

## 2023 PTSG Speaker's Bios

### Andy Woods



<https://www.andywoodsministries.org>

**Andy Woods** became a Christian at the age of 16. He graduated with High Honors earning two Baccalaureate Degrees in Business Administration and Political Science (University of Redlands, CA.), and obtained a Juris Doctorate (Whittier Law School, CA), practiced law, taught Business and Law and related courses (Citrus Community College, CA) and served as Interim Pastor of Rivera First Baptist Church in Pico Rivera, CA (1996–1998). In 1998, he began taking courses at Chafer and Talbot Theological Seminaries. He earned a Master of Theology degree, with High Honors (2002), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Bible Exposition (2009) at Dallas Theological Seminary. In 2005 and 2009, he received the Donald K. Campbell Award for Excellence in Bible Exposition, at Dallas Theological Seminary. Andy is the senior pastor of Sugar Land Bible Church and is president of Chafer Theological Seminary. In addition, Andy has contributed to many theological journals and written a number of Christian books and has spoken on a variety of topics at Christian conferences.

### Randall Price



<http://www.worldofthebible.com>

**J. Randall Price** serves as President for World of the Bible Ministries. He has a B.A. from

Texas State University, a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary and holds a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. He has done graduate study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and conducted archeological excavation in Israel with the University of Texas in conjunction with the teaching of courses in biblical archaeology and the history and culture of modern Israel and more recently headed the archaeological dig at the Qumran Plateau between 2002 and 2006.

Dr. Price has been an instructor at the University of Texas (Austin), an adjunct professor in the Department of Archaeology and Biblical History at Trinity Southwest University (Albuquerque, NM), and is an adjunct professor on the faculty of the Pasche Institute of Jewish Studies connected with Criswell College in Dallas, TX. He is currently the Executive Director and Distinguished Professor of Judaic Studies at Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.

He has been involved in archaeological excavation at Tel-Yin'am, Jerusalem, and is currently Director of excavations at the Qumran plateau (since 2002), site of the Dead Sea Scroll community, and Assistant Director of the Hyrcania tunnel excavation, in Israel. He has been a co-curator of the traveling museum exhibition: "From the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Forbidden Book" and is preparing to open the World of the Bible Museum in the future. Dr. Price is founder and President of *World of the Bible Ministries, Inc.* (since 1993), an organization specializing in research and communication of information about the ancient and modern world of the Bible. He lectures in conferences worldwide and appears on numerous talk shows and television and radio programs as an expert on the Middle East. He has led more than 100 tours to Israel.

Randy was born in San Marcos on November 19, 1951 to Elmo Churchill and Maurine Grace Price. He and his wife Beverlee Shaw have five grown children.

## **Jordan Ballard**



<https://www.calvary.edu/dr-jordan-ballard/>

**Jordan Ballard** teaches Bible and theology as an online adjunct faculty member at Liberty University, Grace Christian University, Calvary University, and Tyndale Theological Seminary. He earned his MAR, MRE, and MDIV with a concentration in Biblical Studies from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary as well as his STM in Old Testament Studies from Dallas

Theological Seminary. He holds a PhD in Theology & Apologetics from Liberty University Baptist Theological Seminary and wrote his dissertation defending the Conquest of Canaan in the Old Testament under Dr. Randall Price.

Dr. Ballard grew up in a wonderful Christian home in St. Louis, MO and came to know the Lord Jesus Christ at a young age. He has worked as a youth pastor, Christian camp director, and evangelist in the past. Currently, he serves as an Army chaplain in Texas. He is married to Rebecca, and they have six children. One of his favorite Bible verses is Romans 1:16, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to all who believe. ...”

## Mike Vlach



<https://shepherds.edu/faculty-and-staff/michael-vlach/>

**Mike Vlach** is professor of Theology at Shepherds Theological Seminary. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a Master of Divinity degree from The Master’s Seminary, and a PhD in Systematic Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Vlach was awarded the 2008 Franz Delitzsch Prize for his dissertation, *The Church as a Replacement of Israel: An Analysis of Supersessionism*.

Dr. Vlach taught at The Master’s Seminary for 15 years where he served as Professor of Theology. While there he was Managing Editor of *The Master’s Seminary Journal* for nine years. Vlach also taught Philosophy and World Religions at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

A regular conference speaker, Dr. Vlach has appeared on The History Channel. He is most known for his books, *Has the Church Replaced Israel: A Theological Evaluation* (B&H), and *He Will Reign Forever: A Biblical Theology of the Kingdom of God* (Lampion). Vlach also has contributed to several multi-author works.

