

2026 MACDONALD LECTURES  
IN BIBLE & THEOLOGY

# WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A WORLDVIEW?

*The Importance of Metaphysics  
for Theology*



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**8:30 Session I: Why We Love "Worldview":**

*Examining the Evangelical Obsession*

9:20 Break (Coffee & Refreshments in the Foyer)

**9:35 Session 2: What Is and Is Not a Worldview**

10:25 Break

**10:40 Session 3: Examples of Reframing the Question**

11:30 Break

**11:45 Session 4: The Reality of Social Metaphysics  
for Christian Theology**

**12:35 PM Catered Lunch (Downstairs - Fellowship Hall)**





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To maintain the safety of our school children, use only the seminary restrooms located in the seminary wing



### LUNCH SCHEDULE



Food will be served in the Fellowship Hall, located in the lower level of Fourth Baptist Church & Christian School. Seminary staff will guide you downstairs. There is an elevator available for any who need it.



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



## **Dr. Matt Morrell**

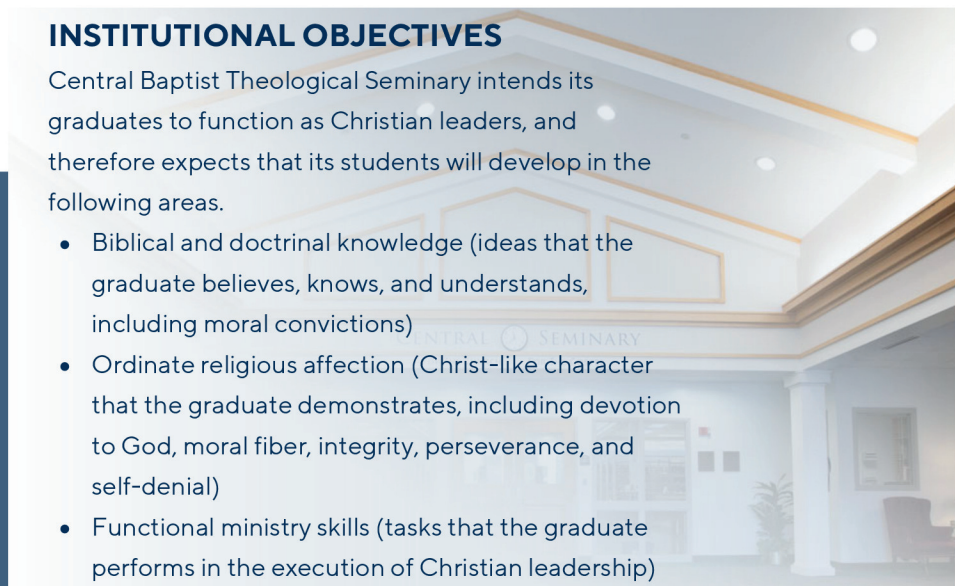
*President, Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
Senior Pastor, Fourth Baptist Church*

Welcome to our 2026 Macdonald Lectures. We are honored to have our Provost, Dr. Brett Williams, leading us in a critical examination of "What in the World is a Worldview?" We are grateful for your partnership in the gospel and your desire to ground your ministry in Scripture truth. May God use this time to refresh and challenge you.

## **INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES**

Central Baptist Theological Seminary intends its graduates to function as Christian leaders, and therefore expects that its students will develop in the following areas.

- Biblical and doctrinal knowledge (ideas that the graduate believes, knows, and understands, including moral convictions)
- Ordinate religious affection (Christ-like character that the graduate demonstrates, including devotion to God, moral fiber, integrity, perseverance, and self-denial)
- Functional ministry skills (tasks that the graduate performs in the execution of Christian leadership)



# 2026 FALL CONFERENCE

WITH NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLAR

## DR. DANIEL B. WALLACE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026  
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### Daniel B. Wallace, PhD

Senior Research Professor of  
New Testament Studies Emeritus at  
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# SPRING EVENTS

## **Mar 23–27 Modular II Courses**

Life of Christ (Dr. Doug Bookman)

## **Mar 25–27 Spring ThM Seminars**

Biblical Theology of Sanctification (Pratt)

Exegesis & Exposition of Poetry (Mayes)

Contemporary Theological Problems (Bauder)

## **Mar 30–Apr 3 Modular III Courses**

Counseling Problems & Procedures (Barger)

## **Doctor of Ministry Spring Seminars**

Addressing Common and Complex Problems through

Biblical Counseling (Ellen) - Mar 30 - Apr 2

Preaching Prophetic Literature (Stallard) Apr 21-24

## **April 10 Registration for Fall Semester opens**

Refer a friend who is thinking about seminary!

