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Schedule

- 9:00a Registration
- 9:15a Opening Worship Chapel
- 9:30a Mike McGarry Session 1 Whitfield Center 102
- 10:30a 10:40a Break
- 10:40a Mike McGarry Session 2 Whitfield Center 102
- 11:50a Lunch Cafeteria
- 12:40a Breakout Session I [see page 4]
 - 1. Trusting God with our Desires Dr. Ross Parker
 - 2. Trusting God when We are Fearful Dr. Pete Link
 - 3. Trusting God in the Midst of Disaster Dr. Ryan Gimple
 - 4. Trusting God to Guide Us Dr. Michael Bryant
- 1:40p 1:50p Break
- 1:50p Breakout Session II [see page 5]
 - 1. Trusting God to Change Us Dr. Ed Gravely
 - 2. Trusting God when He Says the Unlikable Dr. Ben Phillips
 - 3. Trusting that Christ will Return Dr. Jonathan Watson
 - 4. Helping Our Friends Trust God Dr. Ron Harvell
- 2:50p Closing Worship and Q&A Whitfield Center 102
- 3:00p Campus Tours [Optional]



Session I — Mike McGarry

SESSION NOTES

Session II — Mike McGarry

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Breakout Session I Choices

Trusting God with Our Desires

Dr. Ross Parker — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 201

We all experience the pull of powerful desires. A common message communicated from our culture is that we should live lives pursuing satisfaction of our desires. But living a life pulled around by our desires won't lead to ultimate fulfillment. Instead, we should see what God has to say to us about our desires. We can come to trust that in Him "there is fullness of joy" and "eternal pleasures" (Psalm 16:11) because our desires ultimately can only be satisfied by knowing and loving our creator.

Trusting God when We are Fearful

Dr. Pete Link - Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 202

Life in the fallen world carries with it many fears. How do we confront our genuine fears and transform them into faith in Christ? In this short session, we will examine how the Bible connects fear and faith so that we can better understand God's good and powerful presence that calls us to love and trust Him in our most challenging moments.

Trusting God in the Midst of Disaster

Dr. Ryan Gimple — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 203

When your world shakes apart, how can you continue to trust God? When unexpected disaster knocks you off your feet, your faith in God may also be challenged. Dr. Ryan Gimple will share his personal experience of a major earthquake in Asia that killed 100,000 people and displaced millions. He will suggest practical and biblical wisdom applicable to all sorts of unexpected life disasters.

Trusting God to Guide Us

Dr. Michael Bryant — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 204

In this session, Dr. Michael Bryant will explain how and why students can trust God to guide them when they have an important decision to make. God is a trustworthy, reliable God who will guide those who seek Him to make wise decisions.

Breakout Session II Choices

Trusting the Gospel to Change Us

Dr. Ed Gravely — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 201

According to New Testament, the gospel offers followers of Jesus the hope that real, personal change is possible. All of modern culture despairs of any possibility of real change of our interior selves, but the gospel promises that we can be changed from the inside out, even to the very level of our desires. Change is hard. Change takes time. And we wait for the Kingdom of God for our change to be final, but the possibility that we can not only live different but that we can desire different things is not only real, it is the heart of the gospel promise.

Trusting God when He Says the Unlikable

Dr. Ben Phillips — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 202

Say the wrong thing—something thought to be hateful, hurtful, or aggressive—and today's culture will attempt to silence your voice. People are canceled from social media, sports and entertainment, even jobs for saying, or being thought to have said, the unlikeable. But what about when God says something that seems unlikable? Can you "cancel" Christ? Do we try to "silence" the Savior? This talk will explore how to trust the God of the gospel, when His Word says something that seems to our culture (or even to us!) to be "unlikable."

Trusting that Christ will Return

Dr. Jonathan Watson — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 203

The world we live in is broken. Satan, sin, death, and all their friends frequently rob us of our joy and leave us hungry for something better. Yet, the gospel of Jesus Christ holds out hope of redemption and new creation that (as J. R. R. Tolkien said) would make "everything sad...come untrue." Through a surprisingly common Christian practice, this talk will explore the nature of Christian hope and how the promise and anticipation of King Jesus' future return and his forever kingdom sustains us in the here and now.

Helping Our Friends Trust God

Dr. Ron Harvell — Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership 204

Hope is the strategy. Hope is not a place of wishing for something, it is the place of the greatest reality. It is the result of one's life being built on a 'rock.' Learn how to use hope to prevent, endure, and grow through the storms of life.

Breakout I Notes

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What is Your Takeaway?

Take a minute to write the things God is teaching you and how He wants you to respond.

What are three significant things you learned in Session I?

What can you do to apply what you learned?

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Session II
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BASEBALL STORAGE BUILDING - 503

BREWER CENTER - 400

BUCCANEER FIELD HOUSE - 500

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (OLD) - 202

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (NEW) - 205

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HUNTER CENTER - 200

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