahl*
Laura Cannon *Alexis Schopf*
Steve Foertsch *Joyce Urbaniak*

- 7:45 p.m.** **Vespers**
- 8:00 p.m.** **Fellowship & Ice Cream**
- Midnight** **Dormitory Doors Locked**

Wednesday, July 5

GRACE greater than all my sin...

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's GRACE that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding." (Ephesians 1:7-8, NIV)

- 7:45 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service**
- 9:45 a.m. Interest Groups** (*until 10:45 a.m.*)
- 11:00 a.m. Interest Groups** (*until Noon*)
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. Business Meeting**

***** *Fellowship, Rest, & Recreation* *****

- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café**
- 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study:** *David Karavas*
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m. Story Time**
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Service**
- 7:15 p.m. Sermon:** *Steve Battaglia*
- 7:45 p.m. Vespers**
- 8:00 p.m. Fellowship & Ice Cream**
- Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked**



Thursday, July 6

VICTORY over the enemy...

*"...For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the VICTORY that has overcome the world, even our faith."
(1 John 5:4, NIV)*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sermon: *Johnny Hunter*

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Interest Groups (*until Noon*)

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Fellowship, Rest, & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *Henry Gmiterek*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Baptism Celebration: *Jane Burdett*

8:00 p.m. Fellowship & Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked



Freedom

Friday, July 7

FREEDOM that was won for me...

"In him and through faith in him we may approach God with FREEDOM and confidence." (Ephesians 3:12, NIV)

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Youth Presentations

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Testimony Meeting:
D'Ann Urbaniak Lesch & Jim Lesch

11:30 a.m. Communion Service: *Dennis Thorfeldt*

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** Fellowship, Rest, & Recreation *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *TBD*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Conference Closing: *Jeff Cannon*

7:45 p.m. The Lord's Prayer

8:00 p.m. Fellowship & Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Saturday, July 8

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

68th Annual Berean Christian Conference

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
	Breakfast (7:45)			
	Walk to Arnold Recital Hall (8:45)			
	What Is Your Story (9:00) <i>David E.</i>	Worship Service (9:00)		Sermon (9:30) <i>Tim C.</i>
		Walk to HAL (9:30)	Interest Groups (9:45)	
		Switch Groups (10:45)		Interest Groups (10:30)
		Interest Groups (11:00)		
		Walk to Crwfd (11:45)		
Registration (12:00)	Conf. Photo (12:00)	Walk to MAP (12:00)		
	Lunch (12:15)			
	Fellowship & Recreation			
	Afternoon Café (3:00)			
	Afternoon Bible Study (4:00) <i>Ed H.</i> <i>Kevin E.</i> <i>Jon L.</i>			
	Walk to MAP			
Dinner (5:15)	Dinner (5:15)			
	Walk to Fine Arts			
Walk to FA (6:45)	Story Time (6:30)			
Conference Opening (7:00) <i>Gregg B. & Dave S.</i>	Worship Service (6:45)			
	My Most Memorable Year (7:15)	Sermon (7:15) <i>Wayne U.</i>	Speed Stories (7:15)	
	Vespers (7:45)			
Fellowship & Ice Cream (8:00)				
Evening Fellowship				
Dormitory Doors Locked (12:00)				

68th Annual Berean Christian Conference

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Breakfast (7:00)
Breakfast (7:45)			
Walk to Arnold Recital Hall (8:45)			
Worship Service (9:00)		Youth Presentations (9:00)	
Walk to HAL (9:30)	Sermon (9:30) <i>Johnny H.</i>		
Interest Groups (9:45)	Fellowship (10:00)	Fellowship (10:00)	
	Interest Groups (10:30)	Worship Service (10:15)	
Testimony Meeting (10:45) <i>D'Ann U.L. & Jim L.</i>			
Communion Service (11:30) <i>Dennis T.</i>			
Switch Groups (10:45)			
Interest Groups (11:00)			
Walk to MAP (12:00)			
Lunch (12:15)			
Bus. Meeting (1:15)	Fellowship & Recreation		
Afternoon Café (3:00)			
Afternoon Bible Study (4:00)			
<i>David K.</i>	<i>Henry G.</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
Walk to MAP (5:00)			
Dinner (5:15)			
Walk to Fine Arts (6:15)			
Story Time (6:30)	Baptismal Celebration (6:30) <i>Jane B.</i>	Conference Closing (6:30) <i>Jeff C.</i>	
Worship Service (6:45)			
Sermon (7:15) <i>Steve B.</i>			
Vespers (7:45)			
Fellowship & Ice Cream (8:00)			
Evening Fellowship			
Dormitory Doors Locked (12:00)			

