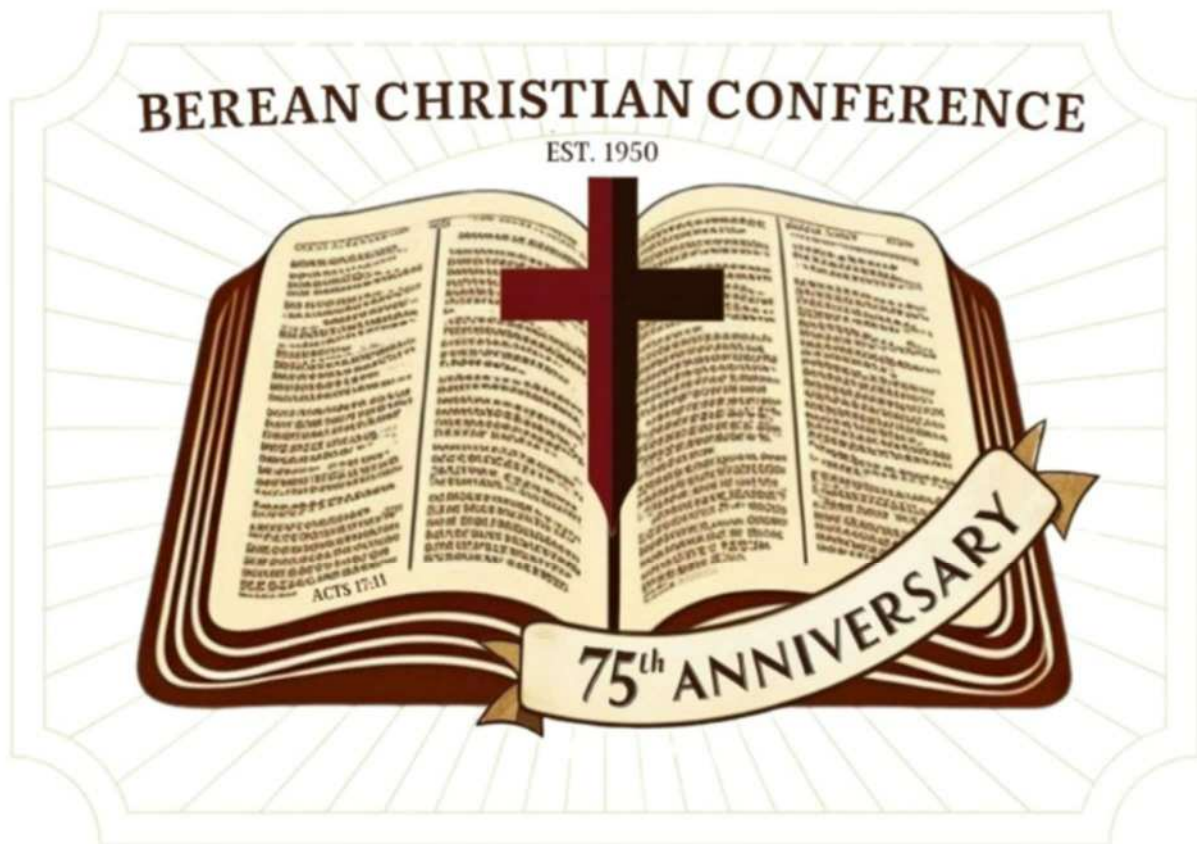


Berean Christian Conference

June 28 – July 5, 2025

Bryan College

721 Bryan Dr, Dayton, TN 37321





Saturday, June 28, 2025

Confident of This

Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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| Noon | Registration begins
Latimer Student Center – Dining Hall |
| 5:15-6:15pm | Dinner
Latimer Student Center – Dining Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Conference Opening
Rudd Auditorium
Levi Schultz, Conference Chairperson
Laura Cannon, Venue Coordinator
Introduction of Conference Theme: Peter Celauro |
| 7:45 pm | Fellowship and Ice Cream |

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Confident of This

Philippians 1:4-6

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **being confident of this**, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship
9:20 am	Break
9:30 am	Keynote Sermon: Peter Celauro, Westmont, IL
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Keynote Contemplations
11:45 am	Conference Photo
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	75 th Anniversary Program – Jamie Klein, Longwood, FL
8:00 pm	75 th Anniversary Celebration: Ice Cream and Cake

Monday, June 30, 2025

Unity of the Body

Philippians 2:1-2

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

8:00-8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am Worship Service

9:20 am Break

9:30-10:30 am Interest Groups

10:30 am Break

10:45-11:45am Interest Groups

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Sermon: Brenton Clark, Clarksville, TN

