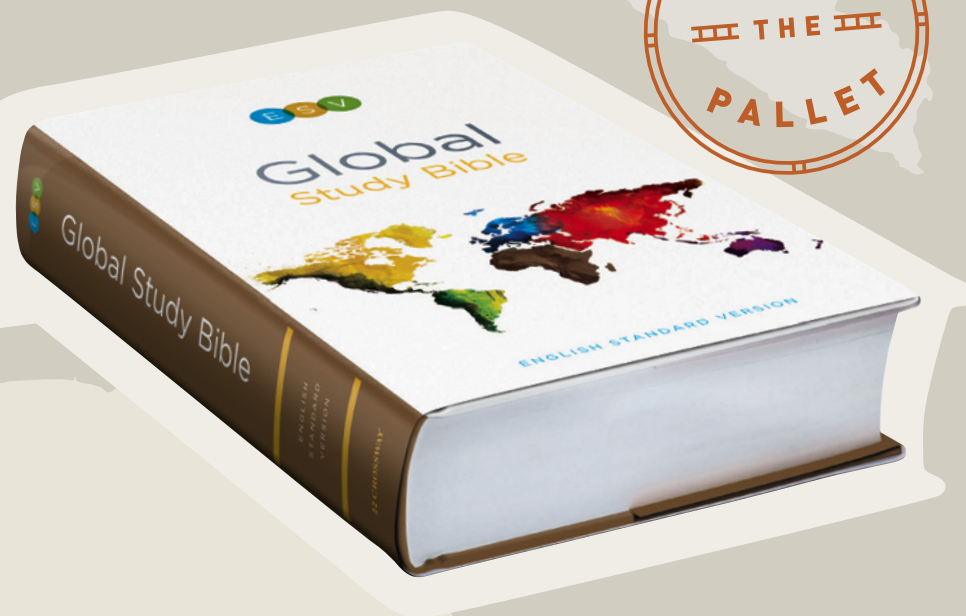


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2014



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My sin, O the bliss of this glorious  
thought! My sin, not in part, but  
the whole, is nailed to the cross and  
I bear it no more; praise the  
Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

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# Welcome

Dear Brothers (and Sisters!),

Welcome to Together for the Gospel 2014. Each time we are able to gather is a gift from God. We pray these days are used by Him to strengthen and encourage us in our calling as pastors and under shepherds and, most fundamentally, in our calling to be in Christ.

Thank you for the time, expense and the effort to come to T4G. Know that we have been praying along with many of you that God will bless the messages and the singing, the fellowship and the literature—all to the equipping of His ministers, the strengthening of His churches, and the glory of His own name.

Each time this conference is put together we treat it as its own, as if it may be the last one of these we do. Coordinating schedules, getting time to pray and plan and talk is challenging. We each have our own churches and ministries that we're responsible for.

Each time is a privilege, too. All of us—including our churches—feel that it is a privilege to be able to serve and lead a gathering like this. We do not take it lightly.

Once again we hope to fill the arena with the praise of God. Once again we hope to have the employees there, in the hotels and around downtown Louisville, speak words of appreciation about the guests who come for this conference. Once again we have a “Zero Dollar Bookstore” of books that we want to draw your special attention to. Don't just take them. Read them and pray over them. Once again we will have topic specific panels after the main talks, with various participants, including some with us for the first time, including—Elizabeth Catherwood (Martyn Lloyd-Jones' daughter and editor), Iain Murray, and John Yates (rector, Falls Church Anglican, Falls Church, Virginia).

There are some changes in the lineup of speakers. CJ Mahaney will not be addressing us. While this saddens us, we pray for CJ and for his continued pastoral ministry at Sovereign Grace Church of Louisville. We thank God for the many messages we have heard from him at previous T4G's and in so many other settings over the years, and we pray that God will continue to grow him and increase his usefulness as the days and years go by.

Otherwise, the list of speakers is composed of the same people as 2012. But the years have brought some changes. Al Mohler has celebrated his 20th anniversary as president of Southern Seminary.

