Breakout Training Information

What is in this packet? Included here is an alphabetized list of all the breakout training that will be offered at CPC20! We encourage all CPC20 attendees to spend time reading through this packet before making selections for this year’s training. All registered attendees will be notified when registration for breakouts is open.

Helpful definitions:
- **Breakout** - A 60 minute training time with specific content taught by a single [or pair] of speakers.
- **Category** - Breakouts have been divided into 20 categories to help serve you as you build your training time at CPC20. If you find a category of interest, you may choose to attend breakouts in that category for a more focused training experience in a specific topic! Or, feel free to select breakouts from multiple categories.
- **Intensive** - Some breakouts require a longer window of time to unpack the content. Longer breakouts are designated as Intensives, and will last for 2 hours, spanning across two breakout hours.
- **Panel** - Carefully selected breakout topics that would benefit from a panel of distinguished children’s ministry leaders. These sessions provide a diverse number of voices, and will culminate in a 15 minute attendee Q&A session.

**Breakout Session #1: Tuesday, January 14 1:30 PM-2:30 PM**

**Serving Families with a Lifetime Perspective**
Have you ever evaluated your curriculum, events, and outreach events through.... the various stages of the family ... a lens of lifetime perspective? Each family that you serve will be in various developmental stages, and with those stages come a range of needs. We will take a posture of learning from the family life cycle and identify together what these parents and families need as they move through the various stages of life!

**Speaker:** Lindsey Bush  
**Category:** Lovingly Serving Parents

**Bless You!**
The practice of pronouncing spiritual blessings is perhaps one of the least-known, underused, and yet most powerful spiritual tools at our disposal! Come learn how to equip parents and grandparents to bless the children in their family, and how to engage grandparents especially in your children's ministry through this wonderful spiritual practice. Trust me - you’ll be blessed!

**Speaker:** Larry Fowler  
**Category:** Discipleship

**Budgeting for Children’s Ministry Leaders**
Whether you serve in a small, medium, or large church, managing the budget for the children's ministry can be a significant task. Receive practical help from an experienced panel in the areas of budget development and oversight, and walk away with best practices (and more confidence!) in your budget management skills.

**Speaker:** Panel  
**Category:** Children’s Ministry 101
Community Alignment in Outreach
Did you know you can partner with your city and local businesses for greater impact in your outreach efforts? Discover strategies for building relationships with your city leaders, and learn practical approaches for connecting with local businesses. Your next outreach will impact your community with greater influence and reach than ever before.
Speaker: Marta Cortez
Category: Community Impact

Cultivating A Thriving Volunteer Community
To minister through volunteers you must minister to volunteers. Volunteers need a thriving community where they experience purpose, connection and growth. This workshop will equip any Children’s Ministry Leader with the tools to develop an engaged volunteer team that finds fulfillment and joy in their service.
Speaker: Jason Tilley
Category: Wonderful World of Volunteers

Cultivating Leaders
Yes, cultivating leaders in your Preteen & Upper Elementary ministries...It’s a beautiful thing when we help kids realize their gifts—especially when they begin to own their influence. Kids have impact on the kingdom today—not just tomorrow. Learn how to equip kids with skills and confidence to lead others—whether in service, activities, or worship.
Speaker: JamieLyn Heim
Category: Preteen

Esther Leadership
Do you feel God’s call on your life to make an impact in your family? Your church? Your community? Do you feel there are obstacles around every corner? Join us and gain strategies for overcoming these obstacles in order to become the fearless leader God has called you to be—for such a time as this.
Speaker: Courtney Wilson and Susan McPherson
Category: Women in Leadership

Evidence-based Self Care
As a busy kidmin leader with a million plates spinning, you know it’s important, but how often do you actually practice self-care? Join Dawn in exploring 5 easy, effective self-care strategies for body and mind backed by biblical texts and evidence-based findings. Bonus: some can be used with the kids and families in your care!
Speaker: Dawn Rundman
Category: Spiritual Practices for YOU

Find Your Creativity
Are you lacking the creative spark you need for your current season of ministry? Do you find yourself saying that you’re just not creative? We all have creativity within us just waiting to be found. There isn’t only one type of creativity. Creativity comes in all forms. Let me help you find your creativity and harness the different types of creativity in your team.
Speaker: Corrine Noble
Category: Out of the Box

Growing in God’s Word: A Wise Discipleship Plan for Every Age
Quality discipleship doesn't happen by accident. In fact, your number one goal as a leader in preschool, children's, or preteen ministry (and beyond) should be to make certain that the Bible is being taught in an age-appropriate way during each year of a child's life. This breakout will equip you to develop a discipleship plan that can apply to any ministry context and any curriculum; a plan that will extend beyond Sunday and into at-home discipleship.
Speaker: Jana Magruder
Category: Looking Forward
High Performing Leadership Development
Leadership development is like putting on a play, beginning with finding the right person for the role (casting), spending time directing and collaborating with the team (rehearsing), and then applauding their performance from the audience (coaching and encouraging). Learn to leverage each phase to develop exceptional, self-sustaining, multiplying leaders.
Speaker: John Tillman
Category: Growing as a Leader

Interactive Storytelling Ideas for Elementary Kids
When a lesson lacks interaction, kids get bored and they disengage. What's the solution? Invite them to be a part of the Biblical storytelling. Not only does interactive storytelling keep kids engaged, it helps them retain what they've learned. Join this session and get practical ideas for interactive storytelling methods that your elementary kids will love!
Speaker: David Rausch
Category: Bible Teaching

Managing Media for Young Children.
We live in a media saturated culture. Screens are everywhere and nearly unavoidable. How can we help parents of young children make good media choices, being intentional about using everything we have to foster faith in God.
Speaker: Jean Thomason
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

One Heart, Two Homes: Supporting Kids Impacted by Divorce
When a child’s parents go through divorce it creates a sense of a divided self. There are healing and helpful experiences the church can create with the intention of ministering to kids in complex families. Divorce often disrupts the child’s ability to attend church on a regular basis and even their capacity to attend VBS and summer camp. We will discuss creative ways to help children and parents stay well connected even when the schedules are complicated.
Speaker: Tammy Daughtry
Category: Kids in Unique Situations

Remodeling Your Kids Ministry Spaces
Got a remodel coming up? We have walked through 5 remodels in 18 years. As the kids pastor over a remodel we will discuss how to navigate communication with your Senior Pastor, Board, and various contractors and volunteers, and provide information and resources that will help you have confidence that your remodel will accomplish the goal of drawing kids and families closer to Jesus.
Speaker: Joe Bridger
Category: Make it FUN!

