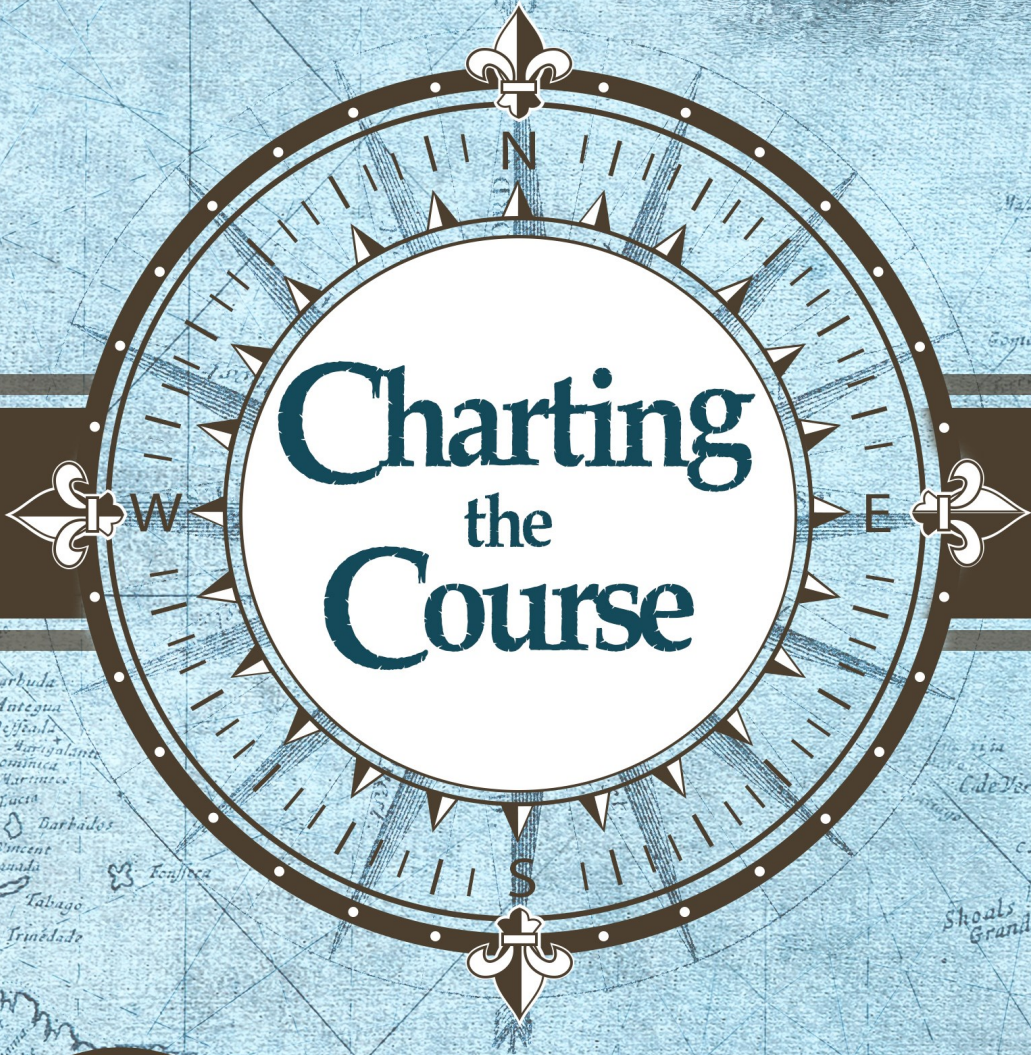


Church Ministries Conference



March 1-2, 2024

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Greg Dyson



Schedule

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

6:00 - 7:00 PM

7:00 - 8:15 PM

8:15 - 8:40 PM

8:40 - 9:30 PM

REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITS OPEN

GENERAL SESSION #1

EXHIBITS AND VENDORS

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 - 9:20 AM

9:20 - 10:00 AM

10:00 - 11:15 AM

11:15 - 12:20 PM

12:20 - 1:10 PM

1:10 - 1:40 PM

1:40 - 2:30 PM

2:30 - 2:50 PM

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WORKSHOP SESSION #2

BREAK/EXHIBITS

GENERAL SESSION #2

LUNCH AND EXHIBITS

WORKSHOP SESSION #3

BREAK/EXHIBITS

WORKSHOP SESSION #4

BREAK/EXHIBITS

GENERAL SESSION #3

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Greg Dyson, *Taylor University*



Greg Dyson has served in both pastoral and higher education leadership. He is currently the Campus Pastor and Vice-President for Spiritual Life and Intercultural Leadership at Taylor University. He is a graduate of Cedarville University, founder of the Hope for Kids Den, and with his wife Gina, the proud parents of three adult children.

