

SHEPHERDS CONFERENCE



CAPE TOWN

09:00-16:30
19:00-20:15

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Welcome Note

Welcome to the 2025 Cape Town Shepherds Conference! Pastor Tiny Coupar and I would like to formally thank you for attending the reinstitution of the Cape Town Shepherds Conference. We look forward to meeting each of you and enjoying a tremendous time of fellowship around the Word of God. If you have any questions during the next couple of days, please do not hesitate to let us know.

There are three book tables provided for you as well as tables for XL Ministries. The three book tables are hosted by Pilgrims Place Books, Creation Ministries International, and Everglen Baptist Church. As part of the conference, the Everglen Baptist Church book table includes a conference special: “The Master’s Plan for the Church” and “The War on Children” together for R300.

For those from out of town, dinner is not provided but there are several restaurants within a 5-minute drive: Glengarry Shopping Centre, The Village in Durbanville, and Tyger Valley Mall. The evening services will start at 19:00 sharp and we will be finished by 20:30.

If there is anything we can do for you while you are at the conference, please let me or Tiny know.

We pray you will be blessed and edified through the wonderful teaching from this year’s speakers!

Yours for the Master’s Use,
Mark Christopher

Speakers



Rocky Wyatt
(B.Sc. Missions)
Rocky served
at Countryside
Bible Church in
Southlake,
Texas for

twenty-six years. He founded XL Ministries in 1992 to help local congregations train men for ministry service.



Steve Swartz
(M.Sc., M.Div.,
D.Min.) Steve is
the teaching
pastor of Grace
Bible Church in
Bakersfield,

California. He has written several books and is featured on Steadfast in the Faith Ministries steadfastinthefait.org.



Stephan
Museler
(M.Div, D.Min
Candidate)
Stephan is a
Deacon at
Grace

Community Church in Sun Valley, California, a member of Grace Advance and the co-founder of African Revitalization Centre.



Mark Christopher
(M.Div.; M.Th.)
Mark has served
as a missionary
church planter in
Cape Town for 29
years. He is

currently the Elder of Leadership Training and Development at Everglen Baptist Church and serves as the academic dean for The Berean Bible Institute.



Lönngren Taljaard (M.Div., M.Th.;
Ph.D.) Lönngren is the Pastor of
Stellenbosch Bible Church and is a
frequent lecturer at The Berean Bible
Institute.

Thursday Program - 15 May 2025

8:30	9:15	Registration	
9:15	9:30	Welcome & Introductions	
9:30	10:45	Plenary Session	The Great Commission in the Life of the Church - Rocky Wyatt
10:45	11:15	Tea Break	
11:15	12:30	Plenary Session	Holy Leaders Make for Holy Churches Steve Swartz
12:30	13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30	14:45	Breakout Option 1	Boasting in the Ministry – Lönngren Taljaard
		Breakout Option 2	Misadventures in Hermeneutics: The Foundation of Pro-gay Interpretations Mark Christopher
14:45	15:15	Tea Break	
15:15	16:30	Breakout Option 1	The Powerful Tool of an Expositional Mini-Series - Steve Swartz
		Breakout Option 2	Training Pastors and Missionaries in the Church - Rocky Wyatt
		Break	
19:00	20:15	@Everglen Baptist	Session Open to the Public Steve Swartz
19:00	20:15	@Living Hope Bible	Session Open to the Public Rocky Wyatt

Friday Program - 16 May 2025

9:15	9:30	Welcome & Announcements	
9:30	10:45	Plenary Session	The Vital Necessity of Loving Your Leaders Steve Swartz
10:45	11:15	Tea Break	
11:15	12:30	Breakout Option 1	Shepherding Difficult People Rocky Wyatt
		Breakout Option 2	Preaching Prophecy with a Consistent Hermeneutic - Steve Swartz
12:30	13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30	14:45	Breakout Option 1	Fire in the Soul: Preaching Like Peter in Acts 2 - Steve Swartz
		Breakout Option 2	The Threat of Cultural Christianity and Syncretism in Africa - Stephan Museler
14:45	15:15	Tea Break	
15:15	16:30	Plenary Session	Holiness: A Call to Sexual Purity Rocky Wyatt
		Break	
19:00	20:15	@Everglen Baptist	Session Open to the Public Rocky Wyatt
19:00	20:15	@Living Hope Bible	Session Open to the Public Steve Swartz