Lig Duncan is now the chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary. Their commitment to serving fellow pastors remains unchanged. John Piper is the other preacher who will have preached at every gathering we've had. He has now completed his ministry as the main preaching pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. But he is still preaching and writing. We anticipate his message, praying for God to instruct our minds and challenge our hearts.

Thabiti Anyabwile is with us again, still pastoring his church in Grand Cayman, but with some exciting plans to become a church planter later this year. Back again, also, are David Platt, Matt Chandler and Kevin DeYoung. Each of these three brothers has taken on new responsibilities since the last time they gathered—David has started Radical, Matt has assumed the leadership of Acts 29, Kevin has begun doctoral studies—but each of those responsibilities are meant to serve the Lord by, at least in part, serving pastors.

The only other change to mention is that John MacArthur is joining us again. After a wonderful time of fellowship together earlier this year, John graciously agreed to the invitation that was pressed upon him by the others here. We're delighted to once again have John opening the Word to us.

Another thing that is different this time is the theme. Last time we considered the Underestimated Gospel. We considered the Gospel not only in the outlines of its content but in the understanding and outworking of its power. This time we want to turn to being Unashamed of the Gospel. We want to consider the task of evangelism and how we can encourage each other in it. Every message is bent to this end. The speakers have shared together and prayed together trying to understand what burden the Lord has given us to share with you in these days.

One more aspect of our conference this year to point out to you: we have new breakout sessions on Wednesday afternoon and new topics. From David Russell on "Mobilizing the Church to Evangelize the Campus" to sessions on inerrancy, building an evangelistic church, church-planting, distinctives of God-centered evangelism, and still more topics. While you can only attend one (they all happen at the same time), you should be able to listen later online to those you're not able to attend.

Much, though, remains the same. Of course, we have the same message—the Gospel that is underestimated is the Gospel we

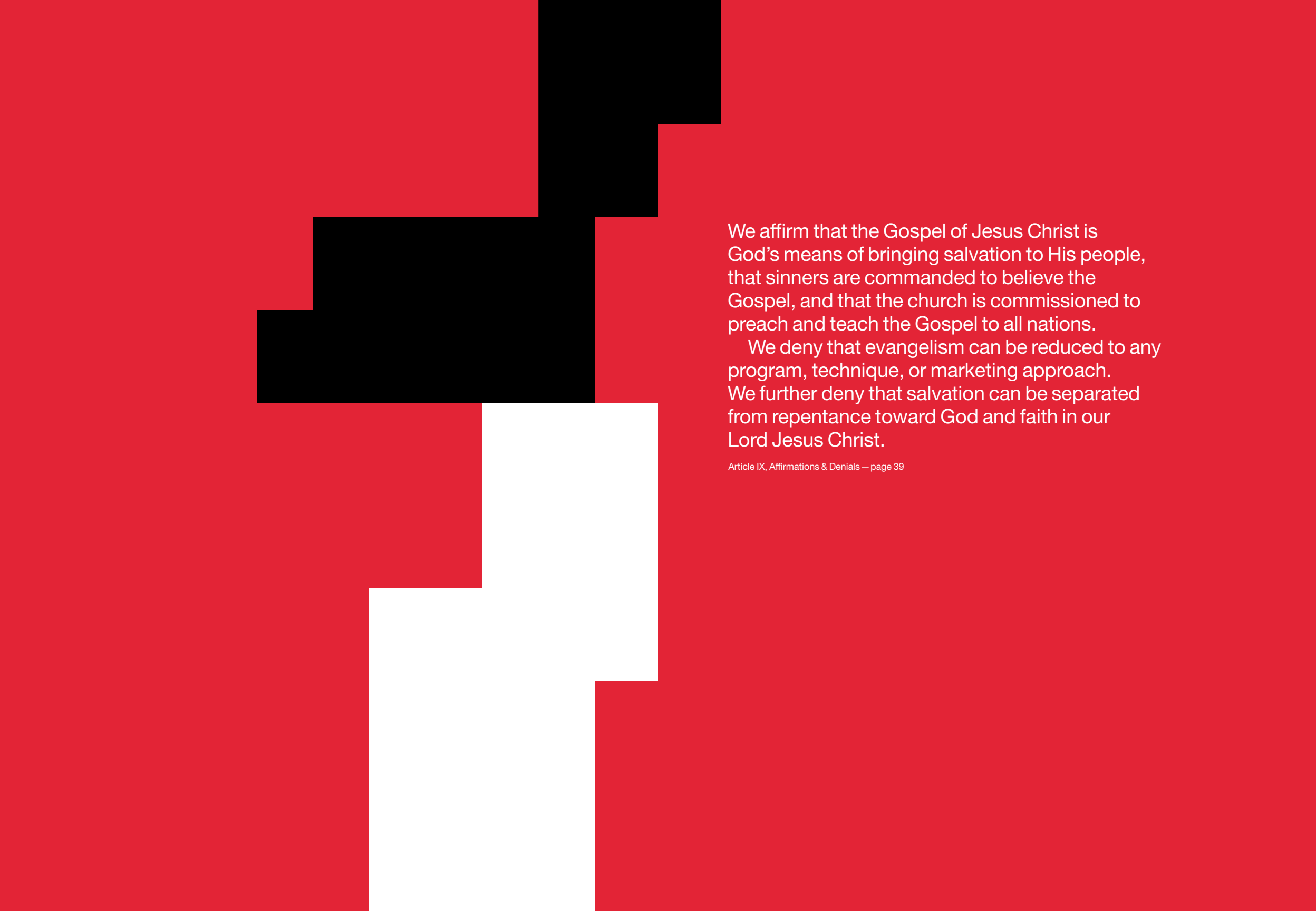
should be unashamed of. Our convictions and commitments have not changed. In the Affirmations and Denials (which you can find in this conference guide) you can re-read what those commitments are. And the purpose of this gathering is the same—to build up and encourage pastors and church leaders as we come together for the Gospel.

