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Saturday SCHEDULE

7:45 am Registration

8:30-9:45 am Opening Session

10-10:50 am Session One

11-11:50 am Session Two

12-12:50 pm LUNCH & *learn* SESSIONS 

1-1:50 pm Session Three

2-2:50 pm Session Four

Next Gen
Keynote



Shane Pruitt
National Next Gen Director
North American
Mission Board

Adult
Ministries
Keynote



Robby Gallaty
Senior Pastor
Long Hollow Church
Hendersonville, Tenn.

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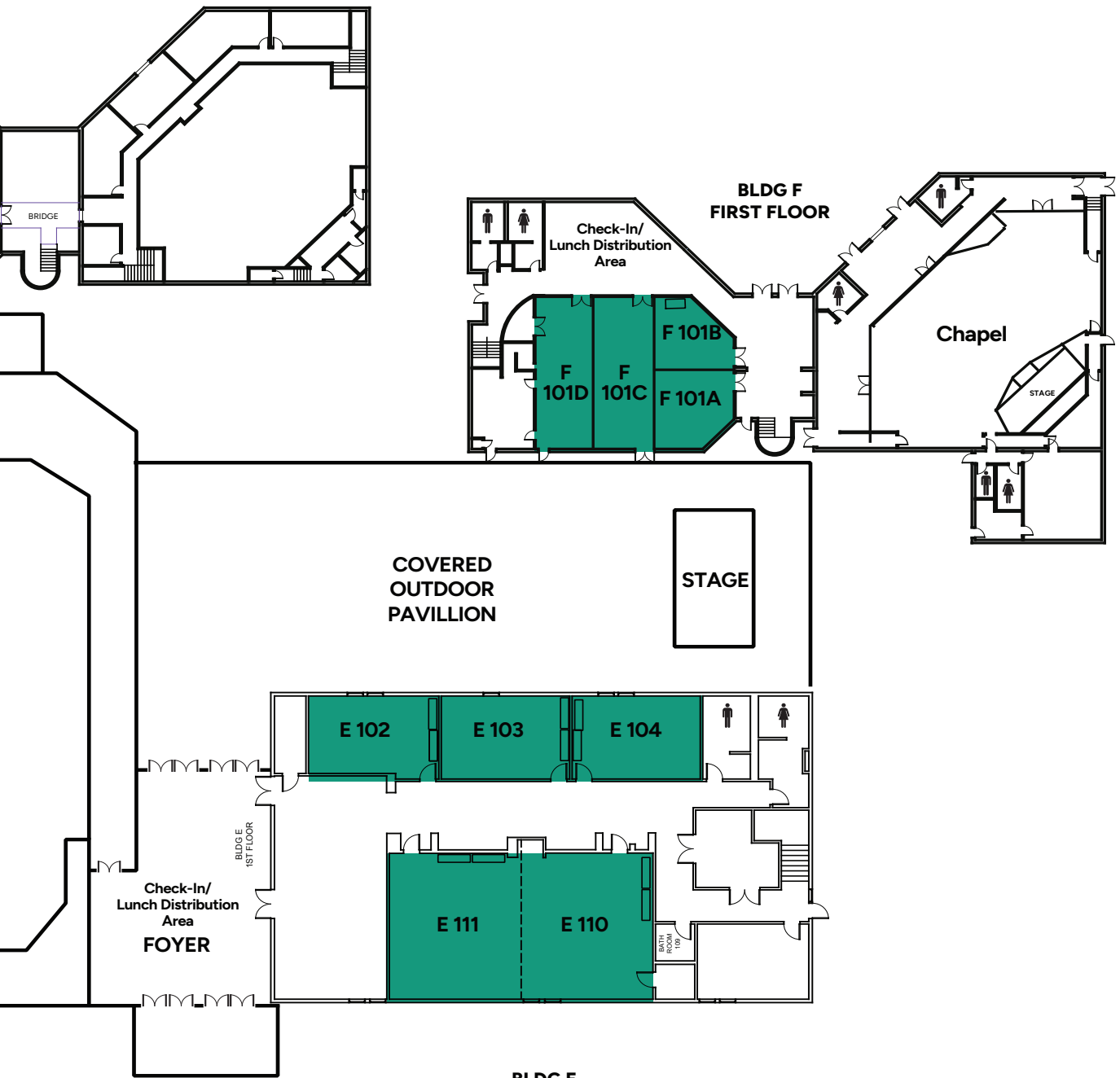
PASTORS *track*

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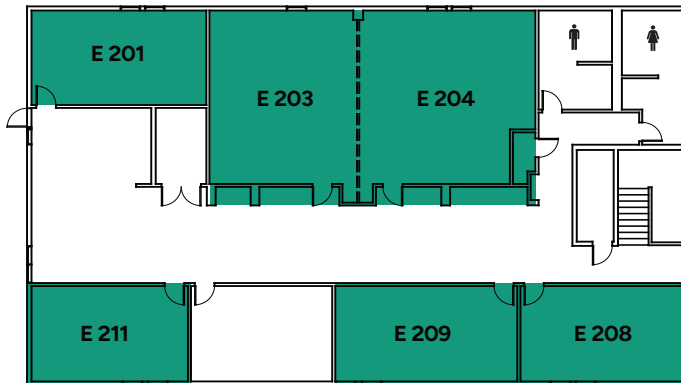
Lead pastors sharing and discussing similar issues, challenges, and solutions.

- + **Discipleship, Multiply, Silence & Solitude** with Robby Gallaty
- + **Pastoring In Tension** with J.D. Cutler
- + **Pastors on the Hot Seat** with Matt Timmons
- + **Panel Discussion** with J.D. Cutler, Anthony Svajda & Matt Timmons





**BLDG E
SECOND FLOOR**



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SESSION ONE
10-10:50 AM

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ADULT MINISTRY

BLEND ED FAMILIES B 134

Joe Dougharty

Blended Families in Your Church: The Dynamics Every Ministry Leader Should Understand

Blended families are one of the most common yet least understood family structures in the church today. Many ministries unintentionally approach them with expectations built for traditional households. In this session leaders will gain insight into the unique relational and spiritual dynamics blended families navigate and learn practical ways their church can support and strengthen these families.

COLLEGIATE B 137

Drew Humphrey

Reaching College and Young Adults for Christ

Most churches have a ministry gap from high school graduation to young marrieds. If a college student or young single adult came to your church, what ministries would you have to help them grow in their faith? Take a next step in reaching Gen Z for Jesus at your church!

DISCIPLES HIP E 211

Glenn Underhill

The Invested Life

Every follower of Jesus should be able to answer two simple questions: Who is investing in me, and who am I investing in? Learn a tested, proven approach to disciple someone who reflects the character and conduct of Jesus and will multiply themselves in the lives of others.

DISCIPLES HIP F 203

Craig Etheredge

His Way Still Works

Discover Jesus' method of making disciples and how a Jesus-centric philosophy of ministry can unite your team and focus your ministry.

LEGACY BUILDERS E 111

Scott Schulick

Generational Shifts: Seniors, Boomers, and Here Comes Gen X

This session highlights how to cultivate a disciple-making culture, address key life-stage realities, inspire missional living, and foster meaningful community through fun and fellowship. Participants will gain practical strategies to move beyond one-size-fits-all programming and mobilize older adults as mentors, leaders, and kingdom influencers.

MEN
B 129

Chris Harper
Men, Masculinity, & Where We Are Today

A clear-eyed look at the current state of men—culturally, spiritually, and relationally—and why confusion around masculinity is costing us more than we think.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**

B 124

Ken Braddy
10 Tips for Teaching an Adult Bible Study Group

Learn ten field-tested ways to guide conversations, ask questions that get people talking, manage silence, and many more tips and tricks to take your teaching to a whole new level.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**

B 126

Adam Erlichman
Transformational Teaching

Bible teachers desire to see lives transformed by Jesus, but too often, transformation seems like the exception rather than the norm. What can we do? In this session, we'll explore Scripture together and uncover practical principles that move our teaching beyond simply transferring information toward real life change.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**

B 127

Chris Shirley
Teaching Inside the Question

Questions are essential to quality Bible study. In this session, we will examine the strategic and intentional use of questions to help learners observe, interpret, and apply God's Word.

