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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

3:00 pm	Registration Open	Ballroom Foyer
5:30	Dinner	Salon D-H
7:00	Evening Session	Cumberland Ballroom
	Speaker: Dr. Thom Rainer	
	<i>Anatomy of a Revived Church, Part 1</i>	

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 am	Breakfast	Salon D-H
9:00	Seminar Block One	
	<i>Best Practices for Better Boards</i>	Cumberland Ballroom
	Speaker: Dr. Ron Hunter	
	<i>Can Churches Do Bible Clubs in Public Schools?</i>	Capitol Ballroom
	Speaker: Jeff Nichols	
	<i>Gospel Unity in Cultural Diversity</i>	Salon D
	Speaker: Jose Rodriguez	
10:00	Seminar Block Two	
	<i>Implementing Discipleship Groups</i>	Cumberland Ballroom
	Speaker: Jeff Jones	
	<i>Creating a Strong Social Media Strategy for Your Church</i>	Capitol Ballroom
	Speakers: Lauren Biggs and Lena Wooten	
	<i>Our Skeptical New Generations</i>	Salon D
	Speakers: Pedro García and Aaron Pontious	
10:50	Refreshment Break	Ballroom Foyer
11:10	Seminar Block Three	
	<i>Revitalizing Associations</i>	Cumberland Ballroom
	Speaker: Dr. J. Matthew Pinson	

	<i>Changing Our Tone, Not Our Tune</i> Speaker: Jim McComas	Capitol Ballroom
	<i>Women in the Church: A Free Will Baptist Perspective</i> Speaker: Christa Thornsbury	Salon D
12:00 pm	Lunch	Salon E-H
1:30	Seminar Block Four	
	<i>Faith and Science</i> Speaker: Dr. Ian Hawkins	Cumberland Ballroom
	<i>How to Recruit Volunteers</i> Speaker: Dr. Brad Ransom	Capitol Ballroom
2:30	Seminar Block Five	
	<i>Off the High Dive: Beyond the Basics of Church Promotion</i> Speaker: Eric Thomsen	Cumberland Ballroom
	<i>The ONE Thing Your Church MUST Change</i> Speaker: Dr. Brad Ransom	Capitol Ballroom
3:30	Seminar Block Six	
	<i>3 for 30</i> Speaker: Dr. Eddie Moody	Cumberland Ballroom
	<i>Generating Momentum</i> Speaker: Dr. Brad Ransom	Capitol Ballroom
5:30	Dinner	Salon E-H
7:00	Evening Session Speaker: Dr. Thom Rainer <i>Anatomy of a Revived Church, Part 2</i>	Cumberland Ballroom
8:15	National Board Members Meeting	Cumberland Ballroom

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Thom S. Rainer

Dr. Thom Rainer is the founder and CEO of Church Answers, an online community and resource for church leaders. Prior to founding Church Answers, Rainer served as president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources. Before going to LifeWay, he served at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for twelve years where he was the founding dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism. He is a 1977 graduate of the University of Alabama and earned his Master of Divinity and Ph.D. degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



In addition to speaking in hundreds of venues over the past 20 years, Rainer led Rainer Group, a church and denominational consulting firm, from 1990 to 2005. The firm provided church health insights to over 500 churches and other organizations over that period.

Rainer and his wife, Nellie Jo, have three grown sons: Sam, Art, and Jess, who are married to Erin, Sarah, and Rachel respectively. The Rainers have ten grandchildren: Canon, Maggie, Nathaniel, Will (with the Lord), Harper, Bren, Joshua, Collins, Joel, and James.

Rainer has authored more than two dozen books, including *I Am a Church Member*, *Breakout Churches*, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*, *Who Moved My Pulpit?*, and *Anatomy of a Revived Church*.



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KEYNOTE ONE MONDAY EVENING

ANATOMY OF A REVIVED CHURCH: A DEEPER DIVE

Part One: Understanding the Autopsy Factor

It's better to be _____ than autopsied.

