

Senior Fest 2020: New Orleans
Friday, April 3, 2020
Breakout Session Descriptions

Speaker	Title	Description
Dr. Ed Steele	Hymns of Faith	Through the centuries God has blessed the Body of Christ with a rich heritage of songs for worship. Though loved and cherished, the stories behind these great hymns are often unknown. Come join us as we sing and learn about some of these best-loved songs.
Dr. Emily Dean	Connecting the Generations in Ministry to Women	Bringing women of all generations together can be challenging. How can you develop inter-generational ministry to women in your church? This session will examine connecting points for ministry to women of different generations.
Dr. Archie England	Gleanings from the Book of Ruth (A study of Ruth's Message)	We will work through the message of the Book of Ruth, chapter by chapter. This study will focus upon how the Book of Ruth supports the kingship of King David and then connects ultimately to the Messiah--King Jesus. Special attention to how God incorporated non-Israelites into the family line of David and Jesus Christ will be examined, along with the Old Testament role of "levirate" marriage. Likewise, we will closely examine how Naomi and Ruth reacted to life calamities. As time permits, we will also reexamine the threshing floor account and seek a better understanding than our Sunday-school tradition has typically presented.
Dr. Archie England	How the Message of Ruth Gives Meaning to Our Lives	God can take broken lives and do great things with people often viewed as insignificant. This investigation of the Book of Ruth will focus on three character studies (Boaz, Naomi, and Ruth) in order to show us just how God can take the brokenness of life and transform our lives from mundane to magnificence--even if we never live to see it. This will be a message of encouragement and application from the Book of Ruth.
Dr. Adam Hughes	The Missio Dei (Mission of God) in Jonah	In this breakout session through the narrative of Jonah we explore and observe God's heart for all people and his right to send us even to those we may consider our "enemies."
Dr. Charles Ray III	The Book of Revelation	Some Christians have shied away from studying the book of Revelation because of the many different views on Revelation, and because of some of the controversies over how to interpret the book. This presentation will deal with why Christians should study Revelation and offer some tips on how to get the most out of reading the book.
Dr. Craig Garrett	Welcoming the Hurting: How the Church Can Be a Community of Care	Our churches are places of community and care for God's people. This community can sometimes seem hard to access for people struggling with mental illness. This session will explore the ways the church can minister to its family members suffering from the pain of mental illness.

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Dr. Donna Peavey	Taming the Family Zoo	God made each of His "creatures" unique. Each one has strengths, along with some challenges. In this session, we will hear some funny stories and learn some practical tips for adjusting your parenting/ grandparenting style to fit each of your creatures' (a.k.a. children) unique personalities. This conference will give you insights and skills you need to value and encourage each member of your family zoo.
Dr. Rex Butler	Veneration of Mary	A significant difference between the Roman Catholic Church and the Baptist faith is the Catholic veneration of Mary. Baptists recognize that in the Bible, Mary is highly favored by God and blessed to be the mother of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church, however, has elevated her to a place of veneration that goes beyond the Bible, teaching such doctrines as perpetual virginity, immaculate conception, and bodily assumption. This study will examine the Catholic doctrines about Mary and read what the Bible says about Mary.
Dr. Jeanine Bozeman	Be the Person God Intends You to Be – 1 Samuel 17:1-47	In order to run the race successfully that God has given us, we must resolve to become the person God intends us to be. Unfortunately, many of us are copy-cats or imitators. We want to be like everyone else instead of being the unique special creation that God desires us to be. One of the greatest misuses of God's creation is an attempt to be someone else.
Dr. Ken Taylor	What Is Spiritual Warfare and How Do We Fight?	When we hear the phrase "spiritual warfare" we often think of accounts of demon possession and delivery. Certainly these things are a part of spiritual warfare, but we face this conflict far more often than we realize in our Christian walk. In this session we will look at common forms of spiritual warfare and how the "average" Christian can be equipped for this struggle.
Dr. Kevin Brown	Creating a Spiritual Lifemap	Spiritual lifemaps are a way of depicting our personal spiritual life-story. A spiritual lifemap is a pictorial delineation of one's spiritual journey, illustrating how our relationship with God changes over time. This is a tool that has been used by social workers and counselors to help their clients consider the importance of the spiritual journey as a key component of healthy flourishing. In this session participants will learn how to create a spiritual lifemap in the first half of the session, and then will have time to create their own spiritual lifemap using a variety of materials and media. Participants will leave the session with a greater awareness of the impact of their personal spiritual journey on the historical course of their lives and will take home a personal spiritual lifemap that can be further illustrated at a later time

