

## 2022 PTSG Speakers' Bios

### Andy Woods



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**Andy Woods** became a Christian at the age of 16. He graduated with High Honors earning two Baccalaureate Degrees in Business Administration and Political Science (University of Redlands, CA.), and obtained a Juris Doctorate (Whittier Law School, CA), practiced law, taught Business and Law and related courses (Citrus Community College, CA) and served as Interim Pastor of Rivera First Baptist Church in Pico Rivera, CA (1996-1998). In 1998, he began taking courses at Chafer and Talbot Theological Seminaries. He earned a Master of Theology degree, with High Honors (2002), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Bible Exposition (2009) at Dallas Theological Seminary. In 2005 and 2009, he received the Donald K. Campbell Award for Excellence in Bible Exposition, at Dallas Theological Seminary. Andy is the senior pastor of Sugar Land Bible Church and is president of Chafer Theological Seminary. In addition, Andy has contributed to many theological journals and written a number of Christian books and has spoken on a variety of topics at Christian conferences.

## Lee Brainard



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**Lee William Brainard**, I am a Bible teacher and an author. The Bible is—by far—my favorite book. I read it in the original languages (Greek and Hebrew), several literal English translations, the German (usually the Elberfelder), and the Greek OT (the Septuagint). My areas of study include the biblical languages, eschatology (prophecy), apologetics, the major theological controversies, ancient history (with particular interest in ancient catastrophism), and electric universe cosmology.

Currently my wife, Nita, and I live in Harvey, ND, where I share in the ministry of the Word at Harvey Gospel Chapel. We have four children (Josiah, Noah, Ezra, and Lydia), all of whom are married. At the present time we have sixteen grandchildren.

My life experiences are varied. I have been, among other things, an Airborne Ranger, a carpenter, a truck driver, a farm hand, a factory worker, a sawmill hand, a car salesman, an insurance salesman, a day trader, a Jiffy Lube tech, and a propane truck driver. I have worked on my own cars, cut a lot of firewood, and done a lot of remodeling. In Wisconsin my boys and I built a 3600-square-foot log home in post-and-beam style.

Born on June 22, 1961 in Valley City, North Dakota. When I was five years old my parents moved to Helena, MT. There I spent my childhood there. The summer after my sophomore year of high school my family moved to Langdon, ND, where I graduated from high school in 1979. I attended one year of college at UND in Grand Forks, ND (1983-1984) and two summers of graduate-level linguistics training at UND with SIL (1984 and 1985).

I was born again in December of 1978, during my senior year of high school, in the basement of the cathedral in Helena, Montana in a charismatic Catholic meeting, but grew little as I had little in the way of Christian friends, church family, or pastoral care—some of this may have been my own fault. The following summer I received some nurture in the Word of God through a chaplain during basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

That fall I switched from the National Guard to the Army with the goal of becoming an Airborne Ranger. I entered active duty in January 1980, went to Fort Benning for Infantry and Airborne training, and then went through RIP (Ranger Indoctrination Program) at Fort Lewis, WA in May 1980. The first day there I met a believer who became my bunkmate at RIP and roommate in Charlie Company, Second Ranger Battalion. He was a tremendous influence in my life, encouraging me to read the Bible daily, taking me to church, and introducing me to a Bible study on the base.

In the fall of 1980 I came under strong spiritual exercise from the Bible which led to significant changes in my heart, life, and priorities. I sensed strongly that God was calling me to be a Bible teacher. I was so intent on serious Bible study that when we went to Alaska for arctic training in early March 1981, I somehow managed to squeeze my study Bible, a Strong's Concordance, and John R. Rice's Separation into my duffle bag.

Shortly after we returned from Alaska my platoon sergeant called me into the platoon room, complained about my verbal testimony, and gave me a choice between my Bible and my beret. I was given the option to keep both only if I kept my mouth shut and didn't bring up religion anymore. I chose my Bible. Within a few weeks I was transferred to a non-airborne unit where a gracious officer, upon discovering the intensity of my desire to be a Bible preacher, opened a door for me to leave the Army early. Through his help and a series of providences I was back in the civilian ranks—with an honorable discharge—in August 1981.

I am a disciple, a follower of Jesus. I fellowship in Open Brethren circles, that I regard myself as a conservative Evangelical first and Brethren second, and that I am not ashamed of the label "fundamentalist"—though some who wear it are obnoxious and petty—because this term simply means that a man is unwilling to compromise the fundamental doctrines of the faith, i.e., a distinct Evangelical testimony.

