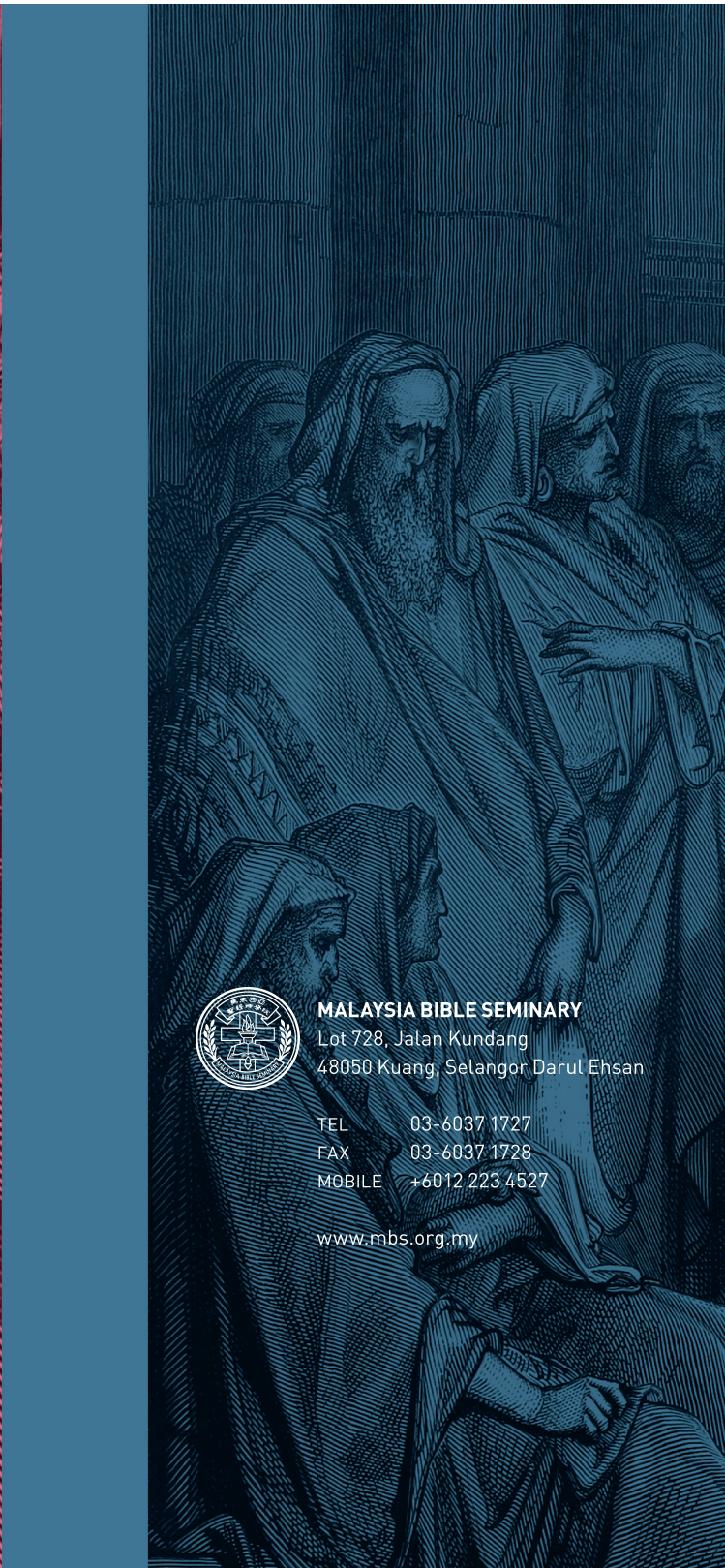


# MBS 6TH PREACHING CONFERENCE 2016



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The MBS School of Preaching  
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## Genre-Sensitive Expository Preaching

Saying What the Bible Says,  
Doing What the Bible Does

**BY DR JEFFREY ARTHURS**

A PREACHING REFRESHER WORKSHOP

## MBS 6TH PREACHING CONFERENCE 2016

9 MARCH 2016

### Genre-Sensitive Expository Preaching:

Saying What the Bible Says, Doing What the Bible Does

### Welcome to the MBS School of Preaching!



The aim of our "Refresher Workshop" is to encourage and upgrade our skills in teaching the Bible and applying it relevantly to our congregation. Each year we will be covering different types of biblical genres. For 2016, we will be learning genre-sensitive expository preaching.

Who should attend? Pastors, elders, lay preachers, church workers, youth pastors and anyone interested in expository preaching.

