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Tickets

As a sponsor, you are eligible for two tickets per event. If, however, you prefer to receive tickets for only specific speakers, please indicate below:

- All speakers
- Darryl Strawberry, Monday, November 12, 2018
- Alex Kendrick, Monday, February 4, 2019
- Stephen Baldwin, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- Lou Holtz, Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Complete this form and return it with your gift, payable to First Presbyterian Church (Memo: Bonita Christian Forum):

First Presbyterian Church
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The Bonita Christian Forum is offered to the community at no charge so that the life-transforming message of the Gospel is available to everyone. The Friends of the Forum sponsorship program helps to underwrite each season of speakers.

You can express your support for the Bonita Christian Forum by becoming a Friend of the Forum for the 2018–2019 season. Consider one of these sponsorship levels:

Champion | Gift of \$1,000

Champions receive two tickets per event for Premium seating in a reserved area of the Sanctuary. In addition, Champions are invited to a reception in McClure Hall before the program, where they can meet the speaker and have a photo taken.

Advocate | Gift of \$300

Advocates receive two tickets per event and are granted early entry (6:00 PM) for Preferred seating.

Supporter | Gift of \$150

Supporters receive two General Admission tickets for each event in advance.

General Admission tickets do not guarantee Sanctuary seating, which may have limited availability. Seating is on a first-come basis in both the Sanctuary and CenterPoint the night of the event.

All Friends are acknowledged through a listing in the event program, unless they indicate a preference for anonymity.

Sponsorships will be processed as they are received and an acknowledgment sent **via email**. Sponsor tickets will be available for pick-up at the Ticket Office at First Presbyterian Church during regular hours and on Sundays beginning October 28, 2018. A signature is required.

Tickets will not be mailed.

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.



For more information, directions, and FREE ticket availability and policies, visit our website:

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Always be prepared to give an answer
to everyone who asks you to give the
reason for the hope that you have.

I Peter 3:15

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The Bonita Christian Forum was launched in 2005 by First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of the Bonita Springs area. Its intent is to raise the visibility of the Christian message in our community, to provide a gathering place for Christians from various local congregations, to inspire and challenge those who follow Christ, and to present the life-changing work of Christ to people who have not yet met Him.

In the years since its inception, the Bonita Christian Forum has firmly established its place in our community as a venue for some of the most notable voices of our time—from the worlds of business, sports, medicine, government, science, film and the media—sharing their Christian testimony.

We're excited to introduce the following line-up of speakers for this coming season.



ALL events
7:00 PM
First Church Sanctuary
Tickets required



DARRYL STRAWBERRY

Darryl Strawberry

Monday, November 12, 2018 | 7:00 PM

One of the leading sluggers of his era, **Darryl Strawberry** was an 8-time All Star outfielder and earned World Series rings with the New York Mets (1986) and the New York Yankees (1996, '98 and '99). In a major league career that spanned 17 seasons, Strawberry had reached the pinnacle of the baseball world but his personal world was crumbling. Addictions, failed marriages, and a struggle with depression brought him to the brink. His dramatic testimony of how Christ changed his life is recorded in his autobiography *Straw: Finding My Way* (2009). Now an ordained pastor, he and his wife Tracy (whom he met while in drug rehab) have co-authored *The Imperfect Marriage: Help for Those Who Think It's Over*.



ALEX KENDRICK

Alex Kendrick

Monday, February 4, 2019 | 7:00 PM

Alex Kendrick is a pastor, author and screenwriter, film director and actor—and also a husband and the father of six children. Concerned that movies had become more influential in modern society than churches, he and his brother Stephen formed a film production company based out of their church in Albany, Georgia. Since its founding in 2002, Sherwood Pictures has brought to 21st century America a number of remarkable and powerful faith-based films, including: *Facing the Giants*, *Fireproof*, *Courageous*, *War Room* and, most recently, *Like Arrows*. Alex is a powerful speaker and is passionate about presenting the Christian life in its practical and relevant expressions.



STEPHEN BALDWIN

Stephen Baldwin

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 | 7:00 PM

The youngest brother of the famed acting clan, **Stephen Baldwin's** varied career has included writing, producing, and directing as well as acting in television shows and feature films, including *Born on the Fourth of July* and *The Usual Suspects*. His 2006 autobiography, *The Unusual Suspect*, describes his life in the secular Hollywood lifestyle and his conversion to Christ, which was triggered by the impact of September 11, 2001. Stephen has founded ministries to work with teens and active military personnel, and is a regular guest on television and radio talk shows. He and his wife live in New York and have two daughters.



LOU HOLTZ

Lou Holtz

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 | 7:00 PM

A legendary football coach and television commentator, **Lou Holtz** brings to his work an intuitive feel for the game, an outgoing personality and a great sense of humor. His career included coaching stints at William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, Notre Dame (where he won a consensus national championship in 1988), and South Carolina, as well as a single season as head coach of the New York Jets. He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, and author of the motivational books *Wins, Losses and Lessons* and *Winning Every Day: The Game Plan for Success*. He speaks regularly on principles of leadership and faith. He and his wife of 57 years live in Orlando, and have four children.

FAQs

What happens at a Forum event?

A Forum program lasts approximately one hour, with a 45-minute presentation by the speaker and a brief period of audience Q & A following. Whenever possible we also offer an opportunity for the speaker to personally greet the public.

Where is the Forum held?

A ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Christian Forum events are held in the First Church Sanctuary, where seating is available on the main floor and in the mezzanine (balcony); additional seating is available in our CenterPoint room, where the event is viewed via live audio/video feed. All events are open seating.

Are tickets required?

Yes! Tickets are free but limited in number to ensure we do not exceed seating capacity.

How do I get tickets?

The Ticket Office at First Church manages the distribution of event tickets. Friends of the Forum (sponsors) are guaranteed tickets for each event and can pick them up during regular ticket office hours. Remaining tickets (General Admission) are distributed to the public free of charge one week before each event.

When should I arrive?

Premium ticketholders are welcome to come as early as 5:30 PM; **Preferred seating** ticketholders will be admitted beginning at 6:00 PM. The doors will open for all other ticketholders at 6:30 PM. Events begin at 7:00 PM.

Is handicapped seating available?

The Sanctuary main floor has designated areas reserved for guests in wheelchairs and a companion. Once those areas are full, handicapped guests will be accommodated at the back of the Sanctuary and in CenterPoint, as necessary. We recommend an early arrival for Sanctuary seating. Safety concerns do not allow for handicapped seating in the Sanctuary mezzanine.

Guests are welcome to browse our BookCenter or visit with our friends from Moody Radio before and after the program.