



# IS GENESIS HISTORY?

BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE  
ON THEOLOGY AND LIFE

**AUGUST 24-26, 2019**



Welcome!

Grace and peace. It is my privilege to welcome you to this year's Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life: Is Genesis History? We welcome Dr. Del Tackett, Mr. Thomas Purifoy, Jr. and Dr. Steve Austin as we have the opportunity in this conference to examine the historicity of Genesis 1-11 and the implications concerning origins as well as the Genesis flood.

Both the Doctrines of Creation and the Genesis Flood are crucial and foundational to Biblical Christianity. Let's explore what the Scriptures say about the scientific implications and developing a Christian world and life view. Our desire is to answer the questions we have all asked from time to time: Do Science and The Bible contradict? How old is the Earth? Is Genesis History? What about Noah, the Ark, and the flood. Was it regional or universal? Please join us for our Q&A forums each evening during the conference if you have more questions. It is a joy to work with you through these questions/issues with confidence in the authority of God's Word.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

## IS GENESIS HISTORY?

### Conference Schedule

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

##### **Briarwood Fellowship Hall**

- 6:00–8:30 p.m. – “*Is Genesis History?*” the documentary  
Question & Answer with Dr. Tackett, Dr. Austin & Mr. Purifoy

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

##### **All Sunday activities in the Briarwood Worship Center**

- 8:00 a.m. & 10:55 a.m. – (Worship Services) – Dr. Tackett  
“*Is Genesis History?*” Genesis 1–2
- 9:30 a.m. – Combined Sunday School – Mr. Purifoy
- 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Dr. Austin  
“*Mount St. Helens, Explosive Evidence for Creation*”  
Question & Answer with Dr. Tackett, Dr. Austin & Mr. Purifoy

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

##### **Briarwood Worship Center**

- 6:00–7:30 p.m. – Dr. Tackett, “*Age of the Earth*”  
Question & Answer with Dr. Tackett, Dr. Austin & Mr. Purifoy

## Children's Conference on Creation

### Conference Schedule

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

*Drop off begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium*

6:00–8:30 p.m. – Elizabeth Urbanowicz

“What Is a Worldview?”

*All Children are picked up at the Children's Auditorium*

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

*All children will attend their regular Sunday School*

4th–6th grade – Elizabeth Urbanowicz

“The Reliability of Scripture”

*Drop off begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium*

6:00–7:30 p.m. – Elizabeth Urbanowicz

“Accident or Intelligent Design?”

*All Children are picked up at the Children's Auditorium*

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

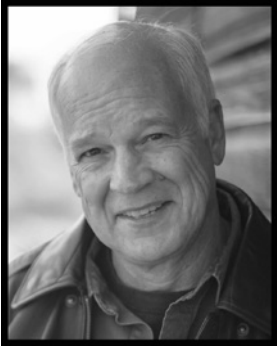
*Drop off begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium*

6:00–7:30 p.m. – Elizabeth Urbanowicz

“Genesis Chapter 1”

*All Children are picked up at the Children's Auditorium*

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Dell Tackett** is the architect and teacher of *The Truth Project*—a worldwide small group initiative designed to instill a Christian worldview within the body of Christ. He is currently working on a new three-part series that will greatly expand that original work and present critical follow-on worldview material with the hope and prayer to see the Body of Christ vibrant and active, changing the world one neighbor at a time.

Dr. Tackett is one of the founders of New Geneva Theological Seminary and a professor of numerous worldview courses. He continues to serve on their Board and as an adjunct professor.

He completed more than 20 years of service in the United States Air Force. During the George H. W. Bush administration he served as the director of technical planning for the National Security Council.

Dr. Tackett holds three earned degrees (D.M., Colorado Technical University; M.S., Auburn University; B.S., Kansas State University). He is married with four grown children and he resides in Colorado.



**Dr. Steve Austin** is a field research geologist who has conducted research on six of the seven continents of the world. His research has taken him by helicopter into the crater on Mount St. Helens, by bush plane onto glaciers in Alaska, by raft through the Grand Canyon, on horseback into the high Sierra, by elevator into the world's deepest coal mines, by SCUBA onto the Great Barrier Reef, by rail into Korean backcountry, by foot onto barren plateaus of

southern Argentina, and by four-wheel drive into remote desert areas of Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Austin received his PhD from Pennsylvania State University in sedimentary geology.