Understanding the _____ % factor.

Embracing _____ rather than despair.

Steps and Notes:

Part Two: What's Your Excuse?

The story of an unexpected blog post.

Stop the _____ game.

Do you really believe in _____ ?

Steps and Notes:

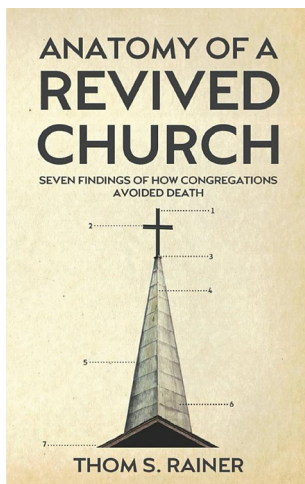
Part Three: When Traditions Become Traps

Traditionalism = _____ .

Eating an _____ .

The power of prayer and letting go.

Steps and Notes:



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KEYNOTE TWO

TUESDAY EVENING

ANATOMY OF A REVIVED CHURCH: A DEEPER DIVE

Part Four: A New Scorecard

What gets measured gets _____ . What gets
_____ gets done.

Common scorecard metrics: _____
and _____ .

Uncommon scorecard metrics: _____ , _____ ,
_____, and _____ , _____ .

Steps and Notes:

Part Five: Powerful Prayer

Understand the principle of the _____.

Understand the principle of the _____.

Find your _____, _____.

Steps and Notes:

Part Six: Dealing With Toxins

A _____ is not the same thing as a toxin.

Looking for _____.

The power of the _____.

Steps and Notes:

WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED

By Eddie Moody

FOR MANY YEARS, I HAVE WALKED PEOPLE THROUGH PHILIPPIANS 4 AS THEY HAVE struggled with anxiety or dealt with some kind of trauma in their past. Often, I would counsel, “You must begin your day rejoicing” (Philippians 4:4). No matter how bad our situation is, taking the time to rejoice in the Lord sets the tone for the day and results in a lasting impact. “Every time you experience fear or anxiety (Philippians 4:6), take it to the Lord,” I told them. The result was peace that often could not be explained (Philippians 4:7). People learned that God could help them through the most horrible situations.

“We are not passive though,” I would counsel. “We must be careful to force our minds to dwell on the right things” (Philippians 4:8). Then, I would try to help them identify what those things might be. We would try to identify people they could imitate (Philippians 4:9). Sometimes, these were people struggling with similar issues or trauma, but they were handling their issues fairly well.

Of course, I encouraged them to focus on all of Philippians 4, to notice that Paul pointed out that even he struggled (Philippians 4:12), but in time, he learned to be content (Philippians 4:10-11). This implies the process was difficult, even for the Apostle Paul. But he said it could be done. Perhaps it is implied that it could only be done through Christ (Philippians 4:13). In the remainder of the chapter, Paul described the challenges he faced and then said, “My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

For me, trying to help people, this was the most important part. You cannot just quit or resign to be defeated. As a believer, you have what you need; you have the tools required to cope with difficulty and even thrive in it.

A Passage for All Seasons

We know Philippians 4 will help us overcome a bout of anxiety or face down terror from a past traumatic experience, but can this passage help us as we minister?

Many engaged in ministry today are feeling anxious, dejected, and overwhelmed. Our culture is increasingly hostile toward Christianity. It seems more and more difficult to engage and reach people. Many churches are struggling. On top of all of that, we have experienced a worldwide pandemic in 2020, and many wonder what that means for our churches. When will this pandemic be over? And will people return to church when it ends?

Does Philippians 4 apply to us as we minister today? Absolutely! First, no matter what the situation, we must *rejoice*. Remember, the man who gave us the passage was likely writing from prison. He was eventually executed for the Faith, yet he was not defeated. He rejoiced in every situation, and that joy was contagious.

