

Equip Conference

Sunday, March 15- Tuesday, March 17

2026 Theme: **Faithful**

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23)

Sunday, March 15

- 5:00-7:00 Vendor Booth Setup
- 5:00-7:00 Early Registration (Campbell Center)

Monday, March 16

- Breakfast on your own.
- 8:00-9:00 Registration (Campbell Center)
- 9:00-9:45 Morning Worship led by Stephen Maxwell (BPAC)
- 10:00–10:30 Chapel (Campbell Center)
- 10:45–11:35 “A Ministry that Lasts: A Conversation on Ministry Longevity,” moderated by Anessa Westbrook (Bartholomew Performing Arts Center?)
 - Panelists: Warren Baldwin, Bruce Goodwin, Wayne Hawley, Scott Laird
- 11:45–12:45 Lunch (Campbell Center)
- 1:00–1:50 Breakout Session 1
 - Nathan McBroom, Youth Ministry Track: “Discipleship and Leadership Development of Young People, Youth Ministry Panel” (Hulitt 3rd Floor)
 - Darrel Sears, Small Church Track: “Stay on Target: The Need for a Constant Kingdom Mindset” (Prayer Chapel)
 - Greg Stevenson, Biblical Studies Track: “Faith under Fire” (Introduction to Hebrews) (Cornerstone Room)
 - Anessa Westbrook, Women’s Ministry Track: “Scriptural Foundations of Women’s Ministry” (Miller Room)
 - Bruce Goodwin, Shepherds’ Connection Track: “Shepherd Preacher Relationships” (BPAC)
 - Rowlie Hutton, “RenewU: Raising Leaders in Your Own Church” (McGehee)
 - Walter Clark, “The Rejection of Jubilee and Faith (Leviticus 25)” (ARC)
- 2:00–2:50 Nathan Guy, Clayton Lecture: “A Christian Philosopher’s Take on Science and Religion” (Bartholomew Performing Arts Center?)
- 3:00–3:30 Coffee Break (Campbell Center)
- 3:45–4:35 Breakout Session 2
 - Panel Discussion, Youth Ministry Track: “Ask Us Anything” (Hulitt 3rd Floor)
 - Darrel Sears, Small Church Track: “Christ-Centered Leadership in a Time of Constant Change” (Prayer Chapel)
 - Greg Stevenson, Biblical Studies Track: “Faith through the Fire” (Hebrews 1-2) (Cornerstone Room)
 - Anessa Westbrook, Women’s Ministry Track: “Theoretical Foundations of Women’s Ministry” (Miller Room)
 - Scott Laird with Carl Feril, Shepherds’ Connection Track: “Preparing the Next Generation” (BPAC)
 - Jared Pack, moderator, “Learning from the Next Generation: YU Student Panel Talks about Faith” Student Panelists (McGehee)
 - Jim Coehoorn, “Faith of Our Fathers...and Sons and Daughters: Passing on Faith to the Next Generation” (ARC)
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner hosted by Renew University [*advance reservation required for complimentary ticket*] (Chances R Restaurant- 124 W. 5th St.)
- 7:00 Trivia Night with Jason Hawkins

Tuesday, March 17

- Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30–9:00 Morning Worship led by Stephen Maxwell (BPAC)
- 9:00–9:45 Keynote: Mike Cope, “Faithful” (Bartholomew Performing Arts Center?)
- 10:00–10:30 Chapel (Campbell Center)
- 10:45–11:35 Breakout Session 3
 - Kevin Knight, Youth Ministry Track: “Partnering in Ministry” (Hulitt 3rd Floor)
 - Darrel Sears, Small Church Track: “Why Preaching Still Matters: Relevant Sermons for Postmodern America” (Prayer Chapel)
 - Greg Stevenson, Biblical Studies Track: “Kindergarten Faith” (Hebrews 5-6) (Cornerstone Room)
 - Anessa Westbrook, Women’s Ministry Track: “Practical Foundations of Women’s Ministry (Miller Room)
 - Scott Laird, Shepherds’ Connection Track: “Equipping the Current Generation” (BPAC)
 - Mike Cope, moderator, “Challenges and Opportunities for Small and Rural Churches”
Panelists: Trevon Buchanon, Zeborah Carter, Calvin Chapman, Rick Eldred, Jason Zaiger (McGehee)
 - Chris Krotz, “Jesus Loved Them To the End: Lessons from the Ministry of Christ” (ARC)
- 11:45–12:45 Lunch (Campbell Center)
- 1:00–1:50 Breakout Session 4
 - Jamey Grimsley, Youth Ministry Track: “The Power of Encounter: Creating Space for Students to Meet Jesus” (Hulitt 3rd Floor)
 - Darrel Sears, Small Church Track: “Communication: The Achilles Heel of Most Church Leaders” (Prayer Chapel)
 - Greg Stevenson, Biblical Studies Track: “Faith that Sees” (Hebrews 11) (Cornerstone Room)
 - Anessa Westbrook, Women’s Ministry Track: “A Menu of Mentoring Methodologies” (Miller Room)
 - Scott Laird with Tim Westbrook, Shepherds’ Connection Track: “Resources for Current Shepherds Panel” (BPAC)
 - Chris Crooks, “Walking with a Church from Survival to Revival” (McGehee)
 - Diane Reese, “Water from His Well: Practices that Sustain a Living Faith” (ARC)
- 2:00–2:30 Coffee Break (Campbell Center)
- 2:45–3:35 Breakout Session 5
 - Panel Discussion, Youth Ministry Track, “Resource Sharing” (Hulitt 3rd Floor)
 - Darrel Sears, Small Church Track: “Self-Care is Not Selfish: The Need for Spiritual AND Mental Health Awareness in the Church” (Prayer Chapel)
 - Greg Stevenson, Biblical Studies Track: “Faith in Action” (Hebrews 12) (Cornerstone Room)
 - Anessa Westbrook, Women’s Ministry Track: “Using Discipleship to Help Your Church Grow” (Miller Room)
 - Jeff Hill, Shepherds’ Connection Track: “Staying Spiritually, Emotionally, and Physically Healthy as Shepherds and Wives” (BPAC)
 - Tim Westbrook, “The Mission of Christian Colleges and Universities” (McGehee)
 - Franklin Wood, “Faithful Through Tragedy: Supporting the Brokenhearted” (ARC)
- 4:00–5:30 Clayton Museum of Ancient History Open (Guided tours by Dr. Best and Dr. Pack.)
- 6:00–8:00 Ides of March Dinner (Campbell Center)*
 - Peter Gurry, “From Ancient Manuscripts to Modern Bible” (Bartholomew Performing Arts Center)

* Separate ticket required which can be purchased following the Equip registration link.

List of Abbreviations:

BPAC = Bartholomew Performing Arts Center

ARC = Academic Resource Center, 3rd Floor Classroom