Registration

Pre-Registration:
Jan 1 - Feb 20 = \$45

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After Feb 20 = \$60

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Session 1

GENERAL

Room 38 – How Can the Church Minister to the Divorcing?

Kathey Batey, Divorce Support Anonymous

There is a great and silent need to minister to the divorcing within the church. Kathey will give practical tools and steps to minister and guide people going through the trauma of divorce and provide a safe space for them to heal. Kathey Batey is the founder of Divorce Support Anonymous, ministering to hundreds since 2006.

Room 50 – Prayer for Your Church from the Church

Dave Rodgers, Trinity Baptist Church

“Prayer is to faith what breath is to life” –J.C. Ryle. This workshop has two goals. Learn about prayer from people throughout church history and even more important, use the lessons we learn to pray for our churches. Start the conference off praying with others for your church, other churches, and God's Church.

Room 64 – Why Pastors Ought to Stop Saying, "It is Okay to Struggle with ____, but Just Don't Act on it."

Jonathan Marko, Cornerstone University & Forest Hills Baptist Church

In this workshop, Dr. Marko will show that not all sins are "voluntary" and will reason that we help no one when we sugar-coat sin.

Room 66 – Hope for the Hurting!

Darlene Larson, Hearts With A Purpose

Loss comes in all sizes and shapes. The loss of a loved one, a divorce, a relocation, a loss of a job, a fractured relationship, a loss of a pet, and on and on we could go. Loss hurts. So how do we move through the hurt to get to the other side to offer comfort to others? Can God heal any loss? Yes, but you have to be a willing participant. Join me in this workshop and learn five steps to begin to travel through grief and loss with Jesus.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Room 132 – Women Making a Difference: Developing an Intergenerational Ministry that Works

Denise Roberts, Berean Baptist Church (Portage)

Never before have we needed the older women to teach the younger as we do now. It used to be a natural part of family and church life. Come and learn how to develop intergenerational mentoring that can be done as a group or one-on-one.

DISCIPLESHIP

Room 56 – Training in Godliness

Terry Burlingame, Jamestown Baptist Church

The term “godliness” is often used without a clear understanding of what it looks like in the believer’s life. In *Training for Godliness* we will examine from 1 Timothy 4 the intention of training, how to train, and what is the goal to accomplish in training. Focusing on God’s desires for our lives will make a positive difference in helping believers overcome sin, discouragement, and purposelessness.

Room 32 – The Three Hour Disciple

Doug Burrier, Sustainable Discipleship

Prepare for a concept bending experience and share time in our most requested talk. Discover three people, three goals, and three strategies that always work in disciple-making. It is amazing what you can do with three hours a week! If you only hit one Sustainable Discipleship breakout - this is the one.

Room 34 – Welcoming the Stranger and Sojourner

Gary Heim, True North Ministries/Magnify Church

Hospitality in the ancient Near East was vital for existence to travelers. As people opened their homes to strangers, the weary traveler found welcome, food, and shelter. We too are fellow sojourners traveling through this dark and broken world. We too need safe places where we find welcome and spiritual connection with each other. This breakout will provide biblical insight and practical tools to enable small groups to be those places where weary travelers can find spiritual refreshment for their souls.

LEADERSHIP

Room 30 – Leading During Times of Change

John Nixon, North Park Baptist Church

C.S. Lewis once said, “To live in time is to change, because time is change.” Nothing stays the same except the fact that change is always present. In this workshop, you will not only learn why people resist change, but you’ll learn some ways that will help you encourage and lead others to embrace change in this ever-changing world.

Room 54 – The Leadership Bounce

Nate Wagner, Sparta Baptist

Practical resiliency tools to help you lead from the overflow of God's grace in your life rather than from the inevitable deficits leaders experience.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

Room 52 – Social Justice through Social Capital

Joel Shaffer, Urban Transformation Ministries

As a viable alternative to the flaws and failures of today’s secular social justice, Christians have an opportunity to practice Biblical social justice as apologetics through their social capital. This workshop introduces social capital theory and explores practical ways Christians can address injustices through their social capital leading to gospel conversations with progressives.

Session 1

Room 31 – Bible 101: Taking a Small Group of Pre-Christians on a First Trip Through the Bible

Mark Kresge, North Park Baptist Church

No bells. No whistles. No glitzy material. No higher education needed. Get together with a handful of starter Christians or pre-Christians who are curious about the actual message of the Bible, and help them discover the truth. Come see how to use a Discovery Bible Study method and a list of 30 Bible passages from Genesis 1 through Revelation 20.

