



# RESISTING THE DRIFT

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**lest we drift away.**



Submit tough  
questions here.  
Answered During Saturday  
Evening Speaker Panel







## Greetings Contenders,



In recent years, Christians are encountering a hostile cultural climate. Our faith, once the bedrock of society, has lost respect. More concerning, there is a *drift* happening, not just in our culture but in some elements of the Church. The letter to the Hebrews is relevant today: “Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it (*Heb. 2:1*).” Are you paying attention? What are we to do? **Don’t be a drifter.**

Similarly, the New Testament letter of Jude exhorts us to **CONTEND** for this Christian faith. This event is part of our *Underground Sessions* ministry, which seeks to “**equip the saints and engage the skeptics.**” We accomplish this by pursuing conversations in tough areas, particularly politics and culture. The focus of this weekend will be equipping believers in the area of **APOLOGETICS** so they can respond with love, grace, and boldness to the challenges of the day.

The word “contend” is both a military and athletic term—it implies a struggle. Jude is exhorting his readers to preserve the faith. The purpose of this conference will be just that—equipping followers of Christ to answer the tough questions, raise up a confident next generation, and engage the marketplace with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**When our time comes, we must be prepared to respond.** I hope this weekend is both an encouragement and a challenge as we learn to **CONTEND** for the faith once and all delivered to the saints.

For God’s Glory,

*Pastor Bob Erbig*

**We must be prepared to respond.**

# Keynote Speakers

## Alisa Childers



Alisa Childers is a wife, mom, author, and speaker. She was a member of the award-winning CCM recording group ZOEgirl. She is a popular speaker at apologetics and Christian worldview conferences. Alisa is the author of *Another Gospel?* and *Live Your Truth and Other Lies*, and she has been published at the Gospel Coalition, Crosswalk, the Stream, For Every Mom, *Decision Magazine*, and the Christian Post.

## Neil Shenvi



Neil Shenvi is an apologist, author, and follower of Jesus Christ. He has written two books: *Why Believe?* and *Critical Dilemma*. Neil has an A.B. in chemistry from Princeton and a PhD in theoretical chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He worked as a research scientist at Yale University and Duke University and has published over thirty peer-reviewed scientific papers. He is married and currently homeschools his four children.

## Jason Thacker



Jason Thacker serves as an assistant professor of philosophy and ethics at Boyce College and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He also is a senior fellow in bioethics and director of the research institute at The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is the author of several books including *Following Jesus in the Digital Age* and *The Age of AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity*.

# Event Schedule

## Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- 6:00 pm Bookstore, Food, Connections Lounge, Registration Opens
- 7:00 Conference Open, Worship
- 7:20 Welcome Address: "Recognize the Drift" (Bob Erbig)
- 7:35 **SESSION ONE KEYNOTE:** "Progressive Christianity: A Biblical Response to a Growing Movement" (Alisa Childers, pg. 7)
- 8:45 Worship, Next Day Activities
- 9:00 Dessert Social

## Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Kids Programming Available During Morning Sessions (8:45am-12:15pm)

- 8:00 am Bookstore, Food, Connections Lounge, Late Registration
- 9:00 Day Two Open, Worship
- 9:20 Short Talk: "Spiritual Formation to Resist the Drift" (Dave Henstchel)
- 9:35 **SESSION TWO KEYNOTE:** "Parenting and Social Media" (Jason Thacker, pg. 7)
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Short Talk: "Helping Teens Resist the Drift" (Johnny Graves)
- 11:15 **SESSION THREE KEYNOTE:** "Live Your Truth" (Alisa Childers, pg. 7)
- 12:30 pm Lunch!
- 1:30-2:30 BREAKOUT TRACKS (Breakout Descriptions on pg. 9-10)
- 2:30-5:00 Break
- 5:00-6:30 **SESSION FOUR KEYNOTE:** "Critical Theory and Social Justice Ideology" (Neil Shenvi, pg. 7) Includes a sit-down dinner and requires REGISTRATION.
- 7:00-8:30 Speaker Q & A + Worship

