

# Continuing Sessions

## Advanced Fiction Writing



Jeff Gerke

**Jeff is a freelance editor and book doctor** specializing in helping Christian novelists improve their fiction and get published. Under the pen name Jefferson Scott, Jeff has authored six Christian novels. In October 2008 Jeff launched his own publishing company, Marcher Lord Press, which immediately became the premier publisher of Christian speculative fiction.

**You're not a beginner.** Perhaps you've written one or more complete manuscripts. But now you want to take your fiction to the next level. Learn how to avoid the 20 things that can kill your novel's chances. You'll do hands-on exercises on show vs. tell and POV. You'll learn how to find your story (hint: it all starts with character). And you'll learn how to write a killer synopsis and what to include in a top-shelf fiction proposal.

## Writing and Speaking to Women



Vonda Skelton

**Vonda has a heart for women and their families.** Her first women's book, *Seeing through the Lies: Unmasking the Myths Women Believe*, "takes a hilarious journey through all things female as we search for truth in a counterfeit world." Vonda's articles frequently appear in magazines such as *HomeLife*, *ParentLife*, and *Focus on the Family* publications.

**Do you have a desire to share your life experiences** with other women? Do you have a message that will encourage, edify, or exhort? If so, perhaps God is calling you to start a writing and speaking ministry to women. Come and explore the possibility of sharing your message of hope and healing through the spoken and written word. If desired, you may present a 3-5 minute program to the class in the last session.

## Breakthrough Scriptwriting



Dr. Ted Baehr

**Dr. Ted Baehr** is the founder and chairman of The Christian Film & Television Commission™ and Publisher of MOVIEGUIDE® Magazine. An award-winning media authority often on television, radio, and in print, Ted's purpose is to be used by God to redeem the values of the mass media and to encourage families to use wisdom in selecting their entertainment. His books include *The Media-Wise Family*, *Narnia Beckons*, *The Amazing Grace of Freedom*, and many others.

**Learn how to write a script that is structurally sound,** entertaining, morally responsible, and very marketable. Ted will show you how to go from treatment to theatrical release so that you can get the Word out through the mass media of entertainment. He also includes valuable information about the key principles of communicating through movies and television from a Christian perspective.

**Susan is the award-winning author** of numerous novels with Barbour, Steeple Hill, and Tyndale, writing both suspense/romance and chick-lit. Currently she has 18 books on the market. After serving for eight years with her husband and four children as missionaries in Khabarovsk, Far East Russia, she now writes full-time.

**Learn the four basic components to a good story:** characters, setting, plot, and story question/theme. The basic elements of story writing: GMC, external/internal obstacles, the hero's journey, and how to weave a theme into a story. How to create a good scene: showing vs. telling, the hook, riveting dialogue, using the five senses to evoke emotion, and the use of scenes and sequels in putting together a chapter. Secrets of a best-selling story: noble cause, sympathetic characters, high stake issues, and story-enhancing subplots. Editing your work, mechanics, pacing, characterization, and texture.

## Introduction to Writing a Novel



Susan May Warren

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# Travel Information

**COMING BY PLANE?** Shuttle service is available by reservation from Philadelphia Int'l Airport to Holiday Inn Select in Treviso or Philadelphia Biblical University in Langhorne via Dave's Best Limo (800-255- BEST, [www.davesbestlimoservice.com](http://www.davesbestlimoservice.com)). Cost to hotel is \$26 one way, \$50 round trip; to Philadelphia Biblical University is \$31 one way, \$60 round trip. Make reservations online or by phone 2-3 days in advance. Public transportation is also available on the R1 train to 30th Street Station, then the R3 line to West Trenton that stops at Langhorne Station. (See below.)

**COMING BY TRAIN?** Call Amtrak (800-872-7245) or visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) for info on trains to 30th Street Station in Philadelphia. Call SEPTA (215-580-7800) or visit [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) for info on the R3 line from 30th Street Station to West Trenton. Get off at Langhorne Station. We will be glad to pick you up at Langhorne Station (it's only several blocks from PBU), but we cannot do pick-ups at 30th Street. Please check the box on the registration form.

**DRIVING? From Philadelphia Int'l Airport:** Take I-95 North to exit 44. Turn left at light at end of exit ramp. Go approx. one mile to first light (Durham Road). Turn right and follow over railroad tracks. Take first right onto Manor Avenue. PBU is on your left after the stop sign.

### From I-95 and points north & south:

**Northbound** - Take exit 44 off I-95. Turn left onto Business Route 1 South. At second light turn right onto 413 North. Cross railroad tracks and take first right onto Manor Avenue. PBU is on your left after stop sign.

**Southbound** - Take exit 44 off I-95. Bear right on Business Route 1 South. At first light turn right onto 413 North. Cross railroad tracks and take first right onto Manor Avenue. PBU is on your left after stop sign.

**From Route 1, Trenton & north:** Go south on Route 1 into PA approx. 5 minutes to I-95. Take I-95 south to exit 44. Turn right at end of exit ramp. Go approx. one mile to first light (Durham Road). Turn right and follow over railroad tracks. Take first right onto Manor Ave. PBU is on your left after stop sign.

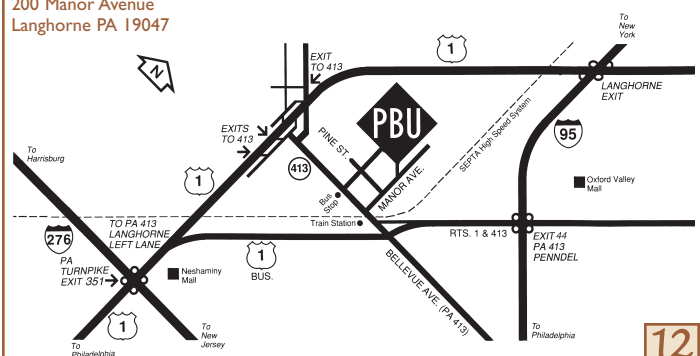
**From PA Turnpike (I-276) and points east & west:** Take exit 351 off PA Turnpike. After passing through toll booths, stay to the left. Follow Route 1 North for approx. 2.5 miles (avoid Business Route 1). Follow signs to Route 413/Bellevue Ave. Exit on the service road parallel to US 1. Turn right on Bellevue Ave. Go straight at blinking light. Take 4th left on Manor Avenue. Go straight at stop sign. PBU will be on your left.

## Estimated Driving Times

- Baltimore, MD - 2 hours
- Pittsburgh, PA - 6 hours
- Harrisburg, PA - 2 hours
- Phila. Airport - 45 minutes
- New York City - 2 hours
- Washington, DC - 3 hours

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