

O What Matchless Condescension

Covenant Theology in Scripture,
History and Today's Church

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Why has the God of glory chosen to deal with sinful human beings through covenant? We could give many answers to this question, but undoubtedly it is an act of the Lord's rich mercy. He has graciously committed himself to save his people in a way that magnifies his holiness and brings us deep assurance and peace. To borrow the words of the hymn, this is his **'matchless condensation'**. At the 2027 Carey Conference we will examine these stirring and comforting truths, and think about how they can bring encouragement to our churches.

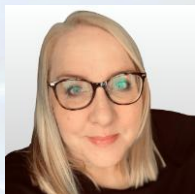


Our main speaker will be **Pascal Denault**. Pascal is the pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church of Saint-Jérôme (Québec, Canada), where he has served since 2005. He is married to Caroline, and together they are the happy parents of four children. Pascal completed a bachelor's and master's degree in Theology at the Faculty of Evangelical Theology in Montreal. He is the author of books including *The Distinctiveness of Baptist Covenant Theology* (2013, 2017 rev. ed.), *Disciple Today* (2024), *Two Perspectives on the Millennium* (2021, co-auth.), *The Dark Side of the Christian Life* (2019) and *Solas, the Quintessence of the Christian Faith* (2015). Over three sessions, Pascal will unfold the kindness of God in his covenant dealings with us, the covenants in redemptive history, and some of the contemporary debates and distinctives in covenant theology.



Mark Fisher has been the pastor of Hanney Chapel in South Oxfordshire for the last 12 years. He is married to Miriam, with one son, Benjamin. Converted as a teenager, Mark previously served as an assistant in Heath Church, Cardiff and is a trustee of the Open-Air Mission.

Mark will preach the word for us during our two evening meetings.



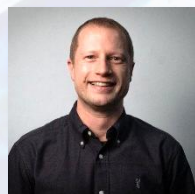
Natalie Brand (PhD, Trinity St David) is a writer, conference speaker and Bible teacher. Passionate about women treasuring theology, she has taught at Union School of Theology, Oak Hill and London Seminary. She is married to a minister and has three daughters.

Natalie will lead the two sessions of our women's track, looking at passages from Colossians under the theme 'He will hold me fast'.



Tony Flanders was converted aged 18 through reading John Blanchard's *Right with God*. He trained at London Theological Seminary, served churches in Lancashire and South Wales, and is now a full-time elder at Trinity Grace Church, Ramsbottom. Tony and his wife Maggie have an adult son.

Tony's two sessions will help us to think about how we can cultivate a culture of encouragement in our churches.



Steve Auld is pastor of Great Victoria Street Baptist Church in Belfast, where he has served since 2017. He was previously assistant pastor at Eden Baptist Church in Cambridge and, with his wife Lynsey, was a missionary in Madagascar. Steve teaches at the Irish Baptist College, and is completing a PhD on the preaching and theology of Andrew Fuller. Steve's paper will open our conference: 'The evangelical and affectionate preaching of Andrew Fuller.'

Carey Conference Programme 2027

TUESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2027	
2-2:45pm	Registration
3:00pm	Steve Auld <i>The evangelical & affectionate preaching of Andrew Fuller</i>
4:30pm	Tea
5:00pm	Pascal Denault <i>The Necessity of Covenant: God's Condescension to Man</i>
6:30pm	Evening meal
8:00pm	Worship—preacher: Mark Fisher
WEDNESDAY, 6 JANUARY	
7:45am	Prayer
8:30am	Breakfast
9:30am	Pascal Denault <i>From Adam to Christ: The Covenants in Redemptive History</i>
11:00am	Coffee
11:30am	Tony Flanders — <i>The Art of Encouragement (1)</i> Women's track: Natalie Brand — <i>The Beauty of Christ</i>
1:00pm	Lunch
~ Free time ~	
4:30pm	Tea
5:00pm	Mission reports from around the world
6:30pm	Evening meal
8:00pm	Worship—preacher: Mark Fisher
THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY	
7:45am	Prayer
8:30am	Breakfast
9:30am	Tony Flanders — <i>The Art of Encouragement (2)</i> Women's track: Natalie Brand — <i>Rooted in Christ</i>
11:00am	Coffee
11:30am	Pascal Denault <i>Covenant Theology Today: Debates & Distinctives</i>
1:00pm	Lunch & departure

The conference is open to all involved in pastoral and preaching ministry and their wives, as well as all men and women involved in Christian ministry and leadership. The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 is the theological basis of the conference.

As well as the formal sessions, the conference provides plenty of time for informal fellowship and relaxation. There will be a bookstall, as well as exhibition stands run by partner organisations seeking to proclaim the gospel and extend the kingdom of Christ across the world.

Venue: King's Park Conference Centre, King's Park Road, Northants, NN3 6LL

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Day visitors are also welcome:

£50 for Tuesday (including evening meal)

£60 for Wednesday (including all meals)

£40 for Thursday (including lunch)

Contact: For questions about bookings, payment, or other conference matters, please contact loiscollier@hotmail.co.uk / tel. 01953 453347

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