

Conferee Notes – 2023 Write His Answer Conference

1. **Please try to attend the orientation that I'm offering TWO times on Sunday, August 6.** It will be recorded (check your email for the URL of the replay), but that won't give you the opportunity to ask questions.

Time: Sunday, August 6, 4:30 Eastern Time (3:30 CT, 2:30 MT, 1:30 PT)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82911526362?pwd=VE10cGlCdHIQRGR6b0pOWmEzWjZ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 829 1152 6362

Passcode: 830690

Time: Sunday, August 6, 8 pm Eastern Time (7 CT, 6 MT, 5 PT)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86200485886?pwd=eHlaTXl0dk5FZjUxUUdnQm9CenNHdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 0048 5886

Passcode: 305531

2. **MUST DO – In order to access the conference dashboard (the only way to get into the conference) you MUST log on Wednesday, August 9, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Eastern Time.** If you are not planning to attend until later in the conference, it is still important for you to log in on Wednesday, if possible. What if you absolutely can't make that time work? Not to worry! Someone in our virtual studio will still see you waiting in Tech Check. If you cannot log on to get as far as Tech check, text Laura Shollenberger 267-827-9181, Chris Richards 720-530-7997 or Roy Richards 720-530-7999. **Please TEXT rather than call.**

IMPORTANT – Unfortunately, Chromebook does not support breakout rooms. Since we encourage you to participate in these small group breakouts, if possible, use a different device. Also, disable automatic backups.

1st Time Login

3. **To log in to the conference: Enter wha2023.obv.io** in your browser. (Important: Do NOT preface this with "https://" or "www.") When prompted for your **Temporary Password**, use your email address. If that doesn't work, use wha2023wha2023 (all lowercase, all one word).
4. Next, you will be prompted to create a **new password**. Write it down. If you can't think of one, we suggest something simple, like *writehisanswer*
5. You will be asked to sign a waiver that gives us permission to use Event images in promotional materials.

6. Tech Check is next. One of our friendly staff will be waiting for you in this Zoom room to make certain you and your computer are ready to participate in the conference. You can expedite this by making sure you are using the latest version of Zoom. Before the conference log in to Zoom (if you've never done so). The URL is **zoom.us**. (The conference uses a powerful platform called Obvio that uses Zoom.)
7. Once the Tech Check is completed and you have no more questions, click "Leave Meeting" on the bottom of the page. You can visit the Dashboard now to familiarize yourself with it. I've worked hard to make it user friendly.
8. Congratulations! You're now ready to enter the conference. Again, type **wha2023.obv.io** in your browser and enter the password you chose (and wrote down) during 1st Time Login.
9. The conference starts **at 2:00 pm EASTERN TIME on Wednesday, August 9** – the same day you need to do the above check-in. **To be on time is to be early!** From the schedule on our Dashboard – our conference hub – you'll see a list of what is happening each day. You just need to scroll to the top of the screen and click on the room you want to enter.
10. **Don't miss out** on important information and give-aways. Visit the MAIN STAGE every time it is listed.
11. **Appointments** – Before the conference, you will receive an email from Barb that will tell you who you are meeting with, when, and what room. Our group appointments this year will have no more than three people in the room for 30 minutes. While others are pitching their idea, undergird them in prayer. And put your name and email in the chat so you can stay in touch with each other after the conference. TIP: The less time you talk, the more time the faculty member will have to give you helpful feedback.
12. **Mealtime round tables** – These are a great opportunity to meet our faculty. You can visit more than one room during meals.
13. **Connect with people you know.** There is a room that is available during mealtimes to catch up with old friends. If you see them in a class you are attending, send a private message to them in the chat to arrange to meet. Or use the conference Facebook page. There is a link on the Dashboard.
14. **Use the chat to make new friends.** Be sure to add your contact info including your website or blog. And don't forget to download the chat at the end of each session using the three dots at the bottom of the chat sidebar.
15. **Small group breakouts** – You will automatically be dropped into a room with several others twice a day. This is another great way to make new friends.

16. **Critique groups** – Be prepared to paste 100 words of your work in progress in the chat to get helpful feedback Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon. If none of the 27 groups are critiquing the genre you're writing, pick the closest one and attend. I guarantee it will be an exciting learning experience for you.
17. **Show your face – live!** Seriously, we encourage you to fully participate in the conference. Faculty presenting sessions will appreciate seeing your response rather than just your picture on the screen. Also, please put your first and last name with your picture. To change, hover over your face and click on the 3 dots.
18. **Plan to participate in our Author's Spotlight on Friday evening.** In the chat, put your book title and one or two sentences of what the Lord taught you in the process of writing your book and getting it published. Be ready to hold up your book if we spotlight you.
19. There's still time to **encourage your friends to register.** If they can't be with us all three days, remind them that 100+ hours of video replays will be available through the end of the year. Scholarship help or time payments are still available.
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IMPORTANT – Please TEXT do NOT CALL

For any Tech problems DURING the conference, TEXT:

Eric Sprinkle –719-322-6992
Chris Richards – 720-530-7997
Roy Richards – 720-530-7999

Our Dashboard

You will need to follow the Schedule on the Dashboard, NOT the schedule on the website since there have been several changes. Click on the button above the schedule for the room you want to enter. You are free to come and go, and you are NOT locked into choices you made when you registered. **Please note that the times on the schedule are all EASTERN TIME.**

Become familiar with the buttons in the sidebar on the right. Take time to click on each one.

- **Winner** – Earn points by actively participating in the conference. Whoever is #1 at the end of the conference will win \$100 off the in-person May 15-18, 2024, Colorado Christian Writers Conference at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park or \$100 off the virtual Write His Answer Conference next August. Two others randomly chosen from the Leaderboard (the database where points are stored) will win a \$50 discount.
- **Descriptions** will take you to the conference website.
- Visit the **prayer room** where you'll find a prayer posted for each day and phone numbers you can call if you need prayer.
- **Impact Our Culture** has information on my upcoming book, *Write and Live His Answer NOW – Encouragement to Impact Our Culture* as well as resources to help you “write His answer.” I hope you will stay for the **Impact Our Culture Panel Wednesday and Thursday night** and for the **Prayer Fellowship** that follows.
- **Bookstore** – Wow! You'll find links to a bunch of books by our faculty, team, and conferees. In addition, there are over 130 writing how-to books (all reduced in price) available, but there is a very limited quantity of each. My husband would appreciate you making our home lighter!
- Click on the conference **Facebook page** to connect with others during and after the conference. Also, use **chat** online during sessions. Be sure to save the chat to your computer by clicking the three dots at the bottom right of the chat screen.
- **Handouts** – in bright yellow. You'll want to print or display handouts on a second screen or use split screen for sessions you attend.
- Make time to visit **WHA Recommends** and **Ministries WHA Supports**. You'll earn points!