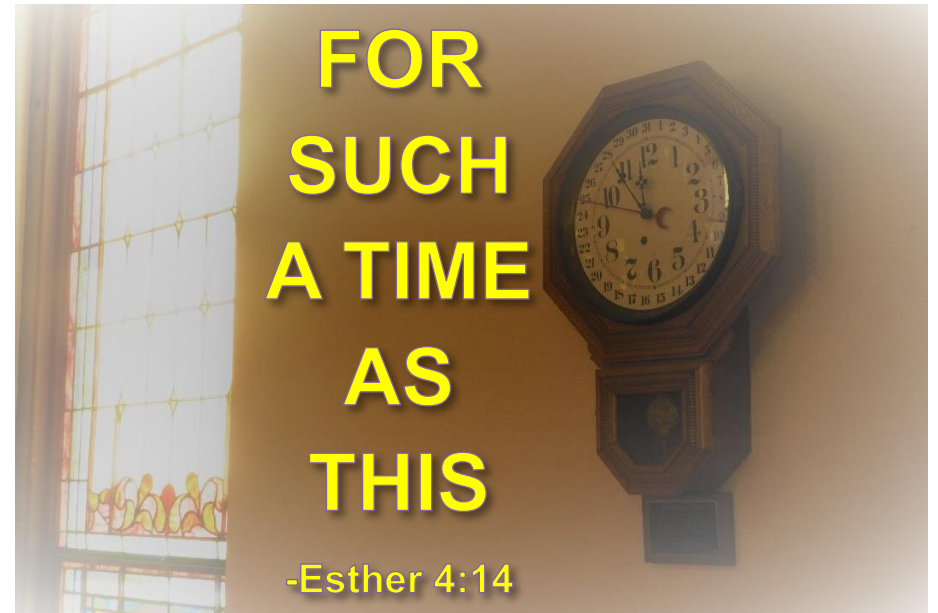




EVANGELICAL
ASSOCIATION

2023 CONVOCATION



Shiloh Reformed Church

Fairh, NC

September 15 - 17

2023 EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 14th

9:00 am EA Board of Directors

Friday, September 15th

9:00 am Company Retreat
3:00 pm Registration Opens
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Worship
Pastor David Bitler

Saturday, September 16th

8:00 am Hot Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Worship
Pastor C.E. Holt
10:30 am Break
11:00 am Morning Workshops:

- Adopt A School Initiative
- Reaching the Next Generation
- Compassionate Clarity

12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Afternoon Session
Dr. James Emery White
2:15 pm Break
2:30 pm Afternoon Session - Q & A
Dr. James Emery White
3:15 pm Break
3:30 pm Free Time or Afternoon Workshops

- Reaching the Next Generation
- Compassionate Clarity
- McCanless Golf Course (9 Holes)
- Germanfest (Old Stone House)
- Grace Lowerstone Church Tour
- Shiloh Reformed Church Tour

5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Worship
Mrs. Ashley Creek

Sunday, September 17th

9:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Morning Worship
National Minister Jim Barnes

HOW TO REGISTER

**Download the registration form from the
website**

**eaconvocation.weebly.com
or request a copy via email from
office@shilohreformedchurch.com**

**Please send completed registration form and
check or money order to
Shiloh Reformed Church of Faith
P.O. Box 308
Faith, NC 28041**

For questions call: 704-279-2260

**We look forward to seeing you in
September
“For Such A Time As This”!**



**EVANGELICAL
ASSOCIATION**

HOTELS

QUALITY INN (4.1 Stars)

825 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144

(6.1 Miles / 11 minutes from Church) PH# 704-633-5777

Free HOT Breakfast

Rate: \$99 plus tax

Group Name: Evangelical Association Convocation

SLEEP INN (4.6 Stars)

321 Bendix Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146

(5.2 Miles / 10 minutes from Church) PH# 704-633-5961

Free Breakfast

Rate: When call, say

for Evangelical Association Convocation, and will give a

10% discount.