Many other aspects too should be familiar to you. Bob Kauflin and the singing have been a highlight each year. The unusual approach we take to the exhibitors and the bookstore still applies—either we recommend you take a look at this ministry or this material, or they're not here. We mean this to be an equipping time.

Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on His churches, and on us during these days.

That's the prayer of your brothers and servants,

Mark Dever,  
For Lig Duncan & Al Mohler

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We deny that evangelism can be reduced to any program, technique, or marketing approach. We further deny that salvation can be separated from repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Schedule

Tuesday April 8	9:00am–1:00pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	1:00–2:50pm	General Session 1
	2:50–3:05pm	Break
	3:05–4:10pm	General Session 2
	4:10–4:30pm	Break
	4:30–5:15pm	Panel 1
	5:15–7:30pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	7:30–8:55pm	General Session 3
	8:55–9:10pm	Break
	9:10–9:55pm	Panel 2
	9:55–11:00pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
Wednesday April 9	7:30–9:00am	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	9:00–10:25am	General Session 4
	10:25–10:40am	Break
	10:40–11:45am	General Session 5
	11:45am–12:00pm	Break
	12:00–12:30pm	Panel 3
	12:30–3:00pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	3:00–4:00pm	Breakouts
	4:00–7:30pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	7:30–8:50pm	General Session 6
	8:50–9:05pm	Break
	9:05–9:45pm	Panel 4
	9:45–11:00pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
Thursday April 10	7:30–9:00am	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	9:00–10:25am	General Session 7
	10:25–10:40am	Break
	10:40–11:45am	General Session 8
	11:45am–12:00pm	Break
	12:00–12:30pm	Panel 5
	12:30–2:00pm	Bookstores/Exhibitors
	2:00–3:15pm	Panel 6
	3:15–3:45pm	Break
	3:45–5:00pm	General Session 9

### T4G Meal Plan

Tuesday dinner	5:30–7:00pm
Wednesday lunch	12:30–2:00pm
Wednesday dinner	5:00–7:00pm
Thursday lunch	12:30–2:00pm
Thursday dinner	5:00–6:30pm

