

# Conference Schedule

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

### **5:00 - 6:00 pm Registration**

Upon arrival on Friday afternoon please check in at the registration desk located in the lobby of the Grant Events Center. Here you will find a packet of information and a name tag which will serve as your meal ticket. You will also find book tables and other displays in the Grant Center.

### **6:00 – 7:30 pm Banquet Dinner**

During this time we will provide a conference theme interpretation. A short break will follow.

### **8:00 – 9:00 pm PSALMFEST**

Led by Dr. Chris Mathews and the Union University Music Department, this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to experience the singing of the Psalms together in a variety of styles which have been used in the church through the ages.

**Grant  
Events  
Center**

(building #5  
on map)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13

### **8:00 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast**

If you would like, you may arrive at 8:00am for a light continental breakfast (pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice) before the first session. The breakfast station will be set up in the Penick Academic Complex just outside the Powell Theater and the Savage Memorial Chapel (see location “C” on the map enclosed.)

### **8:30 – 9:30 am Breakout Sessions 1 -Heath Thomas (D-53) or Andy Davis (D-54)**

All of the breakout sessions will be in classrooms located near point “B” on the enclosed map.

(9:30 - 9:45 am BREAK)

### **9:45 – 10:45 am Breakout Sessions 2— sessions list is in your folder**

(10:45 - 11:00 am BREAK)

### **11:00 –12:00 pm Breakout Sessions 3— sessions list is in your folder**

At the conclusion of Breakout Session 3 please return to the Grant Events Center (where the Friday night activities were held). The remainder of the conference will take place in the Grant Events Center.

**Penick  
Academic  
Complex**

(building #1  
on map)

### **12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch in Grant Center - (book tables and displays open)**

### **\*1:30 - 2:30 pm Plenary Address 1—Heath Thomas “*God, Israel, and the Nations: Praising God and His Salvation in Psalm 117*”**

(\*2:30 - 2:45 p.m. BREAK)

### **\*2:45 - 3:45 pm Plenary Address 2—Andy Davis “*The Sufferings of Christ and the Subsequent Glories in the Psalms*”**

(\*Notice the slight time change from what was originally published)

**Grant  
Events  
Center**

(building #5  
on map)

READ  
PRAY  
SING

# Plenary Speakers

## Andy Davis & Heath Thomas

**Dr. Andy Davis** (Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) is senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Durham, NC. Dr. Davis has also pastored in Massachusetts and served as a missionary in Japan through the International Mission Board.



The passion of Andy's life is using the perfect Word of God to minister to people and advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. One way he has done this is through memorizing scripture himself and helping others to do so.

Dr. Davis is the author of *An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture*, which is now used widely.

In addition to his plenary address, Dr. Davis will lead a breakout session on the topic of memorizing large sections of Scripture.



**Andy Davis**



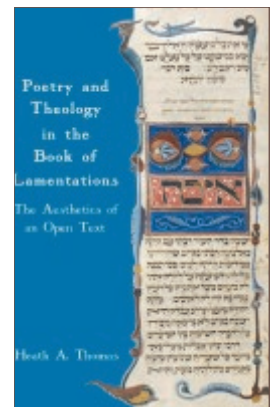
**Heath Thomas**

**Dr. Heath Thomas** (Ph.D., University of Gloucestershire) is Associate Professor of Old Testament & Hebrew, Director of Ph.D. Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, NC) and is Fellow in Old Testament Studies at the Paideia Centre for Public Theology (Canada).

He is co-editor (with Robin Parry) of *Great is Thy Faithfulness? Toward Reading Lamentations as Sacred Scripture* as well as the author of *Poetry and Theology in Lamentations*. He is currently writing a commentary on Habakkuk for the Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series (Eerdmans) and a theological introduction to the Minor Prophets (IVP Academic).

Dr. Thomas has a passion for the church and for preaching, and has served churches in Oklahoma, Texas, and England, and is currently an elder at the Summit Church in Durham, NC.

