

# BELIEVERS BIBLE CONFERENCE

## LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

2 PETER 3:11. "THEREFORE, SINCE ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE DISSOLVED,  
WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YOU TO BE IN HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS?"

# DECEMBER 28-31, 2026

MONDAY 7:30 P.M. TO THURSDAY 11:00 A.M.

EMBASSY SUITES  
CONCORD-CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



JOHN KURIAN



MICAH TUTTLE



GARY MCBRIDE

### SEMINAR SESSION SPEAKERS

MIKE HART  
GARY MCBRIDE  
JUNE PECK  
BRUCE HULSHIZER

REX TROGDON  
JOHN KURIAN  
CRAIG FRITCHEY  
DAN WEAVER

BOB UPTON  
MICAH TUTTLE  
RUTH SCHWERTFEGER  
JOHN PEASLAND

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ACCOMMODATIONS, AND ENCOURAGING FELLOWSHIP IN A PLEASANT LOCATION.

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TIMES	MON., DEC. 28	TUES., DEC. 29	WED., DEC. 30	THURS., DEC. 31
7:15 a.m.		Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
8:15 a.m.		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.		General Session: John Kurian	General Session: Micah Tuttle	General Session: Gary McBride
10:45 a.m.		Break	Break	
11:00 a.m.		Seminar Session 1	Seminar Session 3	Conference Ends
12:30 p.m.		Lunch	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.		Free Time	Free Time	
3:00 p.m.	Registration Begins	Seminar Session 2	Seminar Session 4	
4:00 p.m.		Free Time	Free Time	
5:30 p.m.	No Dinner Provided	Dinner	Dinner	
7:30 p.m.	General Session: Micah Tuttle	General Session: Gary McBride	General Session: John Kurian	
8:45 p.m.	Youth Session: Dan Weaver	Youth Session: Micah Tuttle	Youth Session: Mike Hart	

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, 11:00 AM: Seminar 1

**Bruce Hulshizer:** Deconstruction and Progressive Christianity

**Rex Trogdon:** Christ, Who is Our Life

**Gary McBride:** God's Plan for the Ages

**John Peasland:** Salt and Light in Our World  
(Business As Missions)

**Ruth Schwertfeger:** Biblical Womanhood

**Dan Weaver:** Biblical Manhood

**Teen Seminar:** Developing a Disciplined Life (Micah Tuttle)

### Tuesday, 3:00 PM: Seminar 2

**Bruce Hulshizer:** Deconstruction and Progressive Christianity

**John Kurian:** Living By Faith in Times Like These

**Mike Hart:** Family Matters

**Bob Upton:** The Preacher and His Preaching

**June Peck:** Equipping Women to Teach Women

**Craig Fritchey:** Why You Need the Local Church, and  
Why the Local Church Needs You

**Teen Seminar:** Admiring the Right People (Dan Weaver)

### Wednesday, 11:00 AM: Seminar 3

**Bruce Hulshizer:** Christ, Not Religion

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**The BBC Committee is:** Sam Cairns, David Dixon Jr., Craig Fritchey, Brian Gunning, Bruce Hulshizer, Steve Price, Rex Trogdon, Roji Varghese, and Bob Upton.

# CONFERENCE LOCATION

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa  
5400 John Q. Hammons Dr. NW, Concord, NC 28027

**Travel:** Centrally located near Interstate 85 and less than a half-hour drive from Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the newly renovated Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa features spacious all-suite accommodations furnished with microwaves, refrigerators, and high-speed internet access. The hotel also offers an on-site fitness center and an indoor swimming pool.



## CONFERENCE RATES

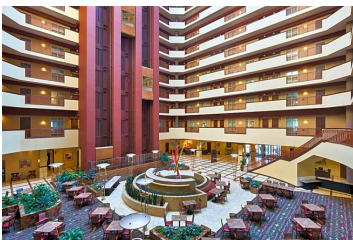
**Conference registration includes** three nights of accommodation (Mon. to Thurs.) at Embassy Suites, meals (three breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners), Hotel Welcome Reception Mon. to Thurs. evenings, Bible teaching sessions, handout materials, taxes, gratuities, parking, and use of hotel facilities. Adult prices are for ages 13 and up.

### Hotel

**Single:** \$599.00 USD/adult  
**Double:** \$449.00 USD/adult  
**Triple:** \$399.00 USD/adult  
**Quad:** \$349.00 USD/adult  
**Children (5-12):** \$89.00 USD  
**Children (0-4):** Free



**Commuter Rate (one Day with meals: 1 lunch and 1 dinner):** \$99.00  
**Commuter Rate (all the conference: 2 lunches and 2 dinners):** \$199.00  
**Child Commuter Rate (with meals):** \$79.00 USD  
**Commuter Rate (no meals):** \$99.00 USD  
**Child Commuter Rate (no meals):** \$40.00 USD



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## YOUTH SPEAKERS



DAN  
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## YOUTH FOCUS

**Young Adult Sessions** After Evening General Sessions (8:45 p.m.) All youth and young adults are invited for singing, a message, Q&A, and fellowship. Feel free to bring board games, and other items for fellowship!