Saturday Program - 17 May 2025

8:00	9:00	Breakfast
9:00	10:15	Plenary Session Focused on Men Presented by Rocky Wyatt
10:15	10:30	Break
10:30	11:15	Plenary Session Focused on Men Presented by Steve Swartz

I. The Great Commission in the Life of the Church

Rocky Wyatt

- The Authority of Christ
- Discipleship Defined
- Disciples Making Disciples
- The Church in the Life of a New Disciple
- The Great Commission in the Book of Acts
- God's Comforting Promise

2. Holy Leaders Make for Holy Churches

Ezekiel 44:15-31

Steve Swartz

- Principles for Holy Leaders
 - A Spiritual Preparedness for Worship
 - A Genuine Demonstration of Joy
 - A Responsible Example of Duty
 - An Elevated Holy Marriage
 - A Courage to Proclaim the Gospel
 - An Appeal to Scripture Alone
 - A Devotion to Set-Apartness
 - A Participation in God's Work

3. Boasting in the Ministry

Lönnngren Taljaard

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4. Misadventures in Hermeneutics: The Foundation of Pro-gay Interpretations

Mark Christopher

The Perpendicular Thinking of Pro-Gay Assumptions:

1. The Purpose and Direction Of This Seminar:

- 1.1. To examine the hermeneutical methodology of LGBTQIA+ interpreters.
- 1.2. To expose the driving force behind LGBTQAI+ interpretations.
- 1.3. To highlight the real authority behind LGBTQAI+ interpretations.

2. Key Assumptions Of Pro-Gay Interpreters:

Pro-gay interpreters assume different authorities. For that reason, the question that must be answered is which is ultimate — the Bible or culture?

Beyond the cornerstone assumption of sexual orientation, there are five critical assumptions/presuppositions that determine the pro-gay interpreter's outcomes:

- 2.1. The abandonment of biblical authority and sufficiency:
- 2.2. The gratuitous use of higher critical methodologies for inviting ambiguity into the biblical text.
- 2.3. The commitment to liberational hermeneutics:
- 2.4. The use of reader-response theory:
- 2.5. The reliance on social-scientific criticism:

Two examples:

2.5.1. Honour-Shame:

2.5.2. Purity/Pollution:

3. The Problem with The Pro-Gay Assumptions:

- 3.1. The replacement of biblical authority and sufficiency with human experience. Amounts to Sola cultura not sola Scriptura.
- 3.2. Their methods, while highly sophisticated, are extremely complex and cumbersome, creating a modern-day magisterium in the process.
- 3.3. They ridicule the literal, historical-grammatical interpretation of the Bible. In so doing, they evidence a sexualized theology rather than a theology of sex.
- 3.4. They are promoting a sexualized church that has sacralized sex and elevated it beyond the Creator's design and purpose:
 - Wink's conclusion:
 - Countryman's conclusion:
 - Ellison's conclusion:
- 3.5. They are ultimately dishonest while disparaging the plain meaning of Scripture!

5. The Powerful Tool of an Expository Mini-Series

Steve Swartz

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6. Training Pastors and Missionaries in the Church

Rocky Wyatt

- The Biblical Mandate
- The Biblical Pattern
- Helpful Resources

7. The Vital Necessity of Loving Your Leaders

Colossians 4:7-14

Steve Swartz

- Two Exhortations from Paul's Example

- Know Your Leaders

- Love Your Leaders

- ...With Vulnerability

- ...With Vitality

8. Shepherding Difficult People

Rocky Wyatt

- Defining Difficult People
- Biblical Examples of Difficult People
- God's Instruction to Shepherds
- The Patience of the Great Shepherd
- The Patience of the Pastor/Shepherd

9. Preaching Prophecy with a Consistent Hermeneutic

Steve Swartz

Thesis: God's commission of Jeremiah presents the "why" and "how" of listening to preaching in order to encourage the question, "How can I teach God's people to listen to truth more actively?"

1. Why Listening to Preaching Matters (2 reasons focused on God)

2. How to Listen to a Sermon (6 images to teach God's people how to listen to a sermon)

10. The Threat of Cultural Christianity and Syncretism in Africa

Stephan Musler

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II. Holiness: A Call to Sexual Purity

Rocky Wyatt

- The Call to Holiness
- An Introduction to the Church in Thessalonica
- Paul's Plea to the Believers in Thessalonica
- A Serious Warning

12. Evening Session Notes

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13. Evening Session Notes

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14. Breakfast Session Notes

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15. Breakfast Session Notes

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