Set Design with a Team on a Budget
Does designing an environment or a set for a stage intimidate you? Not enough money? Not enough time? Learn how to create irresistible environments without breaking the bank and without exhausting yourself in the process. Set Design with a Team on a Budget will give you some practical ways to create great spaces and engage others in the process.
Speaker: Lisa Molite
Category: Make it FUN!

Steps To Building An Amazing Bible Memory Program In Your Children’s Ministry
Is Bible memory still a relevant spiritual discipline in today’s fast-paced world? It is! And in this breakout you’ll discover the 5 simple steps that you can implement immediately to create an engaging, effective Bible memory program that will help kids grow as disciples.
Speaker: Janelle Hoos
Category: Spiritual Practices for Kids
Through the Eyes of a New Believer
When was the last time you audited your ministry for a person who was not raised in church. As leaders we desire to teach and lead with meaning and depth, but in this venture we often start over the heads of a new believer. In this session we will dive into the top 10 common mistakes churches make in how they support the children and families they are ministering to, and how to avoid or even fix them.
Speaker: Heidi Hensley
Category: Children's Ministry 201

The Fatherless Factor
Fatherlessness is a national epidemic and the number one social issue in the United States. This issue is affecting everyone whether they know or not. Through this talk you will gain insights into what fatherlessness is causing and why we all must do something about it. We will walk through a clear Biblical understanding of what God thinks of the fatherless and what He expects us Christians to do about it. Lastly, you will get a clear understanding on how you and your church can get involved in effectively evangelizing and discipling these families.
Speaker: Sean Teis
Category: Who are these Kids?

You are fired! Progressive Steps of Discipline for Volunteers
You may have inherited the volunteer, or perhaps it was just the wrong fit. You have a volunteer that you need to have that tough conversation with but can you really fire them or tell them they are not needed in ministry anymore and do it with grace. This workshop is designed to help Children's Pastors gain the knowledge and words to speak truth with grace to your volunteers through progressive steps of discipline. Ultimately our goal should be to restore the volunteer and bring about change in their behaviour ... these steps will help nurture that change.
Speaker: Melodie Bissell
Category: Tough Topics

Breakout Session #2: Wednesday, January 15 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Anxiety, Depression, and Ministry?
Let's be honest about what it is like to lead through anxiety, depression, grief and more. What strategies can help us be even more effective as a minister if we are facing struggles in our personal life? You are not alone! You are not "less than" in ministry!
Speaker: Trisha Peach
Category: Tough Topics

Applause Worthy Appreciation
Showing love to your volunteers is a key component of building relationships and encouraging them to show up week after week. In this session, we will explore all kinds of fun and cost effective gift ideas for your ministry teams.
Speaker: Melody Brown Foster
Category: Wonderful World of Volunteers

Becoming the Type of Children’s Ministry that Meets New Families
Description: Are new families coming through the doors of your children's ministry? Are they returning? Many ministries find themselves unintentionally geared toward 'insiders.' Discover how to prepare an environment and culture that empowers your team to meet and build meaningful connections with new families from the moment they drive into the parking lot.
Intensive: 10 am- 12 pm
Speaker: Ken Thomas and Gabe Norris
Category: Community Impact

Biblical Literacy: It’s Not Just Reading the Bible.
Biblical illiteracy is a topic that comes up in nearly every conversation I have with ministry leaders. How do we get kids into the Word of Life? In this workshop, we will look at the Bible, tools that help children learn how to use it, and what we can do for our youngest disciples who are still learning how to read.
Speaker: Brittany Sky
Category: Bible Teaching
Building Biblical Literacy in the First Five Years
Children can engage with, learn from, and explore the Bible long before they begin to read its words. This workshop will provide hands-on strategies for building this faith practice in infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Speaker: Dawn Rundman
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

Do I Have to Say No?
You are in ministry. You want to help, serve, teach and love those around you. God has gifted you with abilities to lead, support, encourage and engage in a way that makes you feel whole. But when is it too much of a good thing? How do you say no to things that are good? Should you really say no to the head pastor? How do you create space for yourself and put boundaries on yourself? Is it really necessary? Let’s talk.

Speaker: Dr Kayla Pray
Category: Spiritual Practices for You

Difficult Parent or Powerful Partner?
Do you ever roll your eyes when you get an email from a parent? We will help you make allies out of parents that seem troublesome and share a strategy to build cheerleaders and a parent alliance for your ministry.

Speaker: Gary Lindsay and Gloria Lee
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Engaging the Family in Children’s Ministry
How can you engage families more in your ministry? Explore unique and fresh strategies from a children’s ministry veteran for developing greater family partnership and involvement.

Speaker: Karl Bastian
Category: Community Impact

Giving and Receiving Feedback
Craig Groeschel once said, "Without honest and timely feedback, your personal and organizational growth is always limited." Often times, we are likely to give but not receive feedback. This session will teach us how to give and receive feedback without damaging relationships.

Speaker: Bo Harrington
Category: Growing as a Leader

Go Big With Small Groups
Successful small groups provide a place where children belong, are encouraged to ask questions, and process what they’ve experienced. Come discover the benefits of small groups, equipping leaders to lead them, building community within the group, and structuring your time so each child grows closer to God and their peers.

Speaker: Kathie Phillips
Category: Discipleship

How Women Rise: Keys to Unlocking What’s Holding You Back
There are a number of self-deprecating ways that we can operate as women in ministry. Come hear from seasoned women how the Lord has broken them of unhelpful behaviors to then experience unbridled freedom to lead!