PASTOR WIVES
C 805

Rhonda Hinote
Strong, Seen, and Still Standing

Come explore your identity as a pastor's wife—free from expectations, comparisons, and pressure.

WOMEN
C Auditorium

Cheryl Bell
Spiritual Formation: How to Be Pliable Clay in the Potter's Hands

Come and join this session to receive practical tools that enable you and those you shepherd to respond in submission and obedience to God's work of sanctification in the life of His children.

WOMEN
C 803

Angie Catron
Biblical Faithfulness in Every Season

Serving faithfully while single, married, raising kids, working full-time, or walking through hardship.

WOMEN
C 804

Chao Tsuma
Different Stories, Same Savior

At the cross stood women with different stories—marked by sorrow, redemption, and quiet faithfulness—yet united by one Savior and one mission. Using John 19:25, this session invites women to embrace their unique journeys and discover how God uses every story to point others to Christ.

WOMEN
C 118

(Conference Rm)

Ali Shaw
Focus on the Finish

Life is a struggle. If we want to guard against fear, defeat, or complacency, we must "focus on the finish" by straining forward to spiritual maturity and intimacy with God. Philippians 4:12-16 encourages us to grow in spiritual maturity by actively and zealously striving for what God has in store.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

**CHURCH
ADMINISTRATION/
ACCOUNTING**
E 201

Curtis Boozer
Outsourcing Church Accounting Services: Things to Consider

This session will give you an overview of why and when to outsource and the tools available.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

F 202

Alan Small

Ten Commandments for Committee/Team Members

Serving on a church committee or team is an important task. Unfortunately, many people feel unprepared to serve. Together we will explore how you can be most effective serving your church.

HUMAN RESOURCES

B 135

Marsha Nance

What Keeps HR Up at Night, and How to Fix it Yourself

A practical guide for establishing best human resource practices—whether you're an HR professional or not.

SECURITY

F 204

Mike Gurley

Church Security Overview

Join us for a common-sense approach to building a strong, effective church security team.

TERLC

F 206

Cindy Asmussen

Why a Biblical Worldview Matters to History and the Next Generation

Come look through the lens of Scripture and history to discover how a biblical worldview has shaped cultures, civilizations, and hearts, and how we can pursue a biblical worldview like this today in our churches.

CHURCH HEALTH & LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

E 103

Jonathan Okinaga

How to Deal with Exhaustion

This session will confront exhaustion and burnout from a biblical perspective, identifying the heart issues that drive relentless overwork and misplaced responsibility. You will examine how pride, fear of man, and functional unbelief quietly fuel weariness while neglecting God's design for rest and trust. You will leave with a clearer framework for faithful stewardship that honors the Lord without sacrificing your soul.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP (Pastors Only)

E 110

Robby Gallaty

Discipleship, Multiply, Silence, and Solitude**DEACON TRAINING**

F 205

Jeff Lynn

Chosen to Serve Deacon Training - Part I

Being a deacon is more than a title, it's a calling to serve with humility, wisdom, and dedication. This dynamic training will equip deacons with the biblical foundation, practical skills, and spiritual insight needed to serve effectively. Whether you are new to the role or seeking to deepen your ministry, this training will guide and encourage you to fulfill your calling with excellence.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

E 203

Gary Chevalier

More Than Holding a Door: Revolutionizing Your Guest Engagement through a Shift in Perspective

For most churches, the Sunday services are the main entry point for new people, but guests returning and getting plugged into the life of the church is what actually leads to growth. Your church's approach to the guest experience is either a boon or a barrier to guest engagement. This session will illuminate how a simple shift in your perspective can revolutionize your guest return rate and ignite church growth.

LEADERSHIP

E 102

Josh McCasland

Leading When You Are Not in Charge

This session will equip you to be part of building God's kingdom through honoring your leaders and maximizing your contribution to the vision. Even if you are not in charge, you can make an organizational impact.

PRAYER

E 204

Keeney Dickenson

Developing a Consistent Prayer Life

This session will focus on practical steps toward living a life of prayerfulness.

MISSIONAL MINISTRY

APOLOGETICS

B 138

Bruno Molina

The Unfaithfulness of "The Word of Faith" Movement

We'll explore the origins and impact of "The Word of Faith" movement and see how it led to the present-day prosperity gospel and then to determine its biblically validity.

CHURCH PLANTING

E 104

Aaron Clayton & Jason Crandall

Am I Called to Plant a Church?

Discover the basics of what it takes to plant a church and how to know if God is leading you toward it.

DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS

B 143

Scottie Stice

Disaster Relief Orientation and Credentialing

Interested in volunteering for disaster relief? This session will cover basic orientation and collect the information needed for credentialing.

EVANGELISM

B Playroom 1

Nathan Lino

How to Create a Church-Wide Culture of Evangelism

Learn simple, practical ways to help evangelism become a natural part of your church's everyday life and ministry.

MISSIONS

B Playroom 2

Bryan Wooten

Head, Heart, and Hands to the Nations

Join us as we consider the knowledge, character, and skills needed to share the gospel faithfully as sent ones, both locally and globally. In this session, we will explore how the gospel empowers these areas and how God uses the local church to cultivate growth in discipleship.

NEXT GEN MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL

B 8

Peggy Osborne

I Love the Children But What Do I Do with the Parents?

What are positive ways to establish great relationships with our parents? How can we effectively communicate with them? What are the best strategies to use when an angry parent confronts me? In this session, we'll explore practical strategies that help teachers and parents work together—for the good of every child.

CHILDREN

B 2

Delanee Williams

Engaging the Whole Church in Kids Ministry

Discover how every member of your church can play a meaningful role in kids ministry. In this session, we'll explore how to communicate the vision for kids ministry and share practical, actionable ways for people to be involved.

CHILDREN

B 3

Lexie Hood

The Scoop on Volunteers

Discover strategies for recruiting and retaining healthy volunteers that build a healthy ministry!

CHILDREN

B 4

Taylor Garmon

Kick Off a Thriving Bible Drill Ministry

Start a children's ministry program that teaches fundamental Bible skills. Bible Drill can be competitive through SBTC state drills or non-competitive through local church discipleship.

CHILDREN

B 5

Martha Harvey

Beyond Drop-Off and Pickup: Reaching Parents in Today's Busy World

Parents are busy, and our window to connect with them often feels as short as the classroom door line. What if we could meet them where they're already paying attention? In this session, we'll show how to use Instagram, Canva, nurture emails, SMS, and even ChatGPT to build trust, strengthen communication, and make discipleship collaboration simple. You'll leave with practical strategies, ready-to-use ideas, and digital rhythms that move your ministry from drop-off and go to discipling together.

CHILDREN
B 6

Maggie Bertram

Spiritual Disciplines for Kids

The practice of spiritual disciplines such as prayer, celebration, rest, fasting, and others is a crucial element to our walk with Jesus. This session will discuss the importance of teaching these disciplines to kids and provide you with hands-on experiences for kids to practice spiritual disciplines as they continue their faith journey.

PRETEEN
B 7

Jared Simpson

Who Are Preteens?

In this session we will dive into the world of preteens (children ages 10-12) and explore their distinct spiritual needs, challenges, and opportunities for growth. Come gain a deeper understanding of this pivotal stage in their development and how we can support them through this critical life phase.

