

## Keynote Bible Speaker:



Grace  
Evangelical  
Society



**Ken Yates**  
Executive Editor:  
Grace Evangelical Society

Pastor:  
Little River Baptist Church

We are pleased to announce  
our special guest Bible speaker

**Ken Yates, Ph.D.**, Executive Editor of Grace Evangelical Society. Ken is a retired Army chaplain, serving 25 years in that role. Currently, he is the pastor of Little River Baptist Church in Jenkinsville, SC, where he resides with his wife, Pam, in Columbia, SC. He has a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. Ken is also the editor of the Journal of the Grace Evangelical Society and is a regular contributor to that Journal. In his position with Grace Evangelical Society, he travels around the world speaking on issues as they relate to the Christian Gospel.



## Auxiliary Luncheon Guest Speaker:

**Kathryn Wright**  
Missions Coordinator:  
Grace Evangelical Society

Kathryn has a master's degree in Christian Studies from Luther Rice Seminary. Kathryn is the mission coordinator for Grace Evangelical Society's (GES) short-term missions teams. Kathryn is a teacher and speaker for GES at many women's conferences and Bible schools. Kathryn has traveled to and spoke in Nepal, India, Zambia, Kenya and Uganda. She is a regular contributor to the *Grace in Focus* magazine and the GES blogs. Kathryn is the daughter of our keynote speaker, Pastor Ken Yates. She and her husband, Dewey, live in Columbia, SC.

Grace Evangelical Society (GES) was founded to promote the life-giving truth that God offers man the free gift of everlasting life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, apart from works done before or after the new birth (John 3:16; 5:24; 6:35, 47; 11:26).

## Thursday's Group Outing



Plans are to combine two unique local highlights for our Thursday group excursion. First, we will be heading to the Hershey Farm Restaurant to experience Lancaster County's best Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine, featuring a made-from-scratch meal, freshly baked homemade goods, and explore the charming shoppes. Stroll along scenic walking trails to immerse yourself in the rich heritage and tranquility of Amish country. After our time at Hershey Farm, we will head over to enjoy the matinee performance of "Noah" at the famous Sight & Sound Theatre. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and many live animals in this original stage production presented by this unique theatre company.



# 2025 Annual Convention in Lancaster Pennsylvania September 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

at the



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## Wednesday - September 10, 2025

- 3:00 pm **Annual Business Meeting**  
*Election of Officers*  
*Annual Reports*  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- Board Meeting**  
Ben Franklin Room
- 7:30 pm **Keynote Address**  
Brian K. Scharf, D.C. - CCA President  
Informal Greeting Time  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D

## Thursday - September 11, 2025

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer Time**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- 9:00 am **Bible Study Hour**  
*"Unlikely Heroes in the Gospel of Mark"*  
**Pastor Ken Yates**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- 11:00 am **Group Excursion**
- Ride-share with a friend to Hershey Farm
  - Home-style made-from-scratch lunch
    - Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine
    - Shoppes
    - Stroll walking trails
  - Sight & Sound Theatre
    - "Noah"
- 5:30 pm **Return to Hotel**

## Friday - September 12, 2025

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer Time**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- 9:00 am **Bible Study Hour**  
*"Unlikely Heroes in the Gospel of Mark"*  
**Pastor Ken Yates**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- 10:00 am **Break**

## Friday - September 12, 2025, continued

- 10:15 am **Short-Term Mission Focus**
- Costa Rica
  - Dominican Republic
- Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- noon **Auxiliary Luncheon**
- Kathryn Wright - Guest Speaker  
The Armor of God: *"Joining Together to Stand as One"*
  - Auxiliary ministries update  
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- \*Those not attending the Auxiliary Luncheon are encouraged to meet together for lunch.*
- Afternoon Free/Family Time**
- 7:00 pm **Auxiliary Activity Night**
- Elva's Chalk Talk Presentation
  - Mission Presentation
    - Brazil Outreach  
Pastor Randy Richner  
Dr. Lee Popwell
- Pennsylvania Room - C&D

## Saturday - September 13, 2025

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer Time**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- 9:00 am **Bible Study Hour**  
*"Unlikely Heroes in the Gospel of Mark"*  
**Pastor Ken Yates**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D
- noon **Awards Banquet/Buffer**  
Pennsylvania Room - C&D  
Presentations
- Spouse of the Year
  - Chiropractor of the Year
- Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Elliott Johnson  
Trail Rides Editor
- Adjourn



## Awards Banquet Guest Speaker:

**Dr. Elliott Johnson**

Trail Rides Editor/Publisher

We are pleased to have Dr. Elliott Johnson join us as our Awards Banquet Guest Speaker. Elliott worked as a baseball coach for 40 years (30 years as a collegiate head baseball coach). Upon retirement from coaching, Elliott asked of the Lord, *"Please give me a passion like I had coaching."* He heard that small, unmistakable whisper telling him how to spread the Word next. He established a non-profit organization for the purpose of publishing athletic and western-related devotional books, tracts, videos, and magazines. (He also teaches horsemanship from Trail Ride Ranch near Waco, Texas.) Elliott believes placing sound, written material in the hands of people is of great value in spreading the Word of God, encouraging believers to share the Gospel, strengthening families and building relationships with other followers of Christ.

Elliott grew up on an 850-acre farm-ranch in Central Nebraska. After leaving the plains for college and coaching in several states, he became one of the most successful baseball coaches in the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics. Elliott was named Coach of the Year 9 times, won 11 conference, district, or national championships, and named to 3 Halls of Fame. He has a Doctor of Arts degree in Physical Education and has authored 30 athletic-related devotional books and 6 baseball videos. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes presented him the 2008 Jerry Kindall Character in Coaching Award.



## Auxiliary Special Guest Presentation:

**Elva Hurst**

"Chalk Talk"

Friday evening, we will enjoy the amazing chalk artistry of Elva Hurst. Elva will join us for our Auxiliary Activity Night and present us with a private presentation of her unique artistry. Many may remember visiting her studio at the 2022 convention.