Speaker: Panel
Category: Women in Leadership

I’m New to Ministry--Now What?
Welcome to ministry my friend! I always say to 101 leaders, “you will be better off 6 months from now!” Join me for this workshop and let’s cover the HOW TO’s for casting vision, observing and evaluating your programing, finding volunteers, selecting curriculum, and building your team.

Speaker: Byron Ragains
Category: Children’s Ministry 101
KidMin-ing Like Fred Rogers: Transforming Your Neighborhood for Christ
In 2018, the world was reintroduced to Mr. Rogers in the documentary, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” Mr. Rogers was famous for many things but at his core, he was a man compelled to minister to children who used the new technology around him to spread the message that every life has value. How can we, as ministers of the Gospel and advocates for the children in our care, learn from this fascinating life?

Speaker: Brittany Hochstaetter
Category: Out of the Box

Kids with Special Needs are Coming! Don't Panic! Get Equipped!
Don’t send kids with unique needs away because you don’t know what to do! Come learn the Basics of starting and developing a successful ministry to kids with special needs and their families. This workshop will give you a practical step by step plan and the confidence to start being more intentional to welcome kids with special needs into your ministry.

Speaker: Marie Kuck
Category: Kids in Unique Situations

Practical Techniques to Get Preteens to Go From Checked Out to Fired Up for Christ
What would it look like if your ministry was filled with preteens passionately owning their faith? In this intensive, you will explore practical techniques that will engage preteens in faith formation and empower them for faith ownership!

Intensive: 10 am - 12 pm
Speaker: Sean Sweet
Category: Preteen

Creating Intentional Space for Kids To Respond to God
It can be easy to wrap up a message, close your curriculum and send kids off to the next activity. But what if we created intentional space for kids to respond to what they've heard and discovered in God’s Word? What if we allowed the Holy Spirit to speak to kids and then gave them the chance to respond? When we step back and allow God to work, we might be surprised to discover He is doing so much more than we anticipated. This breakout will focus on how to create space for kids to respond to God using intentional response activities that any ministry can easily incorporate, whether you’re creating your own curriculum or using one created for you.

Speaker: Shaun Stevenson
Category: Spiritual Practices for Kids

Revitalizing Children’s Ministry to Align With Your Church
Come learn about revitalizing your children’s ministry to align with the vision of the church and see what God can do through church-wide unity!

Speaker: Courtney Wilson
Category: Children’s Ministry 201

Tell THE Story
People of all ages love stories. That’s one reason Jesus told stories! Come and experience a simple yet amazing relational, discipleship tool to share God’s Word. You will engage in it first hand and receive practical tools and tips that can be used to implement this model with children, teens and adults.

Speaker: Candice Brooks
Category: Make it FUN!

The Single Mom Year
What if the single moms in your church and your community were ministered to consistently throughout the year? How would this change their perspective of your church? How would this change their view of God? How would this change their children’s future? In this session all attendees will leave with a better understanding of what single moms are going through and why the Church and Christians need to help. Each attendee will also leave with a practical take home guide with ideas on ministering to single moms all year long.

Speaker: Sean Teis
Category: Out of the Box
Working With Kids From Hard Places
Are you having a hard time connecting with kids from hard places in your children's ministry? You’re not alone. Research shows that the brains of kids who have been exposed to various traumas develop differently – which means these kids have different needs than other kids. How do you meet the needs of kids with emotional and behavioral special needs and help them feel safe in your ministry? Learn about research-based tools and strategies to help you build trust-based relationships with EVERY child who walks through your door, no matter what background!

Speaker: Brianna Kuck
Category: Who are these Kids?

Breakout Session #3: Wednesday, January 15 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Celebrating Milestones
Are you looking for ways to mark significant times in the life of the families in your church? Are you looking for ways to help parents connect to each other? In this session, we will explore how we as the church can come alongside parents/primary faith influencers and encourage families through milestones.

Speaker: Trey Brooks
Category: Out of the Box

Compassionate & Strategic Support for Single Parents
What can we do to come alongside parents who are single? This workshop will discuss single parenting and how we can give compassionate support to single parents who are divorced, never married or grieving the loss of their spouse. By supporting single parents we are helping support their children. When a single parent is well-connected at church, we have an on-going opportunity to build meaningful relationships with their children. Even when the families are complicated, they can be stable and well-adjusted.

Speaker: Tammy Daughtry
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Developing a Strong Back-Up Plan
Cancellations, schedule changes and open slots in your team line-up are part of ministry. How you handle them is what matters. This workshop will help you develop back-up plans so your ministry remains consistent and strong no matter what comes up.

Speaker: Becky Rydman
Category: Wonderful World of Volunteers

Generation Alpha
Your ministry is filling up with kids from Generation Alpha, and they are projected to be one of the most transformative generations ever. Explore current research on the development of these children, and consider the impacts on their discipleship and faith formation.

Speaker: Chris Corbett
Category: Who are these Kids?

Go Light Our World
Jesus told us to G.L.O.W in Matthew 5:16. Come learn easy and unique ways to use black lights and everyday items to captivate the attention of the kids to teach biblical truths of the Great Commission in this fun hands-on breakout.

Speaker: Leann Woelk
Category: Make it FUN!

How to Show Kids Jesus in the Old Testament
Jesus told us that the Bible is all about him (Lk 24:27; Jn 5:39) but how do we show kids Jesus in the Old Testament in a way that they will understand and that is faithful to the Scriptures? In this breakout we will explore 6 ways we can point our kids to Jesus every time we teach, no matter where we are in the Bible.

Speaker: Brian Dembowczyk
Category: Bible Teaching
Nurturing Spiritual Gifts in Children
Kids don't have to wait to grow up to begin to discover how God has gifted them. Our children's ministry environments can be places where they can explore, experiment, and thrive in God's gifts. Join us as we brainstorm ways for kids in our ministries to discover how God can use them to serve in the church and beyond.

