APOLOGETICS - CREATION

Learn how to engage with the contemporary questions of our culture as you discuss your Christian Faith. This year, the focus will be on Creation and human origin.

Paul Veit

Founder and Director, Declare God's Wonders

As founder and director of Declare God's Wonders, Inc. and The Dinosaur Encounter, a Creation and Apologetics Learning Center in Bridgton, ME, Paul has conducted over 1600 evangelistic outreaches. His talks skillfully combine passion for the unbeliever with his fascinating hobby of legally excavating dinosaur tracks.

workshop #1 10:45-11:30 am Creation vs. Evolution – Dinosaur Focus

What killed the dinosaurs? Are the Dino/Birds real? How old are the dinosaurs? We will examine the most important "Dinosaur Issues" within the Creation vs. Evolution debate.

workshop #2 2:15-3:00 pm Creation vs. Evolution - Human Focus

Why are we going to Mars to look for life? Is there an "Alien Sea" with life in it on Europa? Did we come from a speck of life from Mars? We will examine the most recent human "transitional forms." If you want to be relevant in this culture, you must know this topic..

workshop #3 3:45-4:30 pm

Creation vs. EvAliens: The Truth!

Contrary to what many evolutionists are teaching – Aliens did NOT seed life on the planet. They are NOT the designers of the advanced technology you see in ancient cultures. We will examine what really happened at Roswell and the truth about "alien" encounters. The whole topic will be placed within a balanced biblical context and end with a summary of real "supernatural" end time events.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Learn what God is doing all around the world through His people, and how you can be involved in reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus.

Drew Kelly

English Language Institute of China

Drew is marketing manager and teacher. He lived as an expat in North Korea for four years teaching English and business with ELIC at the Pyongyang University of Science and Technology.

workshop #1 10:45-11:30 am Every Day North Korea

Drew dives into what it is like to live and work in the most closed country in the world. Attendees will learn more about North Korea, what its like to work and be a Christian there, and how to pray for North Korea. Join us for a riveting talk and Q&A

Carl Robanske

Executive Director, Embracing Orphans

Robanske leads a small non-profit in Washington State that works to care for the orphaned, abused, and neglected of Jamaica through the love of Jesus. As an intake volunteer at a homeless camp he enjoys seeing how God leads us to carry the burdens of others toward freedom from poverty.

workshop #2 2:15-3:00 pm Understanding Poverty II

Returning as one of the most popular workshops from last year Carl will lead an engaging discussion on systems of poverty, development (missions) as freedom, principles of working with the poor & application for home and away teams

Dr. Dave Beine

Professor of Intercultural Studies, Great Northern University

Dr. Beine worked as an anthropologist and linguist with Wycliffe Bible Translators in India and Nepal for 28 years before becoming Dean of the College of Global Engagement at Great Northern University.

workshop #3 3:45-4:30 pm Language tastes great! Practical applications of linguistics to missions

When I first heard the term "linguistics" I thought it sounded an awful lot like a type of pasta! But linguistics, the scientific study of language, is actually a very helpful tool for missionaries. Come get a taste of linguistics and learn how it applies to missions.

YOUTH LEADER MINISTRY

Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders: learn how to take your students on mission trips, and how incorporating Missions into the culture of your youth ministry helps students deepen their faith as well as reach their community and the whole world with the Gospel.Gospel of Jesus.

Phil Ball

National Network of Youth Ministries, NW Coordinator of Engagement & Training

Phil has recently completed 12 years building a culture of youth and family missions and outreach at a local church. A graduate of Christian Heritage College in San Diego, CA with a BA in Bible/Pastoral Studies, Phil, along with his wife Anna, they have over 50+ years of youth ministry and short-term missions experience.

workshop #1 10:45-11:30 am

Gaining the Trust of Parents

Parents won't let their teens go without trust. How do you develop that foundation for years of fruitful cooperation? Come and learn some strategies.

Laura Wilson

Missionary, WEC Int'l

At age 12, God called me to missions. My husband & I were privileged to live 30+ years in Venezuela, encouraging youth & young adults to discover their part in God's eternal plan.

workshop #2 2:15-3:00 pm Developing a Mission Heart as the Youth LeaderUnderstanding Poverty II

Involvement in Missions comes from a heart that beats for the lost. How do you develop that when you spent all your time with your students and the church? Find the keys to a mission heart in this seminar.

Mark Schaufler

Founder, MST Ministries

Mark Schaufler has led over 160 teams to every continent except Antarctica. He is constantly learning from the variety of locations where they minister and the ever changing team members that have gone with him beginning in 1984.

workshop #3 3:45-4:30 pm

Combining Service and Outreach in a Short Term Mission

How do you combine these very different kinds of trips into one successful mission? Examples and principles will be presented to get you started on the best of both worlds.

STUDENTS ON MISSION

Learn practical ways how you as a student can be involved in the Mission Field around you today.

