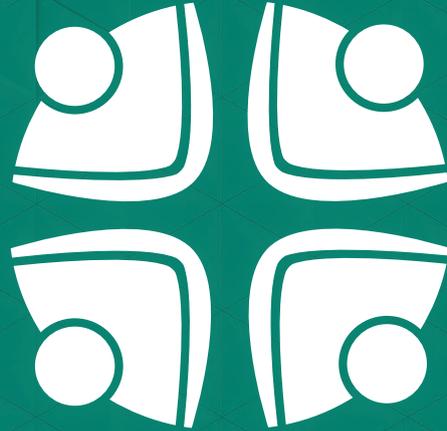


**2 YEAR PLAN
2025 | 2026**



THEOLOGICAL FORUMS
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH



THEOLOGICAL FORUMS

A STRATEGY FOR ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL TRAINING AT COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

THEOLOGICAL FORUM OBJECTIVES

- **INCREASED KNOWLEDGE | We study so that we may know God.** (Col 1:10)
Theological study increases our understanding of God's Wisdom and enflames our hearts to love Him.
Therefore, Community Baptist Church's teaching leadership will pursue theological growth in part through Theological Forums. These forums are built on New Testament precepts of theological education and are designed to incorporate best practices in adult learning.
- **ENHANCED EXPOSITION | We study so that we may faithfully preach and teach Scripture.** (2 Tim 2:2)
Theological study supports both exegetical analysis and expository preaching.
Therefore, CBC's teaching leadership will engage in Theological Forums to deepen our understanding of the doctrines and redemptive storyline of the Bible.
- **DEEPENED WORSHIP | We study so that we may worship and obey Christ.** (Heb 12:28)
Theological study is not an end in itself. It is, first and foremost, a spiritual endeavor.
Therefore, CBC's teaching leadership recognizes that the theological study must lead to worship, as it reveals our worthy God's nature, wisdom, character, and purposes.
- **GROWING CHRISTLIKENESS | We study so that the church may conform to the image of Christ!** (Eph 4:22–24)
Theological study, or the revelation of the perfect God, is a gift of grace given by God for our sanctification.
Therefore, CBC's teaching leadership trusts that as church leadership grows in theological understanding—shaped by a heart of worship—it will, by God's grace, lead to more effective teaching, resulting in a congregation increasingly conformed to the image of Christ.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:

The teaching leadership of Community Baptist Church, including but not limited to elders, future elders, men's and women's Bible study leaders, Community Group leaders, and, to a limited extent, interested theological learners within the congregation. Participation in these studies is voluntary, not compulsory.

TARGET FORUM SIZE:

10-20 participants

LEARNING PLAN:*

- **PRE-FORUM INDIVIDUAL STUDY:** Primary and supplemental study resources will be assigned six weeks before the forum. These resources will include a curated mixed-media selection of books, articles, and videos designed to be manageable for review. As with any study program, the value that the participant will gain from the forum will depend largely on the effort invested in preparing for it.
- **SATURDAY FORUM MEETING:** The Forum meeting will be small group, dialogical, peer-oriented (not expert-driven), and application-focused. Scheduled for three hours on a Saturday morning.
- **POST-FORUM ASSIGNMENT:** The post-forum assignments will be a personal or group project designed to reinforce learning and support applications, ideally completed within two weeks of the Saturday forum.

FORUM PARTICIPANT ROLES:

- **FORUM DEVELOPMENT TEAM (2-3 individuals, elder-approved):** Develops all phases of the forum and communicates with participants. Meets eight weeks before the scheduled forum Saturday.
- **MODERATOR:** Guides Saturday Forum schedule and facilitates discussion flow.
- **PRESENTER:** Prepares and delivers opening Saturday Forum remarks to introduce the topic for discussion.
- **PARTICIPANT:** Completes personal study, engages in Forum discussion, and completes post-forum assignments.

* See **Forum Summaries** for further development of learning plan.