Speaker: Jenny Funderburke-Smith
Category: Discipleship

Outreach Events: 6 Powerful Ways to Engage Families!
This workshop will explore 6 outreach events in children's ministry and then spend some time brainstorming about how to follow-up on all of the families who come. Come with questions and ideas to share. We can learn much from one another as we share our best ideas.

Speaker: B.A. Snider
Category: Community Impact

Power Packed Preschool Praise
There is power in kids worship. Every week you can unleash this power to be at work in your classrooms. Littles love to jump and wiggle but they can also sing to the King! Yancy will share practical tips on leading these precious children in worship so you can help them use their energy to celebrate our super wonderful God.

Speaker: Yancy Richmond
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

Practical Sabbath: How to Honor God Through Ministry and Through Rest
The demands of ministry make it hard for many of us to even imagine a regular time of rest. But rest is not only what we need, it's what God has commanded. Join us in this breakout as we walk through what the Bible says about the Sabbath and discuss very practical ways those in Children's Ministry can introduce a regular time of rest.

Speaker: Matt Morgan
Category: Spiritual Practices for You

Praying In A New Way: Praying In Color for Kids
Learn how to lead your kids in a prayer experience that uses the right side of their brain and helps those visual and kinesthetic learners that we all have in our ministries. Adapted from the work of Sybil MacBeth.

Speaker: Kirsten Hitchcock
Category: Spiritual Practices for kids

Small Church Ministry
Leading in a small church ministry has unique blessings and challenges. Let's gather as a small church community and learn from each other!

Speaker: Panel
Category: Growing as a Leader

Strengths Based Leadership
We will function best in ministry when we operate out of our God-given areas of strength. Come learn how to identify and then lead from those strengths!

Speaker: Deb Moncauskas
Category: Children's Ministry 201

Vision That Stands On Its Own
Vision without framework is simply a dream that only you can bring to life. Vision with scaffolding and blueprints not only fosters curiosity, but it brings people alongside that you need in order to fulfill the hopes, dreams and desires that the initial vision birthed. What can you do to not only cast vision well, but invite key players in sooner to accomplish what the Lord has called you to better? Learn how to share, develop and execute vision with the Kingdom, not just for the Kingdom. When a vision stands on its own, we all celebrate when it learns to run.

Speaker: Christie Penner Worden
Category: Children's Ministry 101
What Your Boss Wish You Knew… and Vice Versa
Ever feel like your pastor really doesn’t understand your life as a Kids Leader? We get it! Come join an Executive Pastor and a kids leader to have an open dialogue about how we can best lead, lead up, and be prepared in responding to curve balls.
Speaker: Gary Lindsay and Gloria Lee
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Which Family is Your Priority?
Growing up as a pastor's kid and being married to a pastor's kid, I have a unique perspective of ministry from the other side. Your children must be the first kids you minister to in the church family. In this breakout we will try to answer these questions: How do you set boundaries in ministry? How do you include your kids in ministry? Do you give your kids special treatment? How do you put your family first?
Speaker: Derek Jones
Category: Tough Topics

Working Towards Inclusion in Kids Ministry
When special-needs families are included in your church life, they are valuable members who bless as much as they are blessed. Understanding your special-needs families, can help you work towards inclusion in your ministry.
Speaker: Angie Hooie
Category: Kids in Unique Situations

Breakout Session #4: Wednesday, January 15 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

6 Steps to Onboarding Volunteers Who Stick
What percentage of people that raise their hand to volunteer actually end up serving in your ministry? In this breakout, we'll look at the 6 key steps of an onboarding process that helps you properly vet volunteers, helps them find their fit, and helps them everyone stick for the long haul.
Speaker: Nick Blevins
Category: Wonderful World of Volunteers

21 Day Spiritual BootCamp for Kids!
Need a great idea to jumpstart your kids' spiritual journey? Try the 21 day kid's ministry challenge. The focus is on reading Scripture, prayer and finding your place to serve. This has been successful in several churches of various sizes. Every participant will receive a reproducible kid's ministry 21 day challenge handout. Challenge your kids to go a lot deeper in their faith relationship!
Speaker: Trisha Peach
Category: Spiritual Practices for kids

Becoming Like Jesus - Knowing Your Worth
Jesus was confident in who he was and what his purpose was, and we are invited by God to live the same way. Through a closer look at Scripture (including Romans 8), we will create space for the Holy Spirit to show us how. Anyone who is struggling in their worth as children of God or ministers of the Gospel would benefit from attending.
Speaker: Jodie Swee
Category: Spiritual Practices for You

Boys to Men
Boys are far more likely to be problematic in structured environments. They jump, run, wiggle, belch, yell, interrupt, and throw things. More boys than girls are diagnosed with ADD and Autism. Many a teacher and volunteer has become exasperated by the continuous antics of a young boy. And the number of boys is only growing! Learn how to help these young warriors become the men God is calling them to be without losing your mind.
Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray
Category: Who are these Kids?
Can I Post This?! 5 Tips to Maintain Healthy Boundaries on Social Media
Do I want my students to see a pic of my second-date at the bowling ring? Do I want the high-maintenance, helicopter parents of my program responding to a Facebook conversation between my brother over his new job? How much about my own kid's life should I share with the members of my church? Should I have two accounts so that I can fully proclaim my love of the Red Hot Chili Peppers without offending my parishioners? As ministry is so relational, it's hard to maintain boundaries with those you serve--especially on social media. Join us for all the tips and tricks on staying connected online "while" also maintaining healthy boundaries.

Speaker: Meg Calvin and Taryn Cleaves
Category: Tough Topics

Discipling Children: 8 Spiritual Practices Every Family Can Do.
The eight practices presented in this seminar are a synthesis of Josh’s Ph.D research regarding the best practices to help children grow in spiritual maturity. You will walk away with practical tools and specific ways that you can equip parents and grandparents to invest in the spiritual growth of children.

Speaker: Josh Mulvihill
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Interactive Storytelling Ideas for Preschool Kids
Preschool kids can be wiggle worms. So how do you harness that energy? Invite them to be a part of the Biblical storytelling. Not only does interactive storytelling keep kids engaged, it helps them retain what they've learned. Discover practical ideas for helping preschool kids join the story through this workshop.

