



*Talbot School of Theology*

# CENTER FOR FAITH, WORK & ECONOMICS

The Talbot Center for Faith, Work and Economics exists to provide the local church with resources to help Christians live an integrated life — at home, in their communities and in the workplace. Led by Director Helen Mitchell and Professor Scott Rae, the center aims to serve pastors and their ministry teams with biblical wisdom gained during more than three decades of combined experience in academia, the local church and business.

The center's approach of "Faith@Work" is not another ministry, but a way of life, a calling and a means for discipleship. We recognize that faith, work and economics are fundamental to our gospel mission and creation mandate. When Christians understand the role that faith can play in the workplace, the result is culture- and life-changing. The pastor and the local church play an important and influential role in developing this understanding.

## **THE CENTER FOR FAITH, WORK AND ECONOMICS' SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- Half-day conferences and workshops
- Keynote speakers
- Consulting
- Development of videos, curriculum, articles and books for the benefit of the local church

*“We would not have gotten as far as fast without Scott and Helen. Their strategic approach ensured that a biblical understanding of work has become a part of our culture and integrated into our church, and not just another program.”*

*– Faith@Work Pastor*

*“The leadership summit was a home run. I believe with the right game plan we will be able to integrate an effective faith@work strategy.”*

*– Pastor of Discipleship*

*“‘Ministry’ is really ‘work.’ Any work that I do for Christ is ministry.”*

*– Small Groups Pastor*

*“I’m impressed with the groups approach and not jumping quickly into another program but really try to get a good understanding of ourselves, church, community, culture and congregation.”*

*– Businessman*

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## CONTACT US

For more information about how the Talbot Center for Faith, Work and Economics can serve your church contact Helen Mitchell at [helen@helenmitchell.org](mailto:helen@helenmitchell.org).



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## OUTCOMES

Through its resources, the Talbot Center for Faith, Work and Economics offers a three-part strategy for churches and church leaders: establish, develop and grow.

### ESTABLISH:

- A transformative biblical understanding as an imperative for the local church.
- A sense of urgency and mission aligned around a broader vision.
- A faith, work and economics foundation integrated into the culture and calling of the local church.
- An understanding of and ability to address the barriers and deeply held beliefs holding churches back.

### DEVELOP:

- A cohesive team and coalition to establish momentum.
- An understanding of marketplace realities, effective discipleship strategies and effective application.
- Systemically, strategically and biblically based plans that are intentional, sustainable and fruitful.
- Organizational competency.

### GROW:

- By equipping and assisting in the creation of tools, knowledge and resources.
- By communicating strategies, plans and initiatives to resource, equip and empower their congregations.
- By helping individuals believe and live an intentional and integrated life.
- By leveraging credibility to build vision and enroll non-committed.

## THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Talbot Center for Faith, Work and Economics exists primarily to serve the local church — the most effective place for reaching and equipping everyday believers. The local church is to help people discover their ministry inside and outside the local church. The local church is to help people discern God’s purpose or calling in their lives using the unique set of skills, talents and abilities they were given. The local church forms and shapes theology and worldview. The local church guides people to understand, in community, God’s will and ways as it relates to all areas of their lives, including their work lives.

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23*