## Paul Weaver



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**Paul D. Weaver** is an Associate Professor of Bible Exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary. Prior to this, he was the Academic Dean of the Word of Life Global Bible Institute. And prior to that, he was a professor of Bible and Theology for thirteen years at the Word of Life Hungary Bible Institute. Eight of those years he was also the Bible Institute Director. Paul is a graduate of the WOL Bible Institute (Schroon Lake, NY). He earned a BA from Appalachian Bible College in Theology, a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Bible Exposition from Baptist Bible Seminary. Paul and his wife, Jill, love the opportunity to prepare future missionaries, pastors, evangelists, teachers, and lay-leaders to serve the church of Jesus Christ. Paul is also passionate about providing high-quality Bible study resources, that are affordable, within the reach of anyone serious about studying God's Word.

## Jeff Kinley



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**Jeff Kinley** is a best-selling author and former pastor who has written over 35 books. He is a recognized expert and thought leader in the field of Bible Prophecy, having authored 10 books on the subject. Jeff connects with this generation, engaging them with biblical truth in a fresh, practical way. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas (BA) and Dallas Theological Seminary (ThM). Jeff's weekly *Vintage Truth Podcasts* are heard in over 90 countries. He also co-hosts the popular *Prophecy Pros Podcast*, with Todd Hampson.

He has been a featured guest on Fox&Friends, The Glenn Beck Show, The Ben Shapiro Show, and hundreds of radio and television programs. His articles and interviews have also been featured in The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, and The Jerusalem Post.

His latest books are *Global Reset* (co-authored with Mark Hitchcock, Summer 2022), *As It Was in the Days of Noah* (Fall 2022), *Aftershocks*, *Interview with the Antichrist* (2021) and *The Prophecy Pros Illustrated Guide to Tough Questions about the End Times* (2021).

Jeff and Beverly have been married for 39 years and have three grown sons.

## Richie Furay



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After an astonishing 60-year career in music that included pivotal positions in Buffalo Springfield, Poco, the Souther-Hillman-Furay Band, induction in both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Colorado Music Hall of Fame, plus several solo albums, Richie Furay is releasing his newest album, *In The Country*, where he focuses on his love of country music in a brand new way. Recorded with Grammy-winning producer/engineer Val Garay, who has worked with Linda Ronstadt, James Taylor, Kim Carnes, and many other iconic artists, it is the kind of collection an artist often waits their entire life to make. Focusing on country songs that Furay has been listening to, some for decades and others more recently, it captures his voice with such incredible depth and beauty that even those who have been long-time fans and followers will be caught with wonder. It is truly an artistic moment of reckoning that can come once in a lifetime.

Richie Furay was born in Yellow Springs, Ohio and loved music from the start. His father listened to country music on the radio, and it caught Furay's ear immediately. There was something about the openness of the songs, and the emotional power of those that delivered them, both the singers and players. It wasn't long until rock & roll sprang out of country and blues in the early 1950s, and once the young Ohioan found that sound, he knew he was home. Early doo-wop records rose to the front for a while, and when Richie Furay began guitar lessons and got his first guitar when he was eight years old, he knew that's what he wanted to do. By the time the young man was attending college in 1963, he was a drama major and had won the freshman talent show. After a trip to New York with his college acapella choir, Richie returned the following summer to sing in folk clubs where he met Stephen Stills. Eddie Miller then formed the AuGoGo Singers with Richie and Stephen and his future was set.

He describes it as an "inner optimism" that really took him into the heart of becoming a professional musician. It has been a career of constant progression and unending achievements. Once Stills and Furay joined with Neil Young, Bruce Palmer, and Dewey Martin, Buffalo Springfield instantly became one of America's great bands. As they toured

and recorded for the next three years, the group solidified their place in the history books. And when Furay left to form Poco with Jim Messina, Rusty Young, Randy Meisner, and George Grantham in 1968, his permanent influence in Country Rock became assured.

When Richie Furay began thinking about recording a new album several years ago, all the great country songs he used to hear his father listening to when he was a child became like a touchstone again. And he recalled the early beliefs he formed at the beginning of Buffalo Springfield: to do what you want to do, no matter how unique or different it was. Furay took that as a guiding light his entire life, and he kept it close when recording this astonishing assortment of country songs with Val Garay in Nashville at Blackbird Studios.

