

Welcome to Virginia Beach
SITE OF
2018 United Methodist Men Spiritual Advance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

SESSION I: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Welcome to Virginia Beach and to Baylake UMC

Rev. Clark Cundiff

Home Is Where the Heart Is

Jennifer Boyden, Heart Havens, CEO

Devotional

Jim Boesch, Deployed Staff Member, GCUMM

The Intolerance of Tolerance

Gregory Koukl

Why are so many people mad at Christians lately? Why are followers of Jesus often lumped in with other “religious fundamentalists” as a dangerous threat to liberty in America? Koukl suggests that the heart of the problem is confusion about tolerance. In closing, he’ll share what happened when he lectured to a packed audience at UC–Berkeley.

“Come Walk with Me”

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

Norfolk United Methodist Church Choir

Norfolk, VA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

SESSION II: 8:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Shaped Through Serving

Rev. Greg West

“Our faith is more caught than taught! Moving beyond the classroom to make disciples through mission and service. As we get glimpses and a grasp of God’s Kingdom happening here on earth, then God inviting you and me into mission and service is compelling! And it’s in the doing of God’s Word and God’s will that we are transformed!”

SESSION III: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Devotional

Rev. Wayne Snead, D.S., Elizabeth River District

Vision, Values and Goals

Andrew Kissell, President

“Learn of Me”

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

Devotional

Rev. Reason Chandler

The Story of Reality

Gregory Koukl

What is Christianity? Is it a religious system? A relationship with God? A philosophy of life? A roadmap to Heaven? It is actually much more than any of those. Christianity is a story, a drama about conflict, love, betrayal, rebellion, self-sacrifice, and redemption. But this story isn’t a make-believe story. It is a story about the way the world actually is. It is the story of reality.

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LUNCH, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Book Signing by Greg Koukl – *Tactics* and *The Story of Reality*
His books are on sale in the display area**

SESSION IV: 1:30 PM– 4:30 PM, Workshops (choose 2)

Apprenticeship: Mentoring new disciples

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

Tactics – A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions

Gregory Koukl

Are you tired of finding yourself flat-footed and intimidated in conversations about your faith and values? Want to increase your confidence and skill in discussions, no matter whom you're talking to? Then Tactics is for you.

Lead Like Jesus

Jim Boesch, Deployed Staff Member, GCUMM

Leadership happens anytime you influence the thinking, behavior or development of another person. So, whether you are mom or dad, a lay small group leader or a pastor, YOU are a leader who can change YOUR world!

The Method of Jesus, The Method of Methodists

Rev. Greg West

Jesus started a small group rather than a megachurch! There were the Twelve and the women who walked closely with Him. When Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations ...," small group ministry was implied. For more than 100 years the Methodist Class Meetings were the frontlines of evangelism and discipleship. We must recover some of the Biblical and historical methods for ministry today!

Nurturing Disciples

Rev. Wayne Snead, Elizabeth River DS

Sanctifying Grace: How we encourage each other in a Christian Community.

DINNER: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

SESSION V: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

No Pixie Dust: Truths of Spiritual Growth

Gregory Koukl

Greg begins this talk with details of his personal journey to Christ, how someone who thought he was too smart to become a Christian ended up committing his life for the defense of Christianity. This talk will be especially uplifting for those who are discouraged in their walk with Christ.

"Prepare the Way for Me"

Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

Attend 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Worship Service (optional) at Baylake United Methodist Church