

# Two new speakers added to 2017 Family Leadership Summit

The FAMILY LEADER Foundation announces two additional speakers have been confirmed for the 6th annual [Family Leadership Summit](#) at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines on Saturday, July 15.

**Rafael Cruz**, father to U.S. Senator and Iowa 2016 Caucus winner Ted Cruz, will be joining the Summit lineup again in 2017. Pastor Cruz returns to the Family Leadership Summit, where he was a very well-received speaker in 2013. Cruz will be representing Conservative Action Network.

**Dr. Jeff Myers**, president of [Summit Ministries](#), will also be joining the Summit. In the last 20 years Dr. Myers has become one of America's most respected authorities on youth leadership development. Focus on the Family Founder James Dobson referred to him as "a very gifted and inspirational young leader." Evangelist Josh McDowell called him "a man who is 100% sold out to preparing the next generation to reflect the character of Christ in the culture."

Through his appearances on Fox News and other media programs, Dr. Myers has become a fresh voice offering humor and insight from a Christian worldview.

Myers holds a doctor of philosophy degree and teaches leadership courses through CollegePlus and Belhaven University. Jeff and his family live in Colorado.

Cruz and Myers join a list of nationally prominent leaders already confirmed to speak at the Summit, including: Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, author and pollster George Barna, the Benham Brothers, U.S. Sens. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley, Steve Scheibner, Pastor Jim Garlow, Bob Vander Plaats, and more.

“The 6th annual [Family Leadership Summit](#) is growing into the ‘can’t miss’ event of the summer,” says Vander Plaats, president and CEO of The FAMIly LEADER Foundation. “It’s a rare opportunity when we in the Midwest get to hear from such an impressive lineup of speakers, and the Summit’s themes couldn’t be more timely or needed today.”

The theme of the 2017 [Family Leadership Summit](#) is “Principle over Politics,” challenging Christians to engage in government while “thinking bigger” than individual politicians and elections. The theme also challenges attendees to “think bigger” than partisan divisions toward standing instead for a Christ-centered cultural transformation that impacts not just government, but churches, families, and individual lives.

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