

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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 27, 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.

**Norfolk United Methodist Church Choir**

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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 28, 2018**

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

## **SPIRITUAL ADVANCE REGISTRATION CHECK-IN HOURS**

**Friday, October 26**

**Virginia Beach Resort Hotel 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Baylake United Methodist Church 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Saturday, October 27**

**Baylake United Methodist Church 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM**