



## 2017 IABC International Bible Conference Workshops

*\*Listed by Speaker's Name*

### **Jim Berg-Bob Jones University**

#### ***Unmasking Addictions: Determining the Primary Cause of Enslaving Behaviors***

The battle over the underlying cause(s) of addiction continues to rage today. Are addictions determined by moral choices or by neurobiological, hereditary, and environmental influences? God's sufficient Word roots the final cause in the fallen human heart and provides the proper interpretation for today's scientific findings. Surprisingly, many secular researchers and practitioners have arrived at causes that reflect what God has already told us in His Word. Those same evidence-based voices counter current popular beliefs (i.e., "Once a drunk, always a drunk;" "You are always in recovery," etc.).

#### ***Addressing the Life-Dominating Sin of Addiction at the Heart Level***

The Fall introduced profound loss to the human experience. Someone enslaved to a life-dominating sin faces a battle with his own lusts and with the lies he is believing about God, himself, and how God's world works. Attempting to handle these challenges apart from God and His Word introduces increased losses into his life—relationally, financially, physically, legally, and so forth. Biblical counselors working with men and women trapped in the sins and sufferings of addiction need a biblical strategy for understanding the losses, recognizing the lies, and addressing the lusts of ensnared believers.

### **Tracy Gray**

#### ***A Reasonable Faith***

Sometimes life's storms can challenge the truth that "God is good." We know it, but during life's most difficult times, "getting there" can seem like a long, blind "leap of faith." While it will still require faith in the end, this talk seeks to lay down some foundational "stepping stones" so that the journey from the darkest trials back to the conviction that "God is good" seems less like a blind leap and more like the most "reasonable step of faith" in the world.

### **Ellen Castillo**

#### ***Teens: Hope Through Real Answers***

For counselors, mentors, youth workers, parents, and anyone whose life intersects with the lives of teens. In this workshop, you will interact with real-life case studies involving struggling teens. If you feel ill-equipped to handle teen's questions and struggles, or would like to learn more about reaching the heart of teens, please join us as we seek to serve the next generation well in our lives and ministries.

## **Dr. Antonio Alfred**

### ***Counseling and the Cross of Christ***

Sin's vile destructive effects on man and creation is visible in all aspects of life. The evil works of the flesh, such as murder, strife, and envy continue to corrupt what God once called good. Of all these plights, death is sin's ultimate bludgeon. Tragically, death brings great horror, fear, sorrow, and dismay to humanity. Yet, sin with all its vile traits has been defeated. The fever of the lust of the flesh has been extinguished. The sting of death has been removed. The cross of Christ destroys the works of the flesh because the wages of sin is paid by the death of the Son of God.

### ***Counseling Case Studies***

This workshop will address the key components of a Biblical counseling session:

- How Do You Ask Questions in Counseling
- How Do You Give Homework
- How Do You Help Someone Walk the Christian Walk
- How Do You Give Hope

## **Ruth Froese**

### ***Biblically Counseling Single Mothers***

Is biblical womanhood relevant when counseling single moms? In this workshop, we will consider four Scriptural qualifiers for biblical mothers, and consider practical aspects for each of the four areas of ways older women in the church can be faithful in disciple-making for single moms.

## **Bob & Ruth Froese**

### ***The Ins and Outs of IABC Certification***

Step-by-step instruction on the requirements and benefits of certification with IABC.

## **Julie Ganschow**

### ***Real Life: Caring for Aging Parents***

The aging population has placed many of us in the role of caregivers to aging and ailing parents. This session will present the difficulties and joys of caring for parents in the sunset of their lives with an emphasis on Alzheimer's and dementia. We wonder, "Do they remember me?", "Do they remember God?" Practical and spiritual issues will be discussed.

## **Sarah Cadwell**

### ***7 Questions to Ask B4U Consider 13 Reasons Why –Real Life – Real Answers – Suicide is not the Answer!***

This workshop is based on 7 questions in Romans 8:31-39 to help people who may consider suicide as an option.

## **Christine Minott**

### ***Transformation Through Repentance: Helping Counselees Experience True Repentance***

Many counselees are not living in the freedom of Christ because they lack an understanding of the difference between God-centered sorrow over sin and self-centered sorrow over the consequences of sin. We will study how 2 Corinthians 7:10-11 contrasts Godly sorrow which produces repentance that leads to salvation and worldly sorrow which produces death. Using the examples of King David and King Saul, we will see practical examples that help counselees to apply truth to their hearts and lives.

### ***Replacing Worry and Anxiety with Trust and Peace***

What do you do when you feel overcome by worry and anxiety? Much of our worry and anxiety is a result of focusing on things that are out of our control and viewing our situations through temporal eyes rather than eternal. We will discuss how to uncover the underlying thoughts and beliefs behind anxiety and offer scriptural truths that help the counselee to experience trust and peace in the Lord who is our Sovereign God.