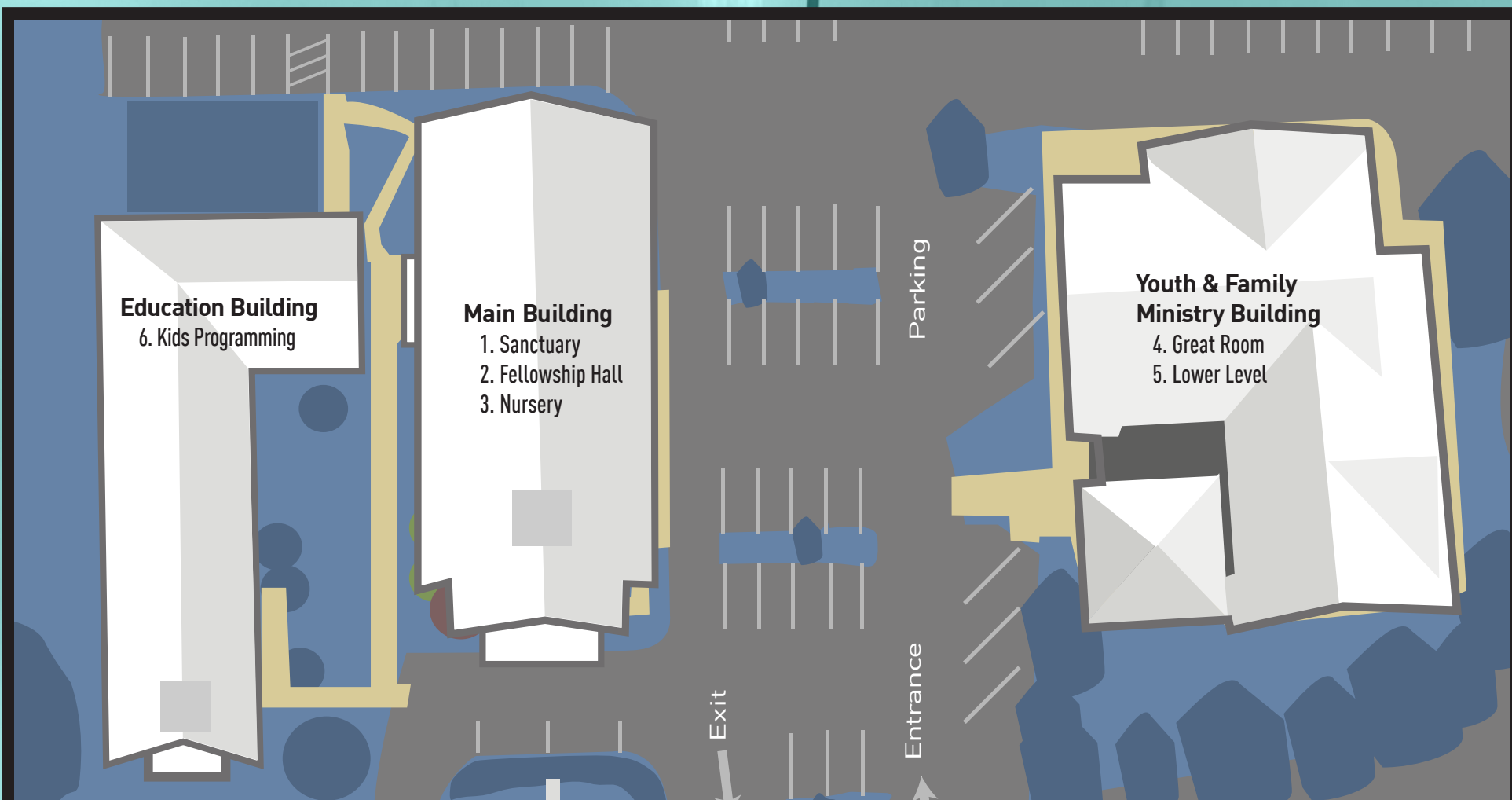
## Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 8:30 am Bookstore, Lounge, and Food available in FH Ministry Center.
- 9:00 "The Gospel as an Apologetic" (Neil Shenvi)
- NOTE: Alisa Childers interview in both services
- 10:45 "Wisdom and Discernment in a Chaotic Public Square" (Jason Thacker)

Main Session: Main Sanctuary

Breakout Tracks: Due to late sign ups, locations will be announced during main sessions. Please see MAP (pg. 5-6) and Track Descriptions (pg. 9-10).