## **April 13 - Friends & Family Banquet**

## **Friday, May 15 – Commencement**

# SUMMER EVENTS

## **June 1-12 – Summer Modules**

Acts (McLain) & Chaplaincy Ministry (Freiberg)

## **July 28-30 – Bible Faculty Summit at Central**

## **August 17 – Central Golf Scramble**

# MACDONALD LECTURES SERIES IN BIBLE & THEOLOGY



***Every winter, Central Seminary conducts the MacDonald Lectures Series in Bible and Theology. This academic lecture series was created in memory of Charles MacDonald, Th.D. (1903–1971), beloved professor of pastoral theology at Central Seminary.***



**DR. CHARLES MACDONALD**  
CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY, 1967-1971

Academically, Dr. MacDonald received a B.S. degree from Northwestern University, the Th.B., B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Northern Seminary, and a D.D. degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis, where he taught the last four years of his life. From 1936 to 1939 he taught on the faculty of Northern Seminary.

Dr. MacDonald served three pastorates, at Elgin, Illinois, then eight years at Mount Morris, Michigan, and eighteen years at Lincoln Park, Michigan. His warm pastoral heart, his efficient dedication, his Biblical principles based on a life of successful service gave his teaching a practical value that was helpful to prospective pastors, pastors and many laymen serving in local churches.

# PREVIOUS MACDONALD LECTURES IN BIBLE & THEOLOGY



**2025 - Dr. Kyle Dunham**, Finding Wonder in a Fallen World: *Deploying Ecclesiastes in a Post-Secular Context*.

**2024 - Dr. Manfred Kober**, Christians Living Under a Hostile Government

**2023 - Dr. Matt Shrader**, The Building of a Baptist Tradition: *The Early History and Theology of Northern Baptist Seminaries*

**2022 - Dr. Ryan Martin**, The Sources and Context of “Gracious Affections” in Jonathan Edwards

**2021 - Dr. Preston Mayes**, The Widow, Orphan, and Immigrant in Deuteronomy: *What can Moses teach Christians about the modern social justice movement?*

**2020 - Dr. David Saxon**, Defending the Gospel: *Lessons from the Polemical Writings of Andrew Fuller*

**2019 - Dr. Jon Pratt**, Issues in Sanctification

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## OUR 2026 SPEAKER

# DR. BRETT WILLIAMS

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,  
PROVOST



Brett Williams was born and reared in Littleton, Colorado. He was saved as a young man and has been pursuing ministry since he was a teenager. He holds degrees from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College and Central Seminary.

He and his wife Naomi have three children: Evelyn, Lillian, and Lukyn. Brett pastored in Austin, Minnesota for ten years prior to assuming the Provost position at Central. He enjoys reading theology and philosophy, backpacking, anything that deals with mountains and jeeps, and spending time with his family.

Dr. Williams' primary influences have been Anselm, G. K. Chesterton, Isaac Watts, Martin Heidegger, and Augustine.

### **DIRECTOR, THM PROGRAM**

#### **COURSES**

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I, II, III & IV

SENIOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINAR

ADVANCED TRINITARIANISM (THM)

AFFECTIONS, IDENTITY, AND IDOLATRY (DMIN)



# SESSION 1:

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**WHY WE LOVE "WORLDVIEW":  
EXAMINING THE EVANGELICAL  
OBSESSION**

# SESSION 2:

EXPLANATIONS:

**WHAT IS AND IS NOT A WORLDVIEW**



# SESSION 3:

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## EXAMPLES OF REFRAMING THE QUESTION

# SESSION 4:

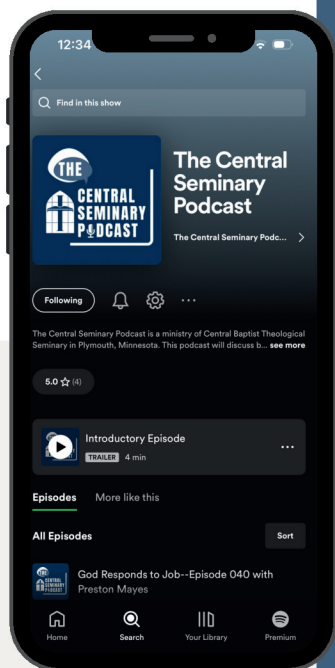
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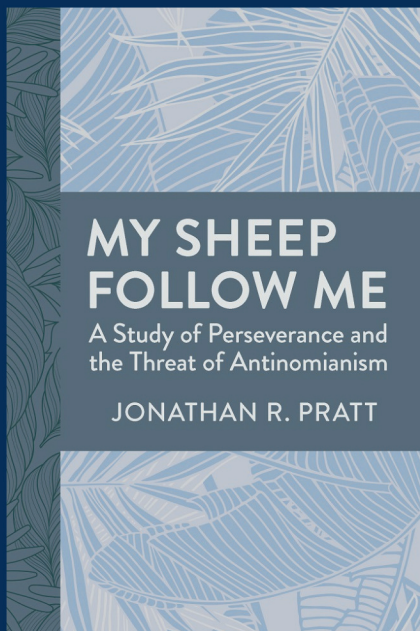
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