Room 58 – Why Orphans Go to Hell

John Shirley, Live Global

No one is more hopelessly lost than an orphan — an unloved, unfed, destitute wanderer. An orphan must be saved to survive, and that is the picture of the Gospel. This workshop explores the most powerful description of our salvation found in Scripture, our adoption by an Eternal Father. This workshop will help you appreciate your salvation, understand your Father's purpose for adopting you, and challenge your understanding of what it means to be on mission.

WORSHIP

Room 122 – Curating Your Worship Music Library

Nathan Vaughn, Highland Hills Baptist Church

In this workshop, we will formulate a step-by-step approach regarding how to evaluate what we sing, how to introduce new music, and how to keep current music fresh.

CHILDREN

Room 119 – Becoming a More Effective Preschool Teacher

Ashley Setaputri, West Cannon Baptist Church

Teaching preschool-aged children about Jesus is more than singing the "B-I-B-L-E" and "Jesus Loves Me." Come learn how to be intentional in teaching the Gospel through fun and engaging teaching strategies.

Room 124 – How to Create an Effective Learning Environment

Melissa Kent, West Cannon Baptist Church

Before kids can learn, they need to be provided with an environment that meets their needs and where they know what is expected of them. This workshop will address things such as creating and keeping a schedule, transition activities, and setting and keeping classroom expectations.

Room 126 – Developing a Heart for Missions

Mary Lou, Heyboer BCM (MI Bible Clubs)

Not only do we need to "Reach the Next Generation with the Gospel", we need to challenge children to become involved in reaching their generation and the next. We will look at the MESSAGE we need to tell, how to be INVOLVED today, and how to PREPARE to serve the Lord in the future.

Room 128 – Blast Through the Bible: Kinetic Learning to Understand the Big Picture!

Rochelle Visser, Camp Michawana

Every person learns and retains information better when they speak, move, and teach it! Discover a helpful way to learn the BIG PICTURE of God's Word using kinetic learning and key phrases. The Blast Through the Bible workshop will offer free resources and training to use Camp Michawana's Blast Through the Bible as well as ideas to create or modify your own memory system that is tailored to your specific needs! Come get infused with some gospel energy!

Room 131 – Keeping Kids Engaged in Bible Lessons

Jody Marvin, West Cannon Baptist Church

A variety of practical, classroom-tested and ready-to-use ideas will be shared to help keep kids (K-5th grade) engaged in Bible lessons. Games, object lessons, magic tricks, attention getters and classroom activities are among the strategies that will be taught.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Room 129 – Building Cultural Discernment in Your Students

Matt Bell, NorthPointe Christian High School

Drawing from the second practice of the groundbreaking book, *Faith For Exiles* (David Kinnaman & Mark Matlock), this workshop will focus on how to help students develop the muscle of cultural discernment in a complex and anxious age. Whether you are a pastor, parent, teacher, or anyone who works with this next generation, this workshop will help prepare young Christians to thrive and cultivate faithfulness in our world today. We will also discuss how to practically teach the Bible in the midst of competing narratives.

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Session 2

GENERAL

Room 38 – ABIDE with Jesus through Corporate Worship

Daniel and Amanda Bowman, Berlin Baptist Church

ABIDE = Always Belonging, Intentional Dedication Everyday Using Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*, and the Bible, we'll talk about how to prepare our hearts for corporate worship, practice body postures that can strengthen worship, and discuss how to offer a sacrifice of praise.

Room 50 – Eyewitness History

Bob Gillespie, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Those who disbelieve the Bible have devised another explanation of how we got here without God, and they have been successful in convincing generations that their belief is scientific fact. Many Christians today are convinced that God must have used billions of years of natural processes when He created, and the book of Genesis is really not important. However, we have an eyewitness to all of history from the beginning to the end. This talk will answer many questions about Genesis and connect the literal Adam with our literal Savior.

Room 31 – Satan's Top Ten

Eric Strattan, Bridge Bible Church

Join us for a presentation and discussion on ten of the most prevalent internal and external threats to church unity and witness.

Room 58 – Make Abortion Unthinkable: Equipping the Church to Be Silent No More

Tammy Erste, Grand Rapids Right to Life

How the church handles abortion and the abortion rights enshrined into our state constitution in a post-Roe culture is crucial for the church moving forward. The late former abortionist, Dr. Thomas Gordon, once told a sidewalk counselor when he was invited to church, "I will go to church when the church stops coming to me." Devastating to hear, but unfortunately, true. How did the church get here? Silence has played a pivotal role. This workshop is designed to leave you encouraged and equipped to remain silent no more.

LEADERSHIP

Room 52 – Group Leadership Development

Trent Heaton, Magnify Church

A crash-course in recruiting, training, and supporting leaders as they seek to serve those in your church.