Pastor Dave Chaffee

Co-Founder and Overseer of AFC USA

Pastor Dave serves as the director of Tenth Hour Project, our 9 month discipleship program for young adults. He is also the voice of the Evangelism Minute radio ministry, and overseer of gottracts.com. Dave and his wife live full time on the ministry's studen campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico and he continues to travel throughout the US for AFC evangelism tours and speaking engagements.

workshop #1 10:45-11:30 am Engaging the culture through conversational evangelism

Ryan Fast

West Coast Representative, Teen Missions Int'I

From his first STM when he was 15 Ryan has been a missionary. As a national spokesman Ryan helps mobilize young people with Teen Missions Int'l into a lifetime of missional involvement.

workshop #2 2:15-3:00 pm

A VERY HARD Day - John 10:10

God gives us good days and bad days and sometime he gives us "Very Hard Days." What happens when a group of North American teens confront the tragic and shocking results of poverty in the developing world? Learn how to participate in Godly solutions of the problems plaguing the innocent, underprivileged and overlooked.

Rachel Newport

Local Coordinator, Child Evangelism Fellowship

Rachel Newport is a local coordinator for Polk County, Oregon with Child Evangelism Fellowship. She has a passion for reaching children with the Gospel and training others to do the same.

workshop #3 3:45-4:30 pm Christian Youth in Action: Reaching Kids in Your Community This Summer

Christian Youth in Action is a training program for teens that equips them to share the gospel with children. Find out how you can reach kids in your neighborhood through Bible lessons, songs and verses and learn how to use tool called the Wordless Book.

PREPARE TO GO

How do I prepare for cross-cultural ministry? Listen to both missionaries and mission coaches share how you can plan and engage NOW for the mission field of tomorrow.

Mark Hedinger & Lauren Wells

Executive Director, CultureBound | Children and Youth Program Director, CultureBound Mark has worked in cross-cultural Christian ministry for over 30 years, and now helps prepare families all over the world for ministry in an unfamiliar language and culture.

workshop #1 10:45-11:30 am Culture Stress on Short-Term Trips

When experiencing a new culture, it is normal to feel some tension. This can be described as culture-stress. Culture-stress of some degree is common on short-term trips, both while you are there and also when you return home! This workshop will explore the idea of culture-stress and discuss how you can prepare for it, combat it, and use it to your benefit!

Richard Wilson

Missionary, WEC Int'l

I'm from Australia. In middle school Jesus called me. I studied art and became an electrician and used both in Venezuela, where I was involved in training leaders. I continue to teach here in the USA

workshop #2 2:15-3:00 pm

Be Ready: For Whatever God Wants You to Be—by someone who did it.

A missionary career is the most exciting career anyone can make! Find out how to start getting ready now. We will look at choosing electives, getting involved in Church, hobbies, and consider together what is a missionary call

Adrienne Livingston & Michelle Lathrop

Director of Anti-Sex Trafficking Initiatives, WorldVenture | Program Consultant Adrienne and Michele have been working to educate churches about the issue of sex trafficking for 5 years and are the creators of the Girl Empowerment Curriculum.

workshop #3 3:45-4:30 pm What is a Missionary Call?

This curriculum helps churches address underlying issues that impact girls and make them vulnerable to the lures of traffickers. We cover our image in God, intuition, healthy / unhealthy relationships, and basic self-defense.

MAIN SPEAKERS

Down from the stage, the main session speakers will delve deeper into their talk and engage with your questions.

Ann Dunagan

Director, Daring Daughters Harvest Ministry

Ann Dunagan is an author, missions leader, and global-mom with 7 kids and 10 grandkids. Since 1987, the Dunagan family have been sharing the love of Jesus in over 100 nations.

workshop #1 10:45-11:30 am Daring Daughters — Local & Global Missions for Women & 'Tween/Teen Girls

As Christian women and girls, we have a vital role in God's Great Commission. In this session, you'll be inspired with a vision for the lost and a passion for global needs — to Dare to dream, Dare to cry, and Dare to obey.

George Verwer

Founder, Operation Mobilization

In 1957 the young Verwer and some friends started going to Mexico helping pioneer the short-term missions movement. In 1961 he found Operation Mobilization, which now has over 6,100 people actively, engaged in world wide evangelistic efforts.

workshop #2 2:15-3:00 pm

Founder of Operation Mobilization

Down from the stage, listen to George speak and share from his over 50 years of mission experiences as he discusses 7 global trends in the church and missions.

Paul Watson

Founder, Contagious Disciple Making

Paul loved growing up in 5 different countries with his parents making disciples worldwide! Now he travels worldwide training individuals and teams to help even the most unlikely people to fall in love with Jesus and then pass it on.

workshop #3 3:45-4:30 pm

Founder of Contagious Disciple Making

Learn simple ways you can start doing right away to join God as He moves and become part of the greatest adventure known to man.