## Where to Find Everything

### KFC Yum! Center

General Sessions (main arena)  
Panels (main arena)  
Help Desk (main lobby)  
Lost & Found (at the Help Desk)  
LifeWay Booths (main lobby)  
Concessions (arena concourse)

*Note: no food or drink may be taken into the KFC Yum! Center. Concessions are available inside the arena.*

### Kentucky International Convention Center

#### T4G Meal Plan (Hall 2C)

#### LifeWay Christian Store Publisher Exhibitor Booths

(Cascade Ballroom)

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- BibleMesh
- BibleWorks
- The Christian Institute
- The Good Book Company
- Great Commission Publications
- Harvest House Publishers
- Lifeway Films
- Matthias Media
- Moody Publishers
- Robbie Gallaty
- Robert Morrison Project
- Tyndale House, Cambridge
- Zondervan

#### Zero Dollar Bookstore General Exhibitor Booths

(Hall 1AB)

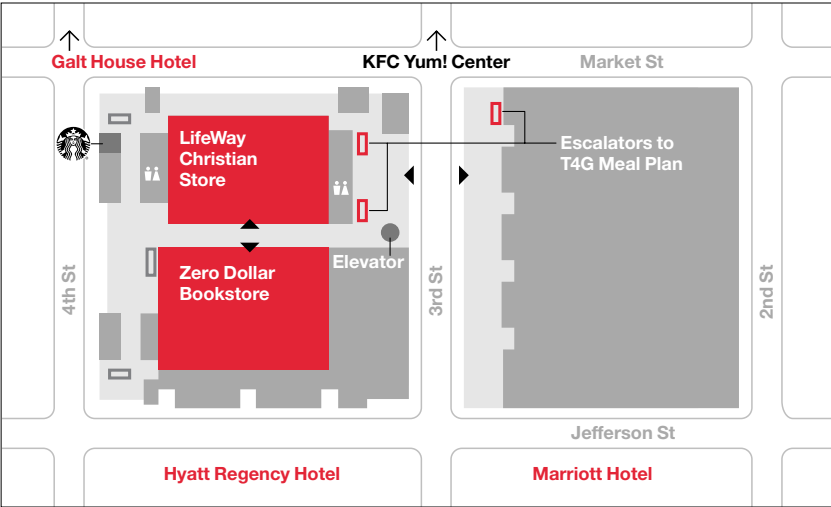
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- 9Marks
- 20Schemes
- Access Partners
- Acts 29 Network
- Association of Certified Biblical Counselors
- BoxCast

- Boyce College
- CBMW
- Cedarville University
- Central Asia Affinity Group
- Charles Simeon Trust
- Children's Hunger Fund
- Crossway
- The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission
- The Gospel Project
- Grace to You
- Guidestone Financial Resources
- International Mission Board
- Lamp Mode Recordings
- Ligonier Ministries
- The Master's Academy
- The Master's College
- The Master's Seminary
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- New England Center for Expository Preaching
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Operation Christmas Child
- Pioneers
- Practical Shepherding
- Reformed Theological Seminary
- Reformed University Ministries
- Reformed Youth Ministries
- Rethink Mercy
- Shepherds' Conference Summit
- Sojourn Network
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Sovereign Grace Church Planting
- Sovereign Grace Music
- Speak for the Unborn
- To Every Tribe
- Training Leaders International
- Truth Remains
- Union University
- Westminster Theological Seminary