DISABILITY MINISTRY
B 131

Sandra Peoples

Welcoming Every Child: Building an Inclusive Kids Ministry

This session explores models and methods for building an inclusive children's ministry where every child can belong, learn, and serve. Participants will learn practical strategies for adapting curriculum, training volunteers, and providing positive behavior support. Whether your ministry is just beginning the inclusion journey or ready to expand, you'll gain a framework for sustainable and Christ-centered inclusion.

FAMILY
B Auditorium

Jonathan Williams

How to Champion Family Ministry When You Are Not the Senior Pastor

In this session, discover how to influence culture, cast vision, and build momentum for family ministry from wherever God has placed you. Learn practical strategies for gaining trust, aligning with leadership, and leading upward without overstepping. If you've ever felt stuck or sidelined, this session will equip you to become a catalytic voice for generational discipleship in your church.

FAMILY
B 1

Lance Crowell

Anchored at Home: Raising Up Dads as Spiritual Leaders

As goes the father, so goes the family. In a turbulent culture, families need a steady anchor—and that anchor is dad. Join us as we explore what it looks like, practically, to equip dads to hold fast, keeping their families grounded in truth.

STUDENT
C 108
(Game Room)

Shane Pruitt

What We Need to Know about Reaching Gen Alpha**WORSHIP & TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY****TECH/ COMMUNICATIONS**
E 209

Josh Merriott

Using AI in Communication

Learn the basics of using AI for effective, efficient, and excellent communication.

WEBSITE
E 208

Charles Roberds

From Clicks to Connections: Designing a Website that Draws People In

Your website is the first impression many will have of your church. Does it invite them in? This session will help you create a welcoming, user-friendly site that engages visitors, serves your congregation, and encourages next steps. Learn essential content, best practices of design, and practical tools to make your website a powerful ministry tool that connects people to your church and the gospel.

WORSHIP
C 806

Mike Harland

Building a Team That Wins

In this session, Mike will provide practical and biblical tips for building a team culture in the worship ministry for the benefit of the entire church. A worship ministry that thinks and acts like a team will invite more participation and provide excellent leadership for the worship gatherings of your church.

WORSHIP
C 807

Joe Crider

Saturated: Five Steps Toward Word-Soaked Corporate Worship

As people who believe in the authority and sufficiency of Scripture, our worship services should be saturated with the Word of God. In this session, we will look at practical ways for us to move from song-driven worship to Scripture-driven worship.

WORSHIP
C 808

Robert Todd

Seeing through the Haze: Demystifying Production in Worship

There are common misconceptions about production in worship. What is needed? What is appropriate? How do I figure out where to start? How do I leverage volunteers and staff? Learn how to add production elements or refine the production you already have in place. The focus is to discuss communication, team building, and practical tools to strengthen your ministry.



MOBILIZING CHURCHES

Multiplying Impact

Our mission takes place on three strategic pathways.

1

RESOURCING CHURCHES

with **tools** and **training**

2

NETWORKING LEADERS

with **relationships**
and **partnerships**

3

ADVANCING MISSION

with **giving** and **sending**



Mobilizing churches to **multiply** disciple-making movements in Texas & around the world.



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→ SESSION TWO ←
11-11:50 AM

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ADULT MINISTRY

COLLEGIATE

B 137

Drew Humphrey

Prayer Momentum with Gen Z and Gen Alpha

Our churches need to be filled with activated, trained prayer warriors. We need to make sure those people aren't just the seasoned veterans of life but also include the young people in our churches who can give a lifetime to prayer ministry.

DISCIPLESHIP

F 203

Glenn Underhill

Make Disciples Like Jesus

Jesus' command is clear, but what is a disciple and how do you make one? Discover Jesus' definition of a true disciple and His four-step strategy to make and multiply disciples so you can do it just like Jesus did.

LEGACY BUILDERS

E 111

Rick Lewis

Building a Legacy Generation in the Church

This session focuses on how the church can mobilize the greatest generation of disciples to go make disciples, carry forward a Christ-centered legacy, and finish well.

MEN/ OUTREACH

B 139

Chris Harper

Manhood: A Biblical Definition for the 21st Century

A compelling, Scripture-rooted vision of manhood that cuts through cultural noise and calls men to live with clarity, courage, and conviction in today's world.

SINGLE PARENTS

B 134

Joe Dougharty

Single Parent Families in Your Church: Supporting the Parent Carrying the Load Alone

Single parents are faithfully raising children while often carrying the weight of parenting, provision, and spiritual leadership on their own. Yet many feel unseen or unsure where they fit within church life. This session will help leaders better understand the realities single parents face and offer practical ways ministries can encourage, support, and walk alongside these families.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS/
EVANGELISM**

B 124

Ken Braddy

One Verse Evangelism: Sharing the Gospel in 20 Words

If you've ever struggled to share your faith (who hasn't?), come discover a simple yet effective way to share the good news in just one short verse. You'll also learn how to map out your personal testimony and never be afraid of a gospel encounter again.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**

B 126

Adam Erlichman

Multiplying Groups Gladly

Do you struggle to get your groups to multiply, break off, or split to start new groups? Are you running out of group space for new people joining your church? Even when you do start a new group, does it feel like people are stepping in begrudgingly instead of eagerly? What if you could multiply groups gladly? This session will explore practical ways to accomplish this challenging yet necessary step.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**

B 127

Chris Shirley

Teaching Inside the Question (Repeat)

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PASTOR WIVES

C Auditorium

Rhonda Hinote

When Ministry Is Heavy and Your Heart Is Tired

Together we'll consider how a pastor's wife can rest, experience renewal, and rediscover joy without guilt.

WOMEN

C 803

Aimee Shelton

Being a Godly Mom in an Ungodly World

Parenting is one of the hardest jobs there is. We will see that the Bible gives us wisdom and encouragement for this task in an increasingly difficult world.

**WOMEN/
DISCIPLESHIP**

C 804

Angie Catron

Discipleship: The Difference Between Mentorship and Disciple-Making

How to start, lead, and multiply discipleship relationships.

WOMEN

C 805

Laura Taylor

Women's Ministry and Its Importance

How important is women's ministry in a church? Do you need some help starting a women's ministry? Do you need ideas for what should be in a ministry plan? We will explore the She Stands Women's Ministry Model as a useful tool to begin or build a women's ministry.

WOMEN

C 118

(Conference Rm)

Ali Shaw

You're Chosen So Choose Godliness!

As children of hope, God cares about what we image to the world. To reflect Christ well, we must intentionally choose godliness. As we learn to walk in His ways, we can share the transformative hope that brings peace and harmony (Colossians 3:12-17).

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

**CHURCH
FACILITIES**

B 135

Zach Towery

Designing Spaces That Make Disciples: How Your Environment Shapes Ministry Impact

Your church building is already communicating before a word is ever spoken. In this session, we'll explore how physical environments shape spiritual outcomes and how intentional design can create spaces that foster connection, conversation, and gospel impact. You'll walk away with practical insights on improving signage, flow, and first impressions, as well as strategies for creating flexible, multi-use environments that support both discipleship and outreach.

SECURITY

F 204

Mike Gurley

Legally Arming Your Team

Learn the key guidelines, Texas legal requirements, and protections needed for all team members serving on an armed church security team.

STEWARDSHIP

E 201

Bart McDonald

Stewardship Development: The Missing Link

Come learn best practices and protocols for forming and effectively executing a strategic stewardship development culture in your church.

TERLC

F 206

Cindy Asmussen

Why a Biblical Worldview Matters to History and the Next Generation (Repeat)

Come look through the lens of Scripture and history to discover how a biblical worldview has shaped cultures, civilizations, and hearts, and how we can pursue a biblical worldview like this today in our churches.

