

2009 MINISTRY
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
PILLARS OF THE
CHRISTIAN FAITH



Ligon Duncan | Sinclair Ferguson
Steven J. Lawson | R.C. Sproul

OCTOBER 20 - 22

Dear Friend: While always initiated and empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit, history shows that the most powerful periods of church renewal and reformation follow the efforts of Christian leaders to teach the Word of God accurately.

Certainly, the Protestant Reformation would not have traveled far and wide if men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and others had not systematically explained the gospel and dedicated themselves to the training of churchmen.

But let us not forget the efforts of unnamed persons who were used of God to bring renewal through their faithfulness to Scripture. Famous and unsung alike, these heroes held in common a solid grounding in the essential truths of the prophetic and apostolic writings – the foundation upon which Christ builds His church. Christian leaders today must likewise be established in truths like biblical inerrancy, divine sovereignty, the person of Jesus, the work of the Holy Spirit, man as the fallen image of God, salvation by grace alone, the nature of the church and sacraments, as well as the hope of our final resurrection if the church would enjoy a new reformation.

Whether you are a pastor, Sunday school teacher, elder, deacon, women's ministry director, missionary, youth leader, seminary educator, or student, your work in the church is helping to advance the kingdom of God. We hope you can join us and benefit from a few days of rest, fellowship, and instruction that you might be renewed and strengthened to press on.

In Christ,



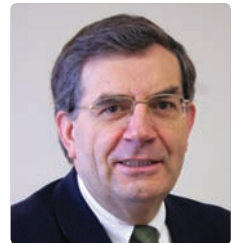
“ YOUR WORK IN THE
CHURCH IS HELPING
TO ADVANCE THE
KINGDOM OF GOD.”

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

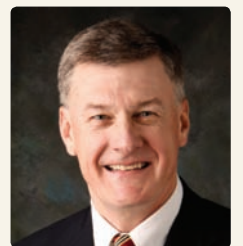
Ligon Duncan has served as senior minister of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Miss., since 1996. He is former chair of the Department of Systematic Theology of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, where he continues to serve as an adjunct professor. Dr. Duncan also currently serves as chairman of the General Assembly's Theological Examination Committee for the Presbyterian Church in America and has edited or authored several books including *Women's Ministry in the Local Church*, *The Westminster Confession into the Twenty-first Century*, and *A Method for Prayer*.



Sinclair Ferguson is recognized as one of today's leading Reformed theologians. He is senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C., has also taught at several seminaries and conferences, and has served as an associate editor for the Banner of Truth Trust since 1976. Among Dr. Ferguson's many books are *The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction*, *The Holy Spirit*, and *In Christ Alone*.



Steven J. Lawson is well respected for his devotion to expository preaching and for the impact of his pulpit ministry as the senior pastor of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. He is a sought-after conference speaker and serves on the ministerial board for Reformed Theological Seminary as well as the board of directors for The Master's College and Seminary. Dr. Lawson has also authored many books including *Famine in the Land*, *Foundations of Grace*, *The Expository Genius of John Calvin*, and *The Unwavering Resolve of Jonathan Edwards*.



R.C. Sproul has for many decades helped to train church leaders with his winsome and thought-provoking style. His ministry extends worldwide through his role as founder and president of Ligonier Ministries, an organization devoted to proclaiming the holiness of God in all its fullness. Dr. Sproul's teaching program, *Renewing Your Mind*, is available on hundreds of radio outlets in the United States and in fifty countries worldwide, and is also heard by thousands on the internet. He is the senior minister of preaching and teaching at Saint Andrew's in Sanford, Fla., chancellor at the new Ligonier Academy, and has authored more than seventy books including *The Prayer of the Lord*, *The Truth of the Cross*, *Truths We Confess*, and *Five Things Every Christian Needs to Grow*.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Those who would lead the church must be able to teach, and those who would teach must know the essential truths of the Christian faith. Good theology is not an option for Christian leaders. It is an absolute necessity. Each of the following lectures will deal with essential truths involving every aspect of systematic theology.

Tuesday, October 20

Thy Word is Truth - Sinclair Ferguson 10:00 – 11:15 A.M.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God; that is, they are “God-breathed.” As such, it is the final, inerrant, authoritative norm for faith and practice. Since the Enlightenment, however, the authority of God’s Word has come under constant attack. Christian leaders who are followers of Jesus Christ must hold fast to the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of God’s Word.