Room 64 – Listen Well to Improve Your Leadership in Ministry

Tim Jackson, Still Waters Counseling/Ada Bible Church

Listening well is a core biblical value, and yet more often than not, we're oblivious as to what makes a good listener. Come and learn how to hear your own voice in a way that opens you up to hearing others. Listening well to your team enhances overall ministry impact.

Room 30 – Rethinking Pastoral Transitions

Doug Crawford, Bridge Fellowship

One of the most vulnerable times for a church is when they are without a shepherd. Knowing that pastoral transitions are going to happen, how do we prepare for them? How can we grow through them? What are the shepherd's roles and responsibilities in a transition? What are the church's roles and responsibilities in a transition?

DISCIPLESHIP

Room 56 – Making Choices for Godly Living

Terry Burlingame, Jamestown Baptist Church

The situations and difficulties we face are often not what was planned or expected; they can be difficult and discouraging, confusing and complicated. During this session we will consider lessons learned from Joseph on how to make choices which will lead to both pleasing the Lord and giving the believer freedom and encouragement to move forward in each new chapter of life.

Room 119 – Faithful to the End

Gail Ramish, Living Out 3:18 Ministries/Ada Bible Church

This session will give you thoughtful and practical ways to tend to your own heart and life in the midst of ministry so you can avoid burnout and make it to the end with your joy, health, and family intact.

Room 32 – Intentional and Amazing Groups

Doug Burrier, Sustainable Discipleship

Can guys and gals do discipleship together? Join us for an interactive talk about things that work, things that don't, and why. You might be surprised by the results of years of research and listening to other disciple-makers. Discover how to build amazing groups that get the job done. Get the benefits of one-to-one discipleship without sacrificing the power of a group.

Room 54 – How to Do Daily Devotions (HD3)

Ben Marx, First Baptist Church of Holland

“All I want to do is read my Bible...not a bunch of other books.” “What is a way I can read Scripture with my friend(s)?” “I'm married, but we have no idea how to study the Bible together.” How do you do it? What does that look like? Whether you want to study by yourself or want to learn how to study with one or more other people, come see an easy but effective method that is truly a 'one-size-fits-all' solution.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

Room 122 – Sharing the Gospel with Confidence

Rochelle Visser, Camp Michawana

Do you want to share the gospel but don't know where to start? Are you nervous that you might not be able to answer tough questions? Do YOU know but want to help others get passionate? Come get equipped with tools, tips, and truth for you to personally share or to train kids, teens, and adults in your church to boldly and confidently share the gospel.

Session 2

Room 131 – Correcting Modern Myths about Missions

Kelly Fath, West Cannon Baptist Church

Using the book, *Is the Commission Still Great?* as a catalyst, we'll discuss some of the common misperceptions about missions today, including: missions today should be short-term only; sending long-term missionaries costs too much money, missions isn't for Westerners anymore (we should only support national workers); and everything we do is missions.

CHILDREN

Room 126 – Teaching Meaningful & Memorable Bible Lessons

Danielle Vaughn, Highland Hills Baptist Church

Come hear tips on how to make teaching your Bible stories vibrant and meaningful to students in preschool through elementary age.

Room 128 – Connecting the Dots

Kimberly Buffinga, MI Bible Clubs

Many children today, even from good churches, fail to see the Bible as a complete story. They see Bible stories in isolation instead of seeing how they all connect into one big story, the story of Jesus. Come learn how to make each lesson you teach focus on the big picture so the children see that all the dots lead to Christ.

Room 132 – The Why of Child Protection Policies/Background Checks (Part 1 of 2)

Jeff Dalrymple, Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention

Join us to learn about abuse and child protection for ministry leaders. We believe that child protection is important for ministry leaders because every person is created in the image of God. Furthermore, we believe that child protection is a matter of Great Commission significance and biblical stewardship. In this child protection workshop, you will learn the basics of child protection while raising awareness for the importance of abuse prevention and child protection.

STUDENT

Room 129 – Understanding Gen Z and Discipleship

Matt Wallace, Cornerstone University

Using current research data from Our Daily Bread, the Barna Group, and others, this workshop will discuss practical, effective ways to engage in discipleship with young adults labeled Gen Z or late millennials. The goal will be to understand some generational trends, how they view church, the Bible, and faith, and how to use this information to be more effective with the Gospel and discipleship.

WORSHIP

Room 124 – Worship and Word: an Essential Partnership

Chad Vitarelli, Bella Vista Church

Those who prompt worship through music on Sunday mornings may spend nearly as much time on the platforms of our churches as the teaching pastor. We'll discuss some ways for music leaders to work effectively with their teaching pastors to plan and execute services that are a response to God's revelation.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Room 66 – Learn to Live Beyond Emotional Pain

Darlene Larson, Hearts With A Purpose

Sadness? Loneliness? Boredom? Is God able to fill the soul holes? Yes, He is. Learn how to move through and shift from the emotional pain and experience peace, clarity, purpose, passion, joy, and great contentment.