SUPER 8 (3.5 Stars)

925 Bendix Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146

(5.5 Miles / 10 minutes from Church) PH# 704-754-4413

Free Breakfast

Rate: Group Discount

Group Name: Evangelical Association Convocation

COMFORT SUITES (4.2 Stars)

1040 E. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

5.8 miles / 11 minutes from Church) PH# 704-630-0065

Free Breakfast

Rate: No Discounts

Group Name: Evangelical Association Convocation

HAMPTON INN (4.5 Stars)

1001 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144

(5.0 miles / 9 minutes from Church) PH# 704-637-8000

Free Breakfast

Rate: \$179.00 until

8/14/23

Group Name: Evangelical Association Convocation

COURTYARD MARRIOTT (4.3 Stars)

120 Marriott Circle, Salisbury, NC 28144

5.8 miles / 12 minutes from Church) PH# 704-680-9201

NO Breakfast

Rate: No Discounts

Group Name: Evangelical Association Convocation

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 16th

DR. JAMES EMERY WHITE

Session- 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Q & A – 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm



James Emery White is the founding and senior pastor of Mecklenburg Community Church (Meck) in Charlotte, NC. Mecklenburg Community Church (Meck) began with a single family and has grown to more than 20,000 active attenders through in-person and online campuses.

Meck also experiences more than 70% of its growth from those who were previously unchurched. Dr. White is the president of Serious Times, a ministry that explores the intersection of faith and culture and hosts churchandculture.org featuring his blog and a wide range of resources to serve the church. He is a former professor of theology and culture at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where he also served as their fourth president. Dr. White is an author of more than twenty books that have been translated into ten languages. Among his many books are Gold Medallion nominees *Serious Times* and *A Search for the Spiritual*. His most recent releases are *Christianity for People Who Aren't Christians: Uncommon Answers to Common Questions*, its companion titled *After "I Believe": Everyday Practices for a Vibrant Faith*, and his latest book *Hybrid Church: Rethinking the Church for a Post-Christian Digital Age*. Feel free to check out his podcast, "Church & Culture", on Apple Podcast, Spotify & Youtube.

WORSHIP SERVICE SPEAKERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
PASTOR DAVID BITLER

Evening Worship: 7:00 pm



Pastor Dave Bitler is currently serving at St. John-Hill Church in Boyertown, PA. He is also an Evangelism Resident with Evangelize Today Ministries specializing in "outside-the-box" approaches to the Great Commission. His evangelism research has taken him to the Harley

Davidson Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, SD, as well as, Bike Week in Daytona Beach, FL. He is the husband of his college sweetheart, Rose, and together they have four wonderful children.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16TH
PASTOR C. E. HOLT

Morning Worship – 9:00 am



Reverend C. E. Holt, Jr., has actively served as a pastor and member of the Evangelical Association Board of Directors for many years and is considered by many to be one of the strongest voices of the Gospel in our network. For 37 years, C.E. has served as the pastor of Green Level Christian Church in Green Level, NC, where he and

his wife Donna also live.

OFFSITE EVENTS
Saturday, September 16th

Golf Outing (2 hours)
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Enjoy 9 holes of golf at McCanless Golf Course! For more information about the golf course visit their website at: www.themacgc.com. Cost is \$22 per player paid at site.

Germanfest at Old Stone House (2 hours)
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Each fall, Rowan Museum, gathers at the Old Stone House Granite Quarry, NC to help us celebrate Rowan County's German history and culture through artisans, demonstrations, lectures, tours, and German cuisine and beverages. Cost is Adults-\$5; Children-\$3 paid at site.

Grace Lowerstone Church Tour
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Grace Lowerstone Church is one of the oldest churches in North Carolina, having been organized about 1745 as a Reformed congregation. The current church building dates from 1795. The congregation is currently affiliated with the Evangelical Association.

Shiloh Reformed Church Tour
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Founded prior to 1871, Shiloh German Reformed Church began its ministry just outside the town of Faith. From its humble beginnings in an old schoolhouse more than 150 years ago to its current structure in the heart of Faith, God has blessed the church through multiple generations and impacted the surrounding community through its ministry.