This is a practical workshop and you will be required to prepare a mini talk which will be critiqued by your group members.

**Rev Dr Tony Lim**  
Dean, MBS English Department

**Session 1** (9:00-10:00)  
*The Bible as Literature and Rhetoric, Part 1*

A high view of Scripture says that God inspired both the content and the form of his Word. And a high view of preaching says that heralds do not impose their own ideas and preferences on the text, but rather reproduce the authorial intention. Thus, expository preaching should take into account not only the ideas of the text but also its literary/rhetorical form so that we can say what God says and do what God does. Both are needed. This session lays the foundation for reproducing the content and the impact of God's Holy Word.

**Session 2** (10:00-11:00)  
*The Bible as Literature and Rhetoric, Part 2*

**Session 3** (14:00-15:00)  
*Parables: The Kingdom of Heaven is Like . . .*

Poet Emily Dickinson said, "Tell all the truth, but tell it slant." Sounds like our Lord's use of parables, doesn't it? How can we handle parables in a way that conveys the meaning and impact of this "slant" genre?

**Student Sermons** (15:00-17:00)

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**Session 4** (9:00-10:00)  
*Psalms—Listening to the Music*

How can we capture the impact of this crafted, artistic, beautiful form of literature? We want to say what the text says and do what it does—move the listener, heighten affect, and lodge in memory with word pictures.

**Session 5** (10:00-11:00)  
Proverbs—Short Sentences Long Remembered

Hebrew proverbs are often only six words long. How can expository preachers unpack them? How can we preach theology from these sayings that sound like self-help wisdom?

**Session 6** (14:00-15:00)  
*Epistles—Forming a Christian Mind, Living a Christian Life*

New Testament epistles may be the closest thing we have to what preaching to believers sounded like in the first century. Let's eavesdrop to see how we should preach in the 21st century.

**Student Sermons** (15:00-17:00)

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**Session 7** (9:00-10:00)  
*Narrative—Tell Me the Old, Old Story, Part 1*

Narrative is the largest genre of Scripture by far. God values story (and so do our listeners!) We will ask what makes story work so well, and then we will suggest how to reproduce those effects in our own sermons.

**Session 8** (10:00-11:00):  
*Narrative—Tell me the Old, Old Story, Part 2*

**Session 9** (14:00-15:00)  
*Review and Q&A*

**Student Sermons** (15:00-17:00)

**STUDENT SERMONS** Each participant will bring with them, a hard-copy of their own sermon, on any topic, which will be used for analysis and critique, during the afternoon sessions. Upon completion of five Annual Preaching Conferences students will be awarded the Certificate of Preaching which is equivalent to 3 units and transferable to MBS programme of studies.

### CONFERENCE VENUE

MBS Jalan Kundang, Kuang  
Log on to MBS website for location of MBS campus



**COURSE PRESENTER** JEFFREY ARTHURS was raised in western PA in a nominally Christian home and came to saving faith in Christ when he was fourteen years old. His life was turned upside down as he soon became deeply involved in the life of the church, receiving a call to preach at age sixteen. To this day his passion is preaching, and he uses his wide ranging communication experience as a teacher, pastor, missionary, director, announcer, and consultant to equip others for more effective proclamation of the Word. He is professor of preaching and communication at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA. His books reflect his love of preaching and communication: *Preaching with Variety*, and *Devote Yourself to Public Reading of Scripture*. Jeff is the chair of the elders in his church, North Shore Community Baptist, and is on the teaching team there. Dr. Arthurs has been married for more than thirty-five years and enjoys playing tennis and disc golf with his wife. They are the father of one son who is in the Navy.

## MBS SCHOOL OF PREACHING

09-11 March 2016

### REGISTRATION FORM

Closing Date: 28 February 2016

DATE OF REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX (M/F) \_\_\_\_\_

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### PAYMENT DETAILS

Registration Fee: RM50 RM \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Per Conference: RM100 RM \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging Required: RM12 per night + Housekeeping RM10

TICK RELEVANT BOX:

09 March 2016 RM \_\_\_\_\_

10 March 2016 RM \_\_\_\_\_

11 March 2016 (check out at 12 noon) RM \_\_\_\_\_

Meal—Breakfast: RM3.00 / Lunch: RM5.50 / Dinner: RM5.50

TICK RELEVANT BOX:

09 Mar  Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner RM \_\_\_\_\_

10 Mar  Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner RM \_\_\_\_\_

11 Mar  Breakfast  Lunch RM \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: RM** \_\_\_\_\_

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