Yet, he also worried, just like we do. Each time we begin to wonder whether people will return to worship, or contemplate our own financial stability, we too can pray (Philippians 4:6). In doing so, God may impress on us some actions to take, and we can know for sure He will give us the kind of peace that is described in Philippians 4:7.

However, just like we counsel others, we must do our part by focusing our thinking on those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report (Philippians 4:8). For us, this may be a refusal to focus on the negative or the self-defeating. Rather, we focus on facts, knowing that as we examine the truth, we will be better equipped to respond effectively to situations in which we find ourselves. We can focus on much of what is being described at this conference, like reaching a diverse community and engaging those who are skeptical about Christianity. We can also focus on what we know about revitalizing churches. We can seek out models. Who is discipling others? Who has turned a church around? Who is reaching the nones? Find them and learn from them.

All Things Through Christ...

The odds seem to be stacked against us, but we can do *all things* through Christ. Perhaps that is a place to dwell. As it has been said so many times of late, God is not surprised by what is happening in our world. He is not sitting in Heaven, dejected by human events. Since we know He uses bad things for our good, how might He be using our current situations? Is He forcing us to focus on discipleship activities rather than big crowd events? We must remember God is at work in both good and bad times. It is our responsibility to find out how and to let Him use us.

We all face some tough questions today: Has God really supplied us with all we need? Is God really rich and capable of helping us through this pandemic, the cultural shift, and declining churches?

He has supplied us with all we need! He is capable, and He will provide what is necessary to move forward.

In a way, this conference is an example of some of the tools God has provided for us. If you look at the speakers and their topics, you may start to get the impression the Lord has provided us with what we need. So, rather than complain about our current plight, let us search for truth and utilize the tools God has laid before us. We have what we need.

About the Writer: Dr. Edward E. Moody, Jr., is executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.



Best Practices for Better Boards



Cumberland Ballroom Speaker: Ron Hunter

In the nonprofit world, there are fiduciary and practical implications of being on a board. Learn how to protect yourself and the organization. Board business can be rewarding rather than boring. Hear real-life horror stories of how board members stepped over the lines and other moments where board members “leaped tall buildings in a single bound,” saving the day.

Ron Hunter Jr., Ph.D., has served as executive director and CEO of Randall House Publications for 18-plus years. However, his field of expertise may prove surprising. Dr. Hunter holds a doctorate in leadership, with a core of business from the Cook School of Leadership at Dallas Baptist University. Earlier, he earned a masters of public administration from University of Colorado, a top 25 school in the field of non-profit management. Hunter wrote curriculum for the masters in leadership program at Dallas Baptist University, where he is an adjunct professor teaching leadership and family ministry. He is a sought-after speaker and consultant for organizations like the U.S. Army, Hasbro, University of Alabama, Americare, The Gideons International, Orange County Public Schools, and numerous churches and nonprofit organizations. Dr. Hunter has written policy, taught policy, and has been part of board development for several organizations.



Gospel Unity in Cultural Diversity: A Biblical Approach for the 21st Century American Church

Salon D
Speaker: Jose Rodriguez

America has changed. Distinctive paradigm shifts have taken place in the last 50 years. Neighborhoods look different. Homes look different, and family life is quite different in some instances. Even churches look different. However, it is still the mission of the church to go to the world with the gospel. How can the church reach our communities and the nations without compromising the gospel? How much contextualization is biblically healthy? This seminar will provide insight and guidance to the church in approaching communities in the confidence of the power of the gospel to minister effectively in a changing world.

Rev. Jose L. Rodríguez, born and raised in Communist Cuba, made America his home at age 19 where he has resided for the last 34 years. He holds a BA from Welch College, a MA from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a MDiv from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he is completing his Doctor of Ministry degree. After pastoring Free Will Baptist Churches for 27 years, Rodriguez relocated with his family to Gallatin, Tennessee, to be the founding dean of Welch College Spanish Institute. Jose and his wife Maday have been married 24 years. They have two sons: Samuel, a sophomore at Welch College, and Daniel, a senior at Davidson Academy.