**Mr. Thomas Purifoy** is a creative filmmaker who develops unique learning resources intended to advance the Kingdom of God. He oversees three companies: Compass Cinema, which produces feature-length documentaries and dramatic films; Compass Classroom, which creates and distributes homeschool video curriculum; and Compass Creative, providing video and marketing services to clients. Thomas produced, wrote, and directed the feature documentary “*Is Genesis History?*” in 2017. The film was narrated by fellow guest speaker, Del Tackett.

Thomas served as Director/Teacher at the American School of Lyon, France, and prior to that served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

## CHILDREN’S CONFERENCE SPEAKER



**Elizabeth Urbanowicz** is a follower of Jesus Christ who is passionate about making Jesus known. She holds a BS from Gordon College in Elementary Education and Spanish, an MA from Northern Illinois University in Literacy Education, and an MA in Christian Apologetics from Biola University. Elizabeth spent the first decade of her professional career as an

elementary teacher in a Christian school.

Elizabeth came to realize that despite being raised in Christian homes, attending a Christian school, and being active in church, her students thought more like the culture than like Christ. After not finding any materials that would equip her students to think critically and discover that Christianity is the worldview that lines up with reality, she now works full-time on developing comparative worldview and apologetics resources for children.

# **“Is Genesis History?”**

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Dr. Del Tackett  
Genesis 1-2

# “Is Genesis History?”

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# Celebration *of* Worship

## IS GENESIS HISTORY?

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP—AUGUST 25, 2019

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I among them. Matthew 18:20*

#### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“O God Beyond All Praising” (Holst)

*O Great I AM, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You.*

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

#### \*The Hymns of Ascents

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn 1

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings  
be made for all people. I Timothy 2:1*

#### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God. Psalm 147:1*

#### The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7*

#### The Worship of God in Song

“Praise Him” (arr. Cymbala)

Tracey Jolly and Daniel Cason, soloists

**\*The Confession of Truth**

Colossians 1:15–18

**\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**

*“Creation Sings!” • “All Creatures of Our God and King”*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD**

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,  
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 1–2

**The Exposition of God’s Word**

Dr. Del Tackett

*“Is Genesis History?”*

Genesis 1–2

**THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*For the love of Christ constrains us. II Corinthians 5:14*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*“To God be the Glory”* Hymn 66 v. 1

**The Postlude**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (Dix)

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

† K4–3rd grade dismiss to the Children’s Auditorium for Children’s Worship. Following the 8:00 service, Children’s Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms. Following the 10:55 service, please pick up K4–3rd grade children in the Children’s Auditorium.

Large-print copies of the Order of Worship and audio receivers for the hearing impaired are available at the Information Center. The 8:00 a.m. service is also “signed” each week in the Worship Center. Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and the 10:55 a.m. service video is also available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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**9:30 a.m. Convocation Service**

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Mr. Thomas Purifoy

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# “Mount St. Helens, Explosive Evidence for Creation”

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Dr. Steve Austin

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# “Age of the Earth”

Monday Evening • August 26, 2019

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Dr. Del Tackett

# “Age of the Earth”

## NOTES



# Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

## MidWeek

Briarwood MidWeek begins Wednesday, September 4, and is you and your family's opportunity to be refreshed in the middle of the week this fall. Start with fellowship at dinner from 5:15–6:30 p.m., then each member of the family pick their study or activity at 6:30. Choose from Bible studies, seminary courses, choir, orchestra, and much more. There is something for everyone! You can look over the list of opportunities, make your dinner reservations, and sign-up for Nursery care all online now at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek). Make Wednesday nights special this fall!

## Women of the Covenant

Ladies will have ten different studies and groups from which to choose this fall at Briarwood, beginning the first week in September. With offerings Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at different times of the day, you're sure to find a study that is right for you! Choose from book studies on *From Garden to Glory* by Courtney Doctor, *Pigrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, Bible studies on Malachi, Genesis, Romans and Hebrews, plus a Precept study and more! Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) to see the details and to sign-up for your desired study. And don't forget to make Nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

## Men of the Covenant

Men's studies for this fall begin September 4, and will offered Monday morning, Tuesday lunch, Wednesday morning and evening, and Friday morning. Topics include a studies of James, Galatians, and Exodus; Foundations of Discipleship; and *Indwelling Sin in Believers* by John Owen. Studies are led by Jason Ellerbee, Harry Reeder, Bruce Stallings, Olan Stubbs, and Benny Parks. See complete details now at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men), and plan to make this fall one of spiritual growth!



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