## Jeff Kinley



<https://jeffkinley.com>

**Jeff Kinley** is a best-selling author and former pastor who has written over 35 books. He is a recognized expert and thought leader in the field of Bible prophecy, having authored 10 books on the subject. Jeff connects with this generation, engaging them with biblical truth in a fresh, practical way. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas (BA) and Dallas Theological Seminary (ThM). Jeff's weekly *Vintage Truth Podcasts* are heard in over 90 countries. He also co-hosts the popular *Prophecy Pros Podcast*, with Todd Hampson.

He has been a featured guest on Fox & Friends, The Glenn Beck Show, The Ben Shapiro Show, and hundreds of radio and television programs. His articles and interviews have also been featured in The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, and The Jerusalem Post.

His latest books are *Global Reset* (co-authored with Mark Hitchcock, Summer 2022), *As It Was in the Days of Noah* (Fall 2022), *Aftershocks*, *Interview with the Antichrist* (2021) and *The Prophecy Pros Illustrated Guide to Tough Questions about the End Times* (2021).

Jeff and Beverly have been married for 39 years and have three grown sons.

## Shawn Crane



<http://www.centerforkbaptist.org>



**Shawn Crane** has been singing his entire life. Music is the central theme of most everything he does. Shawn was saved at the young age of 5 and grew up at County Avenue Baptist Church in Texarkana, AR. He surrendered to the Gospel Ministry in 1986 at the age of 13, and has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for over 37 years. Shawn graduated from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, AR in 1998. An ordained minister of the Gospel, Shawn has been serving on staff with local churches for the last 32 years, serving as Associate Pastor, Worship Pastor, and Youth Pastor at various times. He is currently the Worship Pastor at Center Fork Baptist Church in Hot Springs, AR, where he has served since 2012.

Shawn was also blessed to serve with World Missions Ministry out of North Little Rock Arkansas, ministering to international missionaries and their families for over 15 years. Through his pastoral, music, and missionary ministries, he has been blessed to serve the Lord in the US, Canada, Belize, Greece, Romania, Italy, England, Turkey, Israel, Russia, and Spain.

Shawn and his wife, Alison, have 3 grown children who are all faithfully serving the Lord. Shawn and his family have adopted Psalm 104:33 as the theme verse for their lives:

**I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

*—Psalm 104:33*

## **Bryan Blank**



<https://www.lccredning.org/church/>

**Dr. Bryan Blank** and his wife Robin have been married since August of 1979 and have three children. Their two oldest children are married and have given them six grandsons and one beautiful granddaughter.

Dr. Blank began serving in ministry in 1980. After serving in a small Southern California church as Associate Pastor, in 1989 the Blanks were called to serve in Northern California at Little Country Church in Redding as Associate Pastor.

In 1991, Dr. Blank was asked to serve as the Lead Pastor of Little Country Church. He is at home leading fellowships of all sizes.

## **J. B. Hixson**



<http://www.notbyworks.org>

**J. B. Hixson** serves as the President of Not By Works Ministries. He is the author of the books **Getting the Gospel Wrong**, **The Gospel Unplugged**, **The Great Last Days Deception**, **Freely By His Grace**, and **What Lies Ahead**, as well as numerous theological journal articles. Dr. Hixson earned his B.A. from Houston Baptist University, Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from Baptist Bible Seminary. J. B. and his wife Wendy have been married for 27 years and have six children.

Dr. Hixson's personal pilgrimage in the Christian faith is not unlike many others. He was raised by committed Christian parents who introduced him to the Gospel at a young age. At the age of six, while his family lived in West Virginia, the Holy Spirit brought conviction to his heart through the pastor's message at a Sunday evening service. He realized that he was a sinner who needed a Savior. Later that night, his father reiterated the Gospel message that the pastor had presented earlier that night. Namely, that Christ took his place on the cross, died for his sin, and rose again. J. B.'s dad led him to faith in Christ that night. He was baptized a short time thereafter in the Baptist church his family attended at the time as a public profession of his faith in Christ alone for eternal life.

