

Virtual Conference Program

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Start Time: 8:30

Theme: Separated Yet United

Are you feeling disconnected, isolated, alone, separated from others? Social distancing can take a toll on our mental and spiritual health. Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference. Our keynote and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another. Though we may be separated, we remain united.

Keynote: Pastor Mike Novotny – The CORE in Appleton

Bio: Mike is a Christian (by grace), a husband (to Kim), and a father (of daughters). Mike currently serves as a pastor at The CORE in Appleton. He is the lead speaker of Time of Grace ministry. Mike is an accomplished author and a self-proclaimed all-around mediocre attempter of humor. You can learn more about Mike on Instagram @pastormikenovotny (unless you have friends and/or hobbies).

Session 1: COVID and Mental Health: An Update on the Challenges and Response by Christian Family Solutions.

Presenter Dan Nommensen - Christian Family Solutions.

In this presentation, Dan Nommensen will describe the impact of the pandemic on mental health for teens and adults. He will also review how mental health providers have adapted and moved to telehealth and share an overview of the Christian counseling services available through Christian Family Solutions.

Bio: Dan Nommensen joined Christian Family Solutions in 1999. He received his BA from Wisconsin Lutheran College and his MA in Counseling Psychology from Trinity International University. Dan has seen clients through our counseling services and has been involved in developing and presenting numerous educational presentations/programs.

He is currently the Member Assistance Program Director. Dan is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He is a Nationally Certified Counselor, a Board Certified TeleMental Health Provider, and a Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and the Employee Assistance Professionals Association.

Session 2: Digital Outreach and Discipleship in an Online World.
Presenter: Pastor Michael Ewart – The CORE in Appleton

Jesus (and later his disciples) preached and taught publicly, engaging people where they were. But what does that look like today? Where are people now? They're connecting, collaborating, and communicating via Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, SnapChat, Twitter, and other online platforms. In this session, we will explore why we must use digital platforms for outreach and discipling in an online world. The presenter will give specific examples and suggestions for developing and enhancing your church's digital ministry drawing from current experience from launching "922 Church Online." Participants are encouraged to share their digital successes so we can learn from one another.

Bio: Pastor Michael Ewart is the "connections" pastor serving at both the CORE and St. Peter campuses of 922 Ministries in Appleton WI. He teaches and on boards newcomers, and helps members connect through Life Groups -- home-based or virtual small groups designed to help people do life together in Christ. He is the 922 Church Online pastor, a recently-launched digital church ministry. He also oversees digital communications at the two campuses. In addition, he serves as the Europe Team chairman for the WELS Board for World Missions. Technology and computers have been a life-long passion and interest.

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