

## Welcome:

Courageous Hope: Living with Power, Truth & Love is a very open and abstract title for a mini conference. It might even be confusing to some, so I hope this welcome message will help clarify the meaning.

This conference is for you, your family, your youth group, and your church. Galatians 3:26-28 says, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female for you are all one in Christ Jesus." If you believe in Jesus, if you believe the Gospels, if you believe there is one truth, one reality, then you are in the right place.

Recent statistics tell us that acts of desperation, anxiety, suicide, depression are all on the rise. Hopelessness, loneliness, and confusion are common phrases spoken to describe what is happening in our world and this is where the title

comes in! It takes a COURAGEOUS person to speak and spread HOPE. TRUTH can be known, LOVE can be spoken, and if you believe in the POWER of the gospel you have what it takes to break the cycle of despair.

It is our duty to share this message of HOPE. In fact it is a command, along with a command to love one another. (Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." Matthew 12:30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and will all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.")

Our HOPE is that you will be inspired, rejuvenated, and leave here with a sense of direction that lights a fire in your soul to reach out to your church community, your school community, or to your family to spread the HOPE that Jesus Christ gives us. It will take COURAGE and you will need to tap into the POWER of the Holy Spirit, but together, we can change the world!

We are so glad you are here!

OBC Conference Planning Team

The poster features a background image of a person jumping into water. The text is arranged as follows:

- Courageous** (large, white, outlined font at the top)
- Living with Power, Truth & Love** (white text on a red rectangular background)
- Hope** (large, white, outlined font to the right of the red box)
- FREE** (white text on a red starburst graphic)
- Saturday, October 23rd** (black text)
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (black text)
- w/Keynote Speaker Greg Speck** (red text)
- [www.ogemabaptistchurch.org](http://www.ogemabaptistchurch.org) (black text)
- Ogema Baptist Church** (white text on a red background)
- W5091 State Rd 86, Ogema** (white text on a red background)

## **Itinerary:**

- 10:00 Welcome and Worship  
10:15 Keynote Speaker – Greg Speck  
11:00 Breakout Session1 (Choose one)

### **Adults**

### **MS/HS Students**

- 1: Wild Blue Adventure                      • Identity  
2: A Family Vision  
3: Discerning Truth

- 12:00 Lunch (Provided)  
12:30 Afternoon Session - Greg Speck  
1:30 Breakout Session 2 (Choose one)

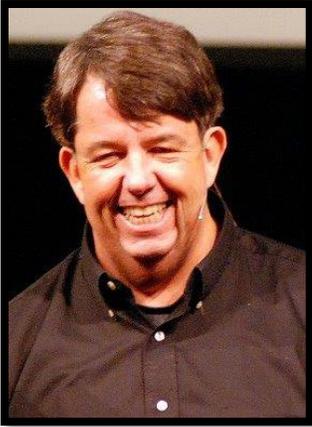
### **Adults**

### **MS/HS Students**

- 1: Wild Blue Adventure                      • Truth is NOT like Ice  
2: A Family Vision  
3: Discerning Truth

- 2:30 Closing Session - Greg Speck  
3:30 Fill out survey and have safe travels home! Thank you for coming!

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15



## Keynote Speaker: Greg Speck

Sessions: Greg will be speaking to middle school, high school and adults during our three main sessions. Greg is an entertaining and dynamic speaker, and we believe everyone will enjoy hearing from him on COURAGEOUS HOPE: Living with Power, Truth and Hope.

A message from Greg: Let me tell you a little about myself. I was born in San Francisco, California and raised in Walnut Creek, California. I am an avid San Francisco 49ers, Giants, Golden State Warriors and San Jose Sharks fan. Please feel free to send me any autographed items from any of these teams. I grew up in a non-Christian home and didn't become a Christian until I was a senior in high school. I played football during school and was very, very good (in my own mind). Years ago, I attended Bethel University in St. Paul,

Minnesota. It is a great school and I would highly recommend it to you. I graduated with a major in Sociology and minors in Social Work and Biblical and Theological studies (now if I could only remember everything that I studied). After graduating I started working with teenagers and have done that ever since. I have the best job in the world and that is traveling around the world speaking to teenagers and families. I have been a caseworker for emotionally disturbed and delinquent teens, Youth Pastor, Youth Specialist for Moody Bible Institute, President of Youth Ministries International, the youth and family communicator for Bethel University and a friend to endangered woodland animals (that was very random). I have led groups of teenagers on mission trips to the British Isles and all across Europe for over 20 years. A few close friends and I started Greg Speck Ministries as a formal way for me to continue the ministry of being a Youth and Family communicator.