Throughout his childhood, J. B.'s family moved numerous times to several cities and states, finally settling in Houston, Texas during his high school years. J.B.'s faith in the Lord grew significantly during this time thanks to the influence of his Christian family and a dynamic Bible-teaching pastor at his home church, Northwest Memorial Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. He devoted his life to full-time Christian ministry in the summer of 1985.

After graduating from high school, he attended Houston Baptist University where he earned a B.A. degree in Spanish and Kinesiology in 1990. As He often does, the Lord used a crisis in his life during college to get J. B.'s attention and teach him many life lessons (Proverbs 15:31).

As a result of sophomoric and foolish behavior at the age of twenty, he found himself at the center of a legal struggle that could have adversely impacted his life in a significant way. But thankfully, a gracious judge ultimately dismissed the case against him without any record. This experience redirected his life and led him to Dallas Theological Seminary. This was the fulfillment of a lifelong goal to attend the same seminary that had profoundly impacted his grandfather's life, a pastor himself.

J. B. met his wife Wendy after his first year of seminary at a church where he was doing an internship. They were married a year later. Wendy is an unbelievable blessing in J.B.'s life. Traveling the road of ministry together has been wonderful, challenging, rewarding, at times heart wrenching, and through it all very fruitful. J. B. and Wendy thank the Lord every day for the privilege of serving the Lord through this ministry.

During and after the completion of his Master of Theology degree from Dallas Seminary in 1993, J. B. spent several years in pastoral ministry. Over the years God's hand of blessing has been evident in his ministry, as he served in various pastorates in Illinois and Texas. Eventually, his ministry journey led him into the field of higher education. He spent six years teaching at the college level. Following the completion of his Ph.D. degree from Baptist Bible Seminary in 2007, he moved to the graduate level where he served as a professor and administrator for several more years. Currently, he continues serving on the adjunct faculties of several colleges and seminaries, while traveling with his family for speaking engagements at conferences, churches, and academic institutions.

J. B. and his family have traveled to all 50 states, and J. B. has spoken in more than 500 churches and conferences. They have educated all six of their children at home, where they seek to foster a home and learning environment that makes God's grace and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ central to all that they do. They spend regular time in prayer and in the Word as a means of discerning the Lord's will and cultivating spiritual growth and family harmony.

## Lee Brainard



<https://soothkeep.info>

**Lee William Brainard**, I am a Bible teacher and an author. The Bible is—by far—my favorite book. I read it in the original languages (Greek and Hebrew), several literal English translations, the German (usually the Elberfelder), and the Greek OT (the Septuagint). My areas of study

include the biblical languages, eschatology (prophecy), apologetics, the major theological controversies, ancient history (with particular interest in ancient catastrophism), and electric universe cosmology.

Currently my wife, Nita, and I live in Harvey, ND, where I share in the ministry of the Word at Harvey Gospel Chapel. We have four children (Josiah, Noah, Ezra, and Lydia), all of whom are married. At the present time we have sixteen grandchildren.

My life experiences are varied. I have been, among other things, an Airborne Ranger, a carpenter, a truck driver, a farm hand, a factory worker, a sawmill hand, a car salesman, an insurance salesman, a day trader, a Jiffy Lube tech, and a propane truck driver. I have worked on my own cars, cut a lot of firewood, and done a lot of remodeling. In Wisconsin my boys and I built a 3600-square-foot log home in post-and-beam style.

Born on June 22, 1961 in Valley City, North Dakota. When I was five years old my parents moved to Helena, MT. I spent my childhood there. The summer after my sophomore year of high school my family moved to Langdon, ND, where I graduated from high school in 1979. I attended one year of college at UND in Grand Forks, ND (1983–1984) and two summers of graduate-level linguistics training at UND with SIL (1984 and 1985).

I was born again in December of 1978, during my senior year of high school, in the basement of the cathedral in Helena, Montana in a charismatic Catholic meeting, but grew little as I had little in the way of Christian friends, church family, or pastoral care—some of this may have been my own fault. The following summer I received some nurture in the Word of God through a chaplain during basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

That Fall I switched from the National Guard to the Army with the goal of becoming an Airborne Ranger. I entered active duty in January 1980, went to Fort Benning for Infantry and Airborne training, and then went through RIP (Ranger Indoctrination Program) at Fort Lewis, WA in May 1980. The first day there I met a believer who became my bunkmate at RIP and roommate in Charlie Company, Second Ranger Battalion. He was a tremendous influence in my life, encouraging me to read the Bible daily, taking me to church, and introducing me to a Bible study on the base.

