



Breakout #1 – 1/17/2018 (10:00 – 11:00 am)

Strengths-Based Leadership

When was the last time you spent time thinking about what you're good at? God has uniquely designed each person to have a role in building His Church. This workshop will focus on knowing and leading with your strengths, managing your weaknesses, and recognizing the unique talents in others.

Speaker: Dr. Deb Moncauskas

Track: Nurturing Healthy Leadership

Marriage as a Deep Breath

As parents of four adopted children, three biological children and a host of foster kids, Beth and her husband Todd have fought for two and a half decades to stay connected in their marriage relationship. Willing to share vulnerably their cautionary tales, and best practices, Beth will address the unique pressures of a family in ministry. This is not for a PG audience, and she will be frank about issues relating to conflict resolution, intimacy and missional marriage.

Speaker: Beth Guckenberger

Track: Abide- Soul Care for the Children's Ministry Leader

Help! I'm a New Kidmin Director

Accepting the role of KidMin Director is a blessing and huge responsibility. In our time together, you will learn how to smoothly transition into your new role and explore ways to help you build a solid foundation for a successful, healthy ministry.

Speaker: Kathie Phillips

Track: Children's Ministry 101 – Foundations for a Sustainable and Healthy Ministry

Family Ministry – It's the Simple Things

Studies show 75% of kids leave the church from 18-29 years old. We may be tempted to ask "What are we doing wrong?" But a better question is "What was happening the 25% stayed?" Learn the 5 factors found in those who stayed connected to Christ after leaving home. Learn practical strategies and enter into season where you can teach this amazing material to your leaders and families.

Speaker: Josh Denhart

Track: Thriving Family Ministry

Reimagine...Reinvent...Revamp Your Children's Ministry

Children can't wait any longer for us to change. While the world around us has changed, our ministries have barely changed at all. Many of our ministries are dangerously outmoded and ill-equipped to reach and disciple Gen Z. It's time to reimagine, reinvent and revamp! Join me for a conversation about practical steps we can take to make our ministries relevant, effective and life-giving.

Speaker: Dale Hudson

Track: What is Next in Children's Ministry

How to Create Policies and Stick to Them

Does your church need policies for your children's ministry? Of course the answer is yes, but creating them and sticking to them is the tough part. Learn how to create policies and practical ideas of making them stick.

Speaker: Michael Summy

Track: Practical Children's Ministry- Tools, Policies and Techniques for Weekly Ministry

Reaching Preteens Within a Children's Ministry

You know that preteens are different than younger kids, so how do you craft a ministry that reaches them in the midst of a children's ministry context? Come hear 5 practical ideas for designing a winning program that reaches preteens specifically, without creating a whole new department.

Speaker: Sean Sweet

Track: Bridge- Effective Tools for Powerful Tween Ministry

You are Not Alone

Join the movement of God empowering women to lean into God's calling for their lives. Is God igniting something in your life that you can't put words to yet? This breakout session will help put a framework around your God-given talents and how they intersect with God's mission in the world.

Speaker: Dr. Lorie Lee

Track: (En)Courage- Women in Ministry Leadership

Worship vs. Entertainment: Developing Passionate Worshippers

Music is a powerful tool that helps connect the head, heart, and body in whole-hearted worship of Jesus. How can we creatively engage kids through musical worship instead of merely entertaining them? Join me to discuss strategies that help develop active, engaged worshippers rather than passive consumers of musical entertainment.

Speaker: Andy Wilson

Track: The Worship Experience

Early Childhood Ministry: Getting Started

Early childhood ministry provides a faithful foundation for little ones and a supportive community for parents. If you're just starting to consider early childhood ministry possibilities, this workshop is for you! Dawn combines foundational understandings of theology and child development with practical strategies that will help you get started.

Speaker: Dawn Rundman

Track: All About Early Childhood Ministry

The Fellowship of the King

Guys in Kidmin are rare. We need to do more than just network, we need a Band of Brothers who will sharpen us, strengthen us and support us as we lead. Guys can feel very alone in kidmin. We need more than just accountability, we need genuine friendships. Come to get some great ideas, leave with a new friend.

Speaker: Karl Bastian

Track: The Men of Children's Ministry

Millennials – Who are They Really?

What if the generalizations you're hearing about Millennials aren't actually representative? Who are the Millennials - really? Come discover who these passionate individuals are, and uncover what is true about how they see the world, react to their world, and want to change their world. Gain insight for what this means for the church today and into the future!

Speaker: Dr. Shelly Melia

Track: Millennials and Ministry

What do Parents REALLY Want?

When we sit around the table at our meetings, do we really consider the stages that families are going through? Together, we will look at the ages and stages of family development and the very different needs and yet very similar desires of parents at each age and stage.

Speaker: Courtney Wilson

Track: Ages and Stages- Understanding the Development of the Family

Rocking Your Next VBS with Streamlined Digital Solutions

In this workshop, you'll see how simple (and free) online tools can help you make a greater impact with your VBS. From planning to promotion, discover how to capture, track, and act on your ministry goals.

Speaker: Michael Covington

Track: VBS Bootcamp- Preparing for Your Best Summer VBS Yet!

Storytelling Pizzazz (and that's not Pizza with extra Zs)

This fast-paced, hands-on class will provide you with a variety of effective Bible storytelling techniques that work for any age and story. Practice using active and interactive education to teach the Bible in ways that kids will listen, remember, and apply. Come ready to have fun and get involved!

Speaker: Gordon and Becki West

Category: Transformational Bible Teaching

Want more from Ministry? Settle for "Nothing Less"

Based on the A.W. Tozer quote, "Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian", this breakout will explore research about biblical literacy being on a steep decline. Learn how we as leaders in KidMin can change this trajectory and see the next generation thrive in God's Word.

Speaker: Jana Magruder

Category: Spiritual Formation

Effective Neighborhood Outreach

Every neighborhood has children not regularly involved in a local church. There is a way to reach them effectively and keep them coming back – Take JESUS to them where they already are! This workshop teaches the specifics of developing and maintaining successful weekly outreaches to children in their own neighborhoods.

Speaker: Kevin Reynolds

Category: Redefining Outreach

No More VolunTEARS

Getting, keeping and growing our volunteers for long term efficient and effective ministry does not happen by accident. In this session we will take a look at how to build a volunteer team that lasts.

Speaker: Craig Jutila

Category: Volunteers

Keep Calm and _____: Helping Kids Cope With Today's Stress and Anxiety

What do kids worry about? Ask them, and their answers may surprise you. According to recent research, stress in kids in our society has had its most significant spike in 10 years. How should the Church respond? Get a glimpse into kids' everyday stressors, and consider practical ways Jesus calms worries and fears. You'll walk away with a better understanding of what kids face and practical tips to help meet them where they are with Jesus steadfast love.

Category: Tough Topics

Intergenerational Ministry that Leads to Multi-Generational Faithfulness

If we desire our faith community to become a family of families, how are we engaging all ages to all be growing, together? Learn how to engage families differently utilizing existing programming in order to build relationships between the generations so that we are growing multiple generations of faith.

Speaker: Nancy Thompson

Category: Intergenerational Ministry

Inclusion Tool Box: Welcoming Children with Varied Abilities

This fast-paced, practical session will be a show and tell of tips to use when including children who may struggle with paying attention, reading, and writing. These easy-to-implement suggestions will empower volunteers and engage your children. Discover information stories, website previews, highlighter tape, parking spots, and much more!

Speaker: Barbara