Speaker: David Rauch
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

Leading With Mission In Mind
As children's ministry leaders, we have so many choices to make. Programming. Curriculum. Midweek. Outreach. The list could go on and on. How do you choose wisely, in a way that aligns your ministry with what's happening in the rest of your church? Leading with mission in mind is the key. In this breakout, we'll discuss how to develop mission, help your team stay on mission, use your mission to determine your "yes's" & "no's", and lean into mission as you lead through change.

Speaker: Jeff Weldon
Category: Children's Ministry 101

Lessons On Letting Go
Has your children's ministry team become a one woman/man show? As children's leaders, sometimes we can get caught up in "quality control" and fail to fulfill one of our most important duties: empowering others for ministry success. Whether you intentionally became the only one doing the heavy lifting or you noticed a slow evolution to this status, come learn how to share, delegate, and release responsibility for the benefit and growth of everyone.

Speaker: Mahogany Dudley Finley
Category: Growing as a Leader

Making the Most of VBS
Vacation Bible School provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to reach kids in your community—kids who might otherwise never set foot in your church. But are you being strategic in how you plan and carry out VBS? Are you making the most of this unique event? A fresh approach can breathe new life into your program, energizing your year-round ministry efforts. Together let’s map out a ministry “destination,” discovering how VBS can play a key role in growing your ministry in unexpected ways. Presented by Group’s Ministry Training Center.

Speaker: Jody Brolsma
Category: Community Impact

Moms in Ministry
Everyone navigates multiple responsibilities in life, and being a mom in ministry can be a unique blessing and challenge at the same time. Gain perspective and practical help in what it looks like to fulfill the roles God has called us to with authenticity and passion!

Speaker: Mercedes Hayes
Category: Women in Leadership
Special Needs Ministry
Creating intentional space for children with special needs is an incredible addition to your ministry. Let’s gather and learn from seasoned ministry leaders as we build inclusive ministries!

Speaker: Panel
Category: Children’s Ministry 101

Sticky Students: Tips for Application Time to Make Scripture Stick
Will the lesson you taught on Sunday be remembered on the playground on Monday? Application time connects the Bible to your students’ lives. Discover effective techniques to keep application time on track, learn to include all the kids (whatever their personality), and find out how to make the Bible real for today’s kids.

Speaker: Janelle Hoos
Category: Bible Teaching

Taking the Church Outside the Church
Information, ideas and testimonies on how to start Sunday Children’s ministry at homeless shelters, apartment complexes and low income communities. Learn the simplicity of curriculum, object lessons and do’s and don’ts of sidewalk ministry, along with the possible barriers you may encounter.

Speaker: Ana Zugheri
Category: Out of the Box

The Grand Awakening
God has begun a powerful movement of intentional grandparenting that will continue to gain momentum for years to come. Churches are finding new ways to reinvigorate grandparents through giving them a new vision for intentionally influencing their grandchildren. Would you like to learn how to more quickly and effectively awaken Christian grandparents in your church and in our country to be instruments of grace and truth, and influence the youngest generations?  This breakout session is both for children’s pastors who want to be more effective equippers and motivators of grandparents, and for grandparents themselves who desire to leave a legacy in their families.

Speaker: Larry Fowler
Category: Looking Forward

The Outreach Spectacular
Great ideas for a spectacular outreaches for kids and families in your city. Triple your ministry in a matter of months! These fantastic outreaches really work!  This class will cover purpose, organization, financing and programming aspects of these exciting outreach Ideas.

Speaker: Donna Boone
Category: Make it FUN!

The Strategic Kidmin Leader
If you are a veteran of kidmin looking to take your ministry to the next level, this breakout is for you. Here you will learn the value and rhythm of strategic planning, leading through layers, and how to maximize your time through teams. You will walk away with proven practices that will help you take your leadership to the next level.

Speaker: Bill Hegedus
Category: Children’s Ministry 201

Understanding Grief & Loss Among Children
One in every 50 children are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one.  This workshop with discuss the process grief among children and youth.  It will help clarify personal thoughts, feelings and beliefs about grief in order to have appropriate interventions that are helpful to a grieving child or youth.  It will provide an overview of best practices in the language, intervention methods and activities we use when helping children who are grieving as well risk factors for complicated grief.

Speaker: Cheryl Smith-Debanné
Category: Kids in Unique Situations
**Why Can’t We Ask These Questions in Church?**
Preteens have questions…and some of them are doozies! Rather than dismiss tough topics, discover how to help kids process and look to the Bible to dig into hard questions about God and faith. Together, we’ll learn how to be bold with your preteens by exploring four values that will transform the way you do ministry. Rooted in developmental research, these values reach preteens’ specific needs. You’ll learn how to practically apply these values in your ministry.

*Speaker: Jennifer Ward*
*Category: Preteen*

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**Worship in Every Moment: Transforming Sunday Morning Discipleship**
From the moment a child walks in the doors to the moment they leave and beyond, discover how infusing your Sunday morning experience with worship can unlock a path to discipleship and transform your ministry.

*Speaker: David Ray*
*Category: Discipleship*

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**Breakout Session #5: Thursday, January 16 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**All About Volunteers!**
How much is a haphazard approach to volunteers costing you? Not having a clear plan for volunteer leadership will cost you in time, effectiveness, energy, and engagement. In this intensive, Josh will provide a clear strategy for taking your volunteer leadership from surviving to thriving!

*Intensive: 10 AM - 12 PM*
*Speaker: Josh Denhart*
*Category: Wonderful World of Volunteers*

**Bury Burn-Out, Ditch Doubt, & Jump for JOY as You Serve!**
Ministry work has its share of discouragement, disappointment, and difficult days! If you find yourself grumbling, complaining, burned-out, or bummed-out, come learn how to navigate out of a negative mindset! Remember your calling, Rekindle your first love, and Rediscover the true JOY God intends for you as you serve in ministry!