Our Sovereign God - Steven J. Lawson 11:20 A.M. – 12:20 P.M.

In a pluralistic and relativistic age, Christian leaders in the church must stand firm in proclaiming the one living and true God who is revealed in Scripture. The true God is one in being or essence and three in person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The triune God is holy and sovereign. These biblical truths are often attacked, and those who watch over the church must, therefore, be diligent to teach and defend them.

Creation and Providence - R.C. Sproul 2:15 – 3:15 P.M.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and what God creates He sustains. In other words, all things were created by God, and all things are upheld, directed, and governed by Him. Many Christians today have doubts about these biblical truths. Purveyors of popculture insist that our existence is the result of chance and time. Faithful Christian leaders must understand the significance of the biblical doctrines of creation and providence and teach them.

Questions & Answers 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Duncan, Ferguson, Lawson, Sproul

The Word Became Flesh - Ligon Duncan 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

If we are to be saved, we must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. But which Jesus? There are many false christs, including the christ of the Mormons, the christ of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and others. Christian leaders in the church must proclaim the biblical Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

Wednesday, October 21

The Holy Spirit - Sinclair Ferguson 9:00 – 10:05 A.M.

With the rise of Pentecostalism and the charismatic movement in the twentieth century, the Holy Spirit is no longer the forgotten person of the Trinity. There is, however, great confusion among many church members about His person, work, and

gifts. It is the responsibility of those called to lead the church to teach those who are entrusted to them about the Holy Spirit – the third person of the Trinity.

Created in God’s Image - Ligon Duncan 10:40 – 11:40 A.M.

According to John Calvin, knowledge of God and knowledge of ourselves are intimately connected. It is important, therefore, that Christian leaders in the church teach and defend what God has revealed about the origin and nature of man, namely, that we are created in the image of God for His sovereign purposes.

Cosmic Treason - R.C. Sproul 1:45 – 2:55 P.M.

Man did not remain in the state of righteousness in which he was created. He sinned against God and fell, becoming dead in sin and defiled in every faculty. Most people today deny this fact, believing that man is by nature good. It is incumbent upon faithful Christian leaders therefore to teach the truth about the fall and about the true nature and evil of sin.

Saved by Grace - Steven J. Lawson 3:55 – 5:00 P.M.

The apostle Paul pronounced an anathema on any who would distort the gospel of Jesus Christ. This has not stopped the spread of false gospels, however. There is no more solemn responsibility given to Christian leaders in the church than to proclaim and defend the true gospel. Christian leaders must understand Christ’s work of atonement. They must understand the biblical teaching about justification, saving faith, and sanctification. With Paul, they must refuse to compromise.

Vespers Service - R.C. Sproul 7:30 – 8:45 P.M.

Thursday, October 22

The Church and Sacraments - Ligon Duncan 9:00 – 10:10 A.M.

Some of the deepest and longest-lasting divisions in the church are the result of disagreements about what the Bible teaches concerning the church, worship, and the sacraments. This raises one of the more serious difficulties that Christian leaders face because while acknowledging these differences, Christian leaders in the church remain responsible for teaching the truth.

The Last Things - Sinclair Ferguson 11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Many Christian leaders try to avoid teaching anything about the last things (“eschatology”), but this element of theology is as important as any other. Christians must be taught by those called to lead that Jesus Christ has promised to come again and that He has promised to raise the bodies of the dead and to judge all mankind. The lake of fire awaits those who have rejected Christ, while a new heaven and earth awaits Christ’s people. Christian leaders must defend these truths from the errors that permeate the church.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND TUITION

Early bird rate (through Aug 21) \$49; with spouse \$79

Regular rate (Aug 22 – Oct 9) \$59; with spouse \$89

At the door (after Oct 9) \$69; with spouse \$99

WHO CAN ATTEND? The conference is for pastors and other church leaders, but anyone can attend.

CANCELLATIONS Cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing, by fax, or by e-mail (conference@ligonier.org). Refund requests received by August 21, 2009, will be honored in full, minus a \$15 cancellation fee. Cancellations received between August 22 and September 18 will receive a 50 percent refund. No refunds will be granted after September 19, 2009.