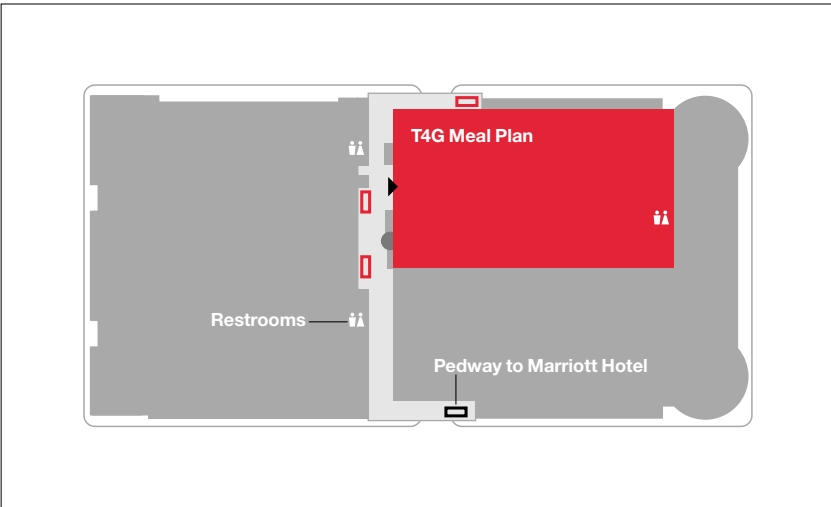
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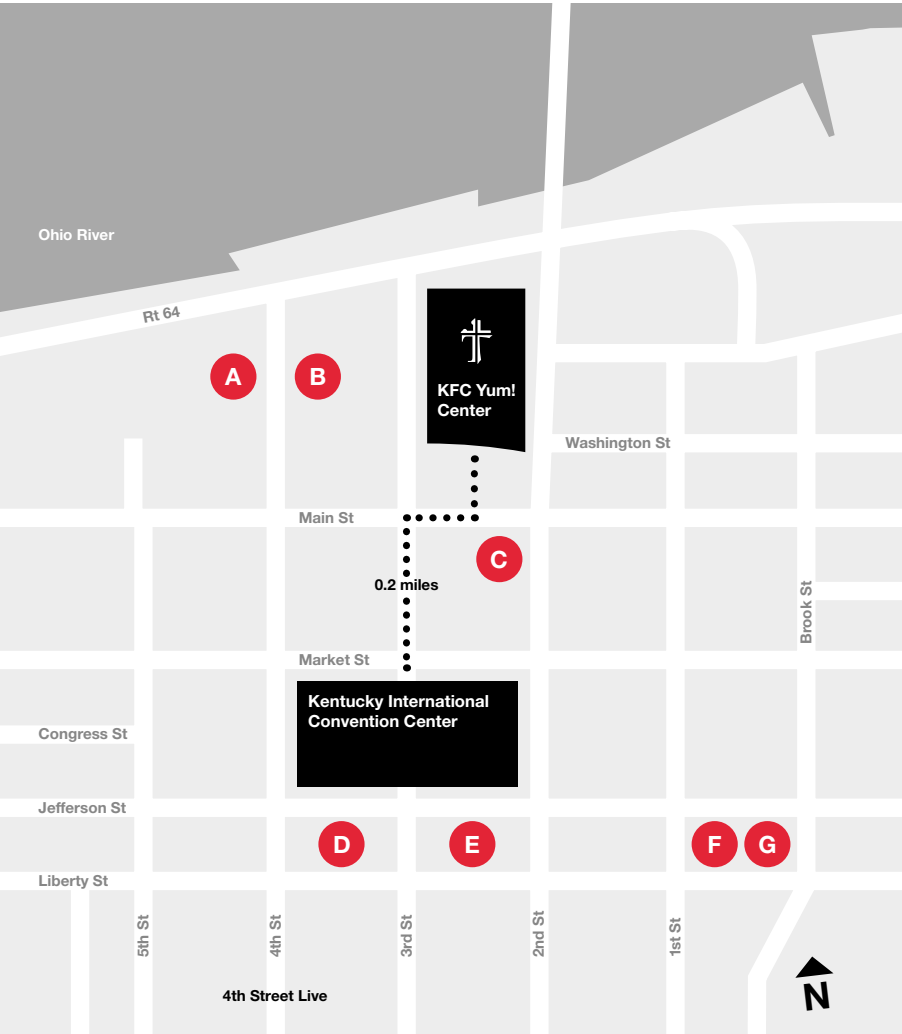


Level 2



Hotels

- A Galt House Hotel West
- B Galt House Hotel East
- C Courtyard
- D Hyatt Regency Hotel
- E Marriott Hotel
- F SpringHill Suites
- G Fairfield Inn



## What You Need to Know

### Bookstores

Make sure to stop by the LifeWay Christian Store, as well as the Zero Dollar Bookstore. Both are located in the Kentucky International Convention Center. Shipping for your purchases and giveaway books is available in the LifeWay Christian Store.