The Company Retreat

Friday, September 15th

9:30 am

Do you long for a deeper connection in the EA? Need prayer for your personal journey? Want prayer for your ministry and your congregation? If so, join us for the Company Retreat at Convocation 2023. This opportunity will provide a small-group type experience in which *pastors, church leaders, and lay staff* can share their hopes and frustrations and find encouragement through prayer and conversation with others who are in the trenches of ministry.



****Please be aware that the speakers and presenters at Evangelical Association events come from a variety of traditions. There may be differences in points of theology, polity and application. Each of our speakers and presenters shares with us a common passion of Jesus Christ, the authoritative Scripture, and the work of advancing the Kingdom. (Board of Directors, Evangelical Association, Approved March 8, 2012)****

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

MRS. ASHLEY CREEK

Evening Worship: 7:00 pm



Ashley Creek is a NC Certified Peer Specialist and works at the Stanly County Health Department. Ashley had an experience with the Holy Spirit while incarcerated in 2016. Ever since that day she has been walking hand in hand with Jesus in the pursuit of wholeness through Him and with Him. Ashley will share her experiences with the Church during this process, both how Christians helped and how they hurt. Ashley is passionate about helping folks that are walking where she has walked and helping the community understand how we can reach out to those living with similar struggles.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17th

NATIONAL MINISTER JIM BARNES

Morning Worship – 10:00 am



Rev. Jim Barnes has served as National Minister of the Evangelical Association since October 2009. He worked for 21 years as the Senior Pastor at Bethesda Evangelical Church in St. Louis, MO. Pastor Jim has been involved in church renewal and served on the Board of Directors of Biblical Witness Fellowship and the EA, two groups seeking to provide options for Bible-believing churches and pastors within the Evangelical, Reformed, Congregational and Christian traditions. He has a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA and currently resides in St. Louis with his wife Patti. They have three adult children.

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

“National Church Adopt-a-School Initiative”

Morning Workshop - 11:00 am only

This workshop will introduce you to this life changing program that impacts young lives through school-based mentoring, teach you how to put together a strategic outreach plan and where to find the resources to turn vision into reality.

**Workshop Presenters:
Bill Collins**



Bill Collins joined Tony Evans Urban Alternative in January, 2006 as Vice-President with a primary focus on the National Church Adopt-A-School Initiative. Bill has also served on The Urban Alternative's Board of Directors since 2006. Bill is married to his wife Esther Collins of 43 years, and they have 7 children, 23 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Charles Wolford



Charles has spent 25+ years as a non-profit executive and administrator, consulting and training staff from organizations across the nation. He has served disenfranchised populations stricken with poverty, homelessness, incarceration, untreated addictions and mental illness. He is married to Diane, and they are proud parents of three adult children.

“Breaking The Silence”

Morning Workshop-11am; Afternoon Workshop-3:30pm

We are in the middle of a culture war! If the church does not speak out for God's Word and God's Grace, the culture will lead us down the road to destruction. Come see how the church can be a light in the darkness for this generation and the next.

Workshop Presenter: Pastor Shane Roberts



Shane has been serving in Student Ministry since 1995, both inside the church and in Parachurch Ministries such as Young Life. Shane has been married to Samantha for 23 years and has two sons, Tyson and Miles.

“Compassionate Clarity on Humans as Male & Female”

Morning Workshop-11am; Afternoon Workshop-3:30pm

Most pastors have counseled someone with gender dysphoria or someone concerned about a loved one with gender dysphoria. This workshop will cover 2 steps: (1) It will walk participants through a discernment process, seeking to redefine "gender dysphoria" in theological-biblical terms. (2) Participants will review a proposed set of new Q&As relating to maleness and femaleness as a supplement to the EA's historic catechisms (Evangelical & Heidelberg Catechisms). Be equipped to set aside surface-level approaches to gender and dig instead for the treasure, which is God's renewed image in each person.

Workshop Presenter: Pastor Andrew Keuer



Pastor Andrew is married to Lydia, and they have five children, ages 11 to 4. Andrew is Senior Minister of First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, TX, and previously pastored a rural EA congregation in the College Station area. He wrote his doctoral thesis on St. Augustine's theology of sexuality and gender at University of Aberdeen and was Professor of Theology & Ethics at the Evangelical Theological College in Athens, Greece for nine years.