**Teen Seminars** will be offered during all four of our Seminar Sessions for ages 13-18, led by Micah Tuttle and Dan Weaver.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Two Children's Programs** will be offered: Pre-K for children ages 3-5 and Primary for children ages 6-12. Older or younger children may attend with siblings at the parents' discretion. Children are also welcome in the general and seminar sessions. The Children's Program will be held during all General and Seminar Sessions on Dec. 28th and 29th. Children should sit with parents during the opening and final sessions on December 28th and 31st.

## NURSERY

A **staffed nursery** is available during all general and seminar sessions on Dec. 28th and 29th. Volunteer nursery sign-up will be at the Registration Desk for mothers (only) to sign up to share in this service. All staffed volunteers have received background checks and regularly participate in nursery ministry in their respective local assemblies. The nursery space is also available for families, if needed, during the opening and final sessions on December 28th and 31st.

# SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

## **Craig Fritchey: Why You Need the Local Church, and Why the Local Church Needs You**

When a local assembly functions in a biblical manner, a God-given interdependence results. This seminar will discuss how each of us can play a vital role in our local assemblies and how we can positively impact one another as we grow together under Christ.

## **Mike Hart: Family Matters**

This session will look at Deuteronomy 6 and explore the importance of our first mission field: our family. We will look at God's Design, God's Direction, and God's Destination for the family. We will answer the questions of what God requires from fathers, mothers, and children, and be encouraged to replicate God's model.

## **Bruce Hulshizer: Deconstruction and Progressive Christianity**

"Progressive Christianity" influences towards apostasy by undermining faith and deceiving through emotions. Be encouraged to avoid impostors and the empty world of endless questions, and to instead rest in God's Word.

## **Bruce Hulshizer: Christ, Not Religion**

Avoid the draw to a false stability in ritualistic religions like Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism. This seminar will help saints enjoy the completeness of Christ and His Work, so they aren't robbed by manmade religion that takes the name of Christianity.

## **John Kurian: Living By Faith in Times Like These**

As we await Christ's imminent return, this seminar will explore how believers can experience the victorious Christian life—living by faith, and fulfilling our calling to serve and glorify the One who gave Himself for us.

## **Gary McBride: God's Plan for the Ages (Dispensationalism 101)**

Jer. 29:11 - "For I know the thoughts I have for you... to give you a future and a hope." Is God finished with Israel? How do we respond to the Reformed view that we as the Church have replaced Israel? Come explore dispensational truths found throughout scripture.

## **John Peasland: Salt and Light in Our World (Business as Missions)**

This seminar will introduce how vocational work can serve as a strategic platform for advancing the Gospel, especially in unreached regions, while delving into the theology of work to challenge every believer's perspective of their vocation. The seminar will also challenge local assemblies to consider how business as missions can expand access to unreached people and the need to intentionally send and commend believers engaged in business for missional purposes.

## **June Peck: Equipping Women to Teach Women**

This seminar will explore scriptural directives and advice on the role of women as Bible teachers, both inside and outside the assembly setting. We will also discuss some basic concepts and methods for leading a women's Bible study.

## **Ruth Schwertfeger: Biblical Womanhood: Direction & Purpose**

The shape of the seminar will closely reflect the given topic: direction and purpose. We will enjoy together how biblical womanhood, as revealed in the Old Testament Scriptures, already reflects the longing for the Coming Messiah, the Light of the world. What then does it mean to live in the Light of the Lord Jesus? Drawing from the New Testament Scriptures, we will continue to enjoy how He—the true Light—infuses purpose and meaning into the life of every believing woman— young and old, from every ethnicity. World views and conflicting ideologies of womanhood are merely the external context. They will never change the power and purpose of His truth and light.

## **Rex Trogdon: Christ, Who is Our Life: God is Not an Idea, He's a Person**

The apostle Paul declared, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." There are several ways that Christ should be seen living His life through us each day. We will consider these major areas of life that will challenge us to submit to Him. The greatest mission is still submission.

## **Bob Upton: The Preacher & His Preaching: What's the Point?**

Why are some messages hard to follow while others bring God's Word to life? Faithful preaching requires clarity—clearly explaining what God says, emphasizing the main point of the text, and applying it meaningfully to everyday life. This seminar offers practical guidance for anyone who teaches God's Word.