In addition to Dr. Thomas' plenary address, he will lead a breakout session on understanding each biblical event or story in light of the whole story of scripture.



READ  
PRAY  
SING

# Saturday Breakout Sessions

8:30 am - 9:30 am—BREAKOUT SESSION #1 (Choose ONE of the following two sessions)

## “The Bible Comes to Life: How Scripture Memory Transforms One’s Life” - Room D-54



*In this breakout session we will discuss the benefits of extended memorization of scripture for maximum fruitfulness in the Christian life. Practical insights on how to do memorization will be given.*

**Andy Davis** (Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) is senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Durham, NC. Davis has also pastored in Massachusetts and served as a missionary in Japan with the IMB. He is the author of *An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture*.

## “The Magnificent 7: Seven Ways of Reading (or Misreading) Scripture” - Room D-53



*A crucial question in reading Scripture is surprisingly simple: “What am I reading for?” This session will take us through some major reasons we read Scripture. We will see that people normally read the Bible to understand: ancient history, ancient literature, ancient culture, God’s rules, God’s promises, or simple facts. We will see that each of these, while important, fall short of what it means to read Scripture. We will explore a seventh way that helps us hear the voice of God in and through His Word.*

**Heath Thomas** (Ph.D., University of Gloucestershire) is Associate Professor of Old Testament & Hebrew, Director of Ph.D. Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, NC) and is Fellow in Old Testament Studies at the Paideia Centre for Public Theology (Canada).

9:45 am - 10:45 am    BREAKOUT SESSION #2    Choose ONE of the following SEVEN sessions.

11:00 am - noon    BREAKOUT SESSION #3    Choose another ONE of the following SEVEN sessions.

## Kevin Chen—“God as a Poet: The Poetry of the Psalms” - Room C-8



*It is easy to forget that the Psalms are 150 separate poems. They are creative, emotional, lyrical poems designed in the mind of God. The poetry is easy to overlook because we read the Psalms in English translations. This breakout session will help us to rediscover the poetry of the Psalms. We will examine the use of descriptive imagery, helpful comparisons, and some uniquely Hebrew characteristics as well. Just as we read and interpret English poems differently from, say, essays or personal letters, we should also read and interpret the Psalms according to their style.*

**Kevin Chen** is Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Union University. After completing an under-graduate degree at the University of California, Berkeley and a Masters degree at Stanford, he then received an M.Div. from Western Seminary and a Ph.D. from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Mark Dubis - "Ancient Backgrounds in Bible Study" - Room C-12



*Studying the Bible is a cross-cultural experience. In fact, if you want to interpret the Bible well, you will have to cross not only cultures but time and space. This session will stress the importance of investigating biblical backgrounds, illustrating this need from selected biblical texts. You will also learn about key tools for studying and teaching the Bible against the backdrop of its ancient contexts.*

**Mark Dubis** is Professor of Biblical Studies at Union University. He received a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology from Calvin Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary.

*Continued...*

## George Guthrie—“Hearing the Psalms: Reading with Head and Heart” - Room C-18



*This session explains how to do a close, reflective reading of a psalm. We cannot apply what we have not interpreted well, and we cannot interpret what we don't see in the text. So how do we “see” or “hear” the details of a psalm, reflecting deeply on the nuances of a passage? And how can we move from understanding how a psalm works to using it in worship? Come and find out!*

**George Guthrie** is the Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible at Union University. Guthrie holds both the M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Th.M. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is the Senior Fellow of the Ryan Center for Biblical Studies.

