

## **ANNUAL TEACHERS' SEMINAR**

**Purpose:** Local church pastors and teachers equipping and encouraging local church teachers for effective teaching.

**Who We Are:** A fellowship of baptistic churches cooperating for a greater equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry through an annual seminar.

**What We Believe:** We believe the Scriptures are our sole and final authority for all manner of faith and practice; which drives us to historical, grammatical study and teaching of the Scriptures to God's people. We believe God has gifted some to be teachers and called them to teach; which drives us to passionately give teachers tools and training to improve their enjoyment and their students' learning as they teach. We believe God is about His kingdom not just "my" church; so we will not recruit teachers or members to our churches at the conference but instead seek to send them back to their churches for greater impact.

**What We Are Not:** We are not a group that seeks to push or sell any particular translation of the Bible, any curriculum, a denomination, a specific local church, or a specific methodology of structuring or organizing teaching.

**What You Can Expect:** Each year we focus on a theme that helps us keep the central teachings and the breakout sessions coordinated. You and your teachers can expect a warm welcome and an inviting atmosphere. We start the day with light breakfast food and then gather for some introductions and making sure everyone has a booklet for the day. A kickoff teaching with everyone together helps set our attention for the day, and then we go out to explore the breakout sessions each teacher desires to attend. These are varied by style, experience, age groups, and specific interests. We all break for lunch together at the host church (lunch is included in the cost of the day). We finish the day with a central teaching that is designed to wrap things up, but most importantly to send everyone out encouraged. You can expect Scripture-centric emphasis and sound techniques from all of the speakers and presenters. We select those who have proven their soundness and their effectiveness over the years in teaching.

**Cost:** We seek to keep the cost minimal, yet not put a burden on the host church to carry the cost. Most years the cost per person will be between \$10 - \$20. In order to encourage busy pastors to attend with their teachers (or to check it out before bringing their teachers), pastors may attend free of charge.

**Location:** We alternate between two locations: Gospel Baptist Church ([gospelbaptist.com](http://gospelbaptist.com)) in Galion, OH (located 1 hour north of Columbus just off of Rt. 30) and Crosspointe Church ([experiencecrosspointe.church](http://experiencecrosspointe.church)) in Westerville, OH (located on the northeast side of Columbus just a few miles off of I-270).