“Rock & roll and country, that’s really what I’m all about,” Furay explains. “It’s the sound that first really touched me as a child, and it’s stayed a constant in my life all these years, both personally and professionally. Even at the start of my career. I may have felt somewhat insecure, but I always believed in myself. And I knew enough to know to do what I wanted to do, because if I didn’t, I wouldn’t be enjoying what I was doing. That was always a basic operating procedure for me. No matter what group I was in, I needed to really like what we were trying to play. And that’s what is at the heart of this new album. I have always loved country music, and the idea of putting it together with rock & roll with a steel guitar seemed like a natural back at my start right up to now.”

The broad range of songs on Richie Furay’s breakthrough new album is enough to twist the head around, but the range of sounds that he and his players accomplish is something that even today feels brand new. Songs originally done by artists like Keith Urban, John Denver, Alabama, Rick Nelson, Marc Cohn, George Strait and others bring such a wide swath of country’s most exciting singers and writers together that it all feels like a brand new era. Much of the credit for that goes to Furay’s vocals. While he has been an all-time vocalist since the earliest days of his onstage life, at this time there is an eternal feel to his vocals, like the man has tapped into the deepest aspect of life and conveyed all he has sung and learned into a crowning achievement of where he’s been and where he’s still going.

When the electric and acoustic guitars team up, and the bass and drums of the rhythm section kick in and are joined by keyboards and the ever-important steel guitar, there is such an undeniable celebration of music that comes across it feels like Richie Furay has unlocked the most immortal secret of who he has been all these years. He is joined by a spirit of life and love that only the very finest music can deliver. “This is what I am about: rock & roll and country,” he states, and truer words were never spoken. By the end of the album when the signature song from Poco, “Pickin’ Up the Pieces”, is heard, it is no surprise it was recorded in one take on Furay’s last day in the studio. It’s like a special gift being handed out at an illustrious event. A gift from one of rock & roll’s true pioneers.

Richie trusted Jesus Christ for salvation in the late ‘70s. He recently retired from being a Calvary Chapel pastor in Boulder, CO.

## Mark Bailey



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**Mark Bailey** earned his ThM from Western Seminary in 1977 and his PhD in Bible Exposition in 1997 from Dallas Seminary. He assumed the role of DTS Chancellor after serving for 19 years as the Seminary's fifth President and continues his role as Sr. Professor in the Bible Exposition department. In addition to his years at Dallas Theological Seminary, he has pastored various churches in Arizona and Texas. He was a seminar instructor for Walk Thru the Bible Ministries for twenty years and is in demand for Bible conferences and other preaching engagements all over the country and world. His overseas ministries have included Venezuela, Argentina, Hungary, and China. He is also a regular tour leader in Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and Rome. His board service includes Bible Study Fellowship, Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, and Word of Life.

## David Ice



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**David Ice**, the son of Tommy Ice, is the Pastor-Teacher at Delhi Baptist Church in Jerseyville, IL. He has served in pastoral ministry in California and Minnesota before his current ministry in Illinois. David completed his BS from Liberty University, taught history and coached middle school sports before pursuing pastoral training. He received his MDiv and ThM from The

Master's Seminary with a focus on Bible Exposition. David and his wife Amy are blessed with three children, Abbie, Andy, and Noah.

## Steve Sullivan



<https://www.cbshouston.edu/assets/files/Dr-Sullivan.pdf>

**Dr. Steve Sullivan** is Chaplain and Senior Professor at College of Biblical Studies (CBS) where he teaches Bible, theology and ministry skill courses. He was a pastor for 20 years and taught as an adjunct faculty at CBS from 1992 until 1998 when he became a full-time professor. Steve has been published in Christian periodicals; is the author of an article in the *Dictionary of Premillennial Theology*, wrote articles for the “Theological Dictionary” section in the Ankerberg Theological Research Institute. He is also a co-author of a chapter, “The Call of the Church to Community Development,” in the *Faith Based Affordable Housing Development and Finance Resource Guide* produced by Fannie Mae. Steve was awarded the Who’s Who Among American Teachers in 2003, 2004 and 2005. He is a member of the Pre-Trib Study Group, Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature, Tyndale House in Cambridge and Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics.

Steve holds a BS of Science in Pharmacy (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. He is a registered pharmacist in Texas and is licensed in Oklahoma as a Doctor of Pharmacy. He also earned a ThM (1979) and a DM degree (2000) from Dallas Seminary. He received his PhD in Theological and Biblical Studies at the University of Wales Trinity St. David. Steve and his wife were married in 1975 and have two grown sons.

