Regaining Our Confidence in God’s Word

2 Timothy 3:10–4:8

In a time of social change and cultural pressure, we need to know what is certain. What will guide us when other things seem unclear? The Scriptures are the sure Word of God, providing a light for our path and a rock on which we can stand. At the Ryan Center’s seventh bi-annual Bible study conference Pastor Sandy Willson will speak to the importance of holding firm to the authority of Scripture.

We are blessed to have an amazing group of Bible teachers with us this year. It will be an excellent opportunity for training pastors, Sunday school teachers, Bible study leaders and anyone who wants to read the Bible well. Our desire is to provide tools that might enhance your reading and studying of the Bible. We pray that we might know more of its life-giving and renewing power.

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BUT AS FOR YOU, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14–17
Plenary Speaker

Sandy Willson

We are pleased to welcome Sanders L. (Sandy) Willson back to our conference this year. Sandy was well-received when he spoke at our very first conference in 2003. He has been the senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee since 1995. During these years, Second Church has continued to grow and to expand its mission to urban Memphis and the world. Sandy is a co-founder of the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies. He has served on the Board of Reference for Union University and is a member of the council of The Gospel Coalition. Sandy’s Sunday morning messages are broadcast on WREG-TV; he also teaches 500 men at the Amen Bible Study every Thursday.

Internationally, Sandy ministers with partners in Africa, Asia, South America, and the Middle East and speaks regularly in North American churches on the topic of world missions. He serves on the Board of Directors for World Relief. Sandy will be just returning from speaking in India before coming to us.

Sandy and his wife, Allison, were married in 1972 and are grateful for five children, three daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and eight grandchildren.

Additional Sessions

Faculty from the School of Theology and Missions at Union University will lead breakout sessions on interpreting and applying the Bible. These scholars have a heart for the church and many have served in pastoral roles. They have written numerous Bible commentaries and study helps. This group will include:

- **Kevin Chen**
  “Formless and Void”? Genesis 1:2 as an Example of doing a Word Study

- **Mark Dubis**
  Ancient Backgrounds in Bible Study: Investigating Historical and Cultural Backgrounds to Enliven Your Understanding of the Bible

- **George Guthrie**
  Seeing the Big Picture: The Story of Scripture as a Single Story

- **Paul Jackson**
  What We Really Know: Parables about Jesus’ Return

- **Hal Poe**
  The Fulfillment of Scripture as the Basis for Confidence in the Bible as the Word of God

- **Taylor Worley**
  For Our Sake Also: New Testament Confidence in the Old Testament