



# **HEAVEN & EARTH:** **THE STRUGGLE FOR FAITH AND SCIENCE** **IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

**MAY 1-2, 2026**  
**UNION UNIVERSITY – MEMPHIS**



## TRYING TO **SAVE THE PLANET FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO SAVE THE PLANET.**

The Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation is a network of theologians, scientists, economists, and leaders committed to combining research, education, and advocacy to promote Biblical principles in environmental stewardship, development, and faith.

### **Our mission is threefold:**

**Biblical Earth Stewardship** Encouraging godly dominion to enhance Earth's fruitfulness, beauty, and safety for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

**Economic Development** Advancing solutions for the world's poor through entrepreneurship, property rights, free trade, and access to abundant, reliable, affordable energy.

**The Gospel of Christ** Proclaiming and defending the gospel of Jesus Christ based on Biblical worldview, theology, and ethics in a world filled with conflicting ideologies.

Through research, education, and advocacy, we seek to bring clarity and Biblical perspective to critical issues like environmental stewardship, economic development, and Christian faith.



To learn more about our work, please visit  
[www.cornwallalliance.org](http://www.cornwallalliance.org).

# Schedule of Events

## Friday, May 1

5:30 pm.....Registration/Check-in Opens

6:30 pm.....Welcome and Opening Remarks

6:40 pm.....Session 1

*From Genesis to Savior: Why Genesis Still Matters for the Gospel*

Dr. Michael Spradlin, President, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

7:15 pm.....Session 2

*Whole Counsel: A Project for Cultural Renewal*

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D., President, Cornwall Alliance

7:50 pm.....Coffee Break

8:05 pm.....Session 3

*The Evangelistic Value of Creation Stewardship in a Scientific Age*

Rev. Christopher Scott Neiswonger, M.Div., J.D.

8:55 pm.....Panel discussion with Q&A

Panel speakers: Dr. E. Calvin Besiner, Rev. Christopher Scott

Neiswonger, Dr. Michael Spradlin

9:30 pm.....Closing Remarks

Day One Ends

## Saturday, May 2

8:30 am.....Newcomer Registration/Check-in Opens

9:00 am.....Session 4

*Freeing the Two-Thirds World from Western Climate Colonialism*

Vijay Jayaraj, M.Sc., Environmental Science, Post-Grad Diploma in Energy Management, Cornwall Alliance Research Associate for Developing Countries

**\*\*Please note all speaking sessions will be held in the Chapel located in Union University. Please follow the signs for entry.**

# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, May 2

9:45 am.....Session 5

*Marx is Back in Green: So Now What?*

Patricia Engler, M.A., Bioethics, Apologist and Speaker for Answers in Genesis

10:45 am.....Coffee Break

11:00 am.....Session 6

*Salt and Light in American Politics: A Century of Wins and Losses*

Rev. David W. Hall, Ph.D., Pastor, Graceview Presbyterian Church

11:45 am.....Lunch Break

12:45 pm.....Session 7

*The Apologetic Value of Beauty in Science*

Rev. Kyle Dillon, Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN, and Westminster Academy, Memphis, TN

1:30 pm.....Coffee Break

1:45 pm.....Session 8: Keynote Address

*A Moses vs. Pharaoh Story: How and Why the Cornwall Alliance*

*Defeated Progressive ‘Creation Care’—and Why It Matters*

Megan Basham, culture reporter with *Daily Wire*, author of bestseller *Shepherds for Sale: How Evangelical Leaders Traded the Truth for a Leftist Agenda*

3:00 pm.....Panel discussion with Q&A

Panelist speakers: Meghan Basham, Dr. E. Calvin Beisner, Rev. Kyle Dillon, Patricia Engler, Rev. David Hall, Rev. Christopher Neiswonger, Dr. Michael Spradlin

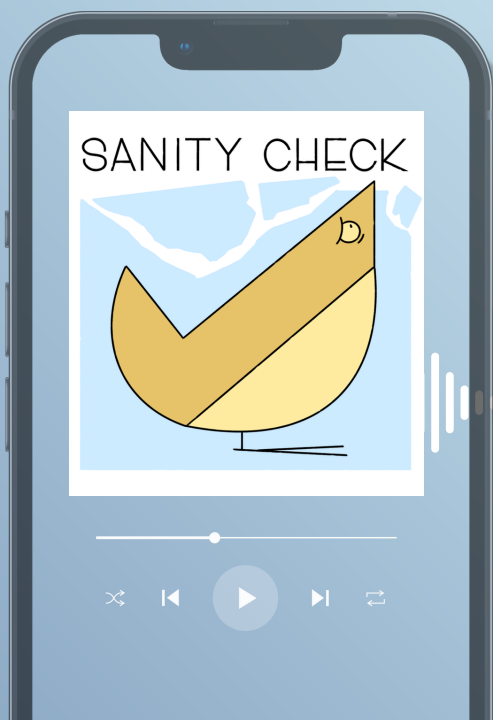
4:00 pm.....Closing Remarks

Conference Ends



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# Meet Our Speakers

## Meghan Basham, Keynote Speaker



New York Times bestselling author Meghan Basham is a culture reporter at the *Daily Wire* and a contributor to its top-ten news podcast, *Morning Wire*. She previously served as entertainment editor and podcast co-host at *World Magazine*. Her work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Telegraph*, and *National Review*. Basham has appeared as a

a commentator on FOX News, MSNBC, the BBC, and The Today Show. She is a former Novak Journalism Fellow and Claremont Lincoln Fellow and the author of *Beside Every Successful Man* and *Shepherds for Sale: How Evangelical Leaders Traded the Truth for a Leftist Agenda*. She lives in Charlotte, North Carolina with her husband and two daughters.