Interest Group Descriptions

Monday Only, 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Christians and Citizenship - The Boldness to Change a Culture: *Johnny Hunter*

It is possible and a key responsibility for each Christian to influence the nation in which they are a citizen. We must believe God rather than insist that God accept what we believe. If you do not change the culture, the culture will change you. *Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes." Acts 22:27*

Samson: Joyce Urbaniak

This workshop will take a quick look at the development of Synagogues in Israel. Then we will look at the spectacular Samson mosaics found in a 5th century synagogue in Huqoq by Jodi Magness. We will then examine the story of Samson in Judges to see if we can get a fresh perspective of Samson's life.

Wednesday Only, 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Our Story of God's Displayed Glory in Special Needs: Cathy Jo Loy

The gift of special needs bring lessons that are surely more beautiful, hard, precious, and mournful; a gift we never asked for. Whether you are caring for a special needs child or aging parents, experiencing disabilities in your own life, or just want to know how you can help another family faltering under the strain of 24/7 care: God intends these hard lessons for our good and His glory. This interest group will provide the opportunity to encourage other families. We are living examples of Christ's love, and my hope is to point you to the One who loves you best. We can treasure God and display His glory while serving those with special needs.

Measuring Growth in Our Spiritual Lives: Wayne Urbaniak

This workshop gives you opportunities to reflect on your spiritual growth, and establish a "spiritual baseline" for measuring that growth. We will consider questions, such as: How have I grown spiritually since I was baptized? How am I continuing to grow (or not) as I get older? How can I maintain past growth? How can I grow more, starting today? What does the Bible say about spiritual growth? How can we help each other?

Interest Group Descriptions

Monday, 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. & Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Sermons:

Monday: *Brian Dunn & Tim Schopf*

Wednesday: *Kevin Edwards & Larry Urbaniak*

Each speaker will have 20-25 minutes to share their message during this time slot.

A Different Kind of Measuring Stick: Liz & Mike Fischer

Since the beginning of mankind, humans have been making comparisons. During this workshop, we will look at people in the Bible who struggled with the issue of comparing themselves to others and also find Biblical strategies to answer this question: How can we as Christians thrive while living in a world that promotes comparison? *Monday* - *Comparison in our world & a Biblical Overview*; *Wednesday* - *Personal application: Using a new kind of measuring stick in your life*

Angels & Devils: Erin Maurelli

What do we really know about angels and devils? The Bible references these mystical creatures, but does the image we bear in our minds match the descriptions offered within its pages? We will take a closer look at scripture, and observe how angels and devils have changed along with popular culture. You may be surprised. *For He will give His angels charge concerning you; to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. Psalms 91:11-12*

Monday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon & Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Persevere: Lydia Carpenter

Leaning on God during hard times in life.

Lessons from Chico: Steve Edwards

God reveals Himself to us every day and in many ways. The more we see that evidence in our lives, the closer we become to Him. Come join me for a discussion about what the furry member of our family, Chico, teaches me about wisdom and understanding and how he is a continual reminder of God's love and majesty.

Staying Positive: Becky Schultz

It's a challenge to stay positive while living in the real world. What can you do to focus on the positive and share God's light in a dark world?

Interest Group Descriptions

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

The Significance of Sports In and Out of the Bible: *Jeff Cannon*

Just like today, sports have always played a significant role in human culture. This was true not just in biblical times, but even within scripture itself. We'll explore the significance of sports and its role in Christian teaching.

Your Gifts and Using Them for Glorifying God: *Aaron & Brian Dunn*

We all have different gifts and different walks in life. Using your gifts in your walk have much more impact than what you can immediately see. In this study we will explore how using our gifts in different roles and walks of life can be a strong witness and example to Christ's teachings now and in the future.

Blessed are the Peacemakers: *Donna & Seth Mathewson*

In this world where there seems to be more and more conflict, what should our role as Christians look like? We all experience conflict, in our homes, work place and even on social media. The Bible is clear that peacemaking is the mission of God and should be the vocation of His people. We will explore what the scriptures say about being a peacemaker and also how we can put peacemaking into practice in all areas of our lives.

A Resurrected Body, What's Up With That? *Daniel Moerschel*

What will heaven be like? An equally interesting question is, what will we be like in a resurrected body? Jesus Christ has made plans for us and our future with Him. Giving us a body that will never die and a guarantee that our sin nature will be removed is a great part of that plan. Join us for a deep dive into scripture with lots of discussion on this relevant topic.