*Speaker: Robyn Tidrick*
*Category: Spiritual Practices for You*

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**Childhood Experiences Contributing to Christian Commitment In Young Adulthood**
Ever wonder the connection between childhood faith formation and adult Christian commitment? This session revealed the results from a completed Spring 2019 dissertation seeking to understand the childhood experiences that contribute to Christian commitment in young adulthood. Results revealed three major childhood experiences: personal engagement in Christianity, loving actions from Christians, and negative experiences during childhood. Breakout will include applications for practical children’s ministry, families, and Christian schools.

*Speaker: Stacey Davis*
*Category: Children’s Ministry 201*

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**Creative Illustrative Messages**
The word of God comes alive with messages that have a visual impact for the entire family. These powerful messages can be taught in just ten minutes or extended to a full family service.

*Speaker: John Tasch*
*Category: Bible Teaching*

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**Cultivating A Rhythm of Worship in Your Church**
What if worship pastors, Kidmin leaders and Student ministry worked together to strategize their worship programs? What if we started teaching kids from the youngest age about worship? This session will help you develop a vision to raise generations up with an understanding of the discipline of worship.

*Speaker: Yancy Richmond*
*Category: Out of the Box*
Encouraging Men in Children’s Ministry
Come on guys, let’s talk about the importance of men leading their families and church. This is a challenge for men to be the spiritual leaders at home and in the church. We will cover topics like family discipleship, importance of men in the church, protecting your home, and raising the next generation of leaders. This is a great time of encouragement for dads and ministry leaders to fight the good fight and keep up the good work.
Speaker: Tommy Hendricks
Category: Discipleship

Faith = Relationship!: 4 Acts of Love to Make Your Children’s Ministry Irresistible
Faith isn’t a subject, it’s a relationship—so let’s show kids how much God loves them! You’ll discover four simple yet powerful ways to help children grow a lifelong relationship with Jesus. These four acts of love make church irresistible and will ultimately draw kids closer to their leaders, Jesus, and each other.
Speaker: Charity Kauffman
Category: Discipleship

Falling in Love With Preschool Ministry
Children aged 3-5 are often underestimated. Truth is, preschool ministry can be fun, exciting, and can impact eternity—for adults and kids alike. Learn some of the most effective, developmentally appropriate strategies for maximizing your time with littles in a church setting. Discover ways to love preschoolers the way God designed them—inquisitive, energetic, and ready to learn!
Speaker: Amber Lappin
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

Helping Parents Navigate Tech
There is so much technology available today that it can be overwhelming! Come learn how to help parents navigate technology for the protection and education of their kids!
Speaker: Kenny Conley
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Let’s Play A Game! Discover the True Purpose of Gametime!
Everyone wants their children’s ministry to be fun. Come play and discover how to make gametime purposeful by using games to introduce topics, demonstrate illustrations, and reveal Biblical truth. Gain fresh ideas to align games with your ministry purpose. Ages 5 and up. Four to 400 players. Instructions and variations inside. Batteries not included.
Speaker: Stanley Mearse
Category: Make it FUN!

Navigating Trauma in Our Ministries
Is your team adequately prepared to serve kids who have experienced trauma? In this Intensive, you will gain insights on how to build and train teams to respond appropriately to challenging behaviors in your ministry. Discover how your team can practically be a part of bringing healing and support to hurting kids and their families.
Intensive: 10 AM - 12 PM
Speaker: Kim Botto
Category: Kids in Unique Situations

Prayer As a Strategy
As leaders our hearts are wide and full of dreams God has given us for the ministries that we’ve been entrusted to lead. A decisive and intentional prayer life is essential in our partnership with God as He works through us to accomplish His plans. In this breakout, I will share practical lessons to help you maximize prayer as a strategy for ministry growth and effectiveness.
Speaker: Mahogany Dudley Finley
Category: Growing as a Leader

Preteen Discipleship that Works
Today’s preteens are facing challenges and distractions like no other generation before. In this breakout we will dive into understanding today’s preteen. You’ll learn how to create a discipleship culture that works—a culture that instills in them the importance and relevance of a growing relationship with Christ.
Speaker: Bill Hegedus
Category: Preteen
Resilient Children’s Ministry: A New Child Discipleship Philosophy
As we dream about the church of the future, we wonder what does resilient discipleship need to look like? How is he or she being shaped in your ministry? How are you actively innovating discipleship to bring God's Word, powerful relationships, and practical experience to engage and transform a generation? In this breakout, we will examine how a ministry that has lasting transformation and impact is built upon Belonging, Believing, and Becoming like Jesus.
Speaker: Chris Marchand
Category: Looking Forward

Service As a Spiritual Practice for Kids
Want to encourage your kids to serve? What does service as a spiritual discipline look like? Come learn how to connect kids to their Creator by serving!
Speaker: Preston Plentl
Category: Spiritual Practices for Kids

Should I Stay or Should I Go?
This breakout will help you be able to discern the time that you're in and how to manage whether you stay in your current position or transition into what is next. In this breakout, we will explore how to leave well, and when to stay and how to bloom where you are planted.
Speaker: Eric Hamp
Category: Tough Topics

Taking the Gospel Into Real Life: Equipping Families to Connect with People Outside of the Church
According to research, over half of people who don't go to church would attend if someone invited them. Church families often feel like they don't even know people who don't go to church, much less feel comfortable inviting them. We explore ways to cast the vision, provide practical steps, and equip the families in your church to connect with other families who need Jesus.
Speaker: Jenny Funderburke-Smith
Category: Community Impact

Turning on the Learning Channels in Your Kids
Your teaching techniques may be creating static for your learners! Learn how to "tune in" to the right channels to help every child’s brain "turn on!" From the research of Howard Gardner, experience 8 different “intelligences” that your students have and how to incorporate them for fun and effective classes.
Speaker: Gordon West
Category: Who are these Kids?

