

2026 ABC NEBRASKA REGION CONVENTION

Speaker and Worship Info



Cliff Barbarick is the Chair of the Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry at Abilene Christian University where he is an Associate Professor. His research and teaching explores the New Testament through the lens of biblical performance criticism, an approach that recognizes that biblical compositions were originally intended to be heard aloud in community. This research has included internalizing and telling biblical compositions by heart, both as individual performer (e.g., Philippians, 1 Peter, and James) and with groups of students (e.g., Mark and 1 Corinthians).

He grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and earned degrees at Pepperdine (B.A., MDiv) and Baylor (PhD) before arriving at ACU and settling in Abilene with his family in 2011. He and his wife, Tali, have three children: Caelan (21), Brenna (19), and Corbin (17).

Cliff serves on the board of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International. As part of this group, he leads the Scholars Seminar, a group of biblical scholars and professional storytellers who explore Scripture together, and he has completed training through the Academy for Biblical Storytelling to be a certified biblical storyteller. He attends the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, and he regularly preaches, teaches, and writes adult Bible class curriculum for congregations throughout the region.

*Dr. Clifford
Barbarick*

Worship Leaders

**Friday Night Worship - First Baptist Church of
Fremont**

**Saturday Morning Worship - Livingstone
Christian Church**

**Saturday Afternoon Worship - First Kachin
Baptist Church of America**