### Conference Messages

Audio downloads are available for free at T4G.org. Videos will be available through June 1—register for a free account at MinistryGrid.com, then visit MinistryGrid.com/web/T4G to access the videos.

### First Aid

If you require first aid, approach one of the venue service personnel in the KFC Yum! Center (wearing yellow shirts), and they will contact first aid. Full service medical help can be found at the Norton Immediate Care Center located in the main lobby of the arena: hours of operation are 8am to 6pm.

### Food

There are fast food options located around the concourse of the KFC Yum! Center and in the Zero Dollar Bookstore at the Kentucky International Convention Center. See the T4G Meal Plan for additional lunch and dinner options. A city restaurant guide is also available at the Help Desk.

Note: no food or drink may be taken into the KFC Yum! Center; concessions are available inside the arena.

### Help?

Stop by the Help Desk: one is located in the main lobby of the KFC Yum! Center and another in the Zero Dollar Bookstore at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

### Lost & Found

Claim lost items at the Help Desk in the main lobby of the KFC Yum! Center.

### T4G Meal Plan

If you pre-purchased the T4G Meal Plan, all meals will be served in Hall 2C of the Kentucky International Convention Center. Meal times:

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If you did not pre-purchase the T4G Meal Plan but would like to take advantage of the meals being offered, you can purchase meals individually (by cash or credit card).

### Wristbands

Your wristband is essential. For security reasons, you must show your wristband for entrance into the KFC Yum! Center. No wristband—no entrance.

## Breakouts

Wednesday, 3:00–4:00pm

### Ed Copeland

*Evangelistic Ministry in Traditional African American Churches*  
Galt House Hotel—Segell Meeting Room (East Tower)

### Leonce Crump

*Church Planting as a Means of Evangelism*  
Galt House Hotel—French Meeting Room (East Tower)

### Ligon Duncan / Albert Mohler

*The Importance of Inerrancy for Evangelism in Missions*  
Galt House Hotel—Grand Ballroom A (East Tower)

### Simon Gathercole / Peter Williams

*How Biblical Studies are Helping Apologetics*  
Marriott Hotel—Kentucky E Ballroom

### Mike McKinley / Mez McConnell

*Church Planting in Hard Places*  
Galt House Hotel—Daisy Meeting Room (West Tower)

### David Russell

*Mobilizing the Church to Evangelize on Campus*  
Galt House Hotel—Combs Chandler Meeting Room (East Tower)

### Juan Sanchez

*Building an Evangelistic Church*  
Galt House Hotel—Cochran Ballroom (West Tower)

### David Sinclair

*Distinctives of God-Centered Evangelism*  
Galt House Hotel—Archibald Ballroom (West Tower)

### Mack Stiles

*Evangelism in the Post-Modern World*  
KFC Yum! Center (main arena)

### Owen Strachen

*The Pastor as Public Theologian in an Increasingly Hostile Culture*  
Galt House Hotel—Grand Ballroom B & C (East Tower)

*Please do not go to a breakout other than the one for which you signed up—some are full and we must comply with maximum capacities under the Fire Code. Thank you for your cooperation.*





















## Affirmations & Denials

We are brothers in Christ united in one great cause—to stand together for the Gospel. We are convinced that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been misrepresented, misunderstood, and marginalized in many churches and among many who claim the name of Christ. Compromise of the Gospel has led to the preaching of false gospels, the seduction of many minds and movements, and the weakening of the church's Gospel witness.

As in previous moments of theological and spiritual crisis in the church, we believe that the answer to this confusion and compromise lies in a comprehensive recovery and reaffirmation of the Gospel—and in Christians banding together in Gospel churches that display God's glory in this fallen world.

We are also brothers united in deep concern for the church and the Gospel. This concern is specifically addressed to certain trends within the church today.

