



Our Speakers



Garrett Higbee

Dr. Higbee was trained as a clinical psychologist but had a radical conversion in 1992 which led him to trust in Christ and His Word for all things related to life and counseling. He has counseled for over 30 years and recently became the director of Twelve Stones North, Indianapolis, where he hosts Lead Healthy Retreats® for pastors, ministry leaders, and their spouses (leadhealthyretreats.com). He is also the leader care specialist for the Great Commission Collective, a church planting network. As president of Soul Care Consulting, he leads a team of gifted consultants that help churches get healthy by building a culture of discipleship and care (soulcareconsulting.com). Garrett is a founding board member of the Biblical Counseling Coalition and Twelve Stones Ministries. He has been married to Tammy for over 25 years, and they have three children, Rachel, Zach, and Sarah. They live in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Lee Lewis

Lee and his family live in Austin, Texas, where he is Pastor of Soul Care Ministries at Radiant Church while also serving as a consultant for Soul Care Consulting. The previous three years were spent in Canada where Lee was the Pastor of Biblical Soul Care for Harvest Bible Chapel in Muskoka. During that time he also served in a directing/consulting role for a network of church plants in Ontario. He previously served as a pastor at The Village Church for nearly 10 years and is a member of the Association of Biblical Counselors. Lee is married to Andrea, and they have four children, Luke, Abel, Leah, and Miriam.



Shauna Van Dyke

Shauna Van Dyke is a certified biblical counselor who founded Truth Renewed, a ministry that provides free biblical counseling to the community. Shauna is also the Executive Director for the Association of Biblical Counselors. She has a passion to encourage, equip and empower others to walk more faithfully and joyfully in the midst of their circumstances. Shauna desires to teach others to have a deeper knowledge of God's Word and through obedience to the truth, to disciple others to walk in a manner fully pleasing to Him. Shauna enjoys speaking at women's events, is the writer of The Everyday Counselor, and hosts a podcast called Speak the Truth. She is married to Michael and has two sons, Dustin and Jaxson.



Pete Potloff

Pete joined the staff at Salem Heights Church in 2015 and was called to the role of Executive Pastor in 2019. In addition to being a part of the pastoral team, he oversees the Biblical Counseling ministry at Salem Heights, working with the Biblical Counseling leadership team and teaching in the Equipped to Counsel program. He and his wife Holly have also served as pre-marital and marriage counselors at Salem Heights. Prior to coming to Salem Heights, he worked in Christian education for 15 years as a teacher, coach and administrator.



Emily Dempster

Emily Dempster serves as Counseling Training Coordinator at Salem Heights Church in Salem, Oregon. Emily holds a Master's in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University and an Advanced Biblical Counseling Certification through ABC. In addition to helping lead a fantastic team of biblical counselors, she dedicates much of her time to counselor training and working with churches in the Pacific Northwest to develop counseling ministries. She loves talking with other ministry leaders about biblical counseling in the local church. Emily married her husband Ryan in 1998 and they have two children in college.



Tara Cox

Tara has enjoyed learning and growing in the Salem Heights Church community since 1999. She loves studying and teaching God's Word and participating on the worship team with her husband, Andrew. The Lord has been gracious to call her into the counseling ministry, where she gets to use her passion for the Word to care for and serve women. Outside of ministry and raising three girls, Tara enjoys hiking, kayaking and thrift-store shopping.