Room 34 – Ministering to Women in Difficult Relationships

Lisa Heim, True North Ministries/Magnify Church

Relationships are often the greatest source of pain for a woman. What do you do when a woman confides that she is struggling in a relationship? How can you best offer support? What sort of direction does she need? What doesn't she need? This workshop will cover the basics in offering soul-care to a woman in need.



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Session 3

GENERAL

Room 38 – ABIDE with Jesus through Meditation

Daniel and Amanda Bowman, Berlin Baptist Church

ABIDE = Always Belonging, Intentional Dedication Everyday. Using Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*, and the Bible, we'll talk about what biblical meditation is not, discuss steps on how to make biblical meditation a regular spiritual discipline, and practice three strategies (imagination, divine reading, and memorization).

Room 50 – The Cultural War and the Christian

Bob Gillespie, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

The cultural war began back in the garden when Satan said, "You can be your own god, you can make up your own truth." From this original lie, we have evil rulers exploiting their subjects down through history. But Christians are able to discern what is truth and what is a lie. Satan wants to kill, steal, and destroy all of mankind but Jesus wants to give us life abundant.

Room 52 – Finding the Right Hills to Die On: Considering Theological Triage

Justin Guess, Grandville Baptist Church

Living in theological faithfulness together as the church can often be difficult to navigate. On the one hand, there are theological convictions that we must hold tightly. On the other hand, there are other theological issues where there's room for a difference of opinion. So how do we know the difference? In this breakout, we'll discuss how a process of theological triage can be helpful as we seek to be theologically faithful as the church.

Room 64 – Amazing Graces: Saving Grace(s) According to Calvinists, Lutherans, Arminians, & Roman Catholics

Jonathan Marko, Cornerstone University/Forest Hills Baptist Church

In this workshop, Dr. Marko will explain the different ideas of being born again/regenerated vis-a-vis grace from the perspectives of the various Christian traditions, incorporating an easy to follow whiteboard drawing.

Room 30 – Incarnational Fellowship

Doug Crawford, Bridge Fellowship

How can churches working together uniquely portray the gospel and glory of God to a world marked by divisiveness and strife? What did Jesus intend for His church? What did Paul expect from the first century churches? We'll consider some current examples of how God is blessing church partnerships.

DISCIPLESHIP

Room 56 – The Discipline of Personal Worship

Terry Burlingame, Jamestown Baptist Church

Maintaining a regular time of meaningful Scripture reading and prayer can be a daily spiritual battle. We will consider the basis of this personal time with the Lord, the use of Scripture in prayer, some practices of the Puritans, and how to grow in love and appreciation for this time. It does not have to be a routine of drudgery; it can be meaningful and enjoyable.

Room 119 – Discovery Bible Study #1: R-R-O Method

Jake Tibbe, Forest Hills Baptist Church

Come participate in an inductive bible study called Discovery Bible Study (DBS). This method is suitable for many ages and stages, from elementary-aged children to the grayest and wisest, from unbelievers to new believers, to the Pauls and Timothys. This simple, reproducible, yet powerful method creates disciple-makers who are transformed by the Holy Spirit to abide with Jesus and produce fruit that will last to the glory of God the Father. This workshop introduces the R-R-O style of DBS.

Room 32 – 14 Intentional Moments

Doug Burrier, Sustainable Discipleship

Cake for breakfast might not be the best choice. Do you know the fourteen (we know, it should be seven or three!) predictable, Biblical moments in every disciple's move to maturity? Do you know what they need at each checkpoint? It's all in the Bible and all over our research. Know where your disciple is on his journey and give him what he needs exactly when he needs it!

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Gary Heim, True North Ministries/Magnify Church

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LEADERSHIP

Room 31 – Resolving Everyday Conflict

John Nixon, North Park Baptist Church

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." But in our relationships, whether it be with a family member, coworker, church member, friend, or complete stranger, we often experience anything but peace. In this workshop, we will explore the nature of conflict and why it is inevitable and normal. We will also offer practical, biblical steps to heal disputes and guide us to peacemaking in our everyday lives.

Session 3

Room 54 – Leadership Competencies

James Jeffery, Chapel Pointe

Discover the five essential leadership competencies based on the examples of Nehemiah and Paul and the largest research project on leadership competencies. We will discover how to become the spiritual leader God has called you to be in your ministry. We will also provide helpful tools for ongoing learning and leadership multiplication in the church.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Room 66 – I Feel Invisible!

Darlene Larson, Hearts With A Purpose

“I am missing something in my life.” “I wish I had a sense of purpose.” Step into this workshop, be coached in a group with powerful life changing coaching worksheets to take inventory of your life, and discover what holds you back, what stirs your heart for His purpose, and what He has entrusted you with and your story. Then carry out your purposeful mission in the Kingdom — with great joy!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Room 131 – Where are the Men?