We are concerned about the tendency of so many churches to substitute technique for truth, therapy for theology, and management for ministry.

We are also concerned that God's glorious purpose for Christ's church is often eclipsed in concern by so many other issues, programs, technologies, and priorities. Furthermore, confusion over crucial questions concerning the authority of the Bible, the meaning of the Gospel, and the nature of truth itself has gravely weakened the church in terms of its witness, its work, and its identity.

We stand together for the Gospel—and for a full and gladdening recovery of the Gospel in the church. We are convinced that such a recovery will be evident in the form of faithful Gospel churches, each bearing faithful witness to the glory of God and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **Article I**

We affirm that the sole authority for the Church is the Bible, verbally inspired, inerrant, infallible, and totally sufficient and trustworthy.

We deny that the Bible is a mere witness to the divine revelation, or that any portion of Scripture is marked by error or the effects of human sinfulness.

#### **Article II**

We affirm that the authority and sufficiency of Scripture extends to the entire Bible, and therefore that the Bible is our final authority for all doctrine and practice.

We deny that any portion of the Bible is to be used in an effort to deny the truthfulness or trustworthiness of any other portion. We further deny any effort to identify a canon within the canon or, for example, to set the words of Jesus against the writings of Paul.

#### **Article III**

We affirm that truth ever remains a central issue for the Church, and that the church must resist the allure of pragmatism and postmodern conceptions of truth as substitutes for obedience to the comprehensive truth claims of Scripture.

We deny that truth is merely a product of social construction or that the truth of the Gospel can be expressed or grounded in anything less than total confidence in the veracity of the Bible, the historicity of biblical events, and the ability of language to convey understandable truth in sentence form. We further deny that the church can establish its ministry on a foundation of pragmatism, current marketing techniques, or contemporary cultural fashions.

#### **Article IV**

We affirm the centrality of expository preaching in the church and the urgent need for a recovery of biblical exposition and the public reading of Scripture in worship.

We deny that God-honoring worship can marginalize or neglect the ministry of the Word as manifested through exposition and public reading. We further deny that a church devoid of true biblical preaching can survive as a Gospel church.

#### **Article V**

We affirm that the Bible reveals God to be infinite in all his perfections, and thus truly omniscient, omnipotent, timeless, and self-existent. We further affirm that God possesses perfect knowledge of all things, past, present, and future, including all human thoughts, acts, and decisions.

We deny that the God of the Bible is in any way limited in terms of knowledge or power or any other perfection or attribute, or that God has in any way limited his own perfections.

#### **Article VI**

We affirm that the doctrine of the Trinity is a Christian essential, bearing witness to the ontological reality of the one true God in three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each of the same substance and perfections.

We deny the claim that the Trinity is not an essential doctrine, or that the Trinity can be understood in merely economic or functional categories.

#### **Article VII**

We affirm that Jesus Christ is true God and true Man, in perfect, undiluted, and unconfused union throughout his incarnation and now eternally. We also affirm that Christ died on the cross

as a substitute for sinners, as a sacrifice for sin, and as a propitiation of the wrath of God toward sinners.

We affirm the death, burial, and bodily resurrection of Christ as essential to the Gospel. We further affirm that Jesus Christ is Lord over His church, and that Christ will reign over the entire cosmos in fulfillment of the Father's gracious purpose.

We deny that the substitutionary character of Christ's atonement for sin can be compromised without serious injury to the Gospel or denied without repudiating the Gospel.

We further deny that Jesus Christ is visible only in weakness, rather than in power, Lordship, or royal reign, or, conversely, that Christ is visible only in power, and never in weakness.

#### **Article VIII**

We affirm that salvation is all of grace, and that the Gospel is revealed to us in doctrines that most faithfully exalt God's sovereign purpose to save sinners and in His determination to save his redeemed people by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, to His glory alone.

We deny that any teaching, theological system, or means of presenting the Gospel that denies the centrality of God's grace as His gift of unmerited favor to sinners in Christ can be considered true doctrine.