CHURCH HEALTH & LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

**BIBLICAL
COUNSELING**

E 103

Jonathan Okinaga

52 Truths for Conquering Addictions**CHURCH
LEADERSHIP**(Pastors Only)
E 110

J.D. Cutler

Pastoring In Tension

Tension in the church isn't a possibility—it's a certainty. This session will equip you to lead with wisdom and steadiness by preparing ahead for difficult moments, navigating committee and business meetings with clarity, and responding to conflict without losing your footing. You'll also be challenged to cultivate a peaceable heart, even when leadership becomes personal, so you can shepherd faithfully when it matters most.

**DEACON
TRAINING**

F 205

Jeff Lynn

Chosen to Serve Deacon Training - Part II

Being a deacon is more than a title, it's a calling to serve with humility, wisdom, and dedication. This dynamic training will equip deacons with the biblical foundation, practical skills, and spiritual insight needed to serve effectively. Whether you are new to the role or seeking to deepen your ministry, this training will guide and encourage you to fulfill your calling with excellence.

**FIRST
IMPRESSIONS**

E 203

Gary Chevalier

From meh to wow! Practical Tips to Boost Your Sunday Guest Experience

Churches invest a lot of effort in the Sunday message, the worship music, and the small group Bible study experience, but the guest experience is all too often overlooked. Attendees of this session will learn how investing intentional energy into the guest experience will elevate it from something mundane to something worth talking about.

LEADERSHIP

E 102

Josh McCasland

Building and Leading Teams of Volunteers

We will look at practical ways to build teams to effectively grow your church's impact.

PRAYER

E 204

Keeney Dickenson

Praying When It Hurts

This session will uncover biblical lessons we can learn from the intersection of pain and prayer.

MISSIONAL MINISTRY

**CHURCH
PLANTING**

E 104

Aaron Clayton & Jason Crandall

Creating a Sending Culture in Your Church

Explore how to go from a church who sends occasionally to a sending culture that results in church planters, missionaries, and everyday disciple-makers.

**DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS**

B 143

Scottie Stice

Disaster Ready Church

Discover steps your church can take to be prepared when a disaster event strikes your community.

EVANGELISM

B Playroom 1

Nathan Lino

How to Put on a Personal Evangelism Training Workshop

Discover how to plan and lead a practical workshop that equips believers to share the gospel with confidence.

EVANGELISM

B 138

Carl Bradford

Engaging and Evangelizing the Nones, Nominals, and Naysayers

This session provides a deep dive into the three most common profiles you'll encounter in your community and workplace: the Nones, Nominals, and Naysayers. In this interactive session, we will move beyond theory and equip you with a practical toolkit for authentic engagement, helping you navigate the unique intellectual, theological, and emotional barriers each group presents.

MISSIONS

B Playroom 2

Bryan Wooten

Developing IMB Sending Churches with Gospel Urgency

Join us as we discuss how IMB sending churches are empowered to cultivate, commission, and care for those God is calling out. This session will differentiate between partnering and sending churches, discuss missionary soul care, and encourage pipeline development for the next wave of goers.

NEXT GEN MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL

B 8

Peggy Osborne

Tattling, Whining, and Other Challenging Behavior

How can we stop these disruptive behaviors in our classrooms? How can we help children shift from these behaviors to more socially and biblically acceptable ones? Should consequences be used, and if so, where do we start?

CHILDREN

B 2

Delanee Williams

Building a Welcoming Kids Ministry: Creating Space for Every Child and Family

First impressions matter, especially in kids ministry. In this session, we'll unpack what it takes to create a truly welcoming environment where every child and family feels seen, safe, and valued. From intentional preparation and clear communication to relational leadership and follow-up, you'll gain practical strategies to help guests feel at home and regulars stay connected.

CHILDREN

B 3

Lexie Hood

Bridging the Age Gap

Join us to explore the importance of an intergenerational church. How can we bring different generations together with one purpose as one church? What are the effects of bridging the age gap within the church, specifically in children's ministry?

CHILDREN

B 4

Taylor Garmon

Children Transformed by the Bible

Teach children dynamic Bible skills that will impact their lives forever.

CHILDREN

B 5

Martha Harvey

Worship in the Home: Creating a Culture of Faith Beyond Sunday

Family worship can feel out of reach for many parents. This session will explore why family worship matters, why it's often missing, and how ministry leaders can champion it with practical, doable ideas that make faith formation part of everyday life through prayer, Scripture, and worship. You'll leave with ready-to-use ideas that help build a culture of faith beyond Sunday, without adding another event to your calendar, plus you'll receive free resources you can use right away.

CHILDREN

B 6

Maggie Bertram

Gospel-Focused Kids Ministry

The life-changing message of the gospel is the same for kids as it is for adults, but how do we best share this good news with kids? In this session, we'll discuss ways to present the gospel to kids as well as ideas for keeping your ministry focused on the gospel.

**DISABILITY
MINISTRY
/STUDENTS**
B 131

Sandra Peoples

Including and Engaging Neurodiverse Kids and Teens

This session will equip ministry leaders, volunteers, and parents with practical tools for including and engaging neurodiverse children and teens in church settings. We'll explore how to create environments that support a variety of learning, sensory, and social needs while fostering genuine belonging and spiritual growth. Whether you're just getting started or looking to deepen your approach, you'll leave with strategies you can implement immediately.

FAMILY
B Auditorium

Jonathan Williams

Stop Recruiting Volunteers: Raising Up a Generation of Spiritual Mothers and Fathers

The future of the church will not be built on volunteers filling slots, but on spiritual mothers and fathers shaping lives. This session challenges the shallow models of recruitment and replaces them with a biblical vision of discipleship rooted in identity and calling. Learn how to cultivate leaders who invest relationally, disciple intentionally, and model the faith across generations. If you're ready to move from managing programs to multiplying people, this session is for you.

FAMILY/MEN
B 1

Lance Crowell

It Takes the Whole Church: Building a Family Ministry That Actually Works

Effective family ministry isn't just a Next Gen issue—it requires every ministry in the church, especially adult ministry. Join us as we explore how to align your entire church ecosystem to disciple and develop families.

PRETEEN
B 7

Jared Simpson

A Vital Part of Today's Church

This session will explore the vital role preteens play in today's church community. Participants will gain insight into how to effectively engage preteens in church activities, fostering a sense of belonging and faith development.

STUDENT
C 108
(Game Room)

Ricky Cavitt

Everyone Every Week

Purpose can be elusive for adults, and even more so for students. How do we help students know they matter to God and to others every week? This session will explore this question and give some practical steps to help students.

STUDENT
C 801

Levi Smith

Searching for Truth - Worldview, Morality, and the Claims of Jesus

Students are surrounded by competing worldviews that shape how they think about truth, identity, and morality. This session equips leaders to help students recognize those influences and understand how worldview forms ideas about morals. Explore how to guide students in thinking critically, grounding their belief in Jesus, and understanding the claims of Scripture.

STUDENT
C 802

Zach Whitlow

4 V's for Effective Teaching

Are you tired of seeing blank stares, faces in phone screens, or "Do you have a crush on me" notes being passed during your lesson? Join me as we take a look at four key tools that can help you effectively teach God's truth to your students.

WORSHIP & TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

**CHURCH
TECHNOLOGY**
E 211

Chris Enright

AI and the Church

What is AI and what does your church need to know about it?

COMMUNICATIONS
E 209

Josh Merriott

Communication Policies and Workflows That Work

Discover how to develop an effective communications strategy that works for your church and staff.

TECH/VIDEO

E 208

Charles Roberds

The Ultimate Church Livestream Checklist: Quality, Engagement, and Impact

A great church livestream goes beyond just hitting "Go Live." It should engage viewers and enhance worship. This session covers essentials of a high quality stream, from audio and video basics to strategies that keep people watching. Whether you're starting or refining your setup, this checklist will help you create a broadcast that reaches more people and makes a lasting impact.

WORSHIP

C 806

Mike Harland

Ministry Volunteer or God-Called Worship Leader? Which Are You?