Ray Paget, Emmanuel Free Church

Men continue to be marginalized in society today. Traditional male-led roles are being rejected and ridiculed as old fashioned and even misogynistic. This attitude and practice has invaded the church without much protest or concern. This presentation is a call for Christian men to take their rightful and biblical roles seriously and stand as the God-ordained leaders they are called to be.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

Room 58 – Reaching Your Neighbors with the Gospel

Scott Klooster, Georgetown Bible Church

We will be exploring how a church or lay group can identify the distinctions between the local and cross-cultural people in their neighborhoods and examine the resources needed to reach people for Jesus.

CHILDREN

Room 126 – Teachers That Touch Lives

Anna Sytsma, Child Evangelism Fellowship

Think of your favorite teacher you had as a child. Most likely much of what you remember is the person and their influence on your life. In this session we will take a look at you as the teacher. We will discuss what teaching is, how important the teacher is and what God says about teaching. As a result, my prayer is that you will be seen as the most memorable to the kids you teach.

Room 128 – Children’s Ministry with a Purpose

Keith Buffinga, MI Bible Clubs

Many churches have used the same children’s ministry programs for years, but are those programs still meeting the spiritual needs of the children? In this session we will discuss setting Biblical goals for your children’s ministry, evaluating your current programs against those goals, and keys to helping your children’s ministry programs achieve the purpose that God has for your ministry.

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Jeff Dalrymple, Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention

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Session 3

STUDENT

Room 129 – Post College Young Adult Ministry

Gabe Hartfield, Crossroads Bible Church

In the aftermath of 2020 many young adults are coming out of a community drought. Young adults, especially young professionals just out of college, are searching for community. This workshop will discuss how to reach young adults, develop community and how to activate them for mission.

WORSHIP

Room 124 – Worship for Every Generation

Chad Vitarelli, Bella Vista Church

Music in the church can be a tool to unite the body of Christ and not divide. We'll talk about ways to plan worship services for engagement by believers of all ages. Among topics we'll discuss: how to set and nurture proper expectations for our worship gatherings; how to incorporate younger and older people into worship leadership together; and curating a virtual songbook that transcends cultural trends and better fits with God's purpose for our congregations.



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TECHNOLOGY

Room 122 – Striking a Balance: Church AV Gear: Why Newer Isn't Always Better and How to Design an Effective System

Justin Edmonds, Enhance Don't Distract

In the world of church audiovisual (AV) equipment, it's easy to get swept up in the allure of the latest and greatest technology. However, this workshop explores the importance of striking a balance, highlighting why newer isn't always better, and provides valuable insights on how to thoughtfully design an effective AV system for your church's unique needs.



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Session 4

GENERAL

Room 50 – Equipping Churches to Minister to Marriages

Don Smith, Bridge to Life Ministries

If your church does not offer a marriage ministry model supported by the church leadership, couples will turn elsewhere for their marital needs. Would you ask your church for help if your marriage was in trouble? We will help you envision how your church can be equipped to minister to marriages. You will learn how your church can be a safe place to help marriages in your community.

Room 126 – Your Pastor Needs Your Help

Chris Minor, Oakfield Baptist Church

The average pastor won't last more than four years in a church. At least once every Sunday they will be given negative feedback from unhealthy pressures and expectations put on them and their family. Most live under the constant threat of not just losing their job, but losing their house, and their family being abandoned by their church and community. Of those who survive, only 10% make it to retirement as a pastor. How can your church recognize a hurting pastor? How can your church heal a broken pastor? And how can your church encourage future pastors?

Room 131 – Church Libraries: A Ministry to Meet the Times

Denise Roberts & Debbie Dehart, Berean Baptist Church of Portage

How can your church present the Godly Christian worldview to counter the cultural influences impacting families? Public libraries are increasingly becoming a danger zone where parents don't want their children to browse freely. Discover a great alternative: build and develop a church library. We will discuss starting a library and some programs to develop and enhance this ministry.

Room 31 – Gender Identity and Worldview

Nate Archer, First Baptist Church of Middleville

As the transgender movement continues to press its ideology everywhere, it is necessary for Christian workers to be equipped to respond in truth and love to those who are being influenced. In this workshop, we will see how communicating the Christian worldview can immunize people to this ideology. The Christian worldview shows God's good design, helps people interpret their experiences, and gives hope.

DISCIPLESHIP

Room 38 – Growing the Godly

Gail Ramish, Living Out 3:18 Ministries/Ada Bible Church

This session is designed to give you innovative and practical ways to bring spiritual maturity to the people entrusted to you in your ministry and ministry leadership teams.