#### **Article IX**

We affirm that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is God's means of bringing salvation to His people, that sinners are commanded to believe the Gospel, and that the church is commissioned to preach and teach the Gospel to all nations.

We deny that evangelism can be reduced to any program, technique, or marketing approach. We further deny that salvation can be separated from repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Article X**

We affirm that salvation comes to those who truly believe and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

We deny that there is salvation in any other name, or that saving faith can take any form other than conscious belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and His saving acts.

#### **Article XI**

We affirm the continuity of God's saving purpose and the Christological unity of the covenants. We further affirm a basic distinction between law and grace, and that the true Gospel exalts Christ's atoning work as the consummate and perfect fulfillment of the law.

We deny that the Bible presents any other means of salvation than God's gracious acceptance of sinners in Christ.

#### Article XII

We affirm that sinners are justified only through faith in Christ, and that justification by faith alone is both essential and central to the Gospel.

We deny that any teaching that minimizes, denies, or confuses justification by faith alone can be considered true to the Gospel. We further deny that any teaching that separates regeneration and faith is a true rendering of the Gospel.

#### Article XIII

We affirm that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to believers by God's decree alone, and that this righteousness, imputed to the believer through faith alone, is the only righteousness that justifies.

We deny that such righteousness is earned or deserved in any manner, is infused within the believer to any degree, or is realized in the believer through anything other than faith alone.

#### Article XIV

We affirm that the shape of Christian discipleship is congregational, and that God's purpose is evident in faithful Gospel congregations, each displaying God's glory in the marks of authentic ecclesiology.

We deny that any Christian can truly be a faithful disciple apart from the teaching, discipline, fellowship, and accountability of a congregation of fellow disciples, organized as a Gospel church. We further deny that the Lord's Supper can faithfully be administered apart from the right practice of church discipline.

#### Article XV

We affirm that evangelical congregations are to work together in humble and voluntary cooperation and that the spiritual fellowship of Gospel congregations bears witness to the unity of the Church and the glory of God.

We deny that loyalty to any denomination or fellowship of churches can take precedence over the claims of truth and faithfulness to the Gospel.

#### Article XVI

We affirm that the Scripture reveals a pattern of complementary order between men and women, and that this order is itself a testimony to the Gospel, even as it is the gift of our Creator and Redeemer. We also affirm that all Christians are called to service within the body of Christ, and that God has given to both men and women important and strategic roles within the home, the church, and the society. We further affirm that the teaching office of the church is assigned only to those men who are called of God in fulfillment of the biblical teachings and that men are to lead in their homes as husbands and fathers who fear and love God.

We deny that the distinction of roles between men and women revealed in the Bible is evidence of mere cultural conditioning or a manifestation of male oppression or prejudice against women. We also deny that this biblical distinction of roles excludes women from meaningful ministry in Christ's kingdom. We further deny that any church can confuse these issues without damaging its witness to the Gospel.

#### Article XVII

We affirm that God calls his people to display his glory in the reconciliation of the nations within the Church, and that God's pleasure in this reconciliation is evident in the gathering of believers from every tongue and tribe and people and nation. We acknowledge that the staggering magnitude of injustice against African-Americans in the name of the Gospel presents a special opportunity for displaying the repentance, forgiveness, and restoration promised in the Gospel. We further affirm that evangelical Christianity in America bears a unique responsibility to demonstrate this reconciliation.

We deny that any church can accept racial prejudice, discrimination, or division without betraying the Gospel.

#### Article XVIII

We affirm that our only sure and confident hope is in the sure and certain promises of God. Thus, our hope is an eschatological hope, grounded in our confidence that God will bring all things to consummation in a manner that will bring greatest glory to his own name, greatest preeminence to his Son, and greatest joy for his redeemed people.

We deny that we are to find ultimate fulfillment or happiness in this world, or that God's ultimate purpose is for us to find merely a more meaningful and fulfilling life in this fallen world. We further deny that any teaching that offers health and wealth as God's assured promises in this life can be considered a true gospel.

*Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures....*

*1 Corinthians 15:1–4*

*Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

*Revelation 14:6–7*

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