In the Fall of 1980, I came under strong spiritual exercise from the Bible which led to significant changes in my heart, life, and priorities. I sensed strongly that God was calling me to be a Bible teacher. I was so intent on serious Bible study that when we went to Alaska for arctic training in early March 1981, I somehow managed to squeeze my study Bible, a Strong's Concordance, and John R. Rice's Separation into my duffle bag.

Shortly after we returned from Alaska my platoon sergeant called me into the platoon room, complained about my verbal testimony, and gave me a choice between my Bible and my beret. I was given the option to keep both only if I kept my mouth shut and didn't bring up religion anymore. I chose my Bible. Within a few weeks I was transferred to a non-airborne unit where a gracious officer, upon discovering the intensity of my desire to be a Bible preacher, opened a door for me to leave the Army early. Through his help and a series of providences I was back in the civilian ranks—with an honorable discharge—in August 1981.

I am a disciple, a follower of Jesus. I fellowship in Open Brethren circles, that I regard myself as a conservative Evangelical first and Brethren second, and that I am not ashamed of the label "fundamentalist"—though some who wear it are obnoxious and petty—because this



term simply means that a man is unwilling to compromise the fundamental doctrines of the faith, i.e., a distinct Evangelical testimony.

## **Olivier Melnick**



<https://www.chosenpeople.com/olivier-ellen-melnick/>

**Olivier Melnick** was raised in a secular Jewish family in Paris. After meeting Ellen, his future wife, and reading a book on prophecy that she had given him, Olivier began a search, which led him to belief in Yeshua (Jesus) as his Savior. Olivier married Ellen and soon after, they settled in the United States where they felt an increasing burden to reach Jewish people for Yeshua. Olivier has a Bachelor's Degree in Jewish Studies from Moody Bible Institute and a Masters in Biblical and Theological Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. He is a bold evangelist and enjoys communicating God's Word. His desire is to help Christians understand the Jewish roots of the faith and he hopes to train many to be effective in Jewish outreach. His passion is to see Jewish people throughout the world receive Yeshua as their promised Messiah.

Olivier is the author of three books on antisemitism, an evangelistic novel, and a daily devotional from a Jewish perspective. He is also a guest commentator on World Net Daily and other websites, including his blog site on the New Antisemitism. Olivier serves as the Southwest Regional Director in Dallas. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Chosen People France. He and Ellen have two adult children, J.D. and Klaire.

## Jesse Randolph



<https://ihcc.org>

**Jesse Randolph** serves as Pastor-Teacher of Indian Hills Community Church, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He holds an M.Div. from The Master's Seminary and is pursuing his Th.M. from Shepherds Theological Seminary. His writing has been featured on various blogging platforms, including The Master's Seminary, For the Church, the Center for Biblical Studies, Founders Ministries, the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors, and IFCA International. He has also been published academically, in places such as *The Master's Seminary Journal*, *The Journal of Ministry and Theology*, and *The Interdisciplinary Journal on Biblical Authority*. Jesse and his wife (Jenna) have five children, spanning the toddler to teenage spectrum.

## Bill Koenig



**watch.org**

**Bill Koenig** is the President of Koenig—World Watch Daily. His daily online news service has readers in 50 states and 79 countries. Prophetic news is posted 365 days a year. He has been a White House correspondent since 2001. Bill is the author of *Eye to Eye: Facing the Consequences of Dividing Israel*. The 576-page updated book, in its 30<sup>th</sup> printing, documents record-setting catastrophes that occur when American Presidents pressure Israel to give up their

covenant land. He authored, “Revealed: Obama’s Legacy in 2016”. Bill has spoken in churches and congregations in 32 states and 10 countries. We do not know of anyone in the news business that keeps up on Israel and how it impacts the American Bible-believing church more than Bill. He resides in the Dallas area.

## **David Reagan**



<https://christinprophecy.org>

**David Reagan** founded Lamb & Lion Ministries on April 1, 1980.

Dr. Reagan is a native Texan who resides in a suburb of Dallas. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. His graduate degrees were earned in the field of International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy of Tufts and Harvard Universities.

Before entering the ministry, he had an extensive career in higher education which included the following positions: Assistant to the President of Austin College in Sherman, Texas; President of South Texas Jr. College in Houston; Director of Pepperdine University’s Center for International Business in Los Angeles; and Vice President of Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma.

