

74th Annual

Berean Christian Conference



June 29th – July 6th, 2024

Bryan College

721 Bryan Dr, Dayton, TN 37321

Not Easily Broken - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Saturday, June 29th, 2024

Noon	Registration begins <i>Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall</i>
5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner <i>Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall</i>
7:00	Conference Opening <i>Rudd Auditorium</i> Levi Schultz, Conference Chairperson Laura Cannon, Venue Coordinator
7:45	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Work Together to Build the Kingdom

Ecclesiastes 4:9

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.”

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00	Worship
9:20	Break
9:30	Keynote Sermon: Steve Skorup <i>Not Easily Broken</i>
10:15	Break
10:30	Breakout sessions: <i>Who are you bound to? Who picks you up?</i>
11:45	Conference Photo
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30	Worship Service
7:00	Evening Service: Peter Celauro
7:45	Vespers
8:00	Fellowship & Ice Cream

Monday, July 1, 2024

Serve One Another

Ecclesiastes 4:10

*"If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."*

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



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30	Worship Service
7:00	Sermon: Jared Cannon
7:45	Vespers
8:00	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Comfort One Another

Ecclesiastes 4:11

“Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?”

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 Worship Service

9:20 Break

9:30-10:30 Interest Groups

10:30 Break

10:45-11:45 Interest Groups

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 Worship Service

7:00 Sermon: Henry Gmiterek

7:45 Vespers

8:00 Fellowship and Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Strengthen One Another

Ecclesiastes 4:12a

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.”

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



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30	Worship Service
7:00	Sermon: Jeff Cannon
7:45	Vespers
8:00	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Hold Fast to One Another

Ecclesiastes 4:12b

"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 Worship Service

9:20 Break

9:30-10:30 Interest Groups

10:30 Break

10:45-11:45 Interest Groups

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 Worship Service

7:00 Invitational Sermon: Johnny Hunter

7:45 Vespers

8:00 Fellowship and Ice Cream

Friday, July 5, 2024

Not Easily Broken - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God be with you till we meet again!

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00	Youth Presentations
10:00	Fellowship
10:15	Baptism Celebration (Child care will be provided for those 4 and under)
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 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

Saturday, July 6, 2024

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
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Interest Groups - Monday

Long Format Interest Group (session will run from 9:30 to lunch)

Larry Urbaniak: Melchizedek

This will be a detailed study of the mysterious O.T. figure who appears in Genesis 14. We will consider his role in the life of Abraham, the 110th Psalm, and Paul's discussion of him in Hebrews. And, of course, we will attempt to answer the question of who Melchizedek really is.

Hour Long Interest Groups

9:30-10:30 am

Larry Iannaccone: Christian Perspectives on Politics and Political Activism

We'll discuss why many thoughtful Christians have advocated steering clear of politics while other, equally thoughtful Christians have advocated political engagement. We'll also consider some of the ways political issues have united and divided Christians in the past and in the present. Don't expect simple answers! This interest group could easily be called "Seven good reasons not to vote, and seven reasons to vote anyway."

Jane Burdett: Refresh your Routine

Do you struggle to find motivation, time, and enthusiasm for prayer, devotions and Bible study? This group will introduce resources, teaching tools, and creative incentives to develop a fresh perspective to your time spent with God.

Hour Long Interest Groups

10:45-11:45 am

Dane Skorup: More Stoic & Sublime – How Others Made Themselves Unconquerable in the Chaos

"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs..." begins Rudyard Kipling's advice to young men (and women) of character in his great poem "If-". This talk will cover a discipline that's easy to pick up but exceedingly difficult to master: "Stoicism", contrary to popular misunderstanding, is not about killing our emotions but attaining a wider view of God's divine moral landscape. Many figures, ancient and modern, have tried to distill this philosophy for the public. We will discuss it together here.

Laurel Panella: Where Oh Where Did the Renaissance Go? Considering the fractious relationship between fine art and the church.

In this workshop we'll look at the volatile end of the Renaissance- setting art on a new path. We'll talk briefly about beauty and art. We'll hear quotes by artists, curators and historians detailing the troubled present-day relationship between fine art and religion/Christianity. Next we'll look into conceptual art and imagine it on a spectrum of sorts. Finally we'll consider plausible reactions Christians might have or how the Church might create its own potentially powerful solutions!

Interest Groups - Tuesday

Hour Long Interest Groups

9:30-10:30 am

Larry Iannaccone: Christian Perspectives on Politics and Political Activism

A repeat of Monday's study

Nita and Brooke Oftedahl: How to Walk Into a Room

If life were a house, then every room holds a story. What do we do when a room we're in is no longer a room where we belong? Based on the book by Emily P. Freeman, we'll discuss how to discern the how, when, and what now of walking out of rooms and into new ones with peace, confidence, and a whole heart.

Shannon Young: Guided Prayer Garlands

In this workshop, you will create a garland to use for guided prayer. We will talk through several prayer formats, including the ACTS acronym, use scripture as a focal point, and incorporate them into your own personalized mirror garland.

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Shannon Young: Guided Prayer Garlands

A repeat of the 9:30 study

Interest Groups - Wednesday

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David Elliott: Building the habit of ...

