



Our Speaker/Leader

Dr. David P. Gushee is Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. Widely regarded as one of the leading moral voices in American Christianity, he is the author or editor of 20 books and hundreds of articles in his field, including *Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust*, *Kingdom Ethics*, *The Sacredness of Human Life*, and, most recently, *Changing Our Mind*. Dr. Gushee has always accompanied his scholarly production with church work (First Baptist Church, Decatur), activism (human rights, creation care, LGBT acceptance), opinion writing (Washington Post, Huffington Post, Religion News Service), board service (Center for Victims of Torture, Sojourners), and domestic and global media consultation. Dr. Gushee has been married to Jeanie for 31 years. They reside in Atlanta.

Dr. Gushee's release of *Changing Our Mind* (Read the Spirit books) in late October 2014 added a new chapter to his scholarship and activism. In this book, Dr. Gushee makes a biblical case for a transformative rethinking of the LGBT issue and for the opening of all Christian hearts to full acceptance of so often marginalized and mistreated gay Christians in the life of the Church.

Committed to sharing a message of acceptance that is deeply rooted in his faith, he is lecturing across the country. Counted among those events is the Perry Gresham Lectures at Central Woodward Christian Church.

2015 Perry Gresham Bible Lecture and Clergy Day

October 2-4, 2014

With
Dr. David Gushee



**Offered in partnership by
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**At
Central Woodward
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3955 W. Big Beaver Road
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Registration with checks payable to Central Woodward Christian Church may be sent with the registration form to:

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*About
The Perry Gresham Lectures*

The Perry Gresham Bible Lectureship was launched in the fall of 2010, with the desire to bring to the local congregation and community biblical scholars and theologians of note. These lectures are given in recognition that we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. This lectureship reflects the ethos of the Disciples of Christ movement, which values the mind and insists that the whole people of God should be educated in the faith.

These lectures are named after Dr. Perry Gresham, the second pastor of Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and later the President of Bethany College (founded by Alexander Campbell to provide educated leaders for church and society).

Gresham Lecturers include Dr. Ronald Allen of Christian Theological Seminary, Dr. Bruce Epperly, South Congregational Church (Centerville, MA), Dr. Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary, Scott Seay, Christian Theological Seminary, Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, Presbyterian Church USA (Chattanooga, TN). In year two of the lectures CWCC added a one-day Clergy seminar to the lectureship, with Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, a seminary of the Disciples, as cosponsor.

This year we are pleased to bring Dr. David Gushee, who will focus on Christianity, Inclusion, and LGBT persons.

Clergy Spiritual Formation Day

**Friday
October 2, 2015
10:00-3:00**

*Leading Churches Through the
Current LGBT Discussion in
American Christianity*

How can the church be a place of grace and hospitality, where everyone feels welcomed and safe? This is a question that churches across the land, no matter their denomination, are wrestling with. As the cultural mores change, how should the church respond? How should its leaders respond?

During the course of this day, Dr. Gushee will provide an analysis of the current Christian landscape related to the inclusion of LGBT people in the life of the church. He will also share with participants best practices for guiding churches toward full inclusion of LGBT people in the life of the church.

Registration: \$50 (Please register by September 28, 2015). Includes lunch and CTS certificate for continuing education hours

CEUs: 4.5 hours



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Community Workshop

**Saturday
October 3, 2015
10:00-2:00**

*Changing Our Mind: My Argument for
LGBT Inclusion in the Churches*

In recent years more and more Christians have changed their mind on the question of how the church should treat LGBT persons. David Gushee, a leading evangelical social ethicist and theologian, is among them. Each story is different. Many are deeply personal. Such is the case with Dr. Gushee.

In this community workshop Dr. Gushee will share the story of his own journey, which is recounted in his groundbreaking book *Changing Our Mind*. He will speak to both the biblical/theological questions and the personal/relational ones. He will also share lessons learned since the book was published in 2014. The focus of the presentation will be on helping persons better understand what it means for the church to be a place of welcome and inclusion.

Registration is \$15 (Please register by September 28, 2015). Includes lunch.

Note: Dr. David Gushee will be preaching Sunday Morning.