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RECOVERING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD





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Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining us for a conference that addresses the authority of the church.

Not too long ago, people listened to what we might call "traditional" voices. Parents, one's pastor, a godly deacon, schoolteachers, the family doctor, and perhaps the news anchor at six o'clock formed a small circle of counsel. Not that the previous generation eschewed advice from peers; they didn't. However, the traditional voices often possessed sufficient authority to overcome or drown out the vain musings of the crowd.

Enough on reminiscing about the "good life" in the 60's! It was probably far worse than I am describing. Nonetheless, I doubt many would disagree that counsel in the twenty-first century comes from a much wider circle. Of course, the internet is responsible for the proliferation of information, opinions, analysis, evaluation and debate. A recent Pew Research report (September 2024) states that 86% of American adults receive at least some of their news through a digital source. For Gen Z, the number is even higher, with news and opinions coming to them primarily through social media.

Pressure to believe certain things that are proposed on internet sites is further enhanced by the support or rejection of one's peers. Social media has made it possible to poll the public on an issue. If the crowd says people have the right to choose whatever gender they want—even if there are over 30 gender choices—why listen to an "old fashioned" preacher assert that there are only two genders and that you and I don't get to choose?

This year's CoRE Conference seeks to support the church as a God-ordained authority in the life of the believer, so that they may be salt and light to an ungodly culture. Provided the church finds its message in the Word of God, let us listen with rapt attention, for it is God speaking through the church.

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MON, 2/3

3-6:45 p.m. CHECK-IN Seminary, First Floor Rotunda SESSION I: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IN CRISIS 7 p.m. Stratton Hall RECEPTION Welcome Center, Second Floor 8:45 p.m. **TUES, 2/4 CHECK-IN** Welcome Center 8:30 a.m. SESSION 2: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IN PREACHING 9am Stratton Hall FELLOWSHIP BREAK: Coffee & Snacks 10:30 a.m. Welcome Center, Second Floor SESSION 3: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH AND FAMILY 11 a.m. **ROLES** Andreas Köstenberger Stratton Hall Tickets for sale at the Dining Common LUNCH 12:30 p.m. or enjoy restaurants in the area or The Den 2 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** The Church, Transgenderism and Intersexuality Kevin Bauder Stratton Hall When the Church Loses Her Voice of Authority Armen Thomassian Seminary 113 Parenting God's Way Andreas Köstenberger War Memorial Chapel The Church Effeminate: How Patriarchy Became a Bad Word in the Church Levinson Hall Danger: When the Church Abuses Her Authority Pearson Johnson Seminary 214 A Leader with INSIGHT: What Makes a Leader Qualified to Speak with Authority?

5 p.m. DINNER Tickets for sale at the Dining Common

or enjoy restaurants in the area or The Den

7 p.m. SESSION 4: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH AND THE GOSPEL

Kevin Bauder Stratton Hal

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9 a.m. SESSION 5: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH AND

GOVERNMENT

Kevin Bauder Stratton Hall

10:30 a.m. FELLOWSHIP BREAK: Coffee & Snacks

Welcome Center, Second Floor

11 a.m. SESSION 6: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH AND COUNSELING

Stuart Scott Stratton Hall

12:30 p.m. LUNCH Tickets for sale at the Dining Common

or enjoy restaurants in the area or The Den

2 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION

Trusting Our Ever-present, Ever-faithful God in Our

Time of Despair and Disappointment

Billy Gotcher, Kevin Bauder, Armen Thomassian, Stuart Scott - led by Renton Rathbun Stratton Hall

5:30 p.m. BANQUET: THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION

Josh Crockett Davis Room (Dining Common)

CONCLUSION OF CORE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Jerusalem Chamber

Located in the Mack building lobby, this room was recently reconfigured to be a central location on campus where the BJU community can gather to pray for the student body, faculty and staff.

Center for Global Opportunities

See the results of the 2016 Bible Conference Offering for yourself! Whether it's cleaning up after a flood, evangelizing local people at the park or joining a mission team to Cuba, BJU students use the CGO to find evangelism and service opportunities, both locally and around the globe. The CGO is also a resource for our international students, helping them to adjust to college life and enhancing their BJU experience. Let the CGO know if you're looking to recruit students and faculty for your church, summer ministry or mission board.







THE DEN

Chick-fil-A, Freshens and Esteban's. The POD (Provisions on Demand) convenience store offers f'real milkshakes, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, snacks and beverages. Also located in The Den is Cuppa Jones, a full-service coffee shop featuring Due South Coffee.

Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-9:45 p.m.



DIXON-MCKENZIE DINING COMMON

The Kalmbach Room in the Dixon-McKenzie Dining Common is BJU's primary dining facility and features a widely varied menu, including salad, sandwiches, soups, pizza, an international grill and much more.

Monday–Wednesday 7 a.m.–7 p.m.



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Bring your conference nametag lanyard and **ENJOY A \$3.55 DISCOUNT** (pay only \$10.10) at the Dining Common during the conference.

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Kevin Bauder

Kevin Bauder is an ardent defender of the faith, having extensively researched Baptist and Fundamentalist history as well as theology. He is currently a professor of Systematic Theology at Central Baptist Theological Seminary.



Billy Gotcher

Billy Gotcher is a pastor/professor offering foundational training on evangelism and missions in the local church and is renowned for his acumen and hands-on experience in the revitalization, organization, operations, and financial management of churches and Christian institutions.



Andreas Köstenberger

Award-winning New Testament scholar and author of numerous books, Andreas Köstenberger is one of the world's most widely respected experts on John's Gospel, biblical theology and hermeneutics. He is also known for his love for the family and his defense of complementarianism.



Stuart Scott

Pastor, author of ten books, leader in the premier association in his discipline, and founder of a nationwide ministry serving pastors and churches, Stuart Scott is a widely recognized leader in the biblical counseling movement and is the Seminary's Director of Biblical Counseling.



Armen Thomassian

A man of prayer and a powerful preacher, Armen Thomassian has served in churches on three continents, most recently in Greenville at Faith Free Presbyterian Church. In this conference, he brings to us the need for authoritative, Spirit-empowered preaching of God's Word.





Brian Hand

Brian Hand is an author of four books and numerous journal articles, and has developed and/or led more than 50 New Testament courses across Greek language study, hermeneutics, exegesis, exposition and textual criticism as well as ethics and theology.



Pearson Johnson

Pearson Johnson's dual role as Director of Academics and Mentoring and professor of practical theology — building on a varied career across student care, teaching, disciple-making and missions leadership — exemplifies the Seminary's commitment to a superior student experience.



Renton Rathbun

Renton Rathbun is rapidly developing a national reputation by advancing a "BIG" vision for equipping not just faculty, staff and students, but also church leadership — to promote and instill a true biblical worldview in a challenged church confronting a broken culture.



Josh Crockett

Joshua Crockett, president of Bob Jones University, exemplifies pastoral leadership. Having served in pastoral roles in both Indiana and South Carolina for nearly 20 years, he possesses significant communication and problem-solving skills. His kind and positive spirit is felt throughout the BJU faculty, staff and students.

DON'T MISS THESE **CAMPUS EVENTS**

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC MARCH 13-15

LIVING GALLERYAPRIL 17-19





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