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Dr. Mark Tolbert	How to Fire Up Your Pastor	Church members have high expectations for their pastor. Would it surprise you to know that pastors are people too? As a pastor to pastors, Dr. Tolbert will share insights and suggestions to challenge you to encourage, support and fire up your pastor.
Dr. Norris Grubbs	How to Study the New Testament Letters	Many of the books in the New Testament are letters. Understanding what the writers intended is vitally important. This session will provide participants with a simple plan to study the letters of the New Testament.
Dr. Bob Stewart	Dialogical Apologetics	This is a breakout session about how to talk to people about Christianity and apologetic issues. In a pastoral tone it discusses the relationship of faith and reason and gives 16 practical tips for apologetic interactions with real people.
Dr. Bob Stewart	Evangelistic Tips from the Life of C. S. Lewis	Quoting liberally from Lewis' works, I give a biographical overview of Lewis' life up to his Christian conversion (and sometimes going beyond when it helps to do so), discuss some obstacles to faith that Lewis had to deal with prior to his conversion, and then lay out some principles for evangelism and apologetics that I find helpful.
Dr. Lloyd Harsch	Politics and the Pulpit: What's Legal, What's Wise, and What's Needed	Concern for our community and social issues can involve encouraging congregations to political action. Is this wise or even legal? How can we balance keeping the Gospel our primary priority with public engagement? This session explores the limits and advisability of political action in a congregation in light of growing restrictions of religious liberty in public discourse.
Dr. Rhyne Putman	Who Stole My Church? Dealing with Church Change in a God-Honoring Way	Have you ever felt like someone stole your church? Maybe a young pastor, a new group of families, or new trend in worship has taken your church in areas you never thought it would go. This session deals with that theme biblically--exploring how change dramatically rattled the church in Rome--and what Paul encouraged a culturally and generationally mixed church to do about it.
Dr. Jeff Riley	Human Dignity and Personal Identity in the Twilight Years	This breakout will look honestly at some of the challenges, such as displacement or retirement from life's work, need for constant care, diminished presence of family and friends, dementia, euthanasia, and so forth, that aging can present to human dignity and personal identity. Focus, however, is on the truth that remaining in Christ Jesus defines an individual's dignity and identity and on the promise and hope that he gives to those who walk with him through the twilight years.

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Dr. Karla McGehee	The Art of Mentoring	Are you curious about the "Titus 2 Principle" of mentoring, shared by Paul in the second chapter of Titus? Quite simply, our hands need to be reaching down, investing in and mentoring the younger generations: older men are to teach younger men and older women are to teach younger women. Are you making these connections with the younger men and women? Would you like to make these connections but not quite sure how? Come join me and learn more about 'the art of mentoring' along with practical principles you can follow to begin a mentoring relationship.
Dr. Paul Gregoire	Grandchildren: Good or Evil	The Breakout Session will be a presentation of how grandparents can deal with their grandchildren. What rules and regulations for the grandchildren and for the parents of their grandchildren. The title as given is Grandchildren: Good or Evil demonstrates the rewarding or discouragement in keeping or even raising grandchildren.
Dr. Dennis Cole	The Bible in Recent Excavations in Israel	This session will highlight NOBTS' current excavation at Tel Hadid as well as others which shed light on the Bible.
Dr. David Odom	Connecting with your Teenage Grandchildren	Talking to your teenage grandchild can be challenging and even a little frustrating at times. They were easy to interact with when they were younger, but now you may struggle with how to relate to them. This session will examine some characteristics of today's young people and help you connect in new ways with your teenage grandchild.
Dr. Loretta Rivers	What do you plan to do for the rest of your life?	God has a purpose and a plan for your life in every season. Come to this session to explore the possibilities.
Mr. Gary Myers	Tel Hadid: The Archaeology of Israel after the Exile	Tel Hadid is the site of the exciting, new NOBTS archaeological excavation. The finds are already yielding information related to 2 Kings 17, which describes the Northern Kingdom after the Exile. Over the coming years, dig leaders hope to gain new understanding of the origins of the Samaritan people and their unique religious beliefs.

Bible Museum	Requires walking 1-2 blocks to the Hardin Student Center. Senior Fest cannot provide transportation.	The Museum will feature treasures of NOBTS, including ancient Hebrew scrolls of the Old Testament, replicas and images of papyrus manuscripts of the New Testament, facsimiles of major Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, Latin manuscripts of the Bible, part of a real Gutenberg Bible from the 15th century, a large collection of English Bibles from the KJV onward, including a 3rd edition KJV from AD 1617, and archaeological artifacts from Israel.
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