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Implementing Discipleship Groups

Cumberland Ballroom
Speaker: Jeff Jones

A person’s life is changed by understanding and implementing the Word of God in his or her life. As a pastor, I desire to see that happen in the lives of the people I lead. Next to an expository approach to preaching, implementing Discipleship Groups (D-Groups) have been the most effective way to do that at Hilltop. In this seminar, I will make the case for the importance of the Bible in the lives of the people you lead and share a plan to systematically implement the Word of God by way of HEAR Journals and Discipleship meetings. Lives are changed when we HIGHLIGHT, EXPLAIN, APPLY, and RESPOND to Scripture in a way that is meaningful and insightful. I will share how we have watched this program grow to over 200 people participating in our church.

Rev. Jeff Jones is a native of Goldsboro, North Carolina. He attended Faith FWB Church and is a 1983 graduate of Faith Christian Academy. After completing his undergraduate degree at Southeastern FWB College, he received a master’s degree from Bob Jones University. He served 19 years as adjunct professor at Southeastern FWB College, where he taught homiletics. He currently serves as chairman of the Southeastern FWB College Board, as well as the chairman of the Board at North American Ministries. Jeff and his wife Rose have been married 34 years. They have been serving in ministry at Hilltop Church in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, since 1987. Jeff has been pastor of the church since 1996. The couple has two girls, Stacie and Leslie. Stacie and her husband Joseph Ange have two children, and they serve at Union Chapel FWB Church. Leslie is a registered nurse at Duke University Hospital and recently married Tyler Neal. Jeff is respected for his strength in preaching and teaching the Bible and his love for souls.



Creating a Strong Social Media Strategy for Your Church

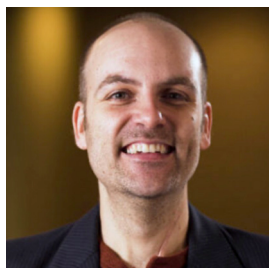
Capitol Ballroom
Speakers: Lauren Biggs and Lena Wooten



Does your church need a social media strategy, but you have no idea where to begin? In this session, you will learn practical ways to begin implementing a social media strategy to help you increase your online presence, communicate effectively to church members, and reach your community for Christ.

Lauren Biggs has worked as IM's media connections coordinator since February 2020. Lauren loves working among creative teams within the Body of Christ. Her experience with Christian non-profits has given her a passion for highlighting the power of people's stories as they intersect Christ's story. She believes that's the goal of Christ-centered social media and marketing. Lauren graduated in 2016 from Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (Theology, Bible, Psychology, and Sociology). She married her college sweetheart Austin in 2017. The couple lives in Mount Juliet, Tennessee with their cat, Simba.

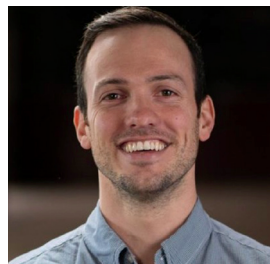
Lena Wooten has been leading in children and family ministry for 18 years. She and her husband Josh minister together at a church in Nashville, Tennessee. Mother of two incredible children, Lena is also the director of marketing for D6 Family. Lena has an absolute heart and passion for family ministry.



Our Skeptical New Generations

Salon D

Speakers: Pedro García and Aaron Pontious



Christ is the One in whom the biggest questions in life find their full meaning and purpose. Today, the word “truth” is being challenged by overwhelming amounts of information, and some worldviews have led society toward skepticism and relativism. If Christianity offers the answers to the biggest questions in life and the fulfillment of truth in Christ, what caused the world to think that the church is not the place to ask questions, to sincerely doubt and wonder? Us! In this thought-provoking presentation, you will learn ways to re-ignite the spark to make your church a healthy, flexible, and open place where non-Christian friends can search for truth without fear of dismissal, through a process in which Christ is always glorified.

