

Church Resource Services Speaker's Bureau

Jay Akkerman, D.Min.

Education

B.A., Northwest Nazarene University

M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary

D.Min., Beeson Center – Asbury Theological Seminary



Dr. Akkerman is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Graduate Theological Online Education at Northwest Nazarene University. He is the founding leader of The Table, a missional order in conjunction with College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho, and a founding leader of EarlyChurch, a ministry of First Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho. Dr. Akkerman has also served as Senior Pastor and Youth Pastor in various churches in the Church of the Nazarene. For more information, see his vitae at www.nnu.edu/akkerman. Dr. Akkerman is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Escalation: A Strategy for Ministry Teams: This workshop teaches pastors and laypersons how to develop a planning system for their worship, ministry, and/or preaching teams that leverages both the clock and the calendar. Discover how to develop a workable system and instill this model in others.
- Wising Up About Dumbing Down the Gospel: Media in Ministry: This workshop challenges pastors and laypersons to avoid the temptation of preaching and teaching as if the world has not changed by making the case for using media to convey the graphic message of the gospel to twenty-first century culture.
- Spiritual Formation Retreats: This is a one to three day opportunity to focus on the internal relationship with our God.

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Jim Bader, Ed.D.

Education

B.A., Millikin University

M.A., Illinois State University

Ed.D., Illinois State University



Dr. Bader is the Dean of School of Education, Social Work and Counseling. He has 32 years experience in public education as teacher, principal and superintendent, and 12 years as university professor. Dr. Bader is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Teaching to Learn
- Developing a Teaching Approach to Help Students Learn

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Wendell Bowes, Ph.D.

Education

B.A., Northwest Nazarene University

M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary

Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary

Ph.D., Dropsie College



Dr. Bowes is Professor of Old Testament at Northwest Nazarene University. He served as a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for 10 years and has been professor at NNU for the past 26 years. He has also been a participant in three archaeological digs in Jordan.

Dr. Bowes is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Archaeological Contributions to the Study of the Bible: This presentation includes numerous slides and archaeological artifacts. This workshop addresses the history of archaeology in the Middle East; contributions of

archaeology to the study of the Bible; archaeological discoveries in Jordan that relate to the Israelites; and issues of archaeology and faith.

- Know Your Old Testament: Studying the Old Testament by Genre: This workshop addresses the five major genre of literature in the Old Testament – Narratives, Psalms, Wisdom Literature, Prophets, and Legal Material. This seminar will discuss the characteristics of each genre and the methods that are appropriate for interpreting each. If this seminar is directed toward pastors, it will include additional helps for constructing sermons from each genre.
- Preaching and Teaching on Holiness from the Old Testament: This seminar will address three topics: What is holiness preaching? What is *good* holiness preaching? What is a holiness text? The remainder of time will be devoted to looking at individual Old Testament passages that are appropriate for holiness preaching.
- The Wisdom of the Ages: A Study of the Book of Proverbs: The book of Proverbs contains hundreds of short sayings that have relevance to everyday life, but readers often have difficulty finding any underlying theme. This seminar will examine the content and major themes of the book and make application to contemporary living.
- How to Maintain Your Faith When Life Goes Topsy-Turvy: A Study of the Book of Job: The book of Job is often regarded as a guide for dealing with human suffering, but that may not be the reason the book was written. This seminar will examine the overall content of the book and then focus on the major theological themes. It will conclude with a discussion of the central issue of the book.
- A Prophet for Our Times: A Study of the Book of Jeremiah: This seminar will examine the content of the book against the historical background of the 7th century BC, along with the major theological themes. Points of comparison with contemporary Christian experiences will be noted.
- Improving Your Devotional Life and Theological Understanding Through a Study of the Book of Psalms: This seminar will examine the “hymnbook” of the Old Testament using representative samples of each major type of Psalm. Major theological themes will be noted and the use of the Psalms for personal prayer will be discussed.

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Ed Castledine , Professor

Education

B.A., Northwest Nazarene University
M.A.T., Lewis and Clark College



Professor Castledine is the Director of Academic Advising and Testing at Northwest Nazarene University. He has a long history of assisting students in the academic process, is a true churchman, and is passionate about Christian families. Mr. Castledine is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Preserving the Healthy Christian Family
- Being Academically Prepared for College

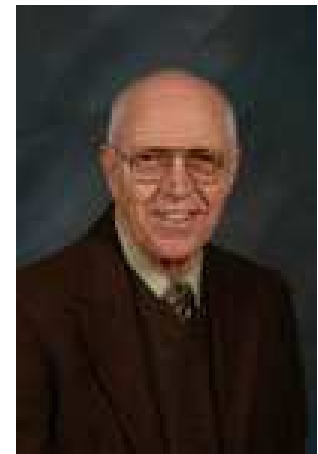
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Jerry Hull, Professor

Education

B.A., Northwest Nazarene University
M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary
M.A., University of Nebraska
M.S.W., University of Tennessee



Professor Hull is recently retired from teaching and administration at Northwest Nazarene University. He is an author, administrator and esteemed faculty colleague, with a long standing concern for the wellbeing of individuals and families. Professor Hull is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Working with Social Agencies in Your Community
- Establishing a Compassionate Ministry in Your Church

- Christians and Wellness
- Christian Social Justice
- Why Creation Care is a Christian Issue

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Chris Kapicka, Ph.D.