In this session, Mike will explore the characteristics and disciplines of a person that serves out of a sense of calling and not one of entitlement. This discussion will challenge each person to examine why they do what they do in worship ministry.

WORSHIP

C 807

Martin Deluna

Mixing Worship Like a Master Conductor

Most audio training focuses on equipment, but great mixes are shaped through musical awareness and intentional dynamics. This session explores a different approach to live sound treating the mix engineer like a conductor who guides balance, energy, and clarity throughout the service. Attendees will learn practical principles for using faders and dynamics to support worship and create a mix that feels alive and natural.

**WORSHIP/
WOMEN**

C 808

Arianna Freelen

Faithful Women, Faithful Ministry

In every church, women faithfully serve on the front lines and behind the scenes of ministry. This session will encourage women who serve to remain rooted in their calling, strengthened by God's grace, and committed to long-term faithfulness in ministry. Together we will reflect on the joys and challenges of serving the local church, pursue biblical encouragement, and be reminded that God uses ordinary faithfulness to accomplish extraordinary kingdom work.



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12-12:50 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY B AUDITORIUM

Nurturing Faith: Best Practices in Preschool and Children's Ministry

STUDENT MINISTRY C 108 (GAME ROOM)

Eat, Learn from, and Laugh at Mistakes Made over Many Years of Student Ministry

Panel: Grant Byrd & Chris Hurt

WOMEN'S MINISTRY C AUDITORIUM

Engaging New Leadership

We are supposed to work ourselves out of a job and we need to raise up new leaders to further ministry in our churches. Come learn some tips on how to engage and train new leaders.

Panel: Cheryl Bell, Rhonda Hinote, Aimee Shelton & Chao Tsuma

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN PAVILLION/CAMPUS

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SEATING
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Network LUNCHES

ASIAN CHURCH *Network*

F 101 C

Hyoungh Min Kim

A time for SBTC Asian pastors to gather and fellowship

MISSIONS *Network*

B Playroom 2

Colin Rayburn

For those leading the local, regional, and/or international missions for the local church

BLACK CHURCH *Network*

F 101 D

Tony Mathews

A time for SBTC black church leadership to gather and fellowship

SEND *Network* SBTC

E 104

Aaron Clayton & Jason Crandall

Send Network SBTC Track: Session 1
This lunch is for church planters and wives. We will talk about engaging your city, making disciples, and developing systems that move your church toward more faithfulness and more effectiveness.

EXECUTIVE PASTORS & ADMINISTRATORS *Network*

E 110

Mike Wierick

For those with administration and operations responsibilities in the local church

WORSHIP LEADERS *Network*

C 118 (Conference Room)

Jerry Newman

For those leading worship in the local church

LEGACY BUILDERS *Network*

E 111

Rick Lewis

For those leading a senior adult ministry in the local church

EQUIP

conference

→ SESSION THREE ←
1-1:50 PM

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ADULT MINISTRY

COLLEGIATE B 137

Drew Humphrey

Reaching College and Young Adults for Christ (Repeat)

Most churches have a ministry gap from high school graduation to young marrieds. If a college student or young single adult came to your church, what ministries would you have to help them grow in their faith? Take a next step in reaching Gen Z for Jesus at your church!

DISCIPLESHIP F 203

Craig Etheredge

The Disciple-Making Leader

Every church needs leaders, but you need more than that. You need the right kind of leaders. In this session you will learn what a disciple-making leader is and how to develop them throughout your whole church.

LEGACY BUILDERS E 111

Scott Schulick

Building a Balanced Ministry Model for Three Generations of Older Adults

Explore the distinct traits and perspectives of the three generations within our 55+ ministries. Together, we'll examine practical strategies to strengthen intergenerational relationships and foster unity. Learn how to engage varied interests, life stages, and abilities, empowering this vital and growing church community to thrive and serve.

MEN B 139

Chris Harper

Ministry to Men in the Church Today

An honest assessment of why most churches struggle to reach men—and a practical framework for building a ministry that actually engages and transforms them.

SINGLE PARENTS/ BLENDED FAMILIES B 134

Joe Dougharty

Kids between Two Homes: How the Church Can Support Co-Parenting Families

A growing number of children in our churches move between two homes, two sets of expectations, and sometimes two very different spiritual environments. This reality creates challenges for both families and the ministries trying to serve them. In this session, leaders will learn how to better support these families and help children grow in faith while navigating life between two homes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS Ken Braddy
B 124 **Welcome Aboard: Creating a Culture of Biblical Hospitality in Your Group**
 Guests don't always have a great experience when visiting one of our groups. Discover how we can roll out the red carpet and make them feel welcomed and included in our groups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS Adam Erlichman
B 126 **Creating an Outreach Culture in Your Group**
 Groups that have been together for more than two years naturally begin to focus inward. However, this natural tendency can be overcome. This session will examine practical steps a leader can take to lead their group to focus on those not in the group while maintaining care within the group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS Chris Shirley
B 127 **The Disciple-Making Teacher**
 Teachers are also disciple-makers. In this session, we will explore the essential aspects of disciple-making that every teacher can use to make fruitful disciples in your ministry.

WOMEN Cheryl Bell
C Auditorium **Responding to Church Hurt for the Glory of God**
 Trusting God in suffering is not easy but it is possible. Come join this session to learn how to glorify God in the midst of hurt that comes from those who are within His body—His bride, the church.

WOMEN Aimee Shelton
C 803 **Be a Barnabas!**
 In a world of challenges, hurt, grief and everyday grind, you can make a difference by being an encourager. We'll look at Scripture passages to discover practical tips that will help you be a true encourager.

WOMEN Chao Tsuma
C 804 **She Knows, She Follows: Position with God determines the Path as His Disciple**
 This session uses Deuteronomy 6:4-15 to explore how a woman's personal relationship with God shapes every step of her journey as a disciple. By knowing Him deeply and aligning her heart with His, she is empowered to follow faithfully and impactfully in the path He has set before her.

WOMEN Ali Shaw
C 118 **Stillness and Strength: Deepen Your Quiet Time with God**
 (Conference Rm) Life is busy, and it's easy for our time with God to suffer. Join us to discover how to transform your moments with God into a wellspring of joy and strength.

WOMEN/ DISCIPLESHIP Angie Catron
C 805 **Discipleship: The Difference Between Mentorship and Disciple-Making** (Repeat)
 How to start, lead, and multiply discipleship relationships.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

CHURCH COMMITTEES Alan Small
F 202 **Ten Commandments for Committee/Team Members** (Repeat)
 Serving on a church committee or team is an important task. Unfortunately, many people feel unprepared to serve. Together we will explore how you can be most effective serving your church.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION Michael Rhine
E 201 **Your Construction Project - From Design to Funding**
 We will explore the best practices regarding planning for your construction project or building purchase and what lenders look for in a financing request.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT Joyce McKinley
F 206 **Caring Well**
 Join us to learn how a church can effectively and lovingly care for victims of abuse.

**HUMAN
RESOURCES**
B 135

Marsha Nance

What Keeps HR Up at Night, and How to Fix it Yourself (Repeat)

A practical guide for establishing best human resource practices—whether you're an HR professional or not.

SECURITY
F 204

Mike Gurley

Rings of Protection

Security teams do not have to operate alone. Learn how to utilize key support teams (parking, greeters, ushers) to supplement your security team.

CHURCH HEALTH & LEADERSHIP MINISTRY**CHURCH
LEADERSHIP**
(Pastors Only)
E 110

Matt Timmons

Pastors on the Hot Seat

This session is your chance to ask the questions you've been carrying—big or small, practical or personal—and to hear from fellow pastors who understand the journey. Together, we'll wrestle with real ministry challenges, share hard-earned wisdom, and discover fresh encouragement for the calling God has given us. Come ready for honest conversation, mutual learning, and a renewed enthusiasm for your ministry.

