

Mid-South District
Spring Pastor's Conference – WEST
DeGray Lake State Park, Arkansas
May 16-18, 2022

Title: Psalms: Texts that Influence, Shape and Change Us

Description: The book of Psalms is probably one of the most well-known books of the Bible. We sing psalms in church, we pray them at funerals, we hear them at weddings, and pastors say them to us when we are in the hospital. Yet, I know that when I try to understand these lovely poems more deeply in the hope of finding some direction for my life, I become aware that there is often a gap between me and these ancient texts that I can't easily bridge. Sometimes, reading them is like meeting an old friend. Comfortable. Soothing. Strengthening. Why is that? However, many other times, reading a psalm is like meeting a stranger for the first time, and I know that I am missing a lot of what they are saying to me. During our time together this week, through the reading of selected psalms and other texts, through discussion and prayer, we will become more familiar with the book of Psalms, and we will learn how to bridge the gap between us and these ancient texts. My hope is that you will be encouraged to use the Psalms in your personal devotional life, in your preaching and teaching, and in your role as shepherd of God's people.

Monday, May 16

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Registration
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Welcome
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska – Psalms Session 1 (Introduction)
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm	B-R-E-A-K
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm	Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska – Psalms Session 2 (Psalm 23)
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Praying the Psalms: 70 (TRUST)
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	B-R-E-A-K
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	District Business
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Divine Service Preacher – Rev. Dr. Saleska
8:30 pm	Fellowship

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Announcements
8:10 am – 9:00 am	Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska – Psalms Session 3 (Psalm 42 & 43)
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Praying the Psalms: 13 (LAMENT & TRUST)
9:30 am – 10:00 am	B-R-E-A-K
10:00 am – 10:50 am	Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska – Psalms Session 4 (Psalm 31)
10:50 am – 11:20 am	Praying the Psalms: 130 (CONFESSION)
11:20 am – 11:30 am	Bathroom BREAK
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska – Psalms cont'd.
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	R & R: Golf, Kayaking on the Lake and/or whatever you want to do to relax
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Boat Tour of Lake & DeGray Steak Out at Pavilion (Outdoor Dinner)
8:15 pm	Fellowship

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Rev. Dr. Tim Saleska – Psalms Session 5
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Praying the Psalms: 145 (PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING)
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Group Conversation: Using the Psalms in Ministry
10:00 am	Saleska – Closing Reflections