

2019 [un]APOLOGETIC WACO SCHEDULE

DEBATE: Does the Christian God Exist?

Friday, February 22, 2019 * 7:00-9:00 PM

Baylor Truett Seminary, 1100 South 3rd Street, Waco, TX 76706

MATT DILLAHUNTY & BRAXTON HUNTER

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church

7:30 am Registration Opens

8:30 – 9:30 am **General Session 1**

Confident Faith: Twenty Reasons We Can Be Confident in our Christian Faith

❖ **MARK MITTELBERG**

In this sweeping talk, Mark Mittelberg builds a cumulative case for our faith, showing how facts of science, philosophy, history, archaeology, evidence related to the Bible, and religious experience all point to the truth of Christianity. You'll leave feeling more assured about what you believe, and more ready to share the reasons backing up your beliefs with others.

9:30 – 9:45 am BREAK

9:45 – 10:45 am **Parallel Sessions 1 (4 options)**

Does the Soul Exist? by Eric Hernandez

In our culture today it is becoming increasingly popular to think the more we learn about science, the less reasons we have to believe in God. By the same token, it is equally believed that the more we learn about neuroscience, the less reasons we have to believe that anything like a soul exists. But here's the problem; Paul said that if there is no resurrection, then Christianity is false, and in the same vein, if the soul does not exist, then in principle there can be no resurrection and once again, Christianity would be false. So how would you respond? Is there any evidence that the soul exists, or has neuroscience proven that human beings are nothing more than our brain and bodies? In this session you will be given the training needed to adequately address these questions and more.

Post Debate Q&A Debrief by Braxton Hunter

After an engaging, thought provoking debate on Friday night, Dr. Braxton Hunter will be sharing his thoughts on how the debate went, review the highlights, and take any questions you may have concerning the interaction between himself and Matt Dillahunty.

Encountering the Problem of Evil in Everyday Conversation by Mary Jo Sharp

The problem of evil is certainly the greatest obstacle to belief in the existence of God. This session is a three-step approach to how to recognize and effectively converse on the problem of evil in daily life.

10:45 – 11:00 am BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 pm **General Session 2**

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be An Atheist – Part 1

❖ **FRANK TUREK**

In this 2-Part session, four major questions will be answered to establish why Christianity is the most reasonable worldview.

1.) *Does Truth Exist?* Christianity cannot be true, nor can any other worldview (including atheism), if truth is relative or just true for you but not for me. This session will show you why truth is absolute and knowable, and how you can logically refute anyone who claims it isn't. 2.) *Does God Exist?* There can be no Word of God unless God exists. You'll see three powerful arguments for the existence of God – two scientific and one philosophical. Those arguments will be established without any reference to the Bible.

12:00 – 1:30pm LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 – 2:30 pm **General Session 3**

Conversational Apologetics

❖ **MARY JO SHARP**

Whether you are just beginning to dig into apologetics or your knowledge is extensive, engaging in conversation can seem intimidating at times. This session will focus on four elements of good dialogue; including how to use common questions to uncover what people really believe and to spark a deeper discussion on belief in God.

2:30 – 2:45 pm BREAK

2:45 – 3:45 pm **Parallel Sessions 2 (4 options)**

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Sharing The Good News With Your Catholic Friends by Daniel Sanchez

A biblically centered presentation on how to lead your relatives and friends to a personal experience of salvation in Jesus Christ by deepening your relationship with them, finding bridges of communication, becoming knowledgeable of their beliefs and in a positive way sharing the gospel message with them.

Assessing the Pathways to Faith by Mark Mittelberg

Before we talk to our friends about what they believe, it helps to know why they believe it. How did they get there, and was that a trustworthy path? This intriguing discussion will help us get at the thinking behind our friends' beliefs, and it will help us know how to better guide them onto a trustworthy pathway to Truth.

3:45 – 4:00 pm BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 pm **General Session 4**

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be An Atheist – Part 2

❖ **FRANK TUREK**

3.) *Are Miracles Possible?* If miracles don't happen as most university professors believe, then Christianity is nonsense. This session will show you that not only are miracles possible, but the greatest miracle of all has already occurred and we have scientific evidence for it. 4.) *Is The New Testament True?* Unless truth exists, God exists, and miracles are possible, the New Testament doesn't have a prayer. But after establishing those points, you'll see the Top Five Reasons to believe the New Testament is historically accurate – Jesus really did die and rise from the dead for the sins of the world. From the accuracy of the New Testament, the accuracy of the Old Testament can be established as well.

5:00 pm

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