Room 52 – Fighting the Fatherless Epidemic through the Gospel and Wholistic Discipleship

Joel Shaffer, Urban Transformation Ministries

Fatherlessness is one of the most urgent social problems our nation faces today affecting every demographic in America. Learn how the church can reach out to the fatherless in your community and also wholistically disciple those who are dad-deprived in your church without adding more programs to manage.

Room 56 – A Biblical View of Self-Esteem

Terry Burlingame, Jamestown Baptist Church

The popular concept of “building ourselves up” and “creating a positive self-image” is in direct contrast to the biblical truth of who we are in Christ. Having a right view of ourselves makes a difference in our attitudes, goals, and the way we approach our daily lives. We will be addressing scriptural truths of how to help someone be free from the domination of self, leading to freedom from pride, anger, and depression.

Room 64 – Leaning into the Mission: Gospel-Centered Missional Groups Ministry

Trent Heaton, Magnify Church

Many times we want to know what we are to do and how to do it without ever considering the 'why.' In this workshop we'll take time to focus in on why the 'why' of groups is so significant and how groups can fit into the larger 'why' of your church.

Room 119 – Discovery Bible Study #2: C-P-O Method

Jake Tibbe, Forest Hills Baptist Church

Come participate in an inductive bible study called, Discovery Bible Study (DBS). This method is suitable for many ages and stages, from elementary-aged children to the grayest and wisest, from unbelievers to new believers, to the Pauls and Timothys. This simple, reproducible, yet powerful method creates disciple-makers who are transformed by the Holy Spirit to abide with Jesus and produce fruit that will last to the glory of God the Father. This workshop introduces the C-P-O style of DBS.

Room 32 – Intentionally Helping Disciples Get It

Doug Burrier, Sustainable Discipleship

Why are stop signs red? Why do red sales tags generate more purchases? Once you know why you will never make disciples the same way again. Learn what few of us learned in seminary - how God designed his people to learn, make decisions, and mature. Doug Burrier, a decision scientist and disciple-maker, leads this fun, eye-opening talk.

Room 54 – How to Find People to Disciple

Ben Marx, First Baptist Church of Holland

Sure, they are all around you...people with needs. But how do you figure out who they are? And how do you determine what they need? In this workshop, you will gain a framework for strategically 'observing the landscape around you' and determining who needs help and how you can move them forward in their spiritual growth.

Session 4

LEADERSHIP

Room 30 – The Challenges of and Rewards from Leading by Consensus

Eric Strattan, Bridge Bible Church

Join us for a presentation and discussion on important concepts such as dealing with criticism, maintaining long-term relevance, having hard conversations, and growing in humble leadership — all while moving forward in ministry development.

Room 34 – The Heart of a Church in the Pastoral Search

Andy Molyneux, First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant

When a church begins their search for a new pastor they know their most pressing need, but are there other things that should be drawing their attention as well?

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

Room 58 – Evangelism and Discipleship Strategies

Scott Klooster, Georgetown Bible Church

We will be defining what it takes to adopt an evangelism and discipleship strategy based on the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. We will discuss cultural barriers to starting spiritual conversations, and we will demonstrate an effective evangelism method that everyone can use to share the Gospel.

CHILDREN

Room 124 – Help! I Can't Get These Children to Listen.

Marrena Ralph, Regular Baptist Press: Kids4Truth Clubs Program Specialist

Engaging and motivating children to listen while you teach can be challenging especially if you are working with them at the end of a long day. Learn practical tips and ideas on how to keep children engaged, involved, and learning while you are teaching.

Room 128 – Building an Effective Children's Ministry

Janelle Bernhardt, Cedar Springs Baptist Church

Since starting from ground zero, I've learned the ins and outs of what it takes to build the foundation of an effective Children's Ministry. This workshop will dive into topics such as: the vision for your ministry, volunteer management, and classroom management.

Room 132 – Visualize or Fossilize: Using Visual Aids Effectively

Anna Sytsma, Child Evangelism Fellowship

Do you as a teacher find yourself using only the visuals provided in the teacher's manual? Do you ever struggle coming up with visual aids to use? Do you ever find yourself using the same visuals over and over again? Then this session is perfect for you. We will explore reasons for using visual aids and give you tips on how to select and use visual aids. As a result of this session, you will see how using visual aids can be incorporated in the learning process.

STUDENT

Room 129 – How To Become An Effective Youth Leader

William Snyder, Kent City Baptist Church

We are all called to servanthood to our King, but how do we effectively lead and faithfully serve in youth ministry? In this session I will train and encourage you in the work God has laid before you. Learn to use the short but precious time you have with youth students to faithfully plant, water, and nurture spiritual growth in their lives.

