

Each seminar is offered twice daily from  
10:45 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 2:15.

## **WEDNESDAY** – *Creation*

### **[Boy Meets Girl] – Dave and Tara Powers**

Ever wondered what that moment was like when Adam first met Eve? Did Adam stumble over his words? Did Eve feel incredibly awkward? Or were they both really cool about it? Regardless of which of these phrases best describe your interactions with the opposite gender, in this seminar we will explore what it looks like to have healthy relationships (dating and non-dating) with members of the opposite sex.

### **[Adam (Guys Only)] – Anthony Bradley**

God created Adam with a purpose. He equipped this man to accomplish very specific things in his relationship with God, those around him, and the world. These same purposes exist for men today. Guys (only), join us as we explore what it means to be the “Adam” God intended us to be!

### **[Eve (Girls Only)] – Lindsey Rhodes/Emily Shaver**

In this seminar you will have the chance to explore how God really intended his most beautiful creation to live. We will explore the joys of what this type of life looks like, but also the dangers of how the world twists what it means to be a woman. Girls (only), get ready to see what God has meant for YOU!

### **[Naked and Unashamed] – Brian Condello**

I know... kind of an awkward title, right? But if you think about it, it's a pretty cool idea: to be totally vulnerable with someone else and feel no shame in his or her presence. Is that possible? In this seminar we will explore the areas of purity (physically and emotionally). This is a great seminar if you're wondering how to stay pure in a relationship.

### **[Living buy the Tree (and how to avoid the fruit)] – Matt Archer**

Temptations. Is it a “Christian-curse-word”... or am I allowed to talk about them? The truth is, this world (and our flesh) is full of some pretty appealing temptations... that may turn into addictions. So, how do we avoid them, overcome them, and/or gain victory? Is it even possible? Whether it's you or someone you know, come to this seminar to learn the heart of how to avoid eating the fruit of temptations.

### **Made From a Rib – Danette Matty**

Why do we experience confrontation with the opposite gender? How is it possible that we can be so misunderstood by the opposite sex? Our creator has made us, male and female NOT to live in confrontation but to journey with Him together. There is a deep and profound connection that exists between men and women, guys and girls instilled by God. Lets explore how God has wired us to live together, male and female, in His creation.

## **[Creation] – Francis Chan**

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## **[Image: Why I think I'm better than you.] – Josh Mann**

Why do we always compare ourselves to others? Why do we care about labels and store names? The truth is, we were created to find our value outside of ourselves. We were made to enjoy acceptance and have a place of belonging outside of ourselves... but a great tragedy has happened. In this seminar, we will explore not only what the tragedy is, but also more importantly, the remedy God has provided.

## **[Seeing with God's Eyes] – Danny Hartmann**

Everyone else always seems to have it all together, right? No issues. No hurt. But what if we saw people the way God saw people? What would we see then? Loneliness? Fear? Pain? Sadness? In this seminar we will learn how to see people with God's eyes and how to help them accordingly.

## **[Plastics Only] - Bryan Halferty...**

When God created humanity, He gave us the mandate to subdue and take care of the earth. So what does the word "subdue" really mean? Have we compromised creation in the name of progress? What does it mean to really steward the world that God has created and entrusted to humanity? What does it look like for you, a high school student in the 21st century? This issue is more than just "going green."

## **[Be Yourself] – Bradley Hathaway**

Do you love to create? Music? Poetry? Stories? Art? Current culture loves to create things and encourages people to be themselves. So, how do we do this in a way that honors God and reflects Him? In this interactive seminar you will explore how to unleash your creative-self in a way that is most glorifying to the One who gave you your abilities!

## **[Sabbath] – Steve Argue**

One of the greatest gifts that God gave to people is the sacred practice of Sabbath. Sabbath is more than just a day to sit around like a couch potato. Sabbath is more than "one more thing" on our spiritual checklist. Sabbath is about rhythm; breathing in and breathing out. Sabbath is a BIG deal to God – He commanded it and modeled it in the midst of Creation.

## **Youth Leader / Youth Pastor Seminars:**

### **[A marriage that lasts in ministry] – Henry Stewart**

For youth pastors and youth leaders only.

There are often BIG challenges for married couples involved in ministry. This seminar gets at the heart of husbands and wives in ministry. Whether you're a youth pastor, married to a youth pastor, or married couples working together – lets explore some practical things that youth leaders and spouses can do to live in the tension of marriage and ministry.