Media and Technology - Friend or Foe to Christian Families?

Brent Skorup

Technology is changing childhood. Today, even children under 10 have smartphones. The average teen watches more YouTube than cable TV. Having access to Snapchat, Facebook, and Netflix at all times has benefits as well as risks. No child can be shielded from mass media forever, but kids' digital savvy and curiosity often outstrips their judgment. How can parents ensure their children are exposed to age-appropriate media? What "best practices" have parents discovered? What tech developments should young parents anticipate?

Interest Group Descriptions

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

"Can You Hear Me Now?" - Learning to Listen to God Speak:

Tracie Elliott

Most Christians I know want to follow God's will for their lives. However, sometimes identifying what His will is can be a huge challenge. Why do we find it hard to hear God speaking to us? In this workshop we will look at examples of people in scripture who heard from God, share stories of our own experiences in listening to God, and discuss ways to more fully recognize God's voice when He speaks.

Would Your Actions Make Jesus Want to Hide or Defend You?

Andrea Marcellis & Nita Oftedahl

A look at how you are choosing and treating your friends and family of differing age groups, political beliefs, and Christian beliefs, in person and on social media.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions - A God/Heart Algorithm:

Deb & Tim Panella

Have you noticed that some people just seem to be great decision makers and others struggle? We will be discussing the ins and outs of making big decisions and surrendering our decisions to God's will. We will begin with a look at knowing ourselves (our strengths and weaknesses) and will be utilizing a stepwise technique for analyzing some of life's big decisions: college choice, spouse choice, job decisions, money decisions... We will also wrestle with the age-old question, "what do I want to be when I grow up?"

What Does it Mean to be a Christian Man? Steve Skorup

What does it mean to be a Christian man in a secular world and a post Christian America? Who do we model our lives after? Who should we turn to for direction and guidance? Where have all the leaders gone? Who should follow you, and why?

Tower of Babel: Larry Urbaniak

A study of Genesis 11:1-9. Who built the tower? Why? What happened to it? What does archaeology tell us about it? What is its significance and symbolic meaning in other scriptures? Does it matter to us as Christians today?

Interest Groups

Monday, July 3					
9:45 a.m.	Christians and Citizenship <i>Johnny H.</i>	Samson <i>Joyce U.</i>	Sermons <i>Brian D. & Tim S.</i>	...Measuring Stick Pt. 1 <i>Liz & Mike F.</i>	Angels & Devils <i>Erin M.</i>
10:45 a.m.	Switch Groups				
11:00 a.m.	Christians and Citizenship <i>Johnny H.</i>	Samson <i>Joyce U.</i>	Persevere <i>Lydia C.</i>	Lessons from Chico <i>Steve E.</i>	Staying Positive <i>Becky S.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Walk to MAP (for Lunch)				

Tuesday, July 4					
10:30 a.m.	The Significance of Sports... <i>Jeff C.</i>	Your Gifts and ... God <i>Aaron & Brian D.</i>	...Peacemakers <i>Donna & Seth M.</i>	A Resurrected Body... <i>Daniel M.</i>	Media and Tech... <i>Brent S.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Walk to MAP (for Lunch)				

Wednesday, July 5					
9:45 a.m.	...Glory in Special Needs <i>Cathy Jo L.</i>	Measuring Growth... <i>Wayne U.</i>	Persevere <i>Lydia C.</i>	Lessons from Chico <i>Steve E.</i>	Staying Positive <i>Becky S.</i>
10:45 a.m.	Switch Groups				
11:00 a.m.	...Glory in Special Needs <i>Cathy Jo L.</i>	Measuring Growth... <i>Wayne U.</i>	Sermons <i>Kevin E. & Larry U.</i>	...Measuring Stick Pt. 2 <i>Liz & Mike F.</i>	Angels & Devils <i>Erin M.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Walk to MAP (for Lunch)				

Thursday, July 6					
10:30 a.m.	Can You Hear Me Now? <i>Tracie E.</i>	Would Your Actions... <i>Andrea M. & Nita O.</i>	Decisions ... <i>Deb & Tim P.</i>	...to be a Christian Man <i>Steve S.</i>	Tower of Babel <i>Larry U.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Walk to MAP (for Lunch)				

