

## About the Keynote Address

Everyone will probably agree that “theology” is important. But, like Halloween, it can be SCARY for some people. The very word sounds too deep – something that theologians do, not a topic for “regular” people. Yet we all have a theology, because we all hold beliefs about God, creation, and redemption in Christ. In this presentation, Dr. Barnes will help you see how exciting theology can be, and you will experience how effectively it can aid you in enjoying a richer relationship with God.

## About Craig Barnes



M. Craig Barnes became the Robert Meneilly professor of leadership and ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2002. In addition to this teaching ministry at PTS, he currently serves as Senior Pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Previously, he served as the senior pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. Barnes earned his doctorate from the University of Chicago, where his doctoral advisor was Martin Marty. He is the author of several popular books, including most recently *Searching for Home: Spirituality for Restless Souls* (Brazos Press, 2006), *Sacred Thirst: Finding God in the Desert of our Longings* (Zondervan 2001) and *Hustling God: Why We Work So Hard for What God Wants to Give* (Zondervan 1999). A well-known Presbyterian, he is also the author of numerous published articles and is a popular speaker at Seminary and church events.

## Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. .... Registration
- 9:30 a.m. .... Worship  
Faye D'Ippolito
- 10:00 a.m. .... Keynote Address  
Craig Barnes
- 12:00 p.m. .... Lunch in Cafeteria  
(buy or bring)
- 1:15 p.m. .... Workshop  
(see options next panel)
- 3:00 p.m. .... Going Home

### Cost:

Registration is \$25, not including lunch. You may buy in the cafeteria (very reasonable) or bring your own.

### For more information or questions

Contact Barb Grogan at 412-441-3304, ext. 2196 or Bgrogan@pts.edu

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Tuesday, March 16, 2010

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In order to lead, one must be growing in one's faith. Come spend time in worship, reflection and sharing. Depart refreshed, having fed your soul and your mind in the company of your colleagues in educational ministry.

## Music

Faye D'Ippolito is a church organist and a musician.

## Workshops

(Please indicate your choice on the registration form.)

### A. Taking the "Grr" Out of Greek

Jim Platt, Lecturer in Greek and Exegesis

Have you ever wondered why Greek is so important for studying the New Testament? For one thing the words and concepts carry meanings that we can't express well in English. Also, some of the words in the liturgy (like "kyrie" and "eucharist") and in theology (like "apocalypse" and "christology") come straight from Greek. Would you like to learn a little about this fascinating language and have some fun at the same time? Then come, join this class.

### B. Beware of the Theology in Your Curriculum

Alice Fisler, Pastor, Bethesda UP Church, Elizabeth PA


Sharon Stewart, Director of Disciplemaking and Spiritual Growth, Pittsburgh Presbytery

You've heard people say, "That's *your* point of view." It's true. When we say anything about anything, we're saying it from our own point of view. Did you know that the curriculum you purchase has a point of view too? Specifically, it has a *theological* point of view. This workshop will give practical guidance in determining what theologies underlie curriculum materials that you are considering – or currently using – for your church school classes.

### C. Children as Theological Thinkers

Mary Lou Ferris, Christian Education Consultant

When asked what the core of the gospel is, the great theologian Karl Barth once said, "Jesus loves me, this I know." That's something even a child could say. In fact, children can say much more about theology than we sometimes assume. What is it about children that enables them to understand in very significant ways the truths of the gospel, and what can we learn from them? Come to this workshop and you'll find out!

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