## **Don Perkins**



**[www.according2prophecy.org](http://www.according2prophecy.org).**

**Don Perkins** and his wife, Marie, reside in Southern California with their daughters, Tramaine and Bethany. They are committed Christians and ministers, having served in some type of ministerial role for over twenty-five years. Donald Perkins is an ordained Minister and is the Founder and President of *According to Prophecy Ministries*. He served as Assistant Pastor at Christ the Deliverer Assembly, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and has also served with two nationally known TV ministries. He travels extensively as a well-respected speaker on Bible Prophecy for conferences, seminars, Bible studies and local churches. He is a staff instructor on Bible Prophecy at the Immanuel Bible College in San Diego, CA and a guest instructor on Bible Prophecy at Ecola Bible College in Cannon Beach, OR, Cathedral Bible College in Escondido, CA and Heritage Christian College in El Cajon, CA.

## Gary Gromacki



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**Gary Gromacki** is the Department Chair and Professor of Bible and Theology at Calvary University in Kansas City, Missouri. He also serves as the Director of the PhD in Bible and Theology Program. Before coming to Calvary, Dr. Gromacki taught Bible and Homiletics at Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit, PA for 19 years (1998-2017). He also was the editor of *The Journal of Ministry and Theology*. Gary served as a pastor in the Columbus, Ohio area for 13 years (1984-1997) and was an adjunct Bible teacher at Cedarville University. Dr. Gromacki earned a BA in Bible and Greek from Cedarville University (1980), a ThM in Bible Exposition and a DMin in Pastoral Leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary (1984, 1997), and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Baptist Bible Seminary (2006). Gary has been married to his best friend Kim for 40 years and they have three grown children and two grandchildren.

## Ryan Pitterson



<https://judgmentofthenephilim.com/judgment-of-the-nephilim-secrets-of-the-preflood-world-digital-on-demand/>

**RYAN PITTEKSON** is a Biblical researcher and writer with an emphasis in ancient Hebrew thought and theology. He received his B.A. from the University of Rochester and his JD from Columbia University Law School. He resides in the New York City area with his family. Ryan has authored *Judgment of the Nephilim: Secrets of The Preflood World* and *The Final Nephilim* which is the topic of his presentation for this conference.

## Bill Koenig



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**Bill Koenig** is the President of Koenig—World Watch Daily. His daily online news service has readers in 50 states and 79 countries. Prophetic news is posted 365 days a year. He has been a White House correspondent since 2001. Bill is the author of *Eye to Eye: Facing the Consequences of Dividing Israel*. The 576-page updated book, in its 30<sup>th</sup> printing, documents record-setting catastrophes that occur when American Presidents pressure Israel to give up their covenant

land. He authored, “Revealed: Obama’s Legacy in 2016”. Bill has spoken in churches and congregations in 32 states and 10 countries. Bill resides in the Dallas area. His wife Claudia has recently gone to be with the Lord.

## **Richard Schmidt**



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**Richard Schmidt**, DMin, and PhD has been an avid student of the Word of God for over 43 years. Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt have been married 41 years, have three married children and nine grandchildren.

Rich brings with him an extremely unique and diverse background. After giving his life to Christ during a Chicago revival meeting, he immediately immersed himself into evangelism and the study of Scripture, graduating with both a BS and MA in Pastoral Theology and Christian Education. Early in his ministry, Rich traveled with Evangelist Joe Boyd and preached in various churches and venues, including Chicago’s Pacific Garden Mission. Upon college graduation and ordination, Rich and his wife, Valori, moved to Milwaukee, WI to church plant.

After the church plant was successfully merged with another, Rich joined the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office to support his young family, while simultaneously serving as an Assistant Pastor. During the next 18 years, he regularly preached, taught Bible classes, and led the Men’s Ministry. Rich was also rising to the top of the MCSO, where he served directly under Milwaukee Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. as his Senior Commander Undersheriff. At MCSO, he received extensive training in Leadership and Administration at the FBI Academy, Harvard and Northwestern Universities, and the National Institute of Corrections.

On September 1, 2017, upon the retirement of the Sheriff, Rich became the Acting Sheriff of Milwaukee, WI until his retirement in January 2019. During that time, Rich transformed the agency with 18 initiatives and left the agency with nearly a \$1,000,000 budget surplus and maintained positive working relationships with County and State government leaders.

