



**DIGITAL
PROGRAM**
**CHURCH STARTING
CONNECTION**
BELIEVE AGAIN

September 28–30, 2025

*Galveston Island Convention Center
5222 Seawall Blvd.
Galveston, TX*



The Church Starting Connection is an event for church planters by church planters. Church planters and their wives are invited to join us as we encourage, equip and engage current and new TXB/GC2 church planters.



SCHEDULE

Sunday 9.28.2025

4:30 p.m.

Registration

6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Welcome

We Believe In You

Ross Chandler

Monday 9.29.2025

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:40 a.m.

Session 1:

Believe in Your City

11:45 a.m.

Lunch provided

GuideStone Presentation

1:15 p.m.

Worship

1:30 p.m.

Session 2:

Believe in Your People

2:45 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.

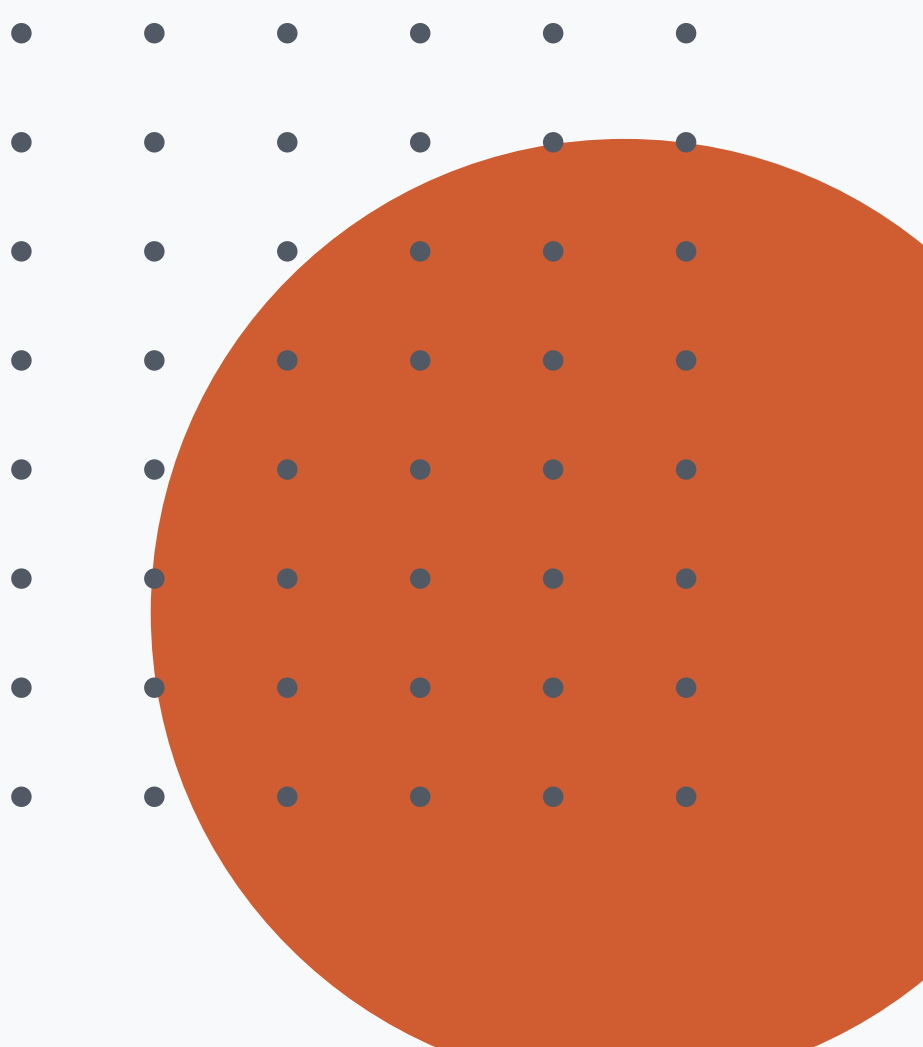
Session 3:

Believe in Each Other

5:00 p.m.