Value-Driven Leadership
Leading from a place of values will strengthen your ministry, families, and impact! Come learn how to identify and then lead with values you've established for your ministry!
Speaker: Jessica Bealer
Category: Children’s Ministry 101

Breakout #6: Thursday, January 16 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
All About Jesus: How to Keep the Gospel at the Center of Everything We Do
With all the crayons, goldfish crackers, and volunteer schedules, we can quickly forget the importance of our mission—to tell kids who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus. In this session, we’ll discuss age-appropriate theological concepts and how to keep programming, curriculum, and classroom management centered on the Gospel.
Speaker: Matt Morgan
Category: Discipleship
Big Days for the Win!
Join us as we discuss how to create easy and simple “Big Days” out of Sundays that will generate buzz, excitement, and personal invites to your church. A great course for those in portable and multi-site ministry that can’t setup large events in advance. This is also a great course for those wanting to invest more of their time and resources into kids and partnering with parents rather than big events.
Speaker: Jessica Coulter
Category: Make it FUN!

Compassionate Communication with Parents of Young Children
Sometimes the hardest part of working with children is communicating with their parents—especially when working with families of super young children. In this workshop, we will cover ways to build relationships, enlist help with correcting bad behaviors, and address difficult situations with truth, love, and grace. Step-by-step, practical solutions included.
Speaker: Amber Lappin
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

Creative Object Lessons
Understanding Biblical truths will certainly kick into gear as you keep your audience enthusiastically engaged with these ready-to-use, life application lessons.
Speaker: John Tasch
Category: Bible Teaching

Designing a Rhythm of Life that Works
Explore the limits and boundaries you need to thrive spiritually as you work in ministry. This hands-on session is designed so that you leave with a rule or rhythm of life written and ready to put in to practice.
Speaker: Rhesa Higgins
Category: Spiritual Practices for You

Developing Meaningful and Influential Conversations with Your Kids
The single most significant element missing in discipleship today is heartfelt conversations between parents and kids. Parents of little ones have no problems engaging in conversation, but conversations become strained during the teenage years. This session will identify seven barriers in communication and provide a meaningful conversation formula.
Speaker: Ron Hunter
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Inspiring Communication Workshop: Clarifying Your Message and Moving People with Your Words
Research shows that most people will forget 50% of what we say to them within one hour of saying it. Our words have power, but their power must be increased if we want to use them to their greatest impact. Whether we are recruiting volunteers in a public announcement, writing a newsletter article, or emailing a group of volunteers, our words must be sharp and inspiring. In this session, we will practice ways to clarify our message and move our audiences with our words.
Speaker: Brittany Hochstaetter
Category: Children’s Ministry 201

Multi-Ethnic Children’s Ministry
Loving and celebrating the community God has called us to is a unique privilege, and that is exactly what a multi-ethnic vision for children’s ministry embraces. Gain key insights for what it looks like to nurture and develop a multi-ethnic children's ministry.
Speaker: Luz Gálvez de Figueroa
Category: Looking Forward

Picking Curriculum
Did you know there are over 40 kids ministry curriculum options each with their own unique way of doing things?! Let's explore the options and determine what questions you should be asking before you get started!
Speaker: Corey Jones
Category: Children's Ministry 101
Play Ball!
Some churches use sports AT their church, what would it look like to use sports as a ministry FROM their church. Let's take a look at a missional approach to sports ministry and how we can share the love of Christ with people who are engaged in youth sports. From coaching coaches to guidelines for the sidelines, what are some unique ways your church can reach a crowd of people engaged elsewhere. This breakout will look at, why it's important to look outside of the church, how other churches are doing this, and discussion about how your church might be able to engage the local sports culture.
Speaker: Drew Hester
Category: Community Impact

Prepping Your Church for Summer Camp
Let's talk about summer camp! We will take time to unpack what it looks like to plan and prep for your summer camp ministry during the school year.
Speaker: Chuck Peters
Category: Out of the Box

Priorities, Productivity, and Organizing Your Time
Ministry has so many requests on your time, it can be difficult to keep from drowning sometimes. We'll talk about how to make priorities and structure your calendar and time as well as tools and resources that will help. All to make sure you stay in control and make the most important things happen.
Speaker: Shannan Davis
Category: Growing as a Leader

Rooted in Creativity: Kids Ministry in a Church Plant Setting
The goal of this breakout is to provide a framework of resources, strategies, and methods by which a Kids Ministry within a Church Plant setting does not have to sacrifice its quality, content, or atmosphere while in a temporary or shared setting. We will have dialogue around creating dynamic (but portable) environments, making the most of the space you have, how to train and support volunteers in the added work of a church plant, and helping kids feel as comfortable and have as much fun in a school cafeteria that the do in a dedicated kids ministry space.
Speaker: Jeremy Stephens
Category: Out of the Box

Shepherding Heart
Leading worship is not about singing songs and doing motions. Leading worship is about helping others engage with the Lord. Taking a look at the word of God and characteristics of a shepherd Yancy will coach you in how to not just make songs happen in the classroom but instead lead and point kids to the presence of God through worship.
Speaker: Yancy Richmond
Category: Spiritual Practices for kids

Some Leaders Are Born Women.
In this session we would have a candid conversation about the unique tensions that women in ministry must manage and discuss leadership principles to help them go further faster.
Speaker: Jessica Bealer
Category: Women in Leadership

Unpacking Preteen Ministry
We know how fulfilling and also difficult preteen ministry can be. Come learn from the best as they unpack preteen discipleship!
Speaker: Panel
Category: Preteen

Working with Difficult Personalities
Children's Ministry would be easy if we only had to work with children! Being a Children's Ministry leader means working with parents, volunteers, church staff, and personalities of all types. Working with difficult personalities can be particularly draining and distracts from our purpose of ministering to children. Discover seven difficult personalities and how to lead them, while learning how to look for the positive in everyone.
Speaker: Emily Snider
Category: Tough Topics
Breakout #7: Thursday, January 16 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

A Guide to Reaching Gen Z Kids
Gen Z is currently the group of children making up the majority of our ministries. Discover the unique characteristics of their generation and how you can reach them for Jesus.
Speaker: Dale Hudson
Category: Who are these Kids?