WORSHIP

Room 66 – Jesus’ Worship School: Calibrating Craft and Character

Christopher Paoni, Kent City Baptist Church

In Worship Arts there are often two separate (and subtle) schools of thought: our worship ministry values musical excellence OR our worship ministry values personal excellence. Many leaders will say, “We value both!”, but I’ve found that when you look under the hood, one of these values is often the real driving force that directs the culture of the ministry and even the church. With the help of Jesus and his clear training, let’s use our attention, our intention, and our creativity to learn how we can calibrate craft AND character successfully for the sake of worship.

TECHNOLOGY

Room 122 – Online Church Media & Live Streaming: When and How To Do It

Justin Edmonds, Enhance Don’t Distract

In this breakout class, we discuss what online media for your church should be and look like and what you should and shouldn’t do. We will give you the tools to understand how these online platforms should be used and what they should be used for.



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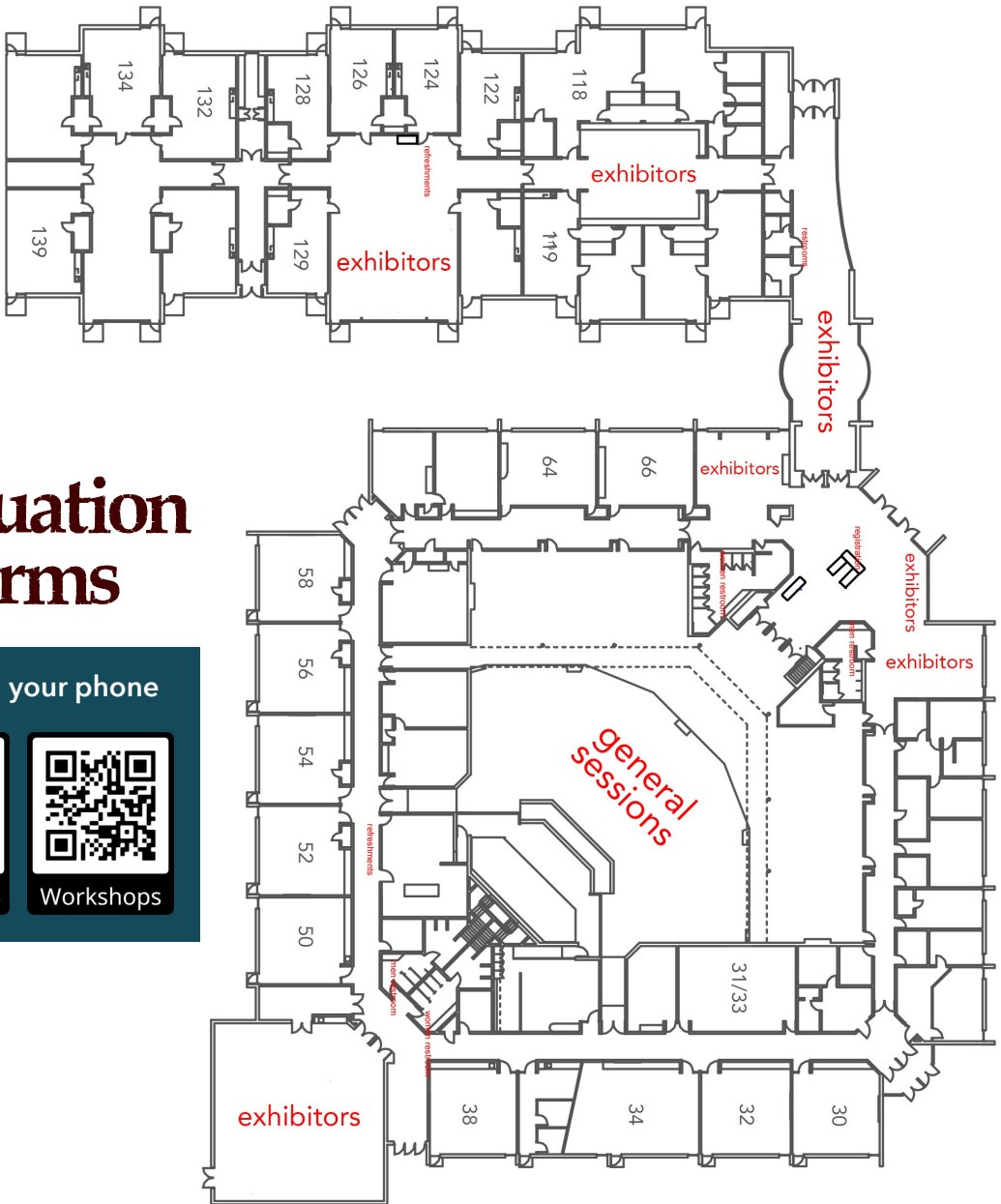


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