2017 Conference Directors

Accommodations.....	<i>Dave & Kathie Raymond</i>
Adult Program Director.....	<i>Kent Urbaniak</i>
Afternoon Café Director.....	<i>Joyce Urbaniak</i>
Background Administrator.....	<i>David Elliott</i>
Baptismal Counseling.....	<i>Jane Burdett</i>
Children's Evening Activities.....	<i>Alex & Kathy Allen</i>
Committee Chairperson.....	<i>Leah Downey</i>
Conference Chairperson.....	<i>Dave Schopf</i>
Conference Communications.....	<i>Jarrett Skorup</i>
Evening Worship	<i>Grace & Joseph Jardim</i>
Ice Cream Coordinator	<i>Laura Cannon</i>
Middle School Program.....	<i>Joe & Morgan Brown</i>
Morning Worship	<i>Jamie & Kris Klein</i>
Nursery	<i>Meghan Lin & Barbara Bechtel</i>
Outreach.....	<i>Faith Schwebke & Leah Downey</i>
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Recording.....	<i>Ben Urbaniak</i>
Records Secretary.....	<i>David Elliott</i>
Recreation.....	<i>Levi Schultz</i>
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Teen Program.....	<i>Brooke & Clint Oftedahl</i>
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Transportation - On-Campus.....	<i>Dane Skorup</i>
Treasurer	<i>Donna Mathewson</i>
Ushers.....	<i>Grace & Jack Adkisson</i>
Vacation Bible School.....	<i>Sarah & Randy Roehr</i>
Vespers.....	<i>Shannon Fischer</i>

2017 Conference Committee

Term expiring in:

2017: *Leah Downey, David Elliott, Larry Iannaccone*

2018: *Matt Jensen, Meghan Lin, Kent Urbaniak*

2019: *Gregg Burdett, Nita Oftedahl, Dave Schopf*

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Linens & Towels: Bed linens & two towels are available for a fee on your registration form.

Meals: In the North Dining Room of MAP (same as last year).

First Meal: Saturday, July 2 - 5:15 p.m.

Last Meal: Saturday, July 9 - 7:00 a.m.

Meeting Locations:

- Morning Meditation & Afternoon Bible Studies are held in Rathburn Hall.
- Morning Worship Services & Sermons are held in Arnold Recital Hall; VBS is held on the 2nd floor of the Pew Fine Arts building.
- Interest Groups, Nursery, Middle School, & Teen programs are held in the Hall of Arts & Letters.
- Evening Services are held in the Auditorium of Pew Fine Arts building.
- Evening Ice Cream is held in the North Dining Room of MAP (same as last year).
- The Gym & Pool are open afternoons and some nights.

Registration: Held in the Mary Anderson Pew (MAP) West Lobby, starting at Noon on Saturday, July 1. If arriving after midnight, make arrangements for someone to let you in.

NEW Prayer Centers: Need a place for some time of reflection? Throughout the week, visit one or all of the prayer centers where you will find verses and visual aids to help you focus on God.

Nursery: *Meghan Lin & Barbara Bechtel*

Beginning Sunday morning, nursery care is provided during the morning and evening services for infants and children through two years of age. The nursery is located in the Early Childhood Center in the Hall of Arts & Letters. Volunteer helpers are welcome.



Vacation Bible School: *Sarah & Randy Roehr*

Sunday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Fine Arts 2nd Floor

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God! Built for a Purpose!

Where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

Sunday: God made you, *Psalm 139:14*

Monday: God is for you, *Romans 8:31*

Tuesday: God is always with you, *Joshua 1:9*

Wednesday: God will always love you, *Psalm 89:2*

Thursday: God made you for a reason, *Jeremiah 29:11*

Friday: VBS program and activities

Middle School: *Joe & Morgan Brown*

Sunday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Hall of Arts & Letters
Bible lessons for 6th-8th graders.

Teen Program: *Brooke & Clint Oftedahl*

Sunday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Hall of Arts & Letters

I Am Second - Real Stories. Changing Lives.

Across the world, hundreds of thousands of people are proclaiming the anthem, "I Am Second." They have discovered that God has a plan for their life, a plan that starts with making God first. They learned that whether it was money or relationships or the pleasures of life, nothing brought satisfaction and peace until God was first in their lives. Come hear their stories and discover the powerful message of their journeys.

Sunday: The Power of Story
Monday: Second: Struggles
Tuesday: Second: Relationships
Wednesday: Second: Success
Thursday: Who is First?
Friday: Tell Your Story

Travel:

- **Arriving by Air:** Rides to/from the Pittsburgh airport are available for an extra fee. Provide flight information on your registration form.
- **Driving Directions:**
 - From **EAST:** I-80 West to 208 West
 - From **WEST:** I-80 East to I-79 South to 208 East
 - From **NORTH/SOUTH:** I-79 to 208 East