# Campus Map



## Main Building

1. **Sanctuary:** Main Sessions, Breakouts
2. **Fellowship Hall:** Food, Resources, Books, Prayer Room
3. **Nursery:** Childcare Drop-off & Pick-up, Infant Childcare

## Youth & Family Ministry Building (YFMB)

4. **Great Room:** Saturday Lunch
5. **Lower Level:** Breakout Track

## Education Building

6. Kids Programming









# Colson Fellows Is Coming!



## What is The Colson Center?

Charles Colson started the Colson Center because he recognized that U.S. churches were focused on evangelism but were missing the “cultural commission,” neglecting potential influence in the culture. Chuck believed in the importance of equipping every Christian to live like one. Every single day.

The Colson Center exists to equip Christians with the clarity, confidence, and courage they need to live like Christians in this cultural moment. Because following Christ is not really about inviting Him into our lives, but embracing His invitation into His life.

## The Purpose of Colson Fellows:

The Colson Fellows Program is the FLAGSHIP PROGRAM of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview that exists to equip Christians to live out their faith with clarity, confidence and courage in this cultural moment.

## Program Overview:

The Colson Fellows Program is a rigorous 9-month course of study that begins in August and concludes with their commissioning in May of the following year. Students will invest between 6-8 hours per week interacting with the Colson Fellows Online Learning Platform, reading 12-14 books throughout the course, completing daily devotions, video assignments, live webinars, and attending monthly meetings at their church with their fellow learners and leaders.

## How Do I Get Involved?

We are fast approaching a new year of the Colson Fellows Program. If you attend Millington Baptist, we are launching a “church affiliate” group this year. If you do not attend Millington, you can apply to the Central New Jersey Regional Cohort. Information sessions will be held between February and April. Submit application beginning in May.

**Program Date: August 2025 to May 2026.**

# Partner Organization Spotlight

(Adrienne Livingston w/ World Venture)



## The Project

Provide a training to women in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa to facilitate the Girl Empowerment Curriculum with their young girls to prevent sex trafficking and domestic abuse.

## The Problem

According to the Trafficking In Person report on Cote d'Ivoire, traffickers exploit Ivoirian women and girls in sex trafficking, especially in Abidjan. Traffickers are increasingly using technology to fraudulently recruit victims for jobs and subsequently exploit them in sex trafficking. They bring girls from rural Cote d'Ivoire and other West African countries to Abidjan ostensibly to go to school or receive professional training but subsequently exploit them in domestic servitude; these girls are also vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Children living in Cote d'Ivoire without identity documents cannot enroll in school past the elementary level, increasing their vulnerability to trafficking.

According to the 2023 Trafficking In Person report on Cote d'Ivoire, the government maintained insufficient efforts to prevent trafficking. They have increased their efforts, but more is needed.

## Ultimate Goal

To prevent girls and women from being trafficked. Through their engagement with the Girl Empowerment training, girls and women will learn to recognize if someone is trying to groom and recruit them, practice using their voices and asserting their boundaries, recognize signs of someone who is being trafficked and exploited, identify a list of safe people to address difficult situations, and be able to identify and avoid or thwart abusive or unhealthy relationship patterns

**Project Cost: \$6,000.00**

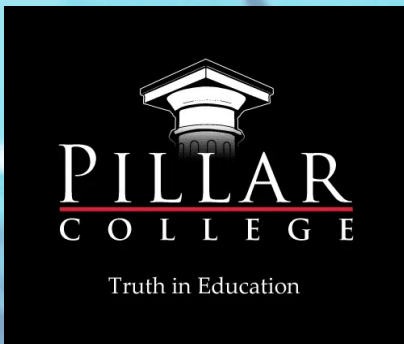
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