## **Dan Weaver: Biblical Manhood: Direction & Purpose**

Our culture rails against toxic masculinity. God created men and calls them to fulfill their purpose. This seminar explores biblical masculinity through the example of the Perfect Man, the Lord Jesus.

## **Teen Seminar #1 with Micah Tuttle: Developing a Disciplined Life**

Our culture idolizes quick fixes, but godliness comes through commitment and hard work. This seminar will discuss how we can develop patterns of discipline in our lives that help us become more like Christ.

## **Teen Seminar #2 with Dan Weaver: Admiring the Right People**

We live in a culture that idolizes influencers, wealth, and power. This seminar challenges young people to rethink who they admire and why.

# ABOUT BELIEVERS BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Believers Bible Conference (formerly “Rise Up”) is an international assembly Bible conference held biennially. The goal of these conferences is to provide teaching and times of fellowship for believers who fellowship in the brethren assembly circles to promote unity, share fresh vision, reaffirm biblical convictions and grow in love with God’s people.

## THE BBC COMMITTEE:

**Sam Cairns** (Port Colborne, Ontario), **David Dixon Jr.** (Claremont, California), **Craig Fritchey** (Belmar, New Jersey), **Brian Gunning** (St. Catherines, Ontario), **Bruce Hulshizer** (Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania), **Dr. Steve Price** (Shawnee, Kansas), **Rex Trogdon** (Pineville, North Carolina), **Roji Varghese** (Irving, Texas), and **Bob Upton** (St. Paul Minnesota).

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**John Kurian:** John had the privilege of being born and brought up in a godly home of one of the early leaders of the Brethren assembly movement in the State of Kerala. In addition to the training at home and in the local assembly, his involvement with Operation Mobilization and Evangelical Union (UESI) helped his spiritual growth. After his university education, he soon entered secular employment in India and the Middle East for about 10 years. It was while he was working with Prison Fellowship International as Executive Secretary (Asia Pacific Region) that the Lord led him to resign his post and enter a full-time teaching and preaching ministry in 1985. Puthuppally Brethren Church, his home assembly, commended him to the work of the Lord in 1986, and since then, he has been traveling extensively within India and around the globe to fulfill his call as an itinerant preacher and teacher. The Lord has given him a special burden for youth and families. He helps the teaching ministry of Bible Colleges in India and the Christian Training Institute in South Korea, and has had the privilege of speaking through FEBA radio to millions around the globe, and is the author of books on the Christian family and victorious Christian living. John makes his home in Kottayam, Kerala, South India, with his wife, Betty. God has blessed them with 4 daughters and 7 grandchildren.

**Gary McBride:** Gary and his wife, Gloria, were commended to the Lord's Work in 1980. First to Zambia and, after two years, to Northern Ontario, running Northland Bible Camp. Gary has also been involved in Prison Ministry and continues to minister in various Assemblies. They now reside in Pembroke, Ontario.

**Micah Tuttle:** Micah initially worked as a licensed electrician before entering full-time ministry. In 2000, he and his wife Amy were commended by Eastgate Bible Chapel in Portland, Oregon, to Peru. Together with their six children—known affectionately as “The Tuttle Tribe”—they pioneered evangelism, open-air preaching, river ministry, church planting, and Bible teaching, primarily in Peru’s northern jungles along the Huallaga River, reaching about 30 villages, establishing assemblies, and supporting initiatives like the IBEM SELVA Bible institute, leadership training, medical clinics, and jungle conferences. After roughly 17 years focused on the field, the family transitioned to a dual ministry of frequent return trips to Peru for preaching, training, and support, while based in the U.S., where they engage in itinerant teaching, challenge assemblies, and equipping the next generation through organizations like Freedom Teams and the Discipleship Intern Training Program. Their ongoing work emphasizes Gospel outreach, church strengthening, and missions training across both continents.

**Dan Weaver:** Dan came to know the Lord at a relatively young age. The Lord has used Dan through speaking at a variety of assemblies, VBS, and children's meetings. He is also involved in camp work, especially at Greenwood Hills. He and his family fellowship at Waynesboro Bible Chapel in southern Pennsylvania.

**Mike Hart:** At age 7, while growing up in Jamaica, Mike decided to accept Jesus Christ as Savior. After relocating with his family to Atlanta, Georgia, at age 15, Mike developed an interest in architecture and earned a degree from Southern Tech in 1986. With over 40 years of experience in architecture and construction, he is currently the owner of the Hartwin Group, Inc. He serves on the City Council for the City of Lilburn, Gwinnett County, and has served as a board member for Emmaus University. Mike is currently an Elder at Decatur Bible Chapel in Atlanta, Georgia, and regularly ministers to the believers there. He has spoken at camps, youth retreats, and churches both in the U.S. and on Mission Trips overseas. Mike and his wife Pamela reside in Lilburn, Georgia, and have been married for 35 years. They have four adult children (3 married) and one grandchild. Together they strive as a family to live a life that ministers to others while serving the Lord wholeHARTedly.