In the mid-’60s Dave served as a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of the Philippines and toured all of Southeast Asia lecturing on U.S. foreign policy on behalf of the U.S. Information Agency.

Dave is a life-long Bible student, teacher, and preacher. He entered the full-time ministry in 1976 when he was called to serve as the pulpit minister for a church in Irving, Texas. His ordination as a Christian minister has been formally recognized by three different Christian groups.

He is the author of many religious essays which have been published in a wide variety of journals and magazines. He has written 17 books and has contributed to many others. His books have been translated into several languages.

Dave's sermons have been distributed worldwide. He has led 45 pilgrimages to Israel that focus on the prophetic significance of the sites visited. He has also conducted prophecy conferences in Russia, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Austria, Belarus, Israel, South Africa, Mexico, the Philippines, India, England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and China.

Dave will continue to write for the ministry as the Evangelist Emeritus.

## **Arnold Fruchtenbaum**



**ariel.org**

**Arnold Fruchtenbaum** was born in 1943 in Siberia, Russia after his Jewish father— falsely accused of being a Nazi spy when he fled Poland from Hitler—was released from a Communist prison. In February of 1946, the Fruchtenbaum family was allowed to return to Poland. Just a few months later, in the summer of 1946, with the help of the Israeli underground, the Fruchtenbaum family escaped from behind the Iron Curtain to Germany, where they were confined to British Displaced Persons' camps. There, Arnold received Orthodox Jewish training from his father before the family finally immigrated to New York in 1951. Before their release, however, the family was befriended by a Lutheran minister; and it was this contact that eventually led Arnold and his mother to the New York headquarters of the American Board of Missions to the Jews (ABMJ). Five years later, this same meeting brought Arnold, at age 13, to saving knowledge of Jesus the Messiah.

His father strongly opposed Arnold's beliefs, and when the family moved to Los Angeles in 1958, Arnold was forbidden to read the Bible, attend Christian meetings or associate with Jewish-Christian groups. Under these difficult circumstances, Arnold continued as best he could to maintain contact with Jewish believers and to walk with the Lord.

Upon graduating from high school, Arnold was forced by his father to leave home because of his faith. Arnold graduated from Cedarville College in Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hebrew and Greek in 1966. He then moved to Israel, where he studied archaeology, ancient

history, historical geography, and Hebrew at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During this time, he witnessed the historic Six-Day War in 1967. Later that year, Arnold returned to the U.S. and entered Dallas Theological Seminary for studies in Hebrew and Old Testament and earned a ThM. He also began working as a missionary with ABMJ (today, Chosen People Ministries).

He and his wife Mary Ann then went to Israel, settling in Jerusalem to work with the local church and to train young Israeli believers for Christian service. Their activities for Christ drew much attention and anger from the religious authorities in Jerusalem, who eventually applied enough pressure upon government officials to force the Fruchtenbaums to leave Israel in 1973. In December 1977 Ariel Ministries was founded and has a worldwide outreach in evangelism and discipleship to the Jewish people. Arnold continues to serve as a director of the ministry and is in great demand as a conference speaker.

## **Tim Sigler**



### **ariel.org**

**Tim Sigler** is CEO2 at Ariel Ministries. He has been studying and teaching about the land and people of Israel for 35 years. Tim has a BA from Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA; where he also received an MA in Theological Studies and later the MDiv; his PhD is from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL in Hebrew. He was Provost and Dean at Shepherds Theological Seminary after nearly two decades as Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Studies at the Moody Bible Institute. While in Chicago, he also served as an elder at Olive Tree Congregation. He and his hospitable wife, Bernice, host educational tours throughout the biblical world with Wisdom Passages. They have three young adult children.

Tim has extensive academic and personal experience with the language, history, culture, and geography of the biblical world. His training and passion for the Scriptures uniquely qualify him as an outstanding host for those wishing to better understand their Bibles within the context it was written.

Earlier this year, Dr. Sigler was invited by Dr. Fruchtenbaum to steward the efforts of Ariel Ministries into its next generation of gospel witness and doctrinal faithfulness and to continue Ariel's commitment of teaching the Bible from a Messianic Jewish perspective. Tim and his



wife, Bernice, have three young adult children—Netanya, Atalya, and Asher—and enjoy hosting Jewish holiday events and speaking Hebrew at home.