

Associational Newsletter

Spring 2017

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State Associational Leadership Training

May 20, 2017

9:30 am—2:30 pm

KY Baptist Building

\$15 per person

General session workshop:

Walking Into the Confusion of Transgender Identity—

Walking Where Jesus Would Walk

Led by Dr. Paul Gibson

Register online: www.kywmu.org/salt

or by phone: 502-489-3534

State Associational Leadership Training Schedule

9:00 AM	Registration
9:30	Opening Session
10:00	Walking Into the Confusion of Transgender Identity-- Walking Where Jesus Would Walk* Led by Dr. Paul Gibson
11:30	Visit Displays/Lunch
11:45	Lunch
12:30 PM	Age Level Workshops**
2:30	Dismiss

Bookstore will be open 11:30 - 12:30 and 2:30 - 3:00

*While on earth, Jesus walked alongside and ministered to people who were seen as outcasts and sinners. Jesus was able to do so because he knew who he was - the beloved Son of God. We are called, like Jesus, to walk alongside sinners and outcasts, including those who identify as transgender. But, we are only able to do so if we know our true identity - treasured children of the Most High God.

This workshop will address the questions, challenges, and Gospel opportunities that exist when walking alongside or ministering to a person or persons who identify as transgender. The goals of the workshop are to assist the participants in understanding the definition of transgender, feel a burden to "walk alongside" those who identify as transgender, and practice relationship building with those in the transgender community with hopes of effectively sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Dr. Paul Gibson is the pastor of Hardinsburg Baptist Church where he serves a wonderful community of people who are learning what it means to love God, love neighbor, and love self. Paul served for over a decade on college campuses in Kentucky, Texas, and Illinois. While serving on these campuses, Paul felt a burden to walk alongside and minister to the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. As a result of his journey, Paul has dear friends who identify as LGBT and he wrestles with the tension between loving his friends while holding on to his Biblical convictions. Paul holds a doctorate in marriage and family counseling. Paul is married to his better half, Tara Gibson, and has two children-who-hung-the-moon, Natalie and Isaac.



**Age Level Workshops will offer information on how to lead association-wide events. You will learn how to encourage church missions groups in your association. You will also gather tips for helping new missions groups get started.