## **Dr. Daniel Berger**

### ***Biblical Answers vs. Medicated Answers (Pharmakeia)***-He will present first one as a General Session

Most people today believe that psychoactive substances and psychotherapies are proven remedies for mental and behavioral problems categorized in the DSM-5 as mental illnesses. Biological psychiatrists in particular and society in general are convinced not only that psychiatric disorders are biological diseases but also that psychoactive drugs are agents that will fix genetic variances, supply missing chemicals, and correct brain dysfunctions. In other words, mind-controlling drugs are believed to be medicines which require dependence in order to restore the mind/psyche/soul. But what does Scripture say about attempting to treat the soul with mind-controlling substances? This session will look at what is actually taking place in psychopharmacology from both biblical and psychiatric perspectives (2 of 2).

## **Marlowe Bulkley**

### ***Is it JESUS Who's Calling?***

This workshop will present the dangers of the book *Jesus Calling*, as well as contemplative prayer and mysticism that is creeping into evangelical churches.

## **Alden Laird**

### ***Why Am I Still Here?***

This question often comes from those who face a variety of circumstances such as failing health, depression, loss of a marriage or career job, and those who have stumbled in their walk with God, etc. This workshop will look at seven Biblical principles that will assist a friend or counselee when the trials of life seem too difficult to carry on.

## **Scott Crutchfield**

*Suffering University - Turning Life's Toughest Times Into Victory* (based upon James 1.2-4)

*Counselor Peaks & Valleys - Reigniting Your Fire While Protecting Heart* (based upon Colossians 2.1-10)

Has counseling others and listening to their difficulties left you feeling inadequate, frustrated, or “burned out?” Are you not seeing the positive results you’d hoped for in the lives of those your counseling? Would you like to benefit from the wisdom and support of other counselors to help you become more effective? If you answered “yes” to any of the above, you’ll benefit from Counselor Peaks and Valleys! You’ll be both excited and challenged by this training!

## **Tim Russo**

*Managing your Marriage* ( based on his book "Marriage Management" )

*Managing your Mind*

*dealing with intrusive thoughts and renewing the mind.*

## **Rose Colon**

*Counseling Parents of Rebellious Teens*

Often times, when a parent comes in for help in dealing with their rebellious teen they are unsure of what they should do. In this workshop, we will explore what is and what is not a parent's biblical responsibility in dealing with this situation at home. As we explore the scriptures together, we will look at different biblical examples and how they apply today.

## **Joe Propri**

*Counseling People from Other Churches*

Although some of our counselees attend church with us, most come from other churches (or no church). Do we realize that we may be doing the Spirit’s work unethically? The Bible directs believers in the local church to “counsel one another” (Col.3:16), but their fellow members (and often their pastors) are ill-equipped to do the job needed. How do we ethically become a part of the solution to this too common problem? Find out in this breakout. It will change your counseling practice!

*Rebuilding Trust in Broken Relationships*

A husband is caught with pornography. A wife has been unfaithful. A son or daughter is found to be using drugs. A wife overspends and has ruined the family’s financial security. In each case, a biblical counselor would know how to address these problems, from the heart through the outward behavior. There is one area we don’t often address: rebuilding trust. Trust is virtually gone after the sin is discovered, and many counselees don’t have a clue of what can be done to restore trust. Scripture has specific answers for this frustration. There is solid hope for trust to be reborn!

## Jeff Christianson

### ***Breaking News! An Anxious Nation Has Anxiety About Anxiety***

It's been said, "If you're a human being living in 2017 and you're not anxious there's something wrong with you." There is an anxiety in the modern age. People in every dimension of the culture seem to be marked by anxiety. This is perhaps driven through the culture by Hollywood and entertainment as well as the psychotherapeutic industry that continues to profit by telling us just how anxious we are. Jesus is the answer to anxiety. In John 14:1 Jesus speaking to his disciples says, "Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me." In this workshop, we will discover real answers to the real life problem of anxiety.

## Woody Church

### ***A Bible Reformation***

The Importance of the Reformation for Biblical Counseling

## Rick Thomas

### ***How to Make a Decision About Anything (Biblical Decision Making)***

Video <https://vimeopro.com/rickthomasnet/life-change-videos/video/223916759>

To make a decision about anything you must be "in faith" for that decision, which is why the most important question you can ask is, "Am I in faith to [insert the thing you want to do]?" Read Rick's Article on Decision Making <http://bit.ly/2tcMIKf> This video helps you understand the element of decision making from a biblical perspective. There are also several crucial questions to assist you in understanding how to make a decision about anything.

### ***What Does It Mean to Be Gospel-Centered?***

Video <https://vimeopro.com/rickthomasnet/life-change-videos/video/205613488>

The Gospel-centered life is a modern expression, but what does it mean? How do you know if you're a Gospel-centered person? This video training short will walk you through the popular expression, and lay out a complete sequence in which you can examine your life to see if you're a Gospel-centered person.

## Warren Lamb

### ***Transgenderism and the Rise of Sexual Distortions: A Biblical Response***

As human being, we bear the imago dei. This "image of God" includes two distinct and intentionally different genders. Scripture clearly teaches that there are two – and, only two – genders; so, gender matters. While rebellion and rejection of God's intent and design for mankind's sexuality have long been among us, the incredible rise of transgenderism and other sexual distortions is expanding exponentially around us. This workshop provides a brief history and definition of these conditions, common terms, and a biblical paradigm for understanding and responding with the Gospel.