Building a habit can be frustrating and time-consuming. During this session we will work to help everyone build the habit of gratitude. We will take a look at some scriptures, hear some stories, and take some time to practice. David hopes your perspective can change like his by a focus on gratitude.

Hour Long Interest Groups

9:30-10:30 am

Steve Battaglia: Maximus the Confessor's Cosmic Christology

Maximus the Confessor is one of the most prolific theologians of the ancient and early medieval periods in Christian history. In this session, we will explore Maximus' thinking and writing on the mystery of Christ.

Sarah Roehr: Being an authentic and vulnerable Christian

"Vulnerability is the birthplace of every positive emotion we need in our lives..." -Dr. Brene Brown
With the help of Brene Brown's books, *I Thought it was Just ME (But it Isn't)* and *The Gifts of Imperfection*, we'll look at embracing vulnerability and imperfection within our own lives, studying how we can use these qualities to deepen our faith and open our hearts to receive God's grace.

Hour Long Interest Groups

10:45-11:45 am

Autumn Battaglia and Laurel Clark: The Common Rule

Do you find yourself yearning for gospel freedom, but stuck in the exhausting demands of your life? Are you too busy? Too anxious? We all have habits, but did you form them or do they form you? Come find freedom and rest for your soul as we seek to align our habits with our beliefs. We will discuss four daily and four weekly habits that will encourage a love for God and neighbor. We will also look into habits that shape the rhythms of our household and family and pursue meaning amidst the chaos of home.

John Boccaccio: A Walk Through Scripture

Join me as we take a walk through Scripture to remind ourselves of 3 things: God's promises to us, His instructions on how to become a part of those promises, and His written prophecies concerning world events, in order to prepare us. Here are a few scriptures on those topics to help prepare us for this exciting journey: Psalm 139, Jeremiah 29:13, and Amos 3:7.

Interest Groups – Thursday

Long Format Interest Group (session will run from 9:30 to lunch)

Tim Schopf: Safe in the Arms of God

Based on the book by John MacArthur, What happens to children - those unborn, stillborn, or youngsters - when they die? Does the Bible tell us these babies are in heaven?

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Nursery

Directors: Autumn Battaglia and Laurel Clark

From Sunday to Thursday, nursery care is provided during the morning and evening services for infants and toddlers through age 2.

Vacation Bible School

Director : Laura Cannon

VBS runs Sunday – Thursday morning for ages 3 to those going into 5th grade.

Camp Firelight

Get ready for a camping adventure! At VBS, kids will explore timeless Bible stories about people who trusted God as they faced their fears. Join us every morning as we learn to trust God for guidance, peace, and joy!

Middle School/Teen Program

Director: Katie Turnbow

The Middle School/Teen Program runs Sunday-Thursday morning, for sixth graders to those who have just graduated high school. Students will navigate through those difficult school years using God's Word for guidance.

2024 Conference Directors

Accommodations	Melissa Cannon
Activities Coordinator	Karen Skorup
Adult Program Director	Becky Schultz
Afternoon Cafe	Jared and Kara Cannon
Background Checks	Brent Skorup
Baptismal Counselors	Johnny and Pat Hunter
Children's Evening Activities	Amanda Adkission
Committee Chairperson	Laura Cannon
Conference Chairperson	Levi Schultz
Ice Cream Coordinator	Alexis Schopf
Middle School/Teen Program	Katie Turnbow
Music Coordinators	Peter Celauro and Shannon Young
Nursery	Autumn Battaglia and Laurel Clark
Outreach	Larry Iannaccone and April Skorup
Program Secretary	Sarah Roehr
Publicity	Kathie Raymond
Records Secretary	Alexis Schopf
Technology Coordinator/Sermon Recording	Kevin Edwards
Transportation – On Campus	Karen LePitre
Treasurer	Giovanna Johnson
Vacation Bible School	Laura Cannon
Venue Liaison	Laura Cannon
Vespers	Dawn Kersula

Berean Christian Conference Committee

Term Expiring:

- **2024:** Laura Cannon, Sarah Roehr, Dane Skorup
- **2025:** Peter Celauro, Alexis Schopf, Levi Schultz
- **2026:** Melissa Cannon, Jamie Klein, April Skorup

General Conference Notes

BCC 2024 Program Info

Location: Bryan College
721 Bryan Dr, Dayton, TN 37321

Campus Security: Details will be on the information sheet in your welcome bag

Lodging: Woodlee-Ewing Hall, Arnold Hall, Robinson Hall (Townhouses available if desired)

Meals: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Registration: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Morning and Evening Services: Rudd Auditorium

VBS: Lower floor of Rudd Auditorium

Nursery: Lower floor of Rudd Auditorium

Teen/Middle School Group: Mercer Hall (room number TBD)

Interest Groups: Mercer Hall (room numbers TBD)

Ice Cream Social: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Camp Blessing Table: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Afternoon Cafe: Livesay Learning Center

Linens and Towels: A linen package (sheets, blanket, pillow, and pillowcase, **no** towels) is available for a fee on your registration form. Order will be placed two weeks before the conference.

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: Rhea Medical Center
9400 Rhea County Hwy., Dayton, TN 37321

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