**DEACON
TRAINING**
F 205

Jeff Lynn

Chosen to Serve Deacon Training - Part I (Repeat)

Being a deacon is more than a title, it's a calling to serve with humility, wisdom, and dedication. This dynamic training will equip deacons with the biblical foundation, practical skills, and spiritual insight needed to serve effectively. Whether you are new to the role or seeking to deepen your ministry, this training will guide and encourage you to fulfill your calling with excellence.

**FIRST
IMPRESSIONS**
E 203

Gary Chevalier

More Than Holding a Door: Revolutionizing**Your Guest Engagement through a Shift in Perspective** (Repeat)

For most churches, the Sunday services are the main entry point for new people, but guests returning and getting plugged into the life of the church is what actually leads to growth. Your church's approach to the guest experience is either a boon or a barrier to guest engagement. This session will illuminate how a simple shift in your perspective can revolutionize your guest return rate and ignite church growth.

OUTREACH
E 102

Josh McCasland

3 Keys to Engage Your Community—From the Seats to the Streets

We will look at how you can mobilize your church to actively engage the community and reach your world with the gospel.

PRAYER
E 204

Keeney Dickenson

The Revitalized Pulpit

In this session you will explore the principles and practices of Charles Spurgeon in developing a prayer-powered pulpit ministry.

**RESOURCING
CHURCHES**
E 103

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MISSIONAL MINISTRY**CHURCH
PLANTING**
E 104

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**DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS**

B 143

Scottie Stice

Disaster Relief Orientation and Credentialing (Repeat)

Interested in volunteering for disaster relief? This session will cover basic orientation and collect the information needed for credentialing.

EVANGELISM

B Playroom 1

Nathan Lino

How to Create a Church-Wide Culture of Evangelism (Repeat)

Learn simple, practical ways to help evangelism become a natural part of your church's everyday life and ministry.

EVANGELISM

B 138

Carl Bradford

Sharing Jesus without Being Weird or Worried

Participants will leave this session with a practical testimony template they can take back to their small groups or congregations. By the end of our time, you will not only have the tools to write your own story but a strategy to mobilize your entire church to become a community of storytellers for the kingdom.

MISSIONS

B Playroom 2

Bryan Wooten

Head, Heart, and Hands to the Nations (Repeat)

Join us as we consider the knowledge, character, and skills needed to share the gospel faithfully as sent ones, both locally and globally. In this session, we will explore how the gospel empowers these areas and how God uses the local church to cultivate growth in discipleship.

NEXT GEN MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL

B 2

Delanee Williams

Thought Igniting Prayer For Preschoolers

Preschoolers can talk to God. In this session, we'll discuss the importance of prayer, how to teach preschoolers to pray, and share practical ideas of using prayer in the classroom with preschoolers.

CHILDREN

B 3

Lexie Hood

The Wonder of Worship

Explore the impact of incorporating worship into weekly children's programming while modeling and teaching children to engage in the art of worship in all areas of their life.

CHILDREN

B 4

Taylor Garmon

Children at the Dinner Table

Equip parents in your children's ministry to have practical and simple gospel-centered conversations during dinner.

CHILDREN

B 5

Martha Harvey

Let's Have a Party! Creative Events That Bring Families Together

Who says ministry can't be fun? From Christmas and Easter celebrations to midweek family nights and summer kickoffs, this session shows you how to plan creative events for any size, budget, or season. You'll leave with ready-to-use templates, ideas, and a simple planning framework that makes every event intentional, faith-filled, stress-free, and full of joy.

CHILDREN

B 6

Maggie Bertram

10 Minutes on the Clock

As kids ministry leaders, sometimes we end up with a little more class time than we planned for. In this session, you'll gain ideas for last-minute games, Bible verse activities, and more to make even those extra minutes matter.

CHILDREN

B 8

Peggy Osborne

Talking to Tantrums . . . Why Doesn't It Work?

We all want the tantrums to stop! How can we better understand what is going on when a child throws themselves on the floor? What are the steps to helping a child learn to manage these explosive emotions?

PRETEEN

B 7

Jared Simpson

Help! I'm Teaching the Bible to Preteens!

This session will provide creative strategies for teaching the Bible to preteens, focusing on interactive, engaging methods that spark their curiosity and make the Word come alive in their everyday lives.

**DISABILITY
MINISTRY**

B 131

Sandra Peoples

Training Volunteers and Buddies to Support Kids with Disabilities

Volunteers and buddies can make all the difference in helping kids with disabilities feel included and supported at church. In this session, you'll learn how to recruit, train, and empower volunteers to build meaningful relationships and provide personalized support. Discover creative systems and simple tools that help every child experience belonging, growth, and joy in your ministry.

FAMILY

B Auditorium

Jonathan Williams

Milestones & Moments: Building an Entire Family Ministry Strategy Founded on Two Biblical Pillars

What if your entire family ministry could be simplified, strengthened, and aligned around what matters most? This session unpacks a powerful, biblical framework built on two pillars: intentional milestones and everyday moments. Discover how to equip parents to disciple their children through key spiritual markers while also leveraging the rhythms of daily life for gospel impact. Walk away with a clear, reproducible strategy that helps families not just attend church but become the church in their homes.

FAMILY

B 1

Lance Crowell

Unmoved: Holding the Biblical Vision for Family in a Culture Bent on Redefining It

The culture's definition of family changes by the day—but God's doesn't. Join us as we examine what Scripture teaches about family and how churches can remain anchored in the Word as they navigate an ever-shifting world.

STUDENT

C 108

(Game Room)

Ricky Cavitt

What, When, and Why of Student Ministry

What is the weekly rhythm of your student ministry and why? How do you decide what to teach and how you will invest in students weekly? This session will explore these questions and help you answer them for your context.

STUDENT

C 801

Levi Smith

The Curiosity Catalyst: Igniting a Fire in Students to Question Culture and Discover Truth

Students are asking tough questions about faith and culture. Learn how apologetics can spark curiosity, keep their attention, challenge their beliefs, and help them approach truth biblically, equipping them to engage culture, reason critically, and share Jesus with confidence.

STUDENT

C 802

Zach Whitlow

4 V's for Effective Teaching (Repeat)

Are you tired of seeing blank stares, faces in phone screens, or "Do you have a crush on me" notes being passed during your lesson? Join me as we take a look at four key tools that can help you effectively teach God's truth to your students.

WORSHIP & TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

AI/TECHNOLOGY

E 211

Chris Enright

AI and the Church (Repeat)

What is AI and what does your church need to know about it?

COMMUNICATIONS

E 209

Josh Merriott

Communication Policies and Workflows That Work (Repeat)

Discover how to develop an effective communications strategy that works for your church and staff.

WORSHIP
C 806

Mike Harland

Reading Session of Daywind

Review of the most recent choral music released by Daywind worship. Participants will be provided with copies of the music presented and will rehearse each song.

WORSHIP
C 807

Joe Crider

Seven Rhythms of Biblical Worship

In some churches, people struggle in worship because they lack a biblically-based view of not only what worship is but why we gather in the first place. In this session, we will discuss seven biblical rhythms that help strengthen people's understanding of the weekly worship gathering.

WORSHIP
C 808

Arianna Freelen & Jerry Newman

Building What Outlives You: Shaping a Worship Lifestyle and Lasting Faith at Home

Through Scripture, personal ministry stories, and practical rhythms, this father-daughter team will encourage you to shape a Christ-centered home where worship is lived, truth is modeled, and faith is passed from one generation to the next. This session is a call to invest deeply in what matters most, so that your greatest legacy is not simply what you do in ministry, but what you build into your family.