# **THURSDAY** – *Incarnation*

## **[Sharing my Story] – Lindsey Rhodes**

The reality is that your story has joined God's Story. Your story is part of something greater. But do you always feel that way? Or have you ever felt like your story (testimony) isn't that great? It's not that exciting. Or, maybe you love your story but you have no clue how to share it with others! Either way, in this seminar we will explore not only how to share your story, but why your story needs to be shared!

## **[The Bible: More than a Paper Weight] – Mark Harris**

Our lives are meant to collide with God's Word every day. God's Word is meant to guide us, encourage us, challenge us, and exhort us. But then why does it sometimes seem confusing? Maybe even a bit boring? In this seminar we will explore practical ways to study, interpret, and apply God's Word with the goal that our eyes will be opened to see how applicable and exciting His Word truly is!

## **[Loving Others] – Danny Hartmen**

The incarnation of Christ was one of the greatest expressions of love ever! Christ is all about that: loving us and seeing us love each other. But let's face it...that last part isn't always so easy! Join us as we discuss issues like: loving the unlovely, loving our enemies, sacrificial love, redemptive love, and more.

## **[Help Wanted: You Have a Purpose] – Derwin Grey**

Do you realize that the world needs you? God designed it that way! For whatever reasons, God designed that His Gospel and Love should be communicated through lives of His people, both individually and corporately. This world needs you to live in it; to collide with it. Come to this seminar as we explore what it means to live missionally with God!

## **[Making Sense of Social Justice] – Anthony Bradley**

God intends to use his people to bring justice and peace to a broken world. This seminar explores the role of love, human dignity, solidarity, community, desert, reciprocity, equality, and assessing need in making the world a better place.

## **[Bless This] – Danette Matty**

Blessed are the meek..." Really? That's not what current culture is saying, is it? So what did Jesus really mean by this? In this seminar we will explore the powerful words of Jesus' beatitudes and how they impact our lives as we collide with the differing standards of the world around us. Come only if you want to be challenged!

## **[My Friend Just Asked Me] – Matt Archer**

"Does a person go to heaven if they commit suicide?" "Does God allow little babies that die into heaven?" "What does God really think about homosexuals?" Have you ever had these questions asked of you? Or have you asked them yourself? The truth is, there are some questions out there that are just hard to answer. In this seminar you will not necessarily be given all the answers! Rather, you will spend some time learning how to think through these types of challenges and how you might respond.

## **[A View from Here: Exploring Modern Day Overseas Ministry] – Guy Wasko and Panel of International Workers**

Interested in overseas ministry? Or, just curious what God is doing around the world? Join this engaging panel of international workers as they answer questions regarding current world trends, the new challenges of expanding God's Kingdom, and how the church can

## **[My Friend is Gay, Now What?] – Jonas Wharton**

We live in a culture where this is now very common. So, what do we do with it? What is God's heart towards homosexuality? Homosexuals? What is your heart? How should we respond to a homosexual friend, or just the homosexual community in general? These, and other important questions will be discussed during this time.

## **[Lead Worshiper Development] – Dave Powers**

This is more about heart development rather than how to be a better band musically. We'll discover the importance of the WORD in worship, how to be led by the Holy Spirit, and the fear of the Lord. If you're like, "What?", just come hang, and if you're like, "SWEET!", then come hang!

## Youth Leader / Youth Pastor Seminars:

### **[Coaching] - helping your students unlock their calling] – Mark Lynch**

For youth pastors and youth leaders only.

We will explore Three-Key Coaching, personal growth plans, and the five core areas that are foundational for effective ministry. We want to provide resources to youth leaders as you raise up the emerging generation of ministry leaders.

### **[The Exodus] – John Stonestreet**

For youth pastors and youth leaders only.

Why Students Walk Away from their Faith (...and what we can do about it)? We've all heard the statistics, and we all have the stories of students who either rejected their faith or simply lost interest. This seminar will clarify a few of the reasons behind the exodus of church students from their faith after high school, along with clear strategies of how to prepare students for the challenges they will face.

## **FRIDAY** – Faith

### **[Life Hurts] – Scott W.**

We all have them. Wounds. Pain from choices we've made or things that have happened to us beyond our control. A parent's divorce. A friend's betrayal. The list could go on. Do we really belong to a God who can heal those wounds? Can we put our faith in Him? We invite you to come experience the real hope and promises of God, even amidst the hurt.

### **[Can't Choose Your Parents] – Danette Mattie & Arianna**

You probably have multiple collisions with your parents, right? And I'm guessing not all of them are pretty! Well, you can't choose your parents but you do have to live with them. So, how do you do that? Especially if your family is blended, broken, or just fed-up with each other? Come hear from a family that has walked through this journey...and survived!