## Breakout Options for Adults:

### Option #1: Your Wild Blue Adventure – Discover and fulfill the life you are meant for. - with Daniel Mattson

Your Wild Blue Adventure is about discovering and fulfilling the life you are meant for. Dan will cover three key components to this, which are Clarity, Courage, and Conviction.

To live an authentic, sustainable and powerful life - we all must:

- Work to gain clarity of purpose. We each have been given the capacity to make a significant contribution with our life.
- Exercise the courage to step into the life we're called to - as opposed to playing it safe and comfortable.
- Foster the conviction to stay the course when the going gets tough. Living Your Wild Blue Adventure is the harder path requiring greater faith and more strength than we thought possible... but God's strength is made evident through our weakness as we are nourished by His love.

No matter what stage of life you are in, you still have time to discover your Wild Blue Adventure!

Dan is married to Cindy and together they have two adult children, Lauren and Zach. Dan has recently moved back to his hometown. He and his wife own their own consulting business, Defining Point Consulting.

## **Option #2: A Family Vision - with Mike Swan**

When we first started out Linda and I didn't realize the depth of blessing we would have after 48 years of marriage, 4 children and 15 grandchildren. Our grown children made commitments to the Lord when they were young and maintained continued growth in their faith for over 30 years. Not always easy but always faithful.

Proverbs 29:18 Solomon says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish"

In the first place, the word "vision" used here has to do with the Word of God as you will discover in the verses following verse 18. Where there is no Word of God, where there is no message of life, the people perish.

The Hebrew word paw-rah' means "to perish". Paw-rah' was the word used in a biblical proverb where a woman's hair was released from their hairband (head covering). Unconstrained in the wind her hair is directionless and blown in all directions. i.e. the people perish

To parish is to cast off, to be resistant and to neglect the Word of God. When we ignore God's Word, we begin to live without restraint to our own peril.

What happens in the past will manifest itself in the future and what you do now will determine what your future will be like. Honestly listening to the past and evaluating it based on God's principles will reveal your vision. This vision is not for you to gain, but for you and God to grow together so He can be glorified.

God placed us to live in time (past, present, future) to provide continued opportunity for renewal. Your vision comes out of a desire to know more and more about God and to build that relationship by following His principles.

Whether you are just starting out on you own or have a young family or your family is grown and gone this is for you. Come and define the vision you already have and refine it to build a future to look back on without regret. It's never too late.

## **Option #3: Discerning Truth in a World Full of Lies - with Rodney Price**

Chances are you are encountering lies every day. Many of them come at you from the outside: temptations, manipulations, and gossip are some examples. You may also encounter thoughts of your own that are lies. If you believe some of those lies, you might suffer needlessly in really awful ways. If you want to avoid that unnecessary suffering you will need to develop some skills to be able to know what is really true.

This session will unmask a few common and horrible ways that people lie, sometimes unintentionally, using arguments that are psychologically persuasive but wrong. This particular kind of fallacy that seems to be correct but when examined proves not to be so is particularly important to be able to understand so that we are not misled.

Pastor Rodney Price is the pastor of Ogema Baptist Church for almost 12 years having served previously as a senior pastor in Ohio and a youth pastor in Colorado for more than 12 years. He has been a communication coach, a family camp speaker multiple times and a public address announcer. He is passionate about truth and helping people know it and live it. He is married to Melinda for 36 years now. They have five daughters, four sons-in-law and four grandkids.

## **Breakout Sessions for 6-12 Students:**

### **First Breakout: Identity. Second Breakout: Truth is NOT Like Ice Cream - with Rebecca Anderson and Cindy Mattson**

Rebecca is the current Director of Youth Ministry at the Ogema Baptist Church. She is a former Business Education Teacher and School Counselor. She loves helping youth discover who God created them to be and enjoys working alongside of her friend, Cindy Mattson. Cindy is a former educator and owner of Defining Point Consulting. Cindy works with students all over the country assisting them in discovering their individual strengths and career paths. Rebecca and Cindy are both passionate about serving God and helping students deepen their personal walk with Jesus! Together, they are a little nuts and a lot fun!

In the first session, Rebecca and Cindy will focus on “Identity” specifically how it is defined by truth in the bible. They will explore the promises of God and how living “your authentic self” is actually striving to become more like Jesus.

In the second session, “Truth is NOT like Ice Cream”, they will introduce students to the power of recognizing and walking in truth in all situations.

Rebecca is married to Rick Anderson and together they have three sons, two daughters-in-law, two grandsons, one dog, one cat, and two grand-kitties.

Cindy is married to Dan Mattson, one of the breakout session speakers, and together they have two adult children, Zach and Lauren, and one grand-dog and one grand-horse.

[\(https://www.definingpointconsulting.com/\)](https://www.definingpointconsulting.com/).