Education

B.S., Boise State University

M.S., Washington State University

Ph.D., University of Nevada



Dr. Kapicka is Professor of Biology at Northwest Nazarene University. She has led medical missions trips to Ukraine and Nicaragua. She has also served with Work and Witness to Jamaica and will be leading a medical missions trip for NNU students to Mexico during Spring Break, 2008. Dr. Kapicka is available for teaching/speaking on the following topic:

- Short-Term Mission Trips: Valleys and Pits: This presentation will focus on what Dr. Kapicka has learned about leading and working with teams on short-term missions trips.

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George Lyons, Ph.D.

Education

B.A., Olivet Nazarene University

M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary

Ph.D., Emory University



Dr. Lyons is Professor of New Testament and Faculty Coordinator for the Wesley Center Online at Northwest Nazarene University. He has given more than thirty years of teaching in Nazarene colleges around the world. He also serves as the New Testament editor for the New Beacon Bible Commentary. Dr. Lyons is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- A Wesleyan Approach to Eschatology: Recovering the Christian Hope from the Crazyies
- Scriptural Holiness: Understanding the Biblical Basis for the Wesleyan Doctrine of Entire Sanctification
- Basic Bible Study: Tools and Methods for Ordinary People
- The Apocrypha: Why Not Knowing About the Books That Did Not Make it into the Bible Can Hurt You
- Using the Internet More Effectively to Improve Your Skills as a Preacher or Bible Teacher
- Translations and the Original Languages of the Bible
- How to Read Another's Mail for Fun and Profit: A Brief Introduction to the Pauline Epistles

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Mark Maddix, Ph.D.

Education

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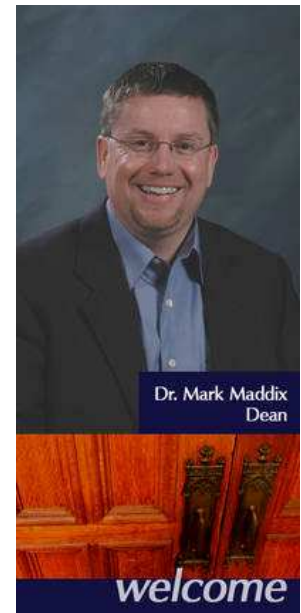
Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Dr. Maddix currently serves as Dean, School of Theology and Christian Ministries and Professor of Christian Education at Northwest Nazarene University. He has served in pastoral ministry for 12 years and Professor of Christian Education for 9 years. Dr. Maddix is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Spiritual Formation Seminar: We all struggle with finding ways to grow in our relationship with Christ. We all have periods of success and failure in our daily times of prayer and devotions, maybe because of a lack of creativity and devotional practices. This seminar will explore a wide variety of spiritual practices including meditation, reading scripture, praying, and devotional practices that will help you experience the presence of Christ in your life.
- Extreme Makeover: Renovation for Your Sunday School: Are your Sunday School classes and small groups declining? If so, maybe you need an extreme makeover. This workshop focuses on how you can renovate your Sunday School classes to be more effective in teaching and connecting with students.
- Creative Bible Teaching: This workshop explores basic Bible study methods along with how to teach for transformation. It is designed for Sunday School teachers and anyone interested in learning more about teaching and learning.

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April McNeiece, M.A.R.

Education

B.A., Point Loma Nazarene University

M.A.R.-Spiritual Formation, Northwest Nazarene University



April presently serves as Associate Alumni Director at NNU and as adjunct professor in the online masters program in Spiritual Formation. She has been part of the NNU community since 1991. Outside the work arena April is involved on both a local and district level in women's ministries leadership and passionate about spiritual formation, mentoring, and family. April is available for teaching/speaking, including retreat settings, on the following topics:

- Spiritual Formation
- Womens' and Family issues
- Hungering after God

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Michael Pitts, Ph.D., L.P.C.

Education

B.A., Pasadena College/Point Loma Nazarene University

M.A., University of Missouri, Kansas City

Ph.D., University of Idaho



Dr. Pitts is currently the Assistant to the President/Director of Church Relations at Northwest Nazarene University. He has 35 years of experience in ministry and counseling in the Church of the Nazarene, having served as Youth Pastor, Senior Pastor, Church of the Nazarene International Headquarters Staff, and University Chaplain and Administrator. He is also a licensed professional counselor in the state of Idaho.

