



St. George's University RLRI 2024 Featured Speakers

Friday Evening

March 22

Evening Message

Bliss Steele

Bliss lives in Lancaster SC with his wife, Jessica, their son and seven dogs. Bliss has worked with teenagers and adults for nearly three decades in both the church and corporate world. Bliss is currently the Corporate Chaplain for Nutramax Laboratories in Lancaster, SC serving their nearly 800 employees. Bliss uses his unique experiences from growing up on the mission field traveling the world, to serving in the local church, along with his years as a dog trainer to combine biblical truths and practical application showing what it means to be in an obedient and dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Saturday

March 23

Session I

Page Wages, DVM

Dr. Page Wages is a private practitioner at a very busy, progressive small animal practice in Raleigh, NC. She is actively involved with the CVMF group at NC State and has been leading short-term mission trips for 22 years with CVM. She currently leads 5 short-term trips a year: 2 to Cherokee, Navajo, and 2 to Alaska. She is also the proud mother of a fantastic "Funny Farm" of 63 chickens, 12 dogs, 2 pigs, a crazy cockatoo, 5 fish, 6 peacocks, 4 ducks, 3 goats and 7 rabbits.

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Session II

Ginger Pelc, DVM

Dr. Ginger Pelc is a 2017 graduate from NC State University, who braved the cold and moved north for a mixed animal job outside of Erie, PA. She has been involved in CVM participating in and now helping to lead trips to the Native American people of Navajo, Cherokee, and Alaska. When not working with every kind of species that walks through the clinic door, Ginger and her husband spend time keeping up with the border collies, cats, and cows on the farm.

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Session III

Briana Blackwelder, 3rd year DVM Student NC State University

Briana is a third year equine focused vet student at NC State University. Before starting vet school she worked for several years as a physical therapist assistant. She started and continues to run her own equine body work business that is helping support her during vet school. Briana is very active at NC State, sits on the E-board for several clubs, the student body government, and hosts a weekly devotions meeting. Briana has also had the opportunity to be part of 3 short term mission trips through CVM. After graduation she plans to work in equine sports medicine and lameness.

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Session IV

Deb Mauterer, DVM

Deb Mauterer earned her Degree of Veterinary Medicine in 1989 from Iowa State University. After finishing her Small Animal Internship at Kansas State University, she completed a Residency in Small Animal Surgery at Ohio State University in 1993. She practiced small animal surgery in Louisiana for several years before she moved into a management position where she oversees their two practices for the past 7 years. In her free time she is a breeder of English Cocker Spaniels, and enjoys showing her own dogs. She has been on several short term mission trips including Costa Rica, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, India, Haiti and Thailand.

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Breakouts: Critical Care and Emergency Skills Lab

Drs. Page Wages, Ginger Pelc, Deb Mauterer, & John Mauterer

Non-Vets Break and Discussion

Bliss Steele & Curtiss Gibbs

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John Mauterer, DVM

Dr. Mauterer is a native of New Orleans Louisiana. He graduated in 1987 from the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. He completed a residency in Small Animal Surgery at The Ohio State University and was on faculty for several years. He is a Board Certified Veterinary Surgeon. For the last 25 years, Dr. John has been in private practice as surgeon and has established several specialty veterinary clinics with his wife, Deb Mauterer. Together they became involved with Christian Veterinary Medicine after Hurricane Katrina devastated their home town of New Orleans. Since this time, Dr. John has focused on short-term missions to various countries with medical and veterinary teams including; Nigeria, Niger, Peru, Costa Rica, Vietnam and Thailand. He has been a part of many RLRI's at Ross University and he is now pleased to serve at St. George's.

Sunday

March 24

Sunday Message at CSA

Curtiss Gibbs, M.Div

Curtiss Gibbs joined the CVM team as a Region Rep in 2017. He serves as our West Region Rep, after having spent 5 years serving as the Northeast Rep. Previously, Curtiss served in pastoral ministry for 13 years in the local church, mostly focused on youth, college students, and missions. He studied at the University of Georgia for his undergraduate degree and at Fuller Theological Seminary for his Master of Divinity. Curtiss loves connecting people to their calling and working to see individuals and groups thrive as they serve God. He and his wife, Shannon, have been married since 2003, and love to spend time outdoors and in the company of family and friends.

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