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**SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2026  
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**Living Godly in the Present Age While Looking for  
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Titus 2:11-13; 2 Peter 3:11-12, 14**

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- ✓ **Free Books**
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**Christ Bible Church  
5901 Coronado Lane  
Pleasanton, CA 94588**



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Joseph M. Jacowitz has been in pastoral ministry since 1983 and has served as pastor of Christ Bible Church since 1990. A Jewish convert to Jesus Christ, he has devoted his ministry to the faithful exposition of Scripture, the proclamation of the doctrines of sovereign grace, and the glory and supremacy of Jesus Christ. He is also involved in writing, publishing, conference speaking, and the worldwide distribution of biblical literature. He has a particular burden to strengthen pastors and churches and to make sound biblical resources freely available to believers worldwide. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married since 1978 and have five children and eight grandchildren.



Paul S. Nelson received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Arizona State University in 1982. He is the inventor of eight U.S. patents and the founder and CEO of a small biotech company in Flagstaff, AZ. In 2003, after earning a Master of Theology, Dr. Nelson served as a pastor for 20 years, lectured at the Pacific Institute for Religious Studies, and authored two books. Currently, Paul serves as the president of Grace Bible University and is a member of the Board of Directors for FirstLove Ministries. He has been married for over 48 years, is the father of three children, and grandfather of five.



Edward Dalcour is the President and Director of the Department of Christian Defense, an educational and apologetic ministry. He is a Mentor at Greenwich School of Theology and serves as Vice President of Grace Bible University. Dr. Dalcour holds a Master of Apologetics from Columbia Evangelical Seminary and a Ph.D. in Theology from North-West University. He is a published author of several apologetic and theological books, including *A Definitive Look at Oneness Theology: In the Light of Biblical Trinitarianism*.



Pastor Max Doner graduated from Sacramento State University with a B.S. in Business Administration and from the Sacramento Bible Institute with a Diploma in Bible. He founded and pastored two Reformed Baptist Churches, one in Sacramento, California, and the other in Lebanon, Oregon. After 34 years of pastoral ministry, he authored *Revelation: A Manual of Spiritual Warfare*. He has been married to his wife Katherine for 51 years and has four children.



Owen Alford serves on the Board of Directors of FirstLove Ministries. Owen Alford is a bi-vocational pastor, having worked for 45 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a mechanical designer while co-pastoring with Pastor Joe Jacowitz at Christ Bible Church in Pleasanton, CA, since 1998. Owen has been heavily involved in prison ministry for 20 years, as well as hosting home Bible studies and providing itinerant preaching/teaching help for local churches.





Glenn Nicolas is the pastor of Light By The Bay Church in San Lorenzo, California, a role he has held since 2006. Born in the Philippines, he moved to California with his family in 1983. He is married to his wonderful wife, Patty, and together they have two children, Sophia and Timothy.



Tom Smith serves as President of FirstLove Ministries. Tom was raised in New Jersey and came to Christ as a teenager in 1972 through a youth ministry at a church his family attended. He came to understand the Doctrines of Grace by studying God's word and Pastor Al Martin's sermons. Tom has several years' experience as a pastor. He has traveled on mission trips to Africa, Nepal, and the Philippines. He and his wife Margaret have four children and six grandchildren. His gifts are in teaching, counseling and administration.



Jim Billings has been the co-pastor alongside his associate, Stephen Louis, at Grace Baptist Church of Morgan Hill since December 2021. He resides in Gilroy, CA, with his wife, Lynette. They have been married for forty years, have four children, and four grandchildren. Jim and Lynette were saved under the ministry of Pastor William Downing in 1984, joined the church, and raised their family until Pastor Downing's retirement in December of 2021. Jim began to earnestly study the Bible in 1994 under the direction of Dr. Downing and eventually earned his Master of Divinity degree from Louisiana Baptist University in 2007. He began preaching in 1995, filling in the pulpit as needed. He felt the call to the ministry over twenty years ago and has spent his time preaching and ministering in small churches, hospitals, and missions. His primary focus and responsibility is pastoring at Grace Baptist Church and ministering weekly at a local convalescent hospital.



Conley Owens is both a pastor at Silicon Valley Reformed Baptist Church and a software engineer. He and his wife have nine children. Conley was saved at an early age when he learned that blaming others for his sins didn't resolve his guilt. Instead, he trusted in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and found true forgiveness. He discovered Reformed theology in college after accidentally getting involved with a cult and realizing he needed a better grasp on what the Bible teaches. Conley holds an MDiv from The Log College & Seminary and is the author of *The Dorean Principle: A Biblical Response to the Commercialization of Christianity*.



Ted Mendoza has served in ministry since 1998. He grew up in California, where he still lives. He was stirred up to follow Jesus early in life and served in college campus ministries as a youth pastor and an associate pastor. Ted has a master's degree in Theological Studies from Reformed Baptist Seminary. He has served at Ridgeview Hope Church since October 2017, where he helped with RHC's replanting process. Ted has been married to his wonderful wife, Debbie, since 2004, and they have five children.