Dr. Pitts is available for teaching/speaking or consultation/counseling on the following topics:

- Developing a Lay Counseling Ministry in Your Church: This workshop is designed to assist members of the local congregation with basic counseling skills. Those attending the workshop will learn the core elements of caring communication, active listening skills, basic problem solving skills, referral skills, and how to maintain a focus on solutions rather than problems.
- Solution Focused Pastoral Counseling: This workshop is designed for those in full time ministry who give time to counseling. Issues addressed include basic counseling skills, knowing when and how to effectively make a referral to professional counseling, and staying focused on solutions rather than problems.
- Counseling/Consultation: Dr. Pitts is available to assist pastors and staff members with family and personal concerns. Counseling/consultation by phone or in person can be arranged.

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Steve Shaw, Ph.D.

Education

B.A., Southern Nazarene University

M.A., University of Oklahoma

Ph.D., University of Oklahoma



Dr. Shaw is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Freshman Honors Program at Northwest Nazarene University. Dr. Shaw has been involved in various writing, publications, and speaking engagements on Religion and the Constitution, and Constitutional Law. Dr. Shaw is available for teaching/speaking on the following topic:

- The Supreme Court, Religion, and the First Amendment. This talk will examine the work of the United States Supreme Court in interpreting and

applying the two religion clauses of the First Amendment - Free Exercise and Establishment. Included will be a treatment of the Court's understanding(s) of the role of religion and religious belief in American public life.

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Dennis Waller, Ed.D.

Education

B.A., Northwest Nazarene University

M.A., Boise State University

Ed.D., Seattle University



Dr. Waller is the Concurrent Credit Program Director for Northwest Nazarene University. He has many years of experience in teaching and learning issues. Dr. Waller is available for teaching/speaking on the following topics:

- Group Development Issues for Classes, Boards, Etc. This workshop explores concepts and issues surrounding group dynamics and how to maintain health within groups.
- General Communication Issues for Leaders. This workshop is designed for Sunday School teachers and other Church leaders. It addresses the concern we all have of making sure that what we say is what is being heard.

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Barry Watts, Ph.D., LCPC

Dr. Watts is the Director of the Boise Valley Counseling Center. He has served as adjunct professor in the NNU Counseling program as well as Idaho State University Counseling program. Dr. Watts is considered to be one of the most qualified counselors in the Treasure Valley and has many years of experience in working with children and their families as a licensed clinical professional counselor. He is a committed churchman and serves on the church board of Boise First Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Watts is available for consultation in the following areas:

- Consultant to Church Boards and Staff: Assisting Staff in their efforts to increase healthy communication; recommendations on how to increase communication and build teamwork; evaluation of staff/board structure with recommended ways to increase efficiency and cooperation; conflict resolution and plans/procedures to more effectively address conflicts in the future; assessment and communication of mission and goals of the church
- Consultant to Children or Youth Ministry Teams: Assisting ministry teams to develop and implement a Security Policy, including Criminal History checks for workers; assisting ministry teams with the development of outreach efforts to the community; consultation with staff regarding specific children or youth who are having adjustment problems.
- Short-term Counseling and Counselor/Coach: Dr. Watts is available to assist staff members and their families in times of crisis and work with staff members in a coaching role.

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ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS AND RESOURCES

What's in Your Church's Legal Toolbox? An intensive workshop for pastors and church leaders, this workshop is designed to give an overview of current legal issues facing churches, and to assist them in creating policies that can avoid or minimize legal risks. Topics include:

- *Risk Management*: Roles of Insurance, Waivers, and Healthcare Consents
- *Counseling Liability*

- *Managing Employees: A Legal Perspective*
- *Let's Make a Deal: Contractual Agreements*
- *The Legal Side of Sin: What to do when a Crime Occurs*
- *Keeping Secrets: HIPAA Issues and Confidentiality*
- *Professional Help: Dealing with Attorneys*

The presenters are Bill Russell, J.D., M.B.A. and Joel Pearsall, J.D., M.B.A. Dr. Russell is Professor of Business Law and Ethics at NNU and Dr. Pearsall is Vice President for Financial Affairs and Legal Counsel for NNU. Both men bring years of experience to these subjects, both as veteran lawyers and loyal church leaders.

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Are You Ready For Company? This practical workshop addresses three critical factors in bringing new people into the church: making the best first impression, effective follow-up of visitors, and assimilation of new attendees into the life of the church family. This workshop is a Saturday and Sunday event.

Presenters for this workshop are pastors who have been trained by NNU and are currently successfully using the concept in their local churches.

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Pulpit Supply: Students, faculty, and staff are available to respond to a variety of preaching or speaking invitations.

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Music/Ministry Groups: The Office of Church Relations works together with the Music Department and the Office of Admissions to assist in scheduling music ensembles and ministry groups for services and special occasions.

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