Pedro García was a finalist in the television show “Spain’s Got Talent” in 2008 as a saxophone player. He traveled the world performing and teaching as a performer and professor. A former agnostic atheist, he became a follower of Christ in 2012. Now, he is founder of Ask and Wonder, an organization that brings Christians and non-Christians together to discuss the biggest questions in life. Pedro is also the outreach director at The Donelson Fellowship in Nashville, Tennessee.

Aaron Pontious is husband to his beautiful wife, Casey. He is the father to four handsome little men: Desmond, Lincoln, Beckham, and Sullivan. He is the student pastor at The Donelson Fellowship, where he has served since March 2009. Aaron has a passion to train the next generation to be Truth-seekers and ambassadors. He holds an MA in Christian Apologetics from Biola University.

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Revitalizing Associations

Cumberland Ballroom
Speaker: J. Matthew Pinson

This workshop will discuss the continuing need for vibrant associational life among Free Will Baptists. It will emphasize the important role of associations and conferences in ensuring accountability for churches and ministers, as well as the need for strong associations for maintaining sound doctrine and denominational identity, viability, renewal, and growth.

Dr. J. Matthew Pinson is Welch College's fifth president, having served in that office for 19 years, and before that he pastored churches in Alabama, Connecticut, and Georgia for twelve years. An alumnus of Welch, he holds a master's from Yale and a doctorate from Vanderbilt. He is author of numerous books and articles, including *Arminian and Baptist* (Randall House), *The Apologetics of Leroy Forlines* (Welch College Press), *Four Views on Eternal Security* (Zondervan), and *Perspectives on Christian Worship* (B&H). He and his wife of twenty-six years, Melinda, live on the campus of Welch College, and their two children, Anna and Matthew, Jr., attend Welch.

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SESSION THREE



**Changing Our Tone, Not Our Tune: Moving
the Church Past the Rhetoric to Relevant
Pro-life Ministry**

**Capitol Ballroom
Speaker: Jim McComas**

Jim McComas draws from 21 years as a pastor, five years in church revitalization, and over a decade of work in the pro-life movement to guide churches to be more effective in their stand for the sanctity of human life.

Jim McComas is executive director/CEO of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, headquartered in Greenville, Tennessee. With a budget of \$17 million, Family Ministries is one of the largest entities in the denomination, with nearly 250 employees ministering across three states. Their ministries include The Hope Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Greenville, as well as a home for unwed mothers, currently under construction. Jim and his wife Beth live in Johnson City, Tennessee, and attend Valley Forge FWB Church in Elizabethton.



Women in the Church: A Free Will Baptist Perspective

**Salon D
Speaker: Christa Thornsburg**

Much debate exists in evangelical circles regarding the role of women in the church. The egalitarian position contends there are no distinct roles between men and women in the church. The complementarian position contends that men and women have distinct roles in the church. This seminar will examine which of these views most clearly aligns with Scripture, will address potential problems that arise within each view, and will explore how Free Will Baptist doctrine informs our understanding of this important topic. Finally, it will offer practical suggestions for pastors and leaders seeking to better engage the women in their congregations.

Christa Thornsburg is the librarian at Welch College. Originally from the mountains of Virginia, Christa now lives in Gallatin, Tennessee, with her husband Frank and her daughter Elinor. She is a member of the Immanuel Church plant in Gallatin and has been a past contributor to the Helwys Society Forum.



Faith and Science: The Responsibility of the Church in the 21st Century

Cumberland Ballroom
Speaker: Ian Hawkins

One of the issues Christians frequently encounter is the interplay between Christianity and science. Through the years, Christians have employed numerous responses to deal with this relationship. History can show numerous responses have been employed in recent centuries, and these debates are rather recent occurrences. As a Church, how should we correctly respond to science and its implications? Using history as a foundation, and the Word of God as our guide, we will explore ways we can give our church members a firm belief in the Bible as well as a healthy view of the usefulness and limitations of science.