Dismiss

Dinner on your own



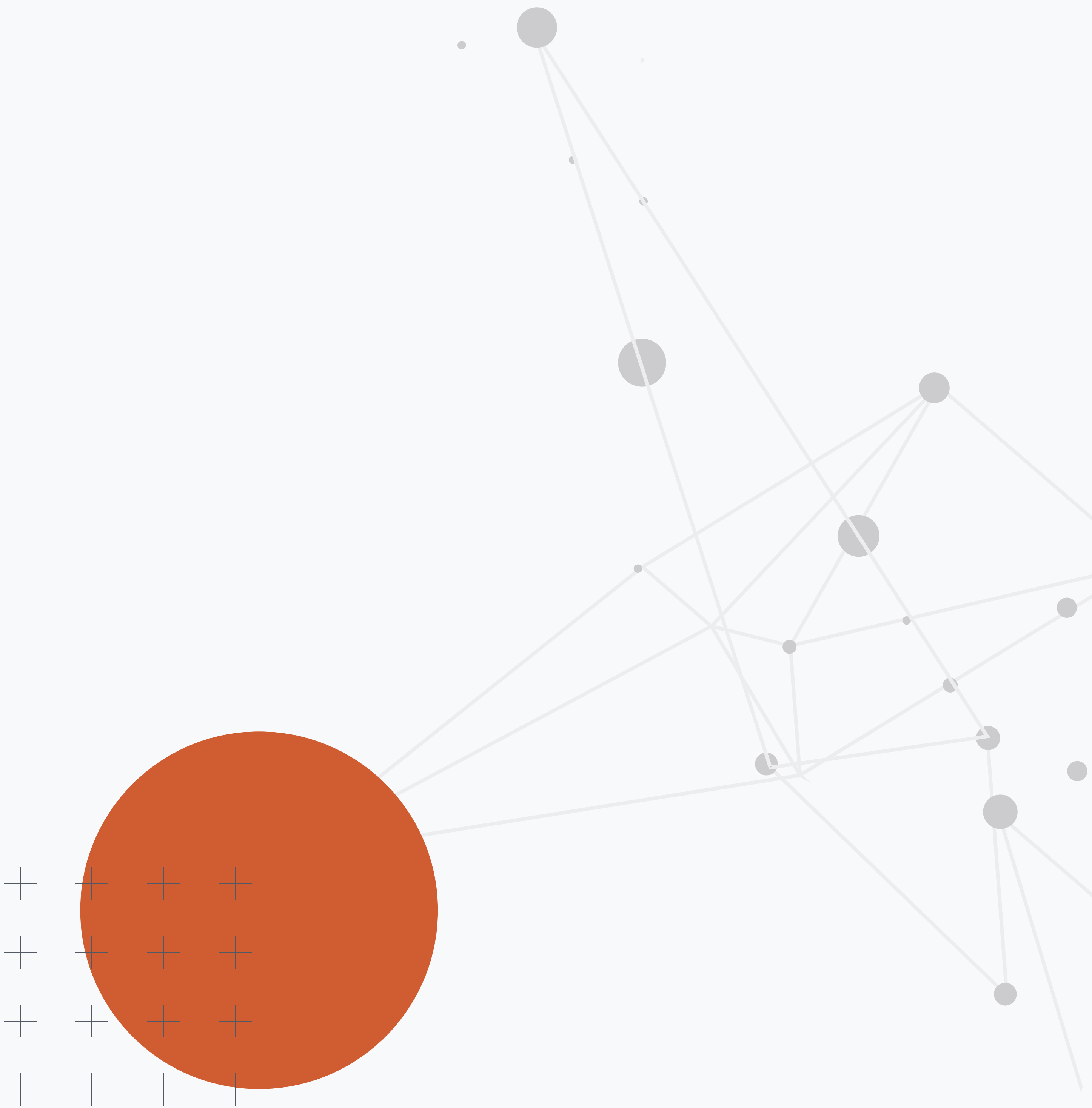
Tuesday 9.30.2025

9:00 a.m.
Regional Gatherings

10:00 a.m.
Session 4:
Believe In Your Future

11:30 a.m.
Worship

12:00 p.m.
Dismissed



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Speaker

ROSS *Chandler*

Ross Chandler has dedicated 27 years to full-time church ministry, serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in Marble Falls, Texas, for 15 years. He previously pastored First Baptist Church in Hondo and held youth ministry roles. Ross earned a Bachelor's in Theology from Hardin-Simmons, and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Meaghen, have two daughters. Ross is deeply committed to his community, guided by principles of selfless love, integrity and justice.



Worship Leader

TIANNA

Tianna, a singer-songwriter, blends an unapologetic style with deep lyrics. Her music journey began at 15, leading worship and discovering a passion for Jesus. She studied at Liberty University, then became worship director at Harlem Community Church in Brooklyn. Her debut EP, “welcome in,” released in August 2024, explores vulnerability and connection. Tianna has co-written songs like “Better” and “Moving” with TRIBL records, and contributed to Maverick City Music and AMEN Music. She received a Dove Award for “Nights Atlanta,” featuring “Moving.”



Speakers

GARY C. *Patterson*

Gary Patterson served 23 years in the military as an Infantryman/Equal Opportunity-Race Relations manager and chaplain. He holds multiple degrees, including an M. Div., Th. M., and D. Div. Dr. Patterson is a chaplain clinician at Brook Army Medical Center and Methodist Healthcare System. He is a Master Certified Coach (ICF MCC) and the Founding/sr. pastor of Berean Spiritual Development Complex and Church. He served 10 years as a Regional church starter for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is married to Priscilla A. Taylor.



Speakers

KYLE & KACEE *Jackson*

Kyle and Kacee Jackson, residents of Texas City, are committed to gospel-fueled transformation in lives and churches. Kyle founded 3rd Coast Church in Dickinson, a TXB church plant in central Galveston County, and supports new churches through the Houston Church Planting Network. Kacee, a dedicated educator with 15 years of experience teaching math at Texas Connections Academy, serves on the PTO board at Lobit Elementary and the Dickinson Education Foundation. Together, they invest in their children, church and city, equipping leaders, fostering community and celebrating God's work.



Speakers

ROBERT *Smith*

Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. is a distinguished professor of Divinity at Beeson Divinity School, Samford University. An ordained Baptist minister, he pastored New Mission Missionary Baptist Church for twenty years. He holds a Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and several honorary doctorates. Dr. Smith is a celebrated author, with his book “Doctrine That Dances” winning multiple awards. He has spoken globally, taught in numerous countries and recorded the ESV Bible for Crossway. His research interests include the passion in preaching and the literary history of African American preaching.



Speakers

SAMMY *Lopez*

Sammy Lopez has been a pastor and church planter for 31 years. He is also a content writer for the YouVersion Bible App. Sammy is a national speaker and currently lives in Orlando, FL with his wife Judy.



Speakers

ROBERT *White*

Robert White is a pastor, public speaker, motivational coach and organizational leadership strategist. Passionate about individuals understanding and living their God-given purpose, he delivers scripture and strategically approaches evangelism and community engagement.

Robert leads Freedom Church in Bedford, TX, a growing, diverse and multi-generational church. Previously, he served as Youth and Young Adult pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church. He studied business administration (Finance) at California State University Dominguez Hills and earned a Master of Divinity from Baylor University's Truett Seminary. Robert is married to Marisha White and has two daughters, Makenzie and Makayla.



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