CONFIRMATION You will receive a confirmation postcard once your registration has been processed. You will pick-up your name badge between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on opening day of the conference. Please arrive early so you do not miss the beginning of the conference at 10 a.m. If you do not receive a confirmation within two weeks of the conference, please call toll-free 1-800-435-4343 or email conference@ligonier.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS Scholarships are available for those willing to volunteer during the conference. Please call 1-800-435-4343 for more information or email conference@ligonier.org.

NAMETAGS Nametags will be available for pick-up at the conference location.

MEALS Meals and concessions will be available for purchase at the conference location.

VOLUNTEERS There are a limited number of volunteer positions available for the conference. All volunteers can attend the conference at no cost. If you are interested, please call 1-800-435-4343 or email conference@ligonier.org for more information. All volunteer positions will be filled by September 11, 2009.

CONFERENCE SITE Saint Andrew's is the site for the national ministry leadership conference. The church is located at 5525 Wayside Drive, Sanford, FL 32771.

HOTELS*

Orlando Marriott-Lake Mary
1501 International Parkway
Lake Mary, FL 32746
King/Double \$99
1-877-768-2784 ext. 101

Residence Inn by Marriott
825 Heathrow Park Lane
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Studio Suite/King Suite \$119
1-877-768-2784 ext. 101

*Hotel rates are subject to city and state taxes.

*Hotel reservations must be made through Sovereign Cruises at 1-877-768-2784 ext. 101.

Roommate requests can be made at time of hotel reservation through Sovereign Cruises.

Bus Service to and from the conference location is provided from these hotel lobbies only.

AIR TRAVEL/RENTAL CARS/ COACH SERVICE

For your convenience, phone Claudia Williams at 407-521-8355 to make your airline reservations. For rental cars, discounted rates are available from Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Log onto www.enterprise.com and use promo code 07C2409 and pin number LIG. You may also call 800-261-7331 and use these same codes.

Transportation services will be provided by Lorden Transportation at a discounted rate. Please contact Dennis Oakley at 407-376-3244 or 1-866-883-1174. Please make your coach reservations before October 15, 2009.

Call **800-435-4343** or Visit ligonier.org/lead or fill out this form below.

Step 1 General Information (How to Register)

Be sure to give us your first name(s) for your conference name tag(s). If you wish to register a group or need more space, please attach a separate sheet of paper with the additional information. Please complete this form in its entirety, legibly, and following all instructions. An incomplete form may result in the delay of your registration.

Mr./Rev./Dr.

Miss/Mrs./Dr.

Home Address

City/State/ZIP

Home phone* () Fax ()

Business phone () Email

How did you first hear about the conference?

Do you listen to R.C. on the radio? Yes No Station City/State

* Please include your phone number in case we have a question regarding your registration

Step 2 Calculate Tuition (Register Early and Save)

	Rate	With spouse (+\$30)
Early-bird (thru Aug 21)	\$49	\$79
Regular rate (Aug 22 – Oct 9)	\$59	\$89
At the door* (after Oct 9)	\$69	\$99
Tuition	X \$	
Total	\$	

* Registrations will be accepted at the door, space permitting.

Step 3 Payment Information

- My check, payable to Ligonier Ministries, is enclosed.
- Charge to my: Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX
- Charge to church or business credit card.

Card # Expires: Month Year

Signature

Name on card (if different)

Church/Business Name

Address

City/State/ZIP

Step 4 Mail or fax this Form to Ligonier Ministries

Mail to: Ligonier Ministries, 2009 Ministry Leadership Conference
P.O. Box 863595, Orlando, FL 32886-3595

or Fax to: 407-804-0774

At Ligonier, we know that your work in the church is crucial to advancing God's work in this world. Godly leaders are on the frontline of ministry. Your responsibilities to clearly and effectively teach the gospel, lead the next generation, shepherd families, engage in missions and church planting, and serve wherever God directs you are profound.

So that we all might continue to be a blessing to the world and to our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must effectively live out the essential truths of the gospel. "Pillars of the Christian Faith" will be three full days of spiritual leadership based on these all-important truths.

L I G O N I E R . O R G / L E A D

Ligon Duncan | Sinclair Ferguson
Steven J. Lawson | R.C. Sproul



LIGONIER MINISTRIES

400 TECHNOLOGY PARK
LAKE MARY, FL 32746-6229
TOLL FREE: 1 800-435-4343
WWW.LIGONIER.ORG

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Nonprofit Org.
US Postage Paid
Mid-Florida, FL
Permit No. 0009

ACCOUNT NUMBER

MOTIVATION