## Dr. E. Calvin Beisner



Dr. Beisner founded the Cornwall Alliance in 2005, building on years of research and teaching in theology, economics, environmental ethics, and public policy. With backgrounds in philosophy, ethics, political science, and history, he has lectured worldwide, testified before Congressional committees, and written numerous books and articles on environmental

stewardship and economic development. His early experiences in Calcutta, India, witnessing both the beauty of creation and the tragedy of poverty, deeply influenced his vision for the Cornwall Alliance.



# Meet Our Speakers

## Rev. Kyle Dillon



Kyle Dillon is Assistant Pastor of Theological Instruction at Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA), Germantown, TN, and Teacher of Theology and Rhetoric at Westminster Academy, Memphis. From Washington State, Kyle served in the US Navy as an Arabic linguist before earning his M.Div. from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Kyle has written theological articles

for numerous Christian organizations, including The Gospel Coalition, Mere Orthodoxy, and The Center for Biblical Unity. He and his wife Leah have two daughters.

## Patricia Engler, M.A.



Patricia Engler serves the Lord Jesus Christ as a speaker and author for Answers in Genesis. Her books include *Modern Marxism: A Guide for Christians in a Woke New World* and *Prepare to Thrive: A Survival Guide for Christian Students*. She holds a BSc in general science and MA in bioethics and is pursuing doctoral coursework in applied apologetics.



# Meet Our Speakers

## Rev. David W. Hall, Ph.D.



Rev. David W. Hall is recently retired Senior Pastor of Midway Presbyterian Church (PCA), Powder Springs, GA. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Memphis; studied under the late Francis A. Schaeffer at L'Abri in Switzerland; and earned his M.Div. at Covenant Theological Seminary and Ph.D. in Christian Intellectual Thought at Whitefield Theological Seminary. He

is the author or editor of numerous books, including *The Genevan Reformation and the American Founding*, and *Calvin and Culture: Exploring a Worldview* and *Sermons on Classic Political Texts*, and writes weekly at *Cheering Folly's Demise*. He and his wife Ann have three children and nine grandchildren.

## Vijay Jayaraj, M.Sc., P.G. Diploma



Vijay Jayaraj is an environment-energy professional and interdisciplinary researcher. He has worked on global projects addressing climate change impacts, conservation, heat-adaptation, energy policy, development, and Biblical stewardship. Vijay holds degrees in Environmental Science (University of East Anglia), Energy Management (Robert Gordon

University), and Engineering (Anna University), and contributes climate and faith commentaries to major US news sites like *Washington Times*, *Daily Caller*, *Christian Post*, etc.



# Meet Our Speakers

## Rev. Christopher Scott Neiswonger



Rev. Christopher Scott Neiswonger is Pastor of Graceview Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Southaven, MS, and serves on the Board of Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary. He previously served Trinity International University and in the international legal department of World Vision. He received the JD at Trinity Law and an

MA from Trinity Graduate School. He was CEO of the ministry of Apologetics.com and hosted the live radio program for 16 years on KKLA in Los Angeles for Salem Broadcasting. He and his wife, Deni, have been married more than 20 years and have 6 children from 8 to 19 years old.

## Dr. Michael Spradlin



Michael R. Spradlin, Ph.D., is the president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He has a versatile ministry background that includes preaching, teaching, church planting, and many international and North American mission trips. In addition to serving as the president, Dr. Spradlin is also the Chair of the Evangelism Department and professor

in the Evangelism and Church History departments. He is the author of many scholarly articles and books, most recently *That One Face: The Doctrine of Christ in the First Six Centuries of Christianity*, and *The Sons of the 43rd: The Story of Delmar Dotson, Gary Allison, and the Men of the 43rd Bombardment Group in the Southwest Pacific*. He is the editor of *Studies in Genesis 1-11: A Creation Commentary*.

# Meet Our Speakers

## Student Speakers

### **Anna Neiswonger**

Rising Student in Business Administration, Pre-Law and Public Policy at Mid America College

### **Daniel O'Malley**

PhD Candidate in Analytical Chemistry at University of Memphis  
M.Div Candidate in Pastoral Ministries at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

### **Titus Wiley**

Rising Student in Mechanical Engineering at University of Alabama - Huntsville



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# TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE

The Cornwall Alliance is a **ministry** committed to promoting Biblical Earth stewardship, economic development for the poor, and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are on **mission** to advocate for policies that lift people out of poverty through principles such as private property rights, entrepreneurship, free trade, limited government, the rule of law, and access to abundant, affordable, and reliable energy.

We are a **movement** that believes responsible stewardship of the Earth means working together to enhance its fruitfulness, beauty, and safety, all for the glory of God and the benefit of our neighbors.

## JOIN THE MINISTRY. LIVE THE MISSION. LEAD THE MOVEMENT.

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