It was during his combined government and ministry period that Rich met Dr. Jimmy DeYoung, Dr. Bob Shelton, and traveled with Dr. Sam Horn on multiple study trips to the

Middle East. From those encounters, a passion for Israel and its Biblical history and prophetic significance emerged. In 2014, after completing a prophetically based doctoral program, Rich was awarded his DMin and **Prophecy Focus Ministries** was born. In 2020, Rich earned his PhD in Advanced Eschatology and continued his robust speaking schedule.

From 2017-2020, Rich was a volunteer church representative with the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. He co-lead study trips to Israel and preached at multiple FOI local and national Prophecy Conferences, along with co-authoring a book with FOI. His love for the Jewish people continues to this day.

In 2020, the Co-vid pandemic with its widespread cancellations allowed Rich to speak at Union Grove Baptist Church. Within a short time, the call to become the Senior Pastor at UGBC was extended to Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt. Additionally, Rich began a weekly televised program, *Prophecy Focus*, which can be viewed on VCY, Ch 30 and VCY.tv. He also is a featured speaker at Prophecy Conferences when not preaching at UGBC.

Rich combines an evangelistic flavor with scripturally packed, exciting messages that are visualized with detailed multimedia presentations. Dr. Schmidt is able to marry that with his up-to-date knowledge of current events and experience that has been gained during his thirty-two years in a large government agency.

## **Mondo Gonzales**



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**Mondo Gonzales** has had a great interest in the study of Bible prophecy in relation to the 1948 establishment of the state of Israel and the extremely popular book, *The Late Great Planet Earth* by Hal Lindsey in 1970, we have been exposed to the various component stages being set for the events leading up to the rapture and seven-year tribulation. God in His grace saved me at 18 years old in 1993 and I immediately began to grow in my understanding of prophecy. I feasted on books by John Walvoord, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Chuck Missler, Randall Price and Thomas Ice (among others). I was so excited as a teenager that I began to collect newspaper

articles in a binder that connected to Biblical prophecy and used it as an evangelism tool. I realized very soon that my binder was too small!

Soon after, I had the privilege of being called to be a pastor in Illinois and attend Moody Bible Institute. Even though I had come to see the logical consistency of classical Dispensationalism, I was able to study it more in depth at Moody which was ardently dispensational at that time. I majored in Jewish studies under Michael Rydelnik which provided me with solid instruction in not only Jewish studies and evangelism, but with understanding the prophetic significance of the modern state of Israel and its future. Sadly, so much of the contemporary church (mainly national denominations) are losing its Biblical understanding of the role of Israel in future prophecy. They are participating in the boycott and divesting initiatives without properly taking into consideration that one day Israel will receive Jesus as Messiah and be saved (Rom 11:25-26); after the time of Jacob's trouble (Jer 30:7) and the completion of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel (9:24-27).

God has always given me a love for the glorious land of Israel and has provided me the opportunity to earn a master's degree in Near Eastern Archaeology and Languages from Trinity International University near Chicago, IL. It has been a joy over the last 20 years to do archaeological work and field study in Greece, Turkey, the Island of Patmos, Israel, Jordan, Peru and all over Egypt. I have been to Israel seven times and as a tour leader four times, being able to take churches and other groups to experience the spiritual wonder of visiting God's land. My longest stint was a month in Israel where I was able to participate in the excavations at Tell es-Safi (also known as Gath where Goliath was from).

Having the privilege to pastor at churches in Illinois, Washington, and Lake Tahoe, Nevada has helped me to see the absolute need to make sure God's people in the church and beyond are trained properly in the various facets of eschatology. Events are escalating at an increasingly rapid pace in both intensity and frequency as Jesus said it would in His analogy of birth pains (Matt 24:8). Jesus scolded the Pharisees for not recognizing the signs of the times (Matt 16:1-3) and no doubt He commanded all of His followers to be watching at all times (Matt 24:42). When God's people are being alert to the signs of the times, it will cause them to grow in holiness and purity as they await their Lord's return (1 John 3:2-3; 2 Peter 3:11). When it comes to eschatology and specifically the rapture, God instructs us through Paul that we are not to be ignorant of these things (1 Thess. 4:13). Our growth and knowledge will equip us to not just satisfy our own intellectual interests, but to evangelize those around us with the gospel.

Mondo has been blessed by the work of Prophecy Watchers through the years, it is an honor and privilege to join the excellent team God has put together. Their vision to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, along with the focus of educating and directing everyone to be watching for Jesus' soon return excites me.