### **[Doubt: Why Does God Seem so Distant?] – Derwin Gray**

Why is it that there are seasons of life when it seems God is so distant? Why is it so hard sometimes to believe that God even exists? In this interactive seminar we will explore what these types of questions and feelings are about – and you may be surprised where it leaves you!

### **[Evil: Why does it exist?] – Greg Schmidt**

The age-old question: why does evil exist? If God loves us, is all-powerful, and all-knowing, then how can He allow evil to exist? Why do bad things happen to good people? Tsunamis. Earthquake. Starving children. Why? The questions abound. In this seminar you will have plenty of opportunity to dialogue about these questions and more as we explore some possible reasons for why evil does exist.

### **[Is Jesus Really the ONLY Way?] – John Stonestreet (Summit Ministries)**

What makes Jesus different than Buddha, Mohammad and other religious figures in our world? Is Jesus really the only way? Is He a liar, lunatic or the true Savior? Come interact with an international worker who collides with these questions daily as he ministers to various religious groups.

### **[Heart of the Matter] – Brian Candello**

Do people ever ask you, "how is your relationship with God?" How would you answer? What does that question even mean? This seminar won't be guilt-laden or works-focused...but rather focused on your passions, values, and the overall place of your heart.

### **[Epic] – Guy Wasko**

God has a very specific plan set in motion: to redeem the world to Himself for His glory. This has been happening since the creation of mankind and continues in our lives today. In this seminar we will explore the practical ways through which God wants to use you to help complete His plan.

### **[Jesus in my lunch room] – Chris Folkstead**

Have you ever wondered how to live your faith out more boldly in your school? Have you ever felt awkward, wondering if you should pray in front of your friends before eating those cheese-fries? In this seminar we will discuss practically what it looks like for you to live out your faith in your school. (Bring your own cheese-fries!)

### **[If Jesus played a sport...] – Paul Allen**

Does Jesus really care about the BIG game? Does He really care that I play a sport? How I play?

In our time together we'll wrestle with the issues of glorifying Christ through athletics but also how to use the playing field as a powerful, relational, witnessing tool.

### **[If Jesus played an instrument...] –Trace Bundy**

...what would He play? How can you be like Christ as you play music?

### **[Worship in the Word] – Dave Powers**

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### **[Following Jesus: Everyday Stuff] – Lindsey Rhodes**

Does God really care about the everyday stuff of life? School. Friend selection. Movie choice. Music. Job. Or should we just 'major on the big stuff?' Come explore what it truly means to follow Jesus, learn what God thinks about the everyday stuff, and discover how our faith impacts so much more than we think!

### **[Transition: High school to College] – Emily Shaver, Sam Winter, Ted Selker, Mackenzie Connolle**

Okay high school student... Whether you are freaking out about college right around the corner, or college is a distant thought, this is a unique opportunity for you! Come hear from four different perspectives of current or recent college students from four different experiences. Hear their stories about the transition, learn what went well for them, what to watch out for, and many other practical, real-to-life issues that are part of this major transition!

## **[Pioneering Missions] – Dave Thompson, Rich Brown, Pete Brokopp**

Getting the gospel to the ends of the earth can happen in a lot of different ways. Fortunately, the C&MA strives hard to be on the leading edge of knowing how different cultures receive and respond to the gospel. Come to this seminar to hear from 3 of our engaging and courageous international workers as they talk about their on-the-edge, faith-based ministries. We promise you'll come away pumped about what God is doing around the world!

## Youth Leader / Youth Pastor Seminars:

### **[Postmodernism] – Mark Harris**

For youth pastors and youth leaders only.

A passing fad, or here to stay? Something to embrace, or are there things to be aware of? More specifically, how does it affect current youth culture and current youth ministry? In this seminar you will be exposed to a balanced approach to this subject and given opportunity to dialogue about the impact of postmodernism on your life and on your ministry.

## **SATURDAY** – Church

### **[Community] – Matt Archer**

You may have heard the statistic that 7 out of 10 high school graduates abandon their faith and the church. The truth is, when you leave the boundaries of your family / church, it's easy to lose site of why the church community is important. In this seminar we will discuss the importance of church community and how to survive post-high school in a climate that is increasingly cold towards the church.

### **[In step with the Spirit] – James Grout**

If Christ is your Savior, then the Holy Spirit is your constant companion. But do you know the Spirit? Are you aware of his leading and prompting? Does it seem difficult or impossible to break sinful patterns in your life? Understanding the nature of the Spirit's leadership and the direction in which He leads is key to having victory over sin and living a life that points others to Christ.

