

73rd Annual

Berean Christian Conference

BCC 2023

TRANSFORMED
AND
RENEWED

ROMANS 12



July 1 – July 8, 2023

Asbury University

1 Macklem Drive, Wilmore, KY 40390

Transformed and Renewed - Romans 12

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Noon	Registration begins <i>Kresge Lobby</i>
5:00-5:45 pm	Dinner
7:00	Conference Opening <i>Jameson Recital Hall</i> Becky Schultz, Conference Chairperson
7:45	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Renewed Minds

Romans 12:1-2

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00	Worship
9:20	Break
9:30	Keynote Sermon: David Elliott <i>Transformed and Renewed</i>
10:15	Break
10:30	Plans to Implement (Week, Month, Year, Life)
11:45	Conference Photo
12:00-12:45 pm	Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:00-5:45 pm	Dinner
6:30	Worship Service
7:00	Evening Service: Laura Cannon and Levi Schultz
7:45	Vespers
8:00	Fellowship & Ice Cream

Monday, July 3, 2023

Humility

Romans 12:3

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

8:00-8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 Worship Service

9:20 Break

9:30-10:30 Interest Groups

10:30 Break

10:45-11:45 Interest Groups

12:00-12:45 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:00-5:45 Dinner

6:30 Worship Service

7:00 Sermon: Brent Skorup

7:45 Vespers

8:00 Fellowship and Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Use Your Gifts

Romans 12:6-8

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

8:00-8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 Worship Service

9:20 Break

9:30-10:30 Interest Groups

10:30 Break

10:45-11:45 Interest Groups

12:00-12:45 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:00-5:45 pm Dinner

6:30 Worship Service

7:00 Sermon: Jeff Cannon

7:45 Vespers

8:00 Fellowship and Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Love in Action

Romans 12:9-10

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00	Worship Service
9:20	Break
9:30-10:30	Interest Groups
10:30	Break
10:45-11:45	Interest Groups
12:00-12:45 pm	Lunch
1:15	Conference Business Meeting



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:00-5:45 pm	Dinner
6:30	Worship Service
7:00	Sermon: Peter Celauro
7:45	Vespers
8:00	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Live In Harmony

Romans 12:18

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00	Worship Service
9:20	Break
9:30-10:30	Interest Groups
10:30	Break
10:45-11:45	Interest Groups
12:00-12:45 pm	Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:00-5:45	Dinner
6:30	Worship Service
7:00	Sermon: Steve Battaglia
7:45	Vespers
8:00	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Friday, July 7, 2023

Overcome Evil with Good

Romans 12:21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.."

8:00-8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 Youth Presentations

10:00 Fellowship

10:15 Baptism Celebration

12:00-12:45 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:00-5:45 pm Dinner

6:30 Communion followed by Conference Reflections:
Dave and Kathie Raymond & Dave and Eileen Schopf

7:30 The Lord's Prayer

8:00 Fellowship and Ice Cream

2 Day Interest Group - Monday and Tuesday

9:30-10:30 am

Larry Iannaccone: Profits and Prophets: Seeing spirituality through the lens of economics

Why do the teachings of Jesus so often center on economic behavior? Taken together, Jesus' parables of the talents, the pearl of great price, the unforgiving servant, the vineyard workers, the rich fool, prodigal son, the lost coin, and many others point to a surprising truth: Everyday economics teaches us much about Godly living. We will discuss (and perhaps debate) the relationship between spirituality and the world of prices, profits, property, investment, trade, and risk.

Interest Groups - Monday

9:30-10:30 am and 10:45 am - 11:45

Each workshop will be delivered twice

Brenton Clark: Body of Proof

Culture is doing its best to convince us there is nothing spectacular about Jesus nor His Resurrection. Based on Dr. Jeremiah Johnstone's *Body of Proof*, this interest group will discuss why Jesus' victory of death is central to Christianity's most important historical feat. This interest group will discuss the latest archaeological and textual findings through seven tangible reasons to believe that Jesus really rose from the dead and further examine why it matters as the foundation of our faith.

Tim and Alexis Schopf: Parable Deep Dives

On the surface, the parables Jesus told may seem like simple stories. Let's dive into two of them as a group and discover the context and meaning to every detail of these rich sources of biblical truth.

Interest Groups - Tuesday

9:30-10:30 am and 10:45 am - 11:45

Each workshop will be delivered twice

Angie Garbe and Roberta Johnson: Loving people who are hard to love, based on Joyce Myers's book and conference

We're never going to be able to prevent people from saying or doing things that hurt our feelings. We will always have opportunities to get offended. However, the Bible commands us to love our enemies and forgive those who have wronged us, even when it feels impossible. When we choose to love our enemies and forgive those who have hurt us, we are actually helping ourselves more than anyone else. Because whatever the Lord commands us to do, He is going to give us the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish it—and that includes loving and being good to difficult people! God's love flowing through us is strong enough to melt even the hardest hearts, so use kindness as a weapon to overcome the meanness in people.

Dane Skorup: Stoic & Sublime: How Others Loved God by Fearing Creation

What is "stoic" and what is "sublime": ancient themes that lie at the faintest intersection of our culture and spirituality today. This talk will briefly cover both of these ideas and -- using music, art, and literature -- discuss how they have empowered men and women across time to inhabit lives "below God and above the world"

2 Day Interest Group - Wednesday and Thursday

9:30-10:30 am

Brent and Kerry Skorup: Perspective on Women in the Church

Christian denominations and families are often divided on whether and how women should lead ministries, missions, and congregations. This interest group will survey perspectives regarding women, leadership, and Christian ministry. The leaders will explore Scripture, early church history, modern viewpoints, and future trends.