# SEMINAR SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Craig Fritchey:** As a young child, Craig trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and has been involved in a number of Christian initiatives, including Anthem Songs, a hymnal and music platform for the assemblies, and has served on the BBC committee since 2018. He and his wife, Daniela, and their three children reside in New Jersey and serve with Christian Missions in Many Lands, a missionary service organization for assembly missionaries. The Fritcheyes are in fellowship at Fifth Avenue Chapel in Belmar, New Jersey, where Craig has served as an elder since 2020.

**Bruce Hulshizer:** Located in Mechanicsburg, PA, Bruce and his wife, Amie, minister to local college students and to their commending assembly, Mechanicsburg Bible Fellowship, where Bruce serves as an elder. They have a burden to see assemblies raised up in college towns similar to what the Lord did in Mechanicsburg over the last decade. Bruce teaches the Scriptures at assemblies and conferences, and oversees various labors at Greenwood Hills Bible Conference, music recordings on the Saints Serving website, and Bible teaching on the Encourage Depending YouTube channel. His particular burden for the seminar topics comes from firsthand interaction with college-age young adults who face pressures toward “Progressive Christianity” and the appeal of manmade Christian religions, such as Orthodoxy.

**John Peasland:** John was raised on the mission field in Mexico, where he trusted Christ at a young age and was actively involved in ministry alongside his parents. John worked with General Motors from 2005 to 2020. There, he managed major construction projects for manufacturing facilities and oversaw operations across multiple campuses in the United States and Mexico. He joined the Christian Missions in Many Lands board in 2015 and was appointed Executive Director in 2020. John oversees the CMML staff and daily operations, as they serve assemblies and their missionaries around the world. John and his wife, Ingrid, along with their four children, have been involved in local assemblies in Maryland, Michigan, and now New Jersey. John travels frequently to encourage missionaries and understand ministry needs firsthand. He is passionate about encouraging believers to live as ambassadors for Christ and to actively participate in God’s global mission. He also serves on the board for Emmaus University, Freedom Teams, and Legacy Ministries.

**June Peck:** June was born and raised in North Carolina. She met her husband, Jonathan, while attending Wheaton College in Illinois, where she obtained a BS in Biology. After marriage, she attended Rush University and received a BS in Nursing. Jonathan and June were missionaries to Zaire (which later became D. R. Congo) from 1986 until 2001, when their mission station was destroyed by rebel militia groups. They relocated back to Apex, NC, and helped start a new assembly there. June got her MS in Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner degree in 2004 and worked in Family Practice until her retirement in 2021. She continues to be involved in her local assembly as a Sunday School teacher, serves with Child Evangelism Fellowship, and is on the board for Pittsboro Christian Village. She and Jonathan have 3 children, all of whom are married and serving their Lord overseas with their families.

**Ruth Schwertfeger:** Ruth is the wife of Fred, an elder at Wauwatosa Bible Chapel, the mother of two adult children, and grandmother of five college and high school children. Her life’s commitment largely centers around these relationships. Additionally, she is Professor Emerita of German at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and an author of several academic books on the Holocaust and European culture. Since COVID, she has been teaching a weekly Zoom class for women that has covered the Gospel narratives and, more recently, the writings of the Apostle Paul.

**Rex Trogdon:** Rex and his wife Nancy were commended in 1983 and attend Believers Bible Chapel in NC. They served ten years in the DR Congo. Nancy has an email ministry called Manna in the Morning. Rex is an elder, conference speaker, writes for Choice Gleanings, Cornerstone Magazine, and Precious Seed, has led Bible Lands Study Tours to Israel, and serves with Everyday Publications in a global video ministry called Feed My Sheep.

**Bob Upton:** Bob is a Bible teacher and preacher based in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he fellowships at Maryland Bible Chapel. Originally trained in visual arts at the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul and working professionally as a graphic designer for over 30 years, he maintains an active itinerant ministry, speaking regularly at Bible conferences and camps across the United States and Canada. Bob serves on several conference committees as well (including Believer Bible Conference), where he focuses his time on building up the local assembly and the broader body of Christ.

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GROUP ROOMING IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG ADULTS.

TEEN SEMINARS FOR AGES 13-18

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR AGES 5-12

PRE-K AND NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

### WHAT IS THIS?

Led by Micah Tuttle, Dan Weaver, Mike Hart, and others, we will offer special seminars that address questions youth regularly ask our speakers about the Christian life. In the evening, all youth and young adults are invited for a time of singing, followed by a biblical challenge, Q&A sessions, and fellowship.

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### SEMINAR TOPICS

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