Developing Individual Worshippers (through Devotionals)
We expect adults to learn and know how to have "Quiet Time" or "Devo Time" with the Lord, but hardly do we spend specific time encouraging and teaching children to do the same. And when we do, how do the kids know exactly where, when, and how to spend that time? In this session, we will learn one way we can teach children how to be individual worshippers at home and build that foundation at a young age. We emphasize the importance of doing devos and spending quiet time with the Lord- not waiting until youth group or adult age but when they're a child!
Speaker: Liz Chung
Category: Spiritual Practices for kids

Church Revitalization and Kids Ministry: How They Go Hand in Hand
Studies show that approximately 75-80% of churches are stagnant or in decline and as many as 10% of churches will cease to exist in the next ten years unless fundamental changes are made. Church Revitalization is a process which moves a plateaued or declining church toward a healthy and sustained environment. Come learn how Children's Ministry is an essential part of this process as it is the key to reach families who can help churches thrive. Leave with tangible tools and strategies for building healthy ministries that can be a game changer for church revitalization.
Speaker: Jana Magruder
Category: Discipleship

Creative Ways to Recruit and Train Volunteers for Special Needs Ministry
It takes a team to build a successful special needs ministry. Learn how to find and equip volunteers. Get acquainted with great programs, curriculum, sensory rooms and ministry models including respite care and resources that will help equip your team no matter what size your ministry or experience.
Speaker: Marie Kuck
Category: Wonderful World of Volunteers

Diversity in Your Church
Does your children's ministry mirror the diversity of your community? How does racism truly impact the kids we serve? How can we lead our children's ministries to be a place that truly pursues, celebrates, and embraces 'Shalom'? Explore these questions and more with this incredible panel of leaders.
Speaker: Panel
Category: Tough Topics

Heart to Heart Prayer
Prayer needs to be taught, demonstrated and practiced with children for them to grow in their relationship with God and know what is on His heart. Leaders who make space in schedules for instructional prayer will help children learn how to posture themselves before the Lord, how to see with their heart eyes, listen to His Word and respond to him as in Psalm 27:8. Come experience hearing from God for your own purpose and calling so you may teach out of the overflow of your heart this coming Sunday!
Speaker: Leann Woelk
Category: Spiritual Practices for You

I 'Love' Conflict!
Every leader knows sooner or later there will be some kind of conflict. What can a leader do when they find themselves deep into it? How do you deal with conflict on a team or with a senior leader? Learn some basic steps to work through conflict to move towards peace.
Speaker: Tom Bump
Category: Growing as a Leader
Innovation in Children’s Ministry
Be the first to benefit from in-depth research into what innovation looks like in children’s ministry. Intended for children’s ministry leaders who are ready for more, this workshop brings insight based on a year-long research initiative into curriculum analysis and forward-thinking innovation for what tools the church needs to engage kids in meaningful discipleship.

Speaker: Kristin Thompson
Category: Looking Forward

Multi-Site Ministry
Hear from experienced leaders who have served in multi-site ministry environments.

Speaker: Panel
Category: Growing as a Leader

Music, Motions & Games that Hide God’s Word in Kid’s Hearts
Come and experience a proven system of combining music, motions, and games, along with the Bible, to help kids successfully memorize Scripture. You are guaranteed to leave with at least 10 proven solutions. Plus we will reveal the “secret sauce,” the utilization of all learning styles resulting in extremely effective teaching results.

Speaker: Jeff McCullough
Category: Make it FUN!

Neighborhood Missions
Do you have a desire to make a lasting impact on your community? In this session, we will explore what makes a lasting impact, how you can build relationships with local elementary schools, and how relationships will pave the way to show love to those in your community with the greatest needs.

Speaker: Patty Rose
Category: Community Impact

Nursery as Ministry: Forget Babysitting! You're Kingdom Building!
Too many people think nursery ministry is just babysitting. But it’s not! You have the opportunity to lay a strong foundation of Biblical truth. Learn how to include short prayers and key foundational Bible truths in your routine; discover how to have a Biblical conversation with babies; and inspire your nursery staff to rethink nursery.

Speaker: Janelle Hoos
Category: Early Childhood Ministry

Preparing for Trauma in Your Ministry
As long as we live in a broken world, our ministries will be impacted by trauma. Come learn from seasoned ministry leaders in this powerful topic!

Speaker: Panel
Category: Kids in Unique Situations

Safe & Secure: Developing Policies and Procedures for Children’s Ministry
Whether new to children’s ministry or a veteran, we all wonder if our ministry is safe enough. In this session, we’ll cover a full scope of policies and procedures—like wellness policy, check-in procedures, bathroom policies, armed intruder procedures, and more—to create the safest environment possible for kids.

Speaker: Matt Morgan
Category: Children’s Ministry 101

Synchronizing Your Ministries
Families are busy and inundated with information. It can feel like we're competing with other voices for their attention; and many times, those voices are the other ministries within our own church! Church ministries need to work together towards a common purpose, instead of pulling families in separate directions. Explore creative ways to synchronize your children's, youth, and adult ministries. Learn how to quiet the calendar and have laser-focus as a ministry team.

Speaker: Emily Snider
Category: Children’s Ministry 201
Understanding Millennial Parents
Millennial parents are vastly different from the generations that have come before them and often have different expectations for their children's Sunday experience. Join Jodie Swee as we take a closer look at who they are, why they are, and how you can learn to work well with them.

Speaker: Jodie Swee  
Category: Lovingly Serving Parents

Write a Bible Lesson Now!
Write a Bible lesson along with a professional writer. Brainstorm and collaboratively write a Bible story as a group. Learn techniques of brainstorming, Biblical research, lesson planning, incorporating object lessons, and document management. Go home with a Bible lesson ready to use and a process to repeat.

Speaker: John Tillman  
Category: Bible Teaching

VBS Worship
Come learn how to create an environment where every child feels comfortable worshipping our creator!

Speaker: Andy Wilson  
Category: Out of the Box

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