Interest Groups - Wednesday

9:30-10:30 am and 10:45 am - 11:45

Each workshop will be delivered twice

Grace Adkisson: When the Storm Blows...Adjust your Sails

Storms in life are inevitable. You've probably heard the expression, sink or swim. But another option is to adjust your sails. We'll discuss how to best adjust our sails. One way is by abiding in Christ through a storm is really the best way to get through it. To abide means to remain strong, be steadfast in your commitment to trust God. May my experience through life's journey be an encouragement to others.

Larry Urbaniak: Count the Cost

This will be a study on Luke 14:25-33. What point Jesus was trying to make here? Are these verses encouraging or discouraging? How should we understand them?

Interest Groups - Thursday

9:30-10:30 am and 10:45 am - 11:45

Each workshop will be delivered twice

Lisa Mackey: Make Me A Blessing

...out of my life, may Jesus shine... In this interest group, we will discuss what we can do to be a blessing. Be prepared to share and to put "make me a blessing" in action.

Donna Mathewson: David's Mightiest Men and lessons for us to learn

David had quite the band of devoted soldiers that followed and served him. There are some obscure verses in 2 Samuel 23 that mention the stories of 3 of David's mightiest men. There are lessons for us to learn from these three and in this workshop we will spend some time discussing how we can face the enemies in our lives with the same conviction, determination and strategies that these men served David and ultimately the Most High God.

Nursery

Directors: April and Kerry Skorup

From Sunday to Thursday, nursery care is provided during the morning and evening services for infants and toddlers through age 2. On Friday, infants and toddlers will stay with their families for the Baptism Celebration.

Vacation Bible School

Director: Sarah Roehr

Stellar: Shine a Light on Jesus' Love

Each day children learn about how to share Jesus's light with their families, neighbors, and friends. VBS runs Sunday-Thursday morning, for ages 3 to those going into 5th grade. On Friday, children will stay with their families for the baptism celebration.

Middle School/Teen Program

Director: Jarrett Skorup

Christian Apologetics: What Do You Believe?

What do you believe? Why? Can you defend your faith? At the end of the week, students in the Middle/Teen group will be able to. Join us on a whirlwind tour of the best defenses of Christianity from the perspective of philosophy, history, science and theology.

2023 Conference Directors

Accommodations	Melissa Cannon
Adult Program Director	David Elliott
Background Checks	Brent Skorup
Baptismal Counselors	Tim and Alexis Schopf
Children's Evening Activities	Katie Turnbow
Committee Chairperson	Tracie Elliott
Conference Chairperson	Becky Schultz
Ice Cream Coordinator	Kelly Reif
Middle School/Teen Program	Jarrett Skorup
Music Coordinators	Shannon Young and Peter Celauro
Nursery	Kerry and April Skorup
Outreach	Ellie Loy
Program Secretary	Sarah Roehr
Publicity	Beth Foersch
Records Secretary	Alexis Schopf
Recreation	Karen Skorup
Technology Coordinator	Jeff Cannon
Transportation – On Campus	Karen LePitre
Treasurer	Giovanna Johnson
Ushers	Dane Skorup
Vacation Bible School	Sarah Roehr
Venue Liaison	Laura Cannon
Vespers	Tracie Elliott

Berean Christian Conference Committee

Term Expiring:

- 2023: Tracie Elliott, Becky Schultz, Brent Skorup
- 2024: Laura Cannon, Sarah Roehr, Dane Skorup
- 2025: Peter Celauro, Alexis Schopf, Levi Schultz

General Conference Notes

BCC 2023 Program Info

Asbury University

1 Macklem Dr, Wilmore, KY 40390

Campus Security: 24/7 phone line available, Number will be announced

Lodging and Parking: Kresge Hall

[Aldersgate Apartments are also available if desired]

Meals served at Asbury Dining Hall

Registration is in Kresge Hall Lobby

Morning and Evening Services are held in Jameson Recital Hall which is located on the first floor of McCreless Fine Arts Center

VBS is held in McCreless Fine Arts Center Room 202 (2nd floor)

Nursery is held in the Shaw Collaborative Learning Center (room number TBD)

Teen/Middle School Group is held in the Shaw Collaborative Learning Center (room number TBD)

Interest Groups are held in the Shaw Collaborative Learning Center (room numbers TBD)

Ice Cream Social (8-10pm) is held at the Rader Student Center

Gym includes racquetball courts, basketball/volleyball courts, a basketball court with pickleball lines, a walking track, and workout rooms. Open 9am-11pm all week.

- We will only have one gym court from 9am-5pm on Thursday and Friday.
- Gym may be closed during meals and services.

Pool: Open Sunday-Friday

- Sun, Tues, and Fri the pool is open 1-5pm
- Mon, Wed, and Th the pool is open 1-2pm and 3-5pm

Linens and Towels: A linen package (fitted & flat sheet, 2 pillowcases, bath towel, hand towel, wash cloth, blanket & pillow) are available for a fee on your registration form.

Travel Arriving by Air: If you need transportation to and from the conference or help with travel arrangements, please contact Melissa Cannon (mkcannon2010@gmail.com).

Emergency: CHI Saint Joseph Health - Saint Joseph Jessamine, 1250 Keene Rd, Nicholasville, KY 40356