**WORSHIP
TECHNOLOGY**
E 208

Charles Roberds

From Distracting to Dynamic: Level Up Your Church Screen Content

Your worship slides should support the service, not distract from it. In this session you'll learn practical tips to create clear, engaging, and seamless presentations. We'll cover font choices, slide timing, and effective use of images and motion. Whether designing lyrics, sermon notes, or announcements, you'll walk away with tools to make your church's screen content visually excellent and fully integrated into worship.



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→ SESSION FOUR ←
2-2:50 PM

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ADULT MINISTRY

BLEND ED FAMILIES B 134

Joe Dougharty

Blended Families in Your Church: The Dynamics Every Ministry Leader Should Understand (Repeat)

Blended families are common yet among the least understood family structure, and many ministries unintentionally approach them with expectations built for traditional households. In this session, leaders will gain insight into the unique relational and spiritual dynamics blended families navigate and learn practical ways their church can support and strengthen these families.

COLLEGIATE B 137

Drew Humphrey

Prayer Momentum with Gen Z and Gen A (Repeat)

Our churches need to be filled with activated, trained prayer warriors. We need to make sure those people aren't just the seasoned veterans of life but also include the young people in our churches who can give a lifetime to prayer ministry.

DISCIPLES HIP F 203

Glenn Underhill

The Invested Life (Repeat)

Every follower of Jesus should be able to answer two simple questions: Who is investing in me, and who am I investing in? Learn a tested, proven approach to disciple someone who reflects the character and conduct of Jesus and will multiply themselves in the lives of others.

MEN B 139

Chris Harper

How to Grow Your Church: Win the Men

A strategic and biblical case for why reaching men is the key to lasting church growth—and how to intentionally pursue and disciple them.

LEGACY BUILDERS E 111

Rick Lewis

Building a Legacy Generation In the Church! (Repeat)

This session focuses on how the church can mobilize the greatest generation of disciples to go make disciples, carry forward a Christ-centered legacy, and finish well.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**
B 124

Ken Braddy

10 Tips for Teaching an Adult Bible Study (Repeat)

Learn ten field-tested ways to guide conversations, ask questions that get people talking, manage silence, and gain many more tips and tricks to take your teaching to a whole new level.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**
B 126

Adam Erlichman

Building a Volunteer Leadership Pipeline

Would increasing your total volunteers by 30-50% change your ministry world? Learn how to effectively recruit, raise up, and release new volunteers into ministries. Templates to build your own contextually tailored process that matches your unique culture will be provided.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/
SMALL GROUPS**
B 127

Chris Shirley

Bible Study 101

In this session, we will look at the most important elements of Bible study: preparation, presentation, and evaluation. We will also explore the importance of teaching the head, heart, and hands.

WOMEN
C Auditorium

Cheryl Bell

Sanctified Emotions: Moving from Anxiety to Peace

Learning to think God's thoughts instead of our own enables the spiritual growth that steadies our emotions. Come and join this session to receive practical tools that, when applied, help our souls to be at rest no matter our circumstances (Psalm 116:7).

WOMEN
C 118
(Conference Rm)

Ali Shaw

Stillness and Strength: Deepen Your Quiet Time with God (Repeat)

Life is busy, and it's easy for our time with God to suffer. Join us to discover how to transform your moments with God into a wellspring of joy and strength.

WOMEN
C 803

Aimee Shelton

Assessing Your Spiritual Growth

How are you doing in your walk with Christ? We will examine markers to consider growth on your journey with the Lord.

WOMEN
C 804

Chao Tsuma

Compassion that Goes and Sends!

This session explores Matthew 9:35-38 and reminds women that Christ said, and still says today, the cries for help are great, and He eagerly awaits our willing response.

WOMEN
C 805

Laura Taylor

Go and Make Disciples

In this session we will discuss how to cast the vision, train, start, and continue a discipleship lifestyle in your life and in your women's ministry.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

**CHURCH
ADMINISTRATION/
ACCOUNTING**
E 201

Curtis Boozer

Budgeting, Administration, and Accounting Issues

Join this session for a discussion on how the church's ministry vision should drive budgeting philosophy, methods, and administration issues.

**CHURCH
FACILITIES**
B 135

Zach Towery

Security, Stewardship, and Sustainability

Many churches hesitate to fully utilize their campus due to real and valid concerns. In this session, we'll address how to implement thoughtful safety protocols without creating unnecessary barriers, while also navigating the financial realities of increased usage through wise budgeting and maintenance planning. We'll also help you move forward with confidence as you open your campus for greater gospel impact.

**CRISIS
MANAGEMENT**

F 206

Joyce McKinley

Accusation Response

Join us for practical guidance on preparing your church to prevent abuse and respond appropriately and responsibly to allegations.

SECURITY

F 204

Mike Gurley

Prevention vs. Response

CHURCH HEALTH & LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

**CHURCH
LEADERSHIP**

(Pastors Only)

E 110

J.D. Cutler, Anthony Svajda & Matt Timmons

Panel Discussion

Discussion driven by the audience's most pressing issues and topics.

**DEACON
TRAINING**

F 205

Jeff Lynn

Chosen to Serve Deacon Training Part II (Repeat)

Being a deacon is more than a title, it's a calling to serve with humility, wisdom, and dedication. This dynamic training will equip deacons with the biblical foundation, practical skills, and spiritual insight needed to serve effectively. Whether you are new to the role or seeking to deepen your ministry, this training will guide and encourage you to fulfill your calling with excellence.

**FIRST
IMPRESSIONS**

E 203

Gary Chevalier

The Internal Dialogue of a First-Time Guest: Answering the Questions That All Guests Have But Don't Ask

Every first-time guest brings a set of unspoken questions with them. They may not voice them, but they're shaping how that guest experiences your church. In this session, you'll learn how to recognize those silent questions and design an environment that helps guests feel comfortable, understood, and eager to come back.

LEADERSHIP

E 102

Josh McCasland

Building and Leading Teams of Volunteers (Repeat)

We will look at practical ways to build teams to effectively grow your church's impact.

PRAYER

E 204

Keeney Dickenson

Developing a Consistent Prayer Life (Repeat)

This session will focus on practical steps toward living a life of prayerfulness.

**RESOURCING
CHURCHES**

E 103

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SBTC – Past, Present, and Future (Repeat)

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MISSIONAL MINISTRY

APOLOGETICS

B Playroom 1

Bruno Molina

Deconstruction or Reformation

We'll examine the origins of the recent Deconstruction craze and contrast "Deconstruction" with "Reformation."

**CHURCH
PLANTING**

E 104

Aaron Clayton & Jason Crandall

Send Network SBTC Track: Session 3

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**DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS**

B 143

Scottie Stice

Disaster Ready Church (Repeat)

Discover steps your church can take to be prepared when a disaster event strikes your community.

EVANGELISM

B 138

Carl Bradford

Engaging and Evangelizing the Nones, Nominals, and Naysayers (Repeat)

This session provides a deep dive into the three most common profiles you'll encounter in your community and workplace: the Nones, Nominals, and Naysayers. In this interactive session, we will move beyond theory and equip you with a practical toolkit for authentic engagement, helping you navigate the unique intellectual, theological, and emotional barriers each group presents.

MISSIONS

B Playroom 2

Bryan Wooten

Developing IMB Sending Churches with Gospel Urgency (Repeat)

Join us as we discuss how IMB sending churches are empowered to cultivate, commission, and care for those God is calling out. This session will differentiate between partnering and sending churches, discuss missionary soul care, and encourage pipeline development for the next wave of goers.

NEXT GEN MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL

B 8

Peggy Osborne

Tattling, Whining, and Other Challenging Behaviors (Repeat)

How can we stop these disruptive behaviors in our classrooms? How can we help children shift from these behaviors to more socially and biblically acceptable ones? Should consequences be used, and if so, where do we start?

CHILDREN

B 2

Delanee Williams

Engaging the Whole Church in Kids Ministry (Repeat)

Discover how every member of your church can play a meaningful role in kids ministry. In this session, we'll explore how to communicate the vision for kids ministry and share practical, actionable ways for people to be involved.