## Paul Jackson—“Don’t Miss the Forest for the Trees” - Room C-16



*The Psalms are like a densely thicketed forest with five distinct yet connected sections. As a forest is only as beautiful as the sum of its trees, the Psalms overarching glory eludes us if we mainly study them individually. Sometimes interpretations and applications are missed because a key observation has been overlooked by focusing on just one “tree”—the key of observing how the author crafted the transitions between each large section. This session will explore how understanding the structure of the Psalms is essential for proper interpretation and application.*

**Paul Jackson** is Professor of Biblical Studies at Union University. Jackson did his undergraduate study at Hardin-Simmons University and received the M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Hal Poe—“C.S. Lewis on the Psalms” - Room C-6



*When C. S. Lewis undertook his study of the Psalms, he said that it “is not what is called an ‘apologetic’ work,” by which he meant a book “trying to convince unbelievers that Christianity is true.” In another sense, however, apologetics is precisely what this devotional book for believers really is. In addition to believers, Lewis indicated that he wrote the book for “those who are ready, while reading, to ‘suspend their disbelief.’” He does not deal with all the psalms, but he focuses on the ones that cause “difficulties” and that for modern readers “are at first most repellent.” This session will explore how Lewis made the psalms accessible to a modern audience without changing their meaning.*

**Hal Poe** is Charles Colson Professor of Faith & Culture at Union University. He is also Special Assistant to the President. Poe received a B.A. from the Univ. of South Carolina, an M.Div. and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has completed additional studies at the University of Oxford.

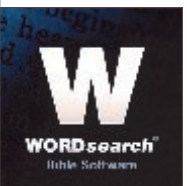
## Ray Van Neste—“Singing & Praying the Psalms at Home” - Room D-54



*Singing and praying the psalms together has been a real blessing to me and my family, so I want to share the joy with others. I wanted to bring the soul shaping influence of the Psalms to my children that they might grow up with the inspired words shaping how they express themselves to God in praise, prayer, lament & confession. Such an undertaking might sound complicated or difficult, but it really wasn't. In this session I will share basic principles and steps we have taken and we will sing a few Psalms together as examples.*

**Ray Van Neste** is Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of the R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies at Union University. Van Neste did his undergraduate study at Union University, received an M.A. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, and received a Ph.D. from the Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland.

## Scott Winter - “Inductive Bible Study using WORDsearch Bible Software” - Room D-53



*Get the most out of a passage of Scripture by harnessing the power of WORDsearch. You will learn a simple inductive Bible study method. But instead of using books, we will use the WORDsearch Bible software - giving you access to more information, faster. This session will save you time, and help you gain more from your Bible study or sermon/lesson prep.*

**Scott Winter** is the Business Development Manager for LifeWay Christian Resources' WORDsearch bible software tool. LifeWay Christian Resources, established in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1891, is one of the world's largest providers of Christian products and services, including Bibles, church literature, books, music, audio and video recordings, church supplies, and internet services through LifeWay.com.

# Directions on Campus

## Friday:

5:30 pm—9:00 pm - *All of Friday night's events are in the Grant Center.*

You are currently in the Grant Center (point "A" on the map below) .