7:45 pm Vespers

8:00 pm Fellowship and Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Humility and Self Sacrifice

Philippians 2: 3-4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

8:00-8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am Worship Service

9:20 am Break

9:30-10:30am Interest Groups

10:30 am Break

10:45-11:45 am Interest Groups

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch



Fellowship, Rest, Recreation



5:15-6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Sermon: Jeff Cannon, Desoto, TX

7:45 pm Vespers



8:00 pm Fellowship and Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Christ Who Strengthens Me

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:20 am	Break
9:30-10:30 am	Interest Groups
10:30 am	Break
10:45-11:45 am	Interest Groups
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Conference Business Meeting
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Worship Service
7:00 pm	Invitational Sermon: Johnny Hunter, Fayetteville, NC
7:45 pm	Vespers
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Think On These Things

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:20 am	Break
9:30-10:30 am	Interest Groups
10:30 am	Break
10:45-11:45 am	Interest Groups
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Nursery, VBS, and Youth Presentations
7:00 pm	Sermon: Tim Schopf, Tonawanda, NY
7:45 pm	Vespers
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Friday, July 4, 2025

Press On

Philippians 3: 13b-14

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Sermon: Dane Skorup, Spencer, IN
10:00 am	Fellowship
10:15 am	Baptism Celebration (Childcare will be provided for those 4 and under)
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Communion Service, Dave Raymond, Carneys Point, NJ Reflections, Dave Schopf, Wheatfield, NY
7:30 pm	The Lord's Prayer
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream

Saturday, July 5, 2025

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast

Interest Groups – Monday

Long Format Interest Group (session will run from 9:30-lunch)

Brent Skorup

Changing Politics, Timeless Faith?

This interactive workshop, combining lecture and breakout discussions, will examine the role of Christians in politics and government, both today and throughout history. What did Jesus, his disciples, and early Christians think of their government? Should Christians seek government power? Is separation of church and state good for the Church? How should the Bible inform our views on geopolitics and war? We'll also discuss modern political parties and pressing challenges for American Christians.

Hour Long interest Groups 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Jane Burdett

Bible Mapping

Explore mapping as a tool in your study of God's word for deeper understanding.

Paul and Jessica Boccaccio

Faith, Family, and Fitness

Exploring how Biblical principles and daily habits can transform your health, strengthen your family, and deepen your faith. Through scripture, practical strategies, and real-life application, we'll uncover how faith and fitness are not just occasional practices but essential parts of a Christ-centered life.

Hour Long Interest Groups 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Jane Burdett

Repeat of Bible Mapping

Nita Oftedahl and Brooke Oftedahl

Is Praying Hands Enough?

Ever think "I wish I could do something for them?" This workshop will offer 101 "somethings" you can do to reach out to people with love and actions, just as God intended.

Interest Groups – Tuesday

Long Format Interest Group (session will run from 9:30 – lunch)

Steve Battaglia
The Marburg Colloquy

This interest group will investigate the Marburg Colloquy. Come learn about this important moment in the life of the church.

Hour Long Interest Groups 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Gregg Burdett
Faith-based Senior Living Communities

This interest group will focus on what you need to know about your future decisions.

Autumn Battaglia
A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

Travel the Shepherd's path to the green pastures and cool, refreshing waters of Psalm 23. We will look at the life and character of sheep – and the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. This group will help you find new meaning to the ageless Shepherd psalm, enriching your trust in and love for the Lord who watches closely over you.

Hour Long Interest Groups 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Autumn Battaglia
Repeat of A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

Paul and Jessica Boccaccio
Repeat of Faith, Family, and Fitness

Wednesday – Interest Groups

Long Format Interest Group (session will run from 9:30-lunch)

Larry Urbaniak
The Sin of Moses

Exactly why was Moses not permitted to enter the promised land? Numbers 20:1-13 records this incident. What was so bad about Moses' striking the rock? What was his sin? Why did God consider it so serious? What is the lesson for you and me?

Hour Long Interest Groups 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Steve and Jarrett Skorup
More Than Money: Biblical Principles for Financial Faithfulness

In a world filled with get-rich-quick schemes and financial confusion, the Bible offers time-tested wisdom on work, stewardship, and contentment. This study unpacks simple, yet powerful, principles – like working diligently, spending wisely, and investing with purpose – through both Scripture and practical insight. Learn Biblical and practical advice for living a contented life.

Dawn Kersula
God is the Ruler Yet

We've all heard the trite saying "Tough times don't last – tough people do." We'll take a practical, and tough! look at the faith we find in the Book of Ruth, from standing fast in our faith to running back to God's arms on the days that feel uncertain.

