

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



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Much of antebellum collegiate education was shaped by New Englanders with an Edwardsean Heritage . . . [but] we will never learn anything from the sages of the apst unless we get over our naive assumption that the most recently popular modes of thought are the best.

George Marsden, Jonathan Edwards: A Life

Overview: Is it true that understanding our history is the best guide for finding our way forward? Sharpen your own capacity for strategic leadership - consider how the three-week Princeton presidency of America's theologian sparked what Mark A. Noll calls, "the great age of Christian higher education." Learn from this major inflection point of our past and gain better understanding how we might participate in God's fresh moving today.

8:30 – 9:30 **Session 1 — Spiritual Awakening & the Biblical Higher Education Movement**

Overview: Step into the exciting days when God used Jonathan Edwards brief presidency at Princeton to spark an incredible surge in Christian higher education. Consider:

- How Jonathan Edwards's synthesis of spiritual awakening and 'spiritual formation' shaped the early evangelical movement
- The relationship between this movement of God and the surge of Christian Education
- The transformational impact of this spiritual awakening season on American society

9:30 – 10:00 Q & A

10:00 – 10:30 Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall - Ballroom B

10:30 – 11:30 **Session 2 — Spiritual Awakening, Lessons for New Days**

Overview: How can and should we learn from this distinctive part of our heritage? What are the implications of these lessons for our campus culture and missional posture? Could God favor this generation with another awakening and if so, how can we prepare?

- Why campus 'spiritual formation' efforts often fail without spiritual awakening (and vice versa)
- Why to channel spiritual formation and awakening toward intellectual maturity, cultural transformation and social justice
- How board members, executives, staff, faculty, and student leaders can help foster a campus environment conducive to planting seeds of spiritual awakening

11:30 – 12:00 Q & A

12:00 Adjourn — Lunch on Your Own