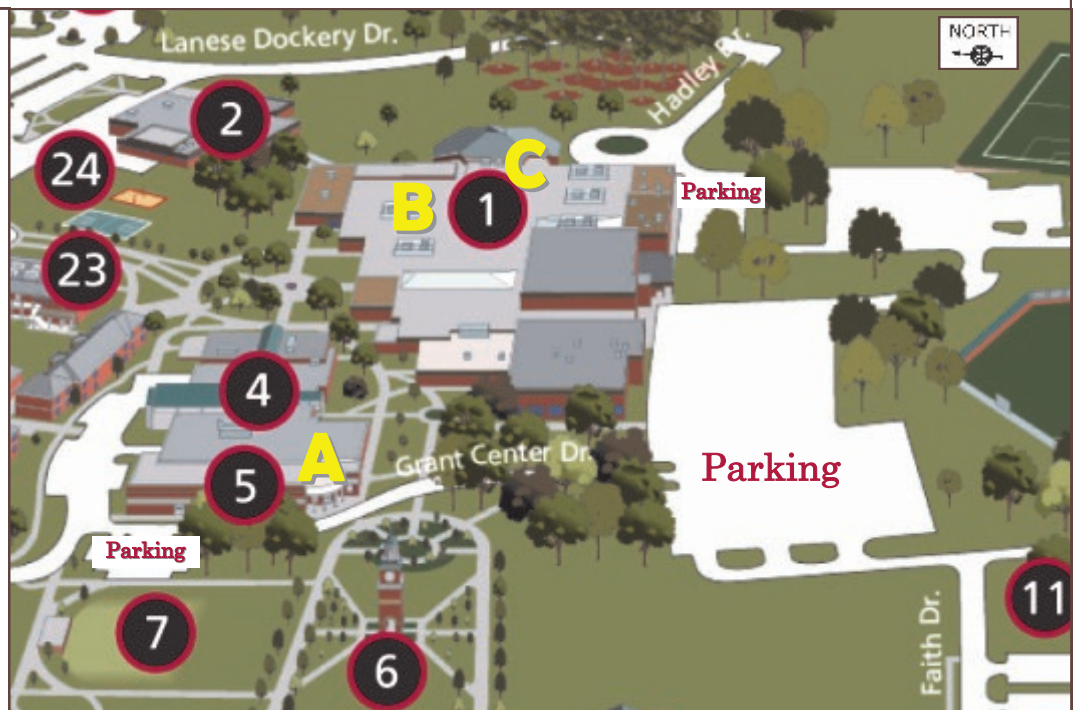
## Saturday:

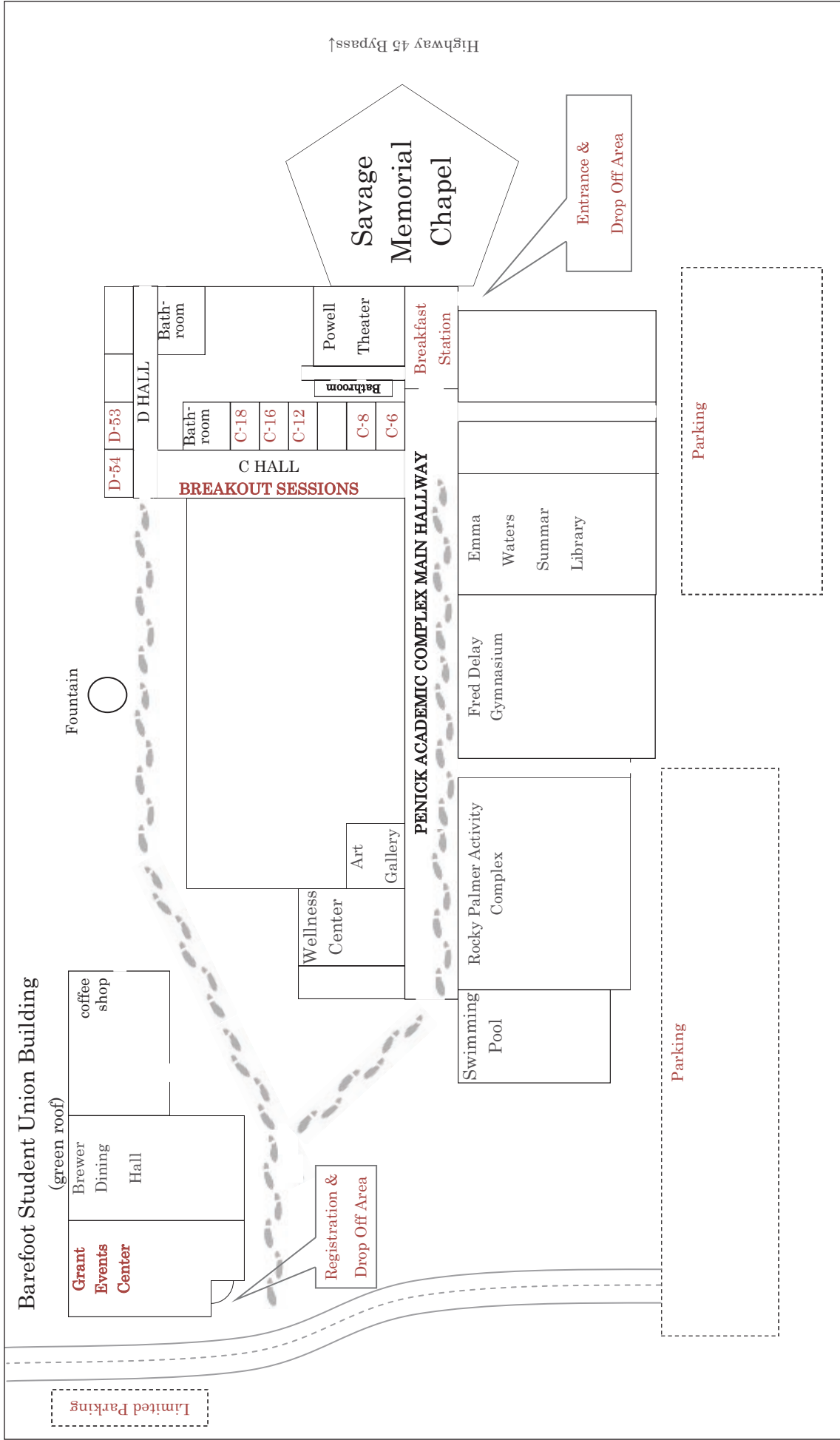
8:00am—12:00 pm - *All of the Saturday morning events are in the Penick Academic Complex (not in the Grant Center).*

