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The Mystery and Miracle of Birth

Featuring: Dr. James Howell

Pastor and Author

Sunday & Monday September 29-30, 2019

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Why Should I Attend?

Birth is fundamental. Birth is life. Birth is about us, and God. Pastor, author and seminary lecturer, Dr. James Howell will explore this mystery that we take for granted but is so much a part of our lives. From modern controversy to Christian doctrine, birth involves physical as well as spiritual life. If you exist you cannot afford to miss the insights of James Howell's presentation.

Dr. James Howell has been Senior Pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina since 2003. A native of Columbia, SC, he studied chemistry and physics at the University of South Carolina before going to Divinity School at Duke, where he also earned a Ph.D. in Old Testament. He has published 17 books, including *Yours are*



the Hands of Christ, Worshipful, and *Weak Enough to Lead.* He is involved in leadership within the denomination and city-wide endeavors in Charlotte. Biking, hiking and reading fill his spare time. He and his wife Lisa, a photographer and community activist, have three grown children.

2019 Dillard Forum Schedule The Mystery and Miracle of Birth

Sunday, September 29, 2019

7:00 PM Being Born: Jesus and the Rest of Us

in Trinity's Sanctuary

Monday, September 30, 2019

12:00 PM Can a Person Really Be Born Again?

This is an interactive lunch with Q & A*

*The cost for lunch is \$7.00 per person.

Request lunch reservations by **Wednesday, September 25** by calling 804-288-6056. in Trinity Hall

7:00 PM Giving Birth: Mary and the Rest of Us

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