

Ready Youth Conference 2019
January 25-26, 2019
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, MO

On behalf of Spurgeon College at Midwestern Seminary, welcome to the 2019 Ready Conference. Our hope and prayer is that the next 2 days will allow you to be informed about the issues and opportunities confronting the church, participate in engaging breakout sessions and come away refreshed through a positive and practical learning experience.

Participants who attend all plenary sessions and two workshops are eligible to receive 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) in the area of Youth Ministry.

Conference Outcomes:

By actively participating in 2019 Ready Conference, you will:

1. Gain biblical insights related to Gospel engagement and spiritual formation.
2. Anticipate challenges to the biblical understanding of Christian dating, Biblical Manhood and Biblical Womanhood.
3. Examine the unique claims of the gospel in light of other world religions
4. Explore what God would have you do with your life as a believer.

Keynote Presentations (Must attend all for CEU credit)

- **SAM BIERIG, DEAN, SPURGEON COLLEGE.** Samuel Bierig serves as the undergraduate dean and as Assistant Professor of Christian Studies at Spurgeon College. He also serves as an elder at Liberty Baptist Church. Sam is pursuing his Ph.D. in Theology at Midwestern Seminary and holds degrees from Southern Seminary, and Ouachita Baptist University.
- **BRIAN DAVIS, PASTOR, RISEN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP, PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Brian Davis is a pastor at Risen Christ Fellowship in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed a church planting internship at Imago Dei Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a pastoral internship at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Brian and his wife, Sonia, have two sons and a daughter.
- **RECHAB GRAY, TEACHING PASTOR, COTTAGE GROVE CHURCH, DES MOINES, IA** Rechab Gray serves as Teaching Pastor at Cottage Grove Church in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served on staff at Epiphany Fellowship in Philadelphia as a church plant resident—serving the church through preaching, block evangelism, and international missions. Rechab has been married to his wife for eight years and they have two children, Aaron and Zipporah.
- **OWEN STRACHAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY, AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, MIDWESTERN SEMINARY.** Dr. Owen Strachan is Associate Professor of Christian Theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. At MBTS, he leads the Center for Public Theology. Strachan is the author of numerous books, including *Risky Gospel* and *The Colson Way*. He holds a PhD from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, an

MDiv from Southern Seminary, and an AB from Bowdoin College. He is married to Bethany and is the father of three children. He enjoys basketball, rap, and biographies.

- **JARED C. WILSON, AUTHOR, AND SPEAKER. MANAGING EDITOR OF FOR THE CHURCH (FTC.CO), CONTENT DIRECTOR, MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.** Jared C. Wilson is the Director of Content Strategy for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Managing Editor of For The Church (and host of the FTC Podcast), and Director of The Pastoral Training Center at Liberty Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO. Jared is not a catalytic “agent of change” or a visionary anything. He is a failed church planter and once made a mess of his marriage. He likes food too much and worries way too much about what people think, and he’s definitely not all that he’s cracked up to be. After 20 years of ministry, he’s mainly learned that he’s kind of a nincompoop. But he knows Jesus loves him.

Workshop Presentation and Panels: (Must attend two for CEU credit)

1. Love and Marriage: What Does the Bible Say About Singleness, Dating, and Marriage? —Camden and Mallory Pulliam
2. Taking the Gospel to Your Neighbor and the Nations— (panel) Erik Odegard, Joseph Williams, Stephanie Patton
3. Biblical Manhood: How the Bible Shatters Cultural Manhood—Mark Carrington
4. Biblical Womanhood: How the Bible Shatters Cultural Womanhood—(panel) Allyson Todd, Whitney Putnam, Akilah Boone, Elizabeth Mejia
5. “Conformed to His Image”: How God Makes Us More Like Jesus
6. “Fulfill Your (Student) Ministry”: A Word-Centered Approach to Student Ministry—Jared Bumpers
7. FAQ: Answering Christianity’s Toughest Question—Dr. John Mark Yeats, Dr. Alan Branch, Dr. Thor Madsen, Dr. Matthew Millsap
8. The Problem of Pain: What the Bible Says About Suffering, Evil, and Death—Jordan Wilbanks

Approvals:

Approved by Department of Church Partnerships, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for one (1) Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for 10 hours of equipping.

To receive CEU credit, you must complete the registration form, spend a minimum of 10 hours over two days engaged in the conference and workshops, complete the conference evaluation form--identifying the breakout sessions you attended. Successful completion of the course will allow you to print the CEU certificate.