Hour Long Interest Groups 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Steve and Jarrett Skorup
Repeat of More Than Money: Biblical Principles for Financial Faithfulness

Dawn Kersula
Repeat of God is the Ruler Yet

Thursday – Interest Groups

Long Format Interest Group (session will run from 9:30 – lunch)

Becky Schultz
Share Your Story

God has written each of us a unique story to live while here on earth. We can use our story to glorify Him and to help others feel like they are not alone. How is He calling you to share your story?

Hour Long Interest Groups 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Clint Oftedahl
Let's Talk About That

Navigating Christian beliefs and values in the 2020's and beyond? Let's talk about that! We will discuss a variety of societal topics picked by those in attendance and determine how open for interpretation or change these topics are from the era it was written to our modern era.

Cici Walker
The Life-Giving Home

Inspired by Sally Clarkson's *The Life-Giving Home*, we'll explore how to infuse your home with faith, love, and joy. Discover practical and spiritual strategies to create a sanctuary that reflects God's presence, fosters family connection, and leaves a legacy of worship drawing from Clarkson's wisdom on traditions, rhymes, and intentional homemaking.

Hour Long Interest Groups 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Clint Oftedahl
Repeat of Let's Talk About That

Cici Walker –
Repeat of The Life-Giving Home

Nursery

Directors: Autumn Battaglia and April Skorup

From Sunday to Friday, nursery care is provided during the morning and evening services for infants and toddlers through age 2.

Vacation Bible School

Director – Alexis Schopf

VBS runs Sunday – Friday morning for ages 3 to those going into 5th grade. Thursday evening will be the VBS program.

Breaker Rock Beach – Adventure Awaits! Come join us for Breaker Rock Beach as we explore tide pools, spot orcas, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Break Rock! Like Breaker Rock, God's truth never changes. We will explore the differences between the lies of culture and God's unchanging truth.



Middle School/Teen Program

Director: John Boccaccio

Join us as we journey on an exciting, fun filled adventure through the Bible, studying the good news, and helping to prepare you for the upcoming School year, and beyond!

You will be smarter, wiser, and more wonderful as a result of joining this year's Youth for Truth at Bryan College!

2025 Conference Directors

Accommodations	Melissa Cannon
Activities Coordinator	Karen Skorup
Adult Program Director	Becky Schultz
Afternoon Café Directors	Strummer, Lincoln, Astrid Klein
Background Administrator	Brent Skorup
Baptismal Counselor	Grace and Jack Adkisson
Children's Evening Activities	Andrea & Brandon Marcellis
Committee Chairperson	Kathie Raymond
Conference Chairperson	Levi Schultz
Ice Cream Coordinator	Ellie Ogden and Claire Colson
Middle School/Teen Program	John Boccaccio
Music Directors	Kris and Jamie Klein
Nursery	Autumn Battaglia and April Skorup
Outreach	Jane Burdett
Program Secretary	Jarrett Skorup
Publicity	Kathie Raymond
Records Secretary	Alexis Schopf
Technology Coordinator	Kevin Edwards
Transportation – On Campus	Karen LePitre
Treasurer	Giovanna Johnson
Vacation Bible School	Alexis Schopf
Venue Coordinator	Laura Cannon
Vespers	Amanda Adkisson

Berean Christian Conference Committee

Term Expiring:

2025: Peter Celauro, Alexis Schopf, Levi Schultz

2026: Melissa Cannon, Jamie Klein, April Skorup

2027: Giovanna Johnson, Kathie Raymond, Jarrett Skorup

General Notes

Location: Bryan College 721 Bryan Dr, Dayton, TN 37321

Registration: Latimer Student Center – Dining Hall

Campus Security: Details will be on the information sheet in your welcome bag

Meals: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Morning and Evening Services: Rudd Auditorium

VBS: Lower floor of Rudd Auditorium

Nursery: Lower floor of Rudd Auditorium

Teen/Middle School Group: Mercer Hall (room number TBD)

Interest Groups: Mercer Hall (room numbers TBD)

Ice Cream Social: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Camp Blessing Table: Latimer Student Center - Dining Hall

Afternoon Café: Latimer Student Center

Linens and Towels: A linen package includes sheets, blanket, pillow, and pillowcase, **but NO towels**). This is available on the registration form. Orders must be placed two weeks prior to the conference.

Traveling by Air: If you need transportation to and from the conference or help with travel arrangements, please contact Melissa Cannon (mkcannon2010@gmail.com).

Emergency: Rhea Medical Center, 9400 Rhea County Hwy., Dayton, TN 37321