

CRM CONFERENCE 2026



SPEAKERS

CULTIVATING FAITHFUL PRESENCE



Keynote Speaker
SCOTT SUNQUIST
Gordon-Conwell Seminary President



Plenary Speaker
CHARLES COTHERMAN
*CRM Executive Director, Oil City
Vineyard Pastor, & GCC Asst. Professor*



Plenary Speaker
JOEL SEYMOUR
*Super Region Leader, Vineyard USA
Director of Regional Leadership & Support*



Devotional Speaker
BILL SUKOLSKY
CRM Pastor Liaison

WORKSHOP TRACKS

COMMUNITY FORMATION & RESILIENCE IN THE EARLY CHURCH



MARK GRAHAM
*Asst. Prof of Biblical & Theological
Studies at Grove City College*



JEFFREY HUBBARD
*Asst. Prof of Biblical & Theological
Studies at Grove City College*

CULTIVATING CARE IN RURAL CONGREGATIONS



MATTHEW JOHNSON
*Director of Faith-Based Initiatives
at Fletcher Group*

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRIES



TOMMY CARRINGTON
*Asst. Prof of Biblical & Theological
Studies at Taylor University*



EMMIE THOMPSON
*Asst. Professor of Biblical & Theological
Studies at Covenant College*

NURTURING FAITHFUL MINISTRY ON CAMPUS



SKIP TRUDEAU
*VP for Student Development &
Intercollegiate Athletics at Taylor University*

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00-6:00 PM
Staley Hall Atrium

Registration

6:00-8:15 PM
Staley (Sticht Lecture Hall)

Welcome & Worship

Evening Speakers

"Historical Roots of Rural Ministry at GCC" *Paul Kemeny*
"What Matters Most in Rural Ministry" *Joel Seymour*
"Cultivating Spiritual Friendships" *Scott Sunquist*

8:15-10:00 PM
Henry Buhl Library Patio

Live Music, Lawn Games, Refreshments *Feat. Greg Colbeck*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00-9:00 AM
Staley Hall Atrium

Continental Breakfast & Coffee

9:00-10:45 AM
Staley (Sticht Lecture Hall)

Worship & Welcome

Morning Speakers

Devotional *Rev. Bill Sukolsky*
"Attentive Rural Ministry" *Charles Cotherman*

10:45-11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

Let the Reader Understand": Why Books Mattered to the Earliest Christians and Why they Matter Today
Jeff Hubbard **SHAL 108 (Sticht)**

Hospitality as Resistance
Matthew Johnson **SHAL 114**

Seven Essential Ingredients for a Dynamic and Balanced Youth Ministry
Tommy Carrington **SHAL 110**

Seeking Synergy with Rural Communities, Rural Churches, and Rural Christian Colleges"
Skip Trudeau **SHAL 111**

12:00-1:00 PM
Staley Hall Atrium & Courtyard

Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM

WORKSHOP SESSION 2

Responding to Political and Cultural Crises: Learning from Late Antique Christian Communities
Mark Graham **SHAL 108 (Sticht)**

Recovery 101: A Faith-Based Primer
Matthew Johnson **SHAL 114**

Contextualizing Culture in Youth Ministry in the Small-Town Church
Emmie Thompson **SHAL 110**

Cultivating Faithful Ministry on College Campuses Panel Discussion
TBA **SHAL 111**

2:00-2:10 PM

Break

2:10-3:30 PM
Staley (Sticht Lecture Hall)

Afternoon Speaker

"Suffering and Glory" *Scott Sunquist*

Commissioning, & Prayer