SATURDAY THEOLOGICAL FORUM

Basic Overview



Moderator

Will direct forum and guide discussion



Presenter(s)

Will provide preliminary topic introductions

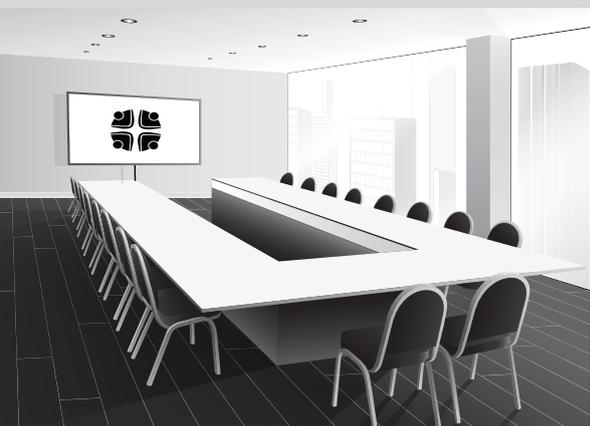


Participants

Will contribute in discussion and determine applications.

SATURDAY FORUM SCHEDULE

- 8:00** | Welcome
- 8:15** | Opening Topic Presentation (Presenter)
- 8:45** | Theological Discussion (Moderator-Led)
- 10:00** | Personal & Church Applications: How might we obey what we have learned?
- 10:45** | Closing Prayer Time
- 11:00** | Dismissal



COLLABRATIVE LEARNING SPACE

Meeting space will be sized to accommodate a group of 10–20 adults, with a U-shaped seminar table layout and equipped for digital presentations.



THE FIVE PILLARS OF THEOLOGICAL FORUMS

Based on Precepts of New Testament Instruction for Theological Education



THEOLOGICAL FORUMS



CHURCH-CENTERED

*Matt 16:18; 1 Cor 12:4-7, 14:26;
Col 3:16-17; Titus 1:5, 2:11-15*

OWNERSHIP

Local Church Accountable
Objective: church accountability through proximity and ownership



COMMUNITY-ORIENTED

*Eph 2:19-22; 4:14-16;
1 Thess 2:1-13*

METHOD

Relationally Assisted
Objective: theological learning sharpened through peer-led discussion



BIBLICALLY-FOCUSED

*2 Tim 3:16-17; 2:2; 2 John 1-2;
1 Pet 1:23-25*

CURRICULUM

Distinctively Biblical
Objective: Increased knowledge of God resulting in obedience and Christlikeness



THEOLOGICALLY-PRACTICAL

*Eph 4:20-24; Col 1:9-10;
2 Pet 1:3-4*

GOAL

Corporate Christ-likeness
Objective: Contextually motivated learning resulting in assessment and application



EDUCATIONALLY ONGOING

*2 Tim 4:1-2; Rom 15:4;
2 Pet 1:5-15*

SCOPE

Life-Long Theological Learning
Objective: Continuous theological growth through a church provided pathway.



1

Who is God?

The Doctrine of the Trinity



Forum Topic

The Trinity: Its Importance, Value, and Impact on the Christian Faith

Spring A
Mid-March '25

2

What is God Like?

The Attributes of God



Forum Topic

God's Love in Prolonged Suffering

Spring B
Mid-May '25

3

What is the Bible?

The Doctrine of Scripture



Forum Topic

Exploring Biblical Genres: How they shape our Study and Understanding of Scriptures (Narrative, Epistle, and Poetry)

Fall A
Mid-Sept '25

4

Who are we?

The Doctrine of Humanity



Forum Topic

Understanding Human Dignity Through a Biblical Lens

Fall B
Mid-Nov '25

¹bucket headings borrowed from Wilkin, Jen, and J.T. English. *You Are a Theologian: An Invitation to Know and Love God Well*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2023.



YEAR 2 | SCOPE & SEQUENCE

2026

Topics chosen from an Eight Theological Study “Bucket” Sequence¹

5

What went wrong?

The Doctrine of Sin



Forum Topic

Original Sin: Personal or Proxy Guilt?

Spring A
Mid-March '26

6

What has God done?

The Attributes of Christology, Atonement, and Justification



Forum Topic

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

Spring B
Mid-May '26

7

To whom do we belong?

The Doctrine of the Church



Forum Topic

Biblical Foundations of Leadership in the Church: Principles and Practices

Fall A
Mid-Sept '26

8

How does the story end?

The Doctrine of Last Things



Forum Topic

Replacement Theology: Evaluating the Argument Through a Biblical Lens

Fall B
Mid-Nov '26

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