Dr. Ian Hawkins is chairman of the Department of Arts and Sciences and the Science Program coordinator at Welch College. He has bachelor's degrees in chemistry and biochemistry from East Carolina University, a master's degree from Vanderbilt University in Molecular Biology, and a doctorate degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Chemistry Education. Dr. Hawkins has been teaching for 11 years at both Welch College and Cumberland University. He has been married to his wife, Katie, for 11 years, and they have two boys, Joseph and Luke.



How to Recruit Volunteers

Capitol Ballroom
Speaker: Brad Ransom

The church is one of the only organized institutions in existence that operates using such a large force of volunteers. Volunteers are essential to the success of any local church. Most churches struggle with having enough volunteers to cover all the ministry positions in the church. Often, pastors resort to begging and pleading from the pulpit for volunteers to “serve” in various ministries. This seminar will help the pastor and other church leaders know how to recruit high-level, qualified volunteers without begging and sounding desperate.

Dr. Brad Ransom moved to Nashville in August 2013 to become director of church planting for North American Ministries. For the previous 33 years, he and his wife Lori lived in Oklahoma where he served as a pastor and state leader. Brad has served at every level of denominational leadership including local church, district, state, and national. He has served extensively in church planting and church revitalization and has a passion to see churches healthy and growing.



Off the High Dive: Beyond the Basics of Church Promotion

Cumberland Ballroom
Speaker: Eric Thomsen

You have an attractive bulletin template, a visitor’s packet to finish, and a new website up and waiting for content. Now what? What are the steps to take your church or organization to the next level in your communications, improving your relationship to the community? “Off the High Dive” offers helpful (and simple) tips in four areas: writing to communicate effectively; writing for Web (and social media); developing a new logo; and preparing outreach literature.

Eric K. Thomsen has been managing editor of *ONE Magazine* for 16 years. Prior to this role, he spent a decade at Randall House Publications, serving as event planner, curriculum editor, and manager of marketing and design. He is a member of the FWB Historical Commission and creator and curator of FW-BHistory.com, an online repository of historical books, records, and documents. Eric served as the general editor of *FWB Convention Sermons* (2011) and authored *Honoring Our Heritage*, a video documentary marking the 75th anniversary of the denomination. Eric additionally served as president of the Evangelical Press Association from 2016-2018, after four years as a board member. A 1995 undergraduate of Welch College, Eric completed a MA in Theology at Welch in 2018. Eric and his wife Jennifer are members of Bethel FWB Church near Ashland City, Tennessee. The couple has one daughter, Victoria (Cody) Matlock.



The ONE Thing Your Church MUST Change

Capitol Ballroom
Speaker: Brad Ransom

When guests show up at your church for the first time, do they feel welcome and valued? Do they know where to go and what to do? There are so many questions that churches need to consider when preparing for first time guests. “Creating a Wow Factor for your church” helps leaders critically look at their church’s facility, programs, systems, and more. This seminar helps leaders know how to create a great “first impression experience” for guests, which will help guests to want to return for a second and third visit.

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A VIEW FROM GRIEF'S WINDOW

By Neil Gilliland

If you are like me, you are a little weary of people saying, "I'll be glad when 2020 is over."

The reality is, we are not even sure at this point if 2021 will be any different. But one thing we do know, 2020 ushered in some unexpected events that have been extremely difficult. As a result of those events, all of us have suffered significant losses. In its simplest form, our emotional reaction to loss is grief. As we have looked out of the 2020 window, we have all grieved.

In 2003, my dad passed away a few months shy of his 94th birthday. Ten years later, my mom passed away. She was almost 99 years old. At their ages, I was expecting their passing, but I wasn't expecting my emotional reaction—my grief. In order to process these "expected" losses, I began to write about what I was experiencing. My writing eventually became a book, published by Randall House Publications, *A View from Grief's Window: 10 Lessons I Learned from the Death of My Parents*.

