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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,

Paztor Bob Erbig

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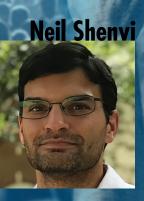
Keynote Speakers

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 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 Al: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity.

Event Schedule

Friday, January 31st

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 1st

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 2nd

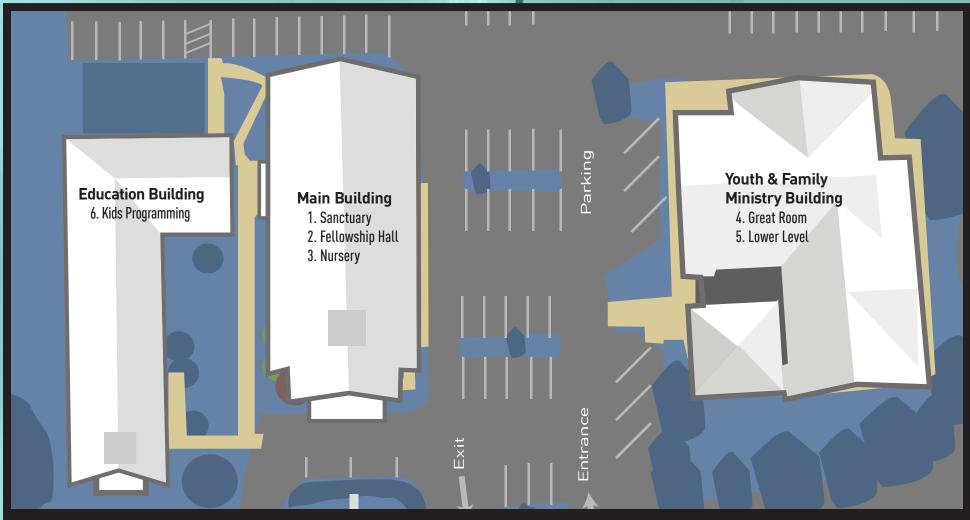
ช:30 am	Bookstore, Lounge, and Food available in FH Ministry Center.
9:00	"The Gospel as an Apologetic" (Neil Shenvi)
NOTE:	Alisa Childers interview in both services
10:45	"Wisdom and Discernment in a Chaotic Public Square" (Jason Thacker)

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

Session Information (Sanctuary)

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SESSION ONE: Friday, 7:00pm

"Progressive Christianity: A Biblical Response to a Growing Movement" (Alisa Childers) In this talk, Alisa will walk the audience through the history, key beliefs, and key figures of the movement of progressive Christianity, and ultimately show how progressive Christianity is at odds with historic Christianity and even disagrees with Jesus on what the Bible is, what Jesus accomplished on the cross, and the definition of the gospel.

SESSION TWO: Saturday, 9:00am

"Parenting and Social Media" (Jason Thacker) Social media is a tool that can be used for both good and ill, but also is profoundly shaping every aspect of our hearts, minds, and souls. Recognizing this reality is one of the key steps in raising up the next generation in the pursuit of wisdom and virtue. We need more than simple tips and tricks on how to use technology better as we recognize that these tools have become one of the primary ways that we are being discipled today and transformed by the patterns of this world. Learn how to think deeply about the nature of these tools that never leave our side and how we might practically equip the next generation to wisely engage them as they seek to follow Jesus in a digital age.

SESSION THREE: Saturday, 11:00am

"Live Your Truth" (Alisa Childers) Popular slogans like "live your truth," "follow your heart," "you are enough" "you are the boss of you" and "you're perfect just as you are" flood our social media feeds. In many cases, even materials marketed as "Christian" promote these ideas. But are they biblical? In this talk, Alisa will walk the audience through 3-5 cultural lies, demonstrate the bad thinking underneath them, and then turn to the Bible for a much better story.

SESSION FOUR: Saturday, 5:00pm

"Critical Theory and Social Justice Ideology" (Neil Shenvi) Critical theory and its expression in fields such as critical race theory, critical pedagogy, and queer theory are having a profound impact on our culture. Contemporary critical theory's ideas about race, class, gender, identity, and justice have dramatically shaped how people think, act, and view one another—in Christian and secular spheres alike.

1:30pm Breakout Tracks

BREAKOUT 1:

A Street Level Guide to The Morality Debate

Leader: STEVE DISEBASTIAN. Whether we realize it or not, we're all swimming in the waters of morality. Debates surrounding politics and cultural issues are unavoidably questions of morality. Even atheists who deny the existence of a transcendent moral law cannot escape making moral judgments. Join us to learn how to use these morally contentious times to both defend and share your faith in Christ.

BREAKOUT 2:

Addressing The Realities of Sex Trafficking

Leader: <u>ADRIENNE LIVINGSTON</u>. The purpose of this session is to delve beneath the surface of our world and uncover the harsh realities of sex trafficking. By its very nature, sex trafficking is deceptive, often hiding in plain sight. Three key factors contribute to this problem:

Perpetrators Disguise Themselves: Those who commit these crimes often appear as "wolves in sheep's clothing," making it difficult to identify them.

Consumers' Blindness: Driven by lust, consumers are often unable to recognize their role in trafficking, choosing to see only what they want to see.

The Myth of Choice: The misconception that the sex industry operates on choice and free will further obscures the truth. In this session, we will explore God's heart for justice, discuss ways to prevent sex trafficking, and consider how we can best respond to this grave issue.

BREAKOUT 3

Sharing The Gospel Across Cultural Boundaries

Leader: ALFONSE JAVED. Have you struggled to share your faith with someone of a different culture? Do you have friends who are Muslim or Hindu? This session will help us understand how the complexity of culture enables the gospel to spread powerfully within a culture. It will also explain why the Gospel message does not "jump" easily across cultural boundaries. At this end of this session, you will be able to articulate what culture is, how to understand it, and practices that facilitate the jump across barriers that have long obstructed the advance of the gospel among the least evangelized.

Kids & Teens Breakout Tracks

BREAKOUT 4:

Teens Track, 1:30pm

Leader: ANDY IMBIMBO. In a culture sprinting away from the Gospel, teens are bombarded with conflicting messages about identity, truth, and purpose. "Resisting the Drift for Teens" is about anchoring your life in Jesus amidst all this chaos. This session will equip teens to recognize the culture's pull, stand firm on the authority of Scripture, and experience how the supremacy of Christ transforms everything. Teens will discover how to live boldly for Jesus, even when the world says you're missing out

SPECIAL:

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Saturday AM Kids Breakout Session, 9am-12pm

Drop off starting at 8:45am and pick up by 12:15pm

Leader: PETER WESTERMAN. **Discover What's Real:** Get ready for an exciting morning filled with games, stories, and challenges! You'll uncover the secrets of what truth really is, why it's so important, and how to spot it in everyday life. Learn how God's Word helps us navigate life's biggest questions. Let's embark on this journey to become *Truth Explorers!*

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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?

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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.

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 Abidian. 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 Scan the QR Code to give.



Program Date: August 2025 to May 2026.

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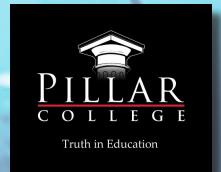
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