# 2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**THURS  
SEPT. 17**

4:30 p.m. Registration  
5:30 p.m. Kick-off Welcome and Address — Pastor Tom Smith  
6:00 p.m. Plenary session 1: *"End Times Watchfulness"*  
— Pastor Joe Jacowitz  
Primary Text: Titus 2:13  
7:00 p.m. Special Discussion Panel

**FRI  
SEPT. 18**

**HOTEL**

Best Western Plus  
Pleasanton Inn  
5375 Owens Court  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
(925) 463-1300

LaQuinta Inn  
6275 Dublin Blvd  
Dublin, CA 94568  
(925) 967-2750

12:00 p.m. Pastors' Discussion, Q&A, and Fellowship — *Pastors and wives invited. Coffee and a light lunch provided.*

2:00 p.m. Registration  
3:00 p.m. Welcome and Announcements  
3:30 p.m. Plenary Session 2: *"Unashamed Before Him at His Coming: Watchfulness, Assurance, and Purity"* — Dr. Paul Nelson  
Primary Text: 1 John 2:28-3:3 | Companion Texts: 2 Peter 3:14; Colossians 3:1-4

4:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions  
*"Habakkuk: A Pattern for Praying, Watching, and Waiting"*  
— Pastor Owen Alford  
Texts: Habakkuk 1:2; 2:1; 3:1-2

*"Awake, for Our Salvation Is Nearer: The Church's Battle Against Spiritual Sleep"* — Pastor Glenn Nicholas  
Primary Text: Romans 13:11-14 | Companion Texts: Ephesians 5:8-17; Revelation 3:1-3

*"Not Forsaking Our Assembling: The Approaching Day and the Necessity of the Church"* — Pastor Tom Smith  
Primary Text: Hebrews 10:23-25

5:30 p.m. Coffee Break  
6:00 p.m. Plenary Session 3: *"What Manner of Persons Ought We to Be? The Coming Day and the Present Life"* — Dr. Edward Dalcour  
Primary Text: 2 Peter 3:10-14 | Companion Texts: Psalm 90:12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

# 2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**SAT  
SEPT. 19**



8:00 a.m. Late Registration — coffee and light snacks

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session 4 — *"The Blessed Hope in the Valley of Death: Comforting the Saints with Christ's Return"* — Pastor Max Doner

Primary: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Companion Texts: John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

10:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions

*"Ready When the Master Returns: Blessed Is That Servant Whom His Master Finds Faithful"* — Pastor Jim Billings

Primary Text: Luke 12:35-48

*"On the Perils of the End Times: A 13th Century Perspective for 21st Century"* — Pastor Conley Owens

Primary Text: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

*"When Christ Comes to Be Glorified in His Saints: Hope for the Persecuted Church"* — Pastor Ted Mendoza

Primary Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10 | Companion Texts: Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 6:9-11

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:20 a.m. Plenary Session 5 — *"Ready When the Master Returns: Blessed Is That Servant Whom His Master Finds Faithful"* — Pastor Joe Jacowitz

Primary Text: Luke 12:35-48 | Companion Texts: Matthew 24:42-51; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

12:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Ministry & Missions Update Panel with Speakers

3:00 p.m. Plenary Session 6 — *"Grace That Trains Us to Wait: Living Godly While Looking for Christ"* — Dr. Edward Dalcour

Primary Text: Titus 2:11-14 | Companion Texts: Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

4:00 p.m. Q&A Panel

5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Distribution of Books

# *End Times Watchfulness*

2026 FirstLove West Coast  
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The return of Jesus Christ is not a doctrine to be debated from a distance—it is a divine certainty beneath which every human soul is living at this very moment. The heavens will open. The King will appear. The world that seduced us, distracted us, and promised us permanence will be consumed, and every life will be exposed in the blazing light of His presence. In that hour, it will not matter how accurately we interpreted prophetic charts if we were asleep in our souls, clinging to the world, tolerating secret sin, or wasting the life Christ purchased with His blood. The grace that saves us is the same grace that teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live “soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,” while “looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:11–14). The question is not merely whether we believe Christ is coming, but whether the life we are living proves that we truly want Him to come.

Everything we see is moving toward fire; everything we cannot see is moving toward eternity. Therefore, Peter presses the coming dissolution of all things directly against the conscience: “What manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?” (2 Peter 3:11–12). End Times Watchfulness is a summons to awaken before the trumpet sounds—to tear our hearts away from the passing pleasures of this age, put secret sins to death, redeem the vanishing hours, and live with our eyes fixed upon the approaching Christ. This conference is not intended to satisfy curiosity about the last days, but to prepare a people to stand before the Lord of the last day—awake, holy, obedient, faithful, and longing for His appearing. Christ is coming—and when He does, the only life we will not regret is the life that was wholly lived for Him.

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