This book can easily be read in one evening. I kept it in short form because those going through the pain of grief are typically not interested in wading through a lengthy tome on grief. I also kept it short since many people are not readers and would be more likely to read a small book. It is not a book on how to grieve or what to say to someone who is grieving it is simply to normalize what people are experiencing emotionally as a result of loss.

While the book is looking at grief through the eyes of a son who lost his parents, the application can easily be made to any loss we suffer, e.g. the losses of 2020. The book addresses ten lessons that emerged from my own grieving process. The view from grief's window is reality in its harshest form. We are reminded that grief is real, very real. We often find ourselves confused about the loss.

Surprisingly, even when the loss is expected, it often takes us by surprise. The view from grief's window provides a view of those things in life that really matter. We all grieve differently, and the grief process can refine our perspective on life and can even alter our worldview.

When gazing at the landscape of loss, I knew I would never be the same. I knew I would never look at life and death quite the same. Although Mom and Dad were in their 90s, the pain of losing them was still felt deeply.

Sometimes, when you are thrust in front of grief's window suddenly and unexpectedly, the darkness and isolation of the view is overwhelming. While we cannot escape the view from grief's window, for the Christ-follower we grieve with hope.

A View from Grief's Window addresses each of these difficult realities through stories and Scriptures. It is a resource to be used for those who experience the loss of a loved one, to encourage them, and to help them understand better the emotions they are experiencing. They will be reminded that they are normal, and they are not alone. In time, everyone will find themselves viewing the world through grief's window.

About the Author: Dr. Neil Gilliland has served as the director of member care at IM, Inc. since 2001. Order *A View From Grief's Window* from Randall House Publications: RandallHouse.com.

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3 for 30: Reach, Train, Give

**Cumberland Ballroom
Speaker: Eddie Moody**

This session looks at 3 for 30: Reach, Train, Give. After an in-depth analysis of our denomination's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, our state and agency leaders developed this plan as our focus for this decade. 3 for 30 was adopted at the 2020 General Board meeting. Come learn about the plan and ways we can all work together to reach our communities, train and disciple our people, and give ourselves wholly to the mission of reaching others with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Edward E. Moody, Jr. currently serves as executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. For over 25 years, he engaged in training professional counselors, primarily at North Carolina Central University, where he was a professor of counselor education and associate dean of the school of education. He also served as pastor at Tippet's Chapel in Clayton, North Carolina, for almost two decades. He is a licensed clinical mental health counselor-supervisor as well as a licensed health services provider-psychological associate in North Carolina. The Licensed Professor Counselor Association of North Carolina honored him as their Counselor of the Year in 2016.



Generating Momentum

Capitol Ballroom
Speaker: Brad Ransom

Momentum is essential for church growth, but how do you create it? How do you get momentum started when your church is either stopped or even in reverse? This seminar examines best practices in church growth and teaches basic principles on how to kick-start momentum.

Dr. Brad Ransom moved to Nashville in August 2013 to become director of church planting for North American Ministries. For the previous 33 years, he and his wife Lori lived in Oklahoma where he served as a pastor and state leader. Brad has served at every level of denominational leadership including local church, district, state, and national. He has served extensively in church planting and church revitalization and has a passion to see churches healthy and growing.

2021 State/District Association Meetings

(Chronological Listing by State)