- The 8:00 am continental breakfast station will be in the lobby outside the Savage Memorial Chapel (point "C" on the map below).
- The 8:30 am, 9:45am, and 11:00 am Breakout Sessions will be in "C-Hall" and "D-Hall" of the Penick building (point "B" on the map below) around the corner from where the breakfast station will be.

12:00 pm—3:45 pm - *All of the Saturday afternoon events are in the Grant Center (same as Friday night).*

1. Penick Academic Complex
  - B. Breakout Session Classrooms
  - C. Breakfast Area - outside Savage Memorial Chapel & Powell Theater
2. Blasingame Academic Complex
4. Barefoot Student Union Building
5. Carl Grant Events Center
  - A. Entrance / Registration
6. Miller Tower
7. Amphitheater
11. Photo House
23. Bowld Student Commons
24. Basketball/Sand Volleyball





Saturday morning's events will not take place in the Grant Center where the Friday night events were held. All of the Saturday morning events will take place in the Penick Academic Complex. The map above suggests the best places to park and the best routes to take between the Grant Center and the 'C' & 'D' Classroom hallways in the Penick Academic Complex. Signs will be provided along this route to help you find each location.

READ  
PRAY  
SING

# Feedback & Comments

- Please indicate **ALL** the ways you heard about the conference:

**Circle ALL that apply**

*Your assistance with this is very helpful. It enables us to keep registration costs as low as possible.*

<u>RADIO</u>	<u>NEWSPAPERS</u>	<u>FACEBOOK</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
<i>Memphis:</i>	The Jackson Sun	Advertisement	Email
Bott Radio 90.5	Baptist & Recorder	Ryan Center Facebook group	Brochure in mail
HallelujahFM 95.7	Western Recorder	news feed / friend's post	Local Poster
<i>Jackson:</i>	Arkansas Baptist		UU.EDU webpage
The Victory 93.7	Alabama Baptist		Twitter
The Dove 97.7	MS Baptist Recorder		Minister
Good News 93.1	NC Biblical Recorder		Friend
News Talk 101.5			_____
Unsure which station			_____

- What did you like most about the conference?

---

---

---

---

- What would you like to see changed for next time?

---

---

---

---

- Other comments: (please use the back of this sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please turn in this completed form at the registration table in the Grant Center lobby.**