



COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Grace and Truth

PREACHING THE WORD

*How Expository Preaching
Feeds the Church*

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022



Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2. NIV



FRIDAY, APRIL 1:

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration Check-in
- 9:00 a.m.** Dr. David Kotter, Dean of the School of Theology
Welcome, Overview, and Opening Prayer
- 9:05 a.m.** Dr. Donald W. Sweeting, President of CCU
Why Proclaim the Word of God
- 9:25 a.m.** Dr. Michael Morgan, Academic Dean at William Tennent School of Theology
Stewarding God's Varied Grace: The Nuts and Bolts of Expository Preaching-Part 1
- 10:15 a.m.** Coffee Break (Book Table Open)
- 10:30 a.m.** Dr. Michael Morgan, Academic Dean at William Tennent School of Theology
Stewarding God's Varied Grace: The Nuts and Bolts of Expository Preaching-Part 2
- 11:15 a.m.** Dr. Jerry Nelson, Senior Pastor Emeritus of Southern Gables Evangelical Free Church
A Conviction and Confession of an Average Preacher
- 11:45 a.m.** Panel Discussion with Morning Speakers
- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch (Anschutz Student Center Great Hall)
Book Table Open
- 1:30 p.m.** Peak Harmony Vocal Ensemble with Dr. David McNeil
- 1:45 p.m.** Dr. Mark Francois, Pastor of Calvary Gospel Church
Preaching with Unveiled Faces: The Privilege and Challenge of Proclaiming Christ from the Old Testament
- 2:45 p.m.** Break (Book Table Open)
- 2:55 p.m.** Lee Strobel, Founder and Director of the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics
Evangelistic Preaching in Skeptical Times
- 3:45 p.m.** Panel Discussion with Afternoon Speakers
- 4:15 p.m.** Closing Comments
- 4:30 p.m.** End of Conference

SPEAKERS

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DR. DONALD W. SWEETING

Dr. Donald W. Sweeting has served as president of Colorado Christian University since 2016, and he was president of the Reformed Theological Seminary from 2010-2016. As an ordained minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Sweeting served as senior pastor of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Greenwood Village (a Denver suburb) for 12 years and for 11 years as the founding pastor of Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church in northern Illinois. Sweeting also served as an assistant to Chuck Colson and Prison Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

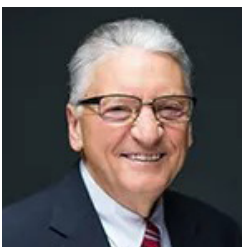
Sweeting studied theology at Moody Bible Institute, earned a B.A. degree in history from Lawrence University, graduated with B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oxford University in England, and earned his Ph.D. in historical theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Sweeting and his wife, Christina, have three sons and a daughter.



DR. MICHAEL MORGAN

Dr. Michael Morgan has worked in inner-city, prison, and urban church-planting ministries for the past twenty-two years, including fourteen years as a pastor at Calvary Wellspring. Morgan currently teaches historical theology and serves as the Academic Dean at William Tennent School of Theology. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Calvary Family of Churches and the author of *John Newton: Catalyst for Compassion*.

Morgan earned a B.A. degree in humanities from the University of Kansas, a M.Div. from Gateway Seminary, a D.Min. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and is currently completing a Ph.D. on the clergy networks of William Wilberforce at the University of Leicester in the UK. He and his wife, Kate, have three amazing teenagers.



DR. JERRY NELSON

Dr. Jerry Nelson served for 31 years as the senior pastor (now emeritus) of the Southern Gables Evangelical Free Church (now Southwest Community Church) and was previously an associate pastor for 12 years in Minnesota and Illinois. He was ordained by the EFCA in 1972. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Colorado Christian University. Now retired, he is involved in mentoring younger pastors, teaching grandchildren in homeschool, and more housekeeping than ever before.

Nelson earned his D.Min. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a M.A. in leadership at Denver Seminary, and holds B.A. degrees from both the University of Minnesota and Moody Bible Institute. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 57 years and have four children and nine grandchildren.

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DR. MARK FRANCOIS

Dr. Mark Francois has served for more than a decade as the pastor of Calvary Gospel Church in Ontario, which is part of the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada. An expert in Semitic languages, he is also producing a comprehensive grammar of classical Syriac along with teaching videos on Old Testament textual criticism, which are available free online.

Francois earned a B.T.S. and M.Div. at Toronto Baptist Seminary, a M.T.S. from Wycliffe College, and a Ph.D. in theology (Old Testament) from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. He has taught Hebrew and other courses at Toronto Baptist Seminary and Tyndale Seminary. Francois and his wife, Alecia, have two active children.



LEE STROBEL

Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, the former award-winning legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, is a *New York Times* best-selling author of more than 40 books and curricula that have sold 14 million copies. Strobel was educated at the University of Missouri (B.A. in journalism) and Yale Law School (Master of Studies in Law).

After probing the evidence for Jesus for nearly two years, Strobel became a Christian in 1981. He subsequently became a teaching pastor at three of America's largest churches and hosted the national network TV program "Faith Under Fire." In 2017, Strobel's spiritual journey was depicted in an award-winning motion picture, "The Case for Christ," which showed in theaters across America and around the world.

He and co-author Mark Mittelberg recently created the *Making YOUR Case for Christ* video-driven small-group curriculum, which trains Christians how to share and defend their faith. Currently, he is founding director of the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University. Strobel and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 48 years and have two children.



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- March 2023 Pastors Conference on Evangelism

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