STATE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
South Carolina	Starts: February 25 9:00 am Ends: February 26 3:00 pm	Rejoice Fellowship FWB Church 1411 E Pine Log Rd Aiken SC 29803
Arizona District	Starts: March 13 10:00 am Ends: March 13 3:00 pm	North Valley FWB Church 18220 N 20th St Phoenix AZ 85022
Georgia	Starts: March 17 7:00 pm Ends: March 19 Noon	TBD
Illinois	Starts: March 18 7:00 pm Ends: March 20 Noon	Hazel Dell FWB Church 14897 N Rend City Rd Sesser IL 62884
Indiana	Starts: March 26 7:00 pm Ends: March 27 3:00 pm	Emmanuel FWB Church 129 Southwood Dr Wabash IN 46992
Atlantic Canada District	Starts: April 17 2:00 pm Ends: April 18 TBD	Holmesville FWB Church 574 McElroy Rd Holmesville NB E7J 2J9
Mississippi	Starts: April 22 9:00 am Ends: April 24 Noon	Connect FWB Church 1650 N Veterans Blvd Tupelo MS 38804
Kansas	Starts: April 22 7:30 pm Ends: April 24 Noon	Prairie Meadows FWB Church 426 Emerson Avenue Bonner Springs KS 66012
Florida	Starts: April 28 7:00 pm Ends: April 30 Noon	Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Rd Jacksonville FL 32256
Alabama	Starts: April 29 9:00 am Ends: May 1 Noon	Hyatt Regency 1000 Riverchase Galleria Birmingham AL 35244
Oklahoma	Starts: April 29 9:00 am Ends: May 1 Noon	Randall University 3701 S I-35 Service Rd Moore OK 73160

California	Starts: May 6 Ends: May 8	7:00 pm Noon	Clovis First FWB Church 135 N Peach Ave Clovis CA 93612
Idaho District	Starts: May 7 Ends: May 8	7:30 pm 1:00 pm	Airport Road FWB Church 800 Washington St S Twin Falls ID 83301
Northwest District	Starts: May 14 Ends: May 15	7:00 pm Noon	First FWB Church 1390 45th Ave NE15 Salem OR 97301
Arkansas	Starts: May 17 Ends: May 18	7:00 pm 4:00 pm	Camp Beaverfork 150 Beaverfork Rd Conway AR 72032
Michigan	Starts: May 21 Ends: May 22	8:30 am Noon	Zehnder's of Frankenmuth 730 S Main St Frankenmuth MI 48734
Texas	Starts: June 7 Ends: June 8	7:00 pm 9:00 pm	Lakehills FWB Church 1580 Cypress Creek Rd Cedar Park TX 78613
North Carolina	Starts: June 7 Ends: June 8	9:30 am Noon	Embassy Suites Hotel 204 Centreport Dr Greensboro NC 27409
Missouri	Starts: June 7 Ends: June 9	7:00 pm Evening	Oasis Hotel & Convention Center 2546 N Glenstone Ave Springfield MO 65803
West Virginia	Starts: June 11 Ends: June 12	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Parsley Bottom FWB Church Redemption Drive Lenore WV 25676
Virginia	Starts: June 17 Ends: June 18	10:00 am 1:00 pm	TBD
Kentucky	Starts: June 18 Ends: June 19	6:00 pm 1:00 pm	First FWB Church 4314 W Fifth St Rd Owensboro KY 42301
Ohio	Starts: June 25 Ends: June 26	9:30 am Noon	Heritage FWB Church 575 Obetz Rd Columbus OH 43207

Tennessee	Starts: Nov. 8 Ends: Nov. 10	7:00 pm 11:00 am	MainStay Suites/Conference Center 410 Pine Mountain Rd Pigeon Forge TN 37863
Iowa District	Starts: Nov. 20 Ends: Nov. 20	9:00 am Noon	Green Rock FWB Church 918 2nd St Colona IL 61241
Mid-Atlantic District	Starts: Dec. 4 Ends: Dec. 4	9:30 am Noon	TBD
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2023	Raleigh, North Carolina	July 16-19
2024	Tampa, Florida	July 21-24
2025	Kansas City, Missouri	July 20-23
2026	Charleston, West Virginia	July 19-22

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ARKANSAS	The VISION	David Taylor PO Box 2110 Conway AR 72033 david@arfbw.org	NA	Monthly; 5th of previous month
FLORIDA	The Coordinator	Melissa Christian 1151 Gary Hunt Rd Cocoa FL 32926 mchristian1965@yahoo.com	1,000 digital 300 print	Quarterly print and digital
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