CHILDREN

B 3

Lexie Hood

The Scoop on Volunteers (Repeat)

Discover strategies for recruiting and retaining healthy volunteers that build a healthy ministry.

CHILDREN

B 4

Taylor Garmon

Children's Ministry = Relationships

Transform your children's ministry from a weekly to-do list to building a thriving community with your parents and kids.

CHILDREN

B 5

Martha Harvey

Beyond Drop-Off and Pickup: Reaching Parents in Today's Busy World (Repeat)

Parents are busy, and our window to connect with them often feels as short as the classroom door line. What if we could meet them where they're already paying attention? In this session, we'll show how to use Instagram, Canva, nurture emails, SMS, and even ChatGPT to build trust, strengthen communication, and make discipleship collaboration simple. You'll leave with practical strategies, ready-to-use ideas, and digital rhythms that move your ministry from drop-off and go to discipling together.

CHILDREN

B 6

Maggie Bertram

Gospel-Focused Kids Ministry (Repeat)

The life-changing message of the gospel is the same for kids as it is for adults, but how do we best share this good news with kids? In this session, we'll discuss ways to present the gospel to kids as well as ideas for keeping your ministry focused on the gospel.

DISABILITY MINISTRY

B 131

Sandra Peoples

Supporting Families Affected by Disability

Families of kids with disabilities need more than Sunday morning inclusion—they need community, care, and consistent support. In this session, you'll learn how to partner with parents, communicate with compassion, and create systems that help families feel seen and valued in every season. Discover practical ways your ministry can become a trusted source of hope and encouragement for the whole family.

FAMILY

B Auditorium

Jonathan Williams

How to Champion Family Ministry When You Are Not the Senior Pastor (Repeat)

In this session, discover how to influence culture, cast vision, and build momentum for family ministry from wherever God has placed you. Learn practical strategies for gaining trust, aligning with leadership, and leading upward without overstepping. If you've ever felt stuck or sidelined, this session will equip you to become a catalytic voice for generational discipleship in your church.

FAMILY

B 1

Lance Crowell

It Takes the Whole Church: Building a Family Ministry That Actually Works (Repeat)

Effective family ministry isn't just a Next Gen issue—it requires every ministry in the church, especially adult ministry. Join us as we explore how to align your entire church ecosystem to disciple and develop families.

PRETEEN

B 7

Jared Simpson

Who Are Preteens? (Repeat)

In this session we will dive into the world of preteens (children ages 10-12) and explore their distinct spiritual needs, challenges, and opportunities for growth. Come gain a deeper understanding of this pivotal stage in their development and how we can support them through this critical life phase.

STUDENT

C 108

(Game Room)

Ricky Cavitt

Everyone Every Week (Repeat)

Purpose can be elusive for adults, and even more so for students. How do we help students know they matter to God and to others every week? This session will explore this question and give some practical steps to help students.

STUDENT

C 801

Levi Smith

The Curiosity Catalyst: Igniting a Fire in Students to Question Culture and Discover Truth (Repeat)

Students are asking tough questions about faith and culture. Learn how apologetics can spark curiosity, keep their attention, challenge their beliefs, and help them approach truth biblically, equipping them to engage culture, reason critically, and share Jesus with confidence.

STUDENT

C 802

Zach Whitlow

Harvest Principles: Multiplying Disciples through the Book of Acts

Whether you're a farming expert or not, you'll learn practical principles from the book of Acts on how to multiply disciples. No farming tools required!

STUDENT

Student

Ministers Only

C 808

Grant Byrd

Student Ministers Only

An opportunity for student ministers to network and discuss with Grant Byrd (SBTC Student Ministry Associate) what God is doing in the SBTC.

WORSHIP & TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

CHURCH**TECHNOLOGY**

E 211

Chris Enright

Cyber Security in the Church

Learn how to recognize common cyber threats and implement effective strategies to protect your church.

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Charles Roberds

From Clicks to Connections: Designing a Website that Draws People In (Repeat)

Your website is the first impression many will have of your church. Does it invite them in? This session will help you create a welcoming, user-friendly site that engages visitors, serves your congregation, and encourages next steps. Learn essential content, best practices of design, and practical tools to make your website a powerful ministry tool that connects people to your church and the gospel.

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Josh Merriott
Using AI in Communication (Repeat)
Learn the basics of using AI for effective, efficient, and excellent communication.

**WORSHIP PANEL
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C 806

Joe Crider, Arianna Freelen, Mike Harland & Jerry Newman
Worship Leadership Q&A: Wisdom from and for the Journey
Drawing from years of ministry, teaching, and leadership experience, this Q&A will offer biblical insight, practical wisdom, and honest discussion on the challenges and calling of leading God's people in worship. Whether you are just beginning, have served for years, or faithfully serve as a volunteer in worship ministry, this session will encourage, equip, and sharpen you for faithful worship leadership.

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C 807

Martin Deluna & Robert Todd
Audio, Video, and Lighting Q&A: The Heart of AVL Ministry
Join us for a practical and insightful Q&A on serving the local church through audio, video, and lighting. Together we'll explore the technical, relational, and spiritual sides of AVL ministry, offering real-world wisdom on teamwork, excellence, problem-solving, and supporting worship with clarity and purpose. Whether you serve behind the scenes every week or are just beginning in production ministry, this conversation will help you grow in both skill and perspective.



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Event Calendar

The SBTC has many events and opportunities near you to help equip and resource your church to carry out the Great Commission. To see more SBTC events and to learn more, go to sbtcxas.com/events.



Following *your* Calling

AUGUST

- 7-8** Following Your Calling (Student), Fort Worth
- 13** Send Network SBTC Sending Lab, Mesquite
- 24-25** Group Essentials, Euless
- 29** ESL Training, Grapevine
- 29** GoSummit, Austin

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SEPTEMBER

- 3-4** Send Network SBTC Residency Builder, Colleyville
- 5** Send Network SBTC Sending Lab (bilingual), Fort Worth
- 8** Evangelism Connections (Online)
- 8-9** Send Network SBTC Residency Builder, Pearland
- 10** Legacy Builders Training, Amarillo
- 10** Pastor Wives Connection Night, Flint
- 11-12** Women's Ministry Leadership Summit, Flint
- 12** Send Network SBTC One Day, Forney
- 14** His Way Still Works Workshop (Discipleship), Mansfield
- 15** Evangelism Connections (Online)
- 17** Legacy Builders Training, Conroe
- 17** Send Network SBTC Sending Lab, Lufkin
- 20-27** Reach Texas State Mission Offering Week of Prayer
- 24** Family Ministry Luncheon, Fort Worth

Pastors Masters

GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER

- 1** Pastor Wives Connection Night, Corpus Christi
- 2-3** Women's Ministry Leadership Summit, Corpus Christi
- 4** Cooperative Program Sunday
- 6** Pastors Masters, Flower Mound
- 6** Evangelism Connections (Online)
- 12** Disciple-Making Leader Workshop, Lewisville
- 13** Disciple-Making Leader Workshop, Burkburnett
- 26** Interim Pastor Equipping, Forney
- 26-27** SBTC Annual Meeting, Forney

NOVEMBER

- 7** GoSummit, San Angelo
- 7** Intro to DR & Phase 1 Training, Mexia
- 29-12/6** Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer

Student Ministers

GETAWAY

DECEMBER

- 3-6** Student Minister Getaway, San Antonio

2027 **EQUIP** *Save the Dates*

FEBRUARY 6

Equip East Texas (Regional)
New Beginnings Baptist
Church, Longview

AUGUST 7

Equip Conference
Champion Forest Baptist Church,
Houston, Champion Campus

OCTOBER 2

Equip Central Texas (Regional)
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