### **[C2S - Called 2 Serve] – Mark Lynch from the Candidate Development Office**

Missions, Church ministry, leading worship, working with kids & teens... You have a desire to serve God, but is God calling you to serve Him full-time? We will explore moving forward, next steps, and God's call on your life for ministry now and in the next 10 years. We want to help you connect your passion with God's purpose.

### **[The place and power of prayer] – Dave Powers**

There are many types of prayer: The, "I forgot to study for this test" prayer. Or, the "help my parents get a clue" prayer. And so on... But what is the real purpose of prayer? And what place should it have in your life? In this dynamic seminar you will be led through an experiential time learning about the place and power of prayer in your life!

## **[Bible and Culture] – Jason Ostrander**

The Bible wasn't written in a vacuum (not Hoover) rather it was written within a specific culture. In other words, God wrote the Bible through man, and because man was involved, obviously things like people, places and things (also known as culture) played a big part in the outcome. So how does the fact that the Bible was written during a specific culture affect me as I read it today? Does the Bible have anything to say to our current culture, or was it only really relevant to people 2000 years ago? Come see just how powerful a message the Bible is for us today –and to see just how beautiful it was for the Living Word to have come down from heaven to be a part of our earthly culture.”

## **[Gift] – Josh Mann**

For the most part we are taught that every believer is given a spiritual gift. But what does this even mean? How do you know what gift you have, and more importantly, the right ways to use it? In this seminar we will explore the idea of spiritual gifts: what are they, what is mine, and how do I use it?

## **[For Such a Time...] –Chris Folkstead**

The truth is, you are very blessed! Whether you believe it or not, God has given you many talents, resources, and finances to use for His purpose. Are you doing that? In this seminar we will explore what it means to be a good steward of what God has given us. It will cover areas like: tithing, contentment, redeeming the time, etc. Join us as we discuss how to live for such a time as this!

## **[Sacred and Secular] - Guy Wasko**

How do these two blend? Can they fully? How much do we allow culture in to influence our understanding of God, the Scripture, and following Jesus? Whether you know it or not, we constantly live in this collision of Sacred and Secular. Come discover why it's some crucial to your every day life!

## **[Servant Leadership] - Mark Harris**

This might be a common term to you: servant leadership. But what is it all about? What does it really look like? If you are wanting to grow in your role as a leader in your church, youth group, school, family, or whatever context, come out to this time of discovering what it means to really lead!

## **[Forgiveness and Peacemaking] - Jonas Wharton**

What huge concepts! And yet, often times so hard to live out. In this seminar we will discuss things like: the difference between reconciliation and restoration; how to forgive, even when it's not deserved; and what is my role to make peace? Whether you're looking to forgive someone, or things are just fine right now, this will be a very practical and challenging seminar on restoring relationships.

## **[When Helping Hurts] - Matt Peace**

In to social justice?! Want to help people in your community and world? Awesome! But...have you ever thought that what we think helps someone actually hurts them? In this challenging seminar you will be led through a perspective of helping society that is refreshing and truly beneficial!

## **[Inner-City Mission] - Scott Macke**

Did you know that over fifty-percent of our world is moving into the city? This movement called “urbanization” is a big deal! So, what are we doing about it? How is the church responding? What does inner-city ministry/ missions look like? If you have a desire or sense of calling to minister in an urban setting, or are simply curious about this current, world-wide movement, don't miss this seminar!

## **[Women in Ministry] - Danette Matty**

So, what's the deal about women in ministry? Why have there been so many debates and divisions over this issue? What should my response be towards all this? In this seminar, you will explore what God's Word is saying on this issue and the different perspectives that are out there. This is not a debate, a time to 'win', vote for a side, or anything like that. It is simply a healthy presentation that will challenge you how to think (not what to think).

## Youth Leader / Youth Pastor Seminars:

### **[Visionary Leadership: What is and is it important?] –Ben Stewart**

For youth pastors and youth leaders only.

What does it mean to be a visionary leader? Is having a vision for your youth ministry important or can we just love on students and disciple them? In this seminar these questions and others will be explored as we unpack the role of visionary leadership in today's ministry.

### **[Understanding Students Where They Are] – Jesse Rhodes / Barb Mlodzik**

For youth pastors and youth leaders only.

Do you remember that first night of youth group? The different faces, clothing styles, haircuts, music tastes, attitudes, etc. that were represented by those students? Understanding where a student is spiritually, emotionally, etc. is no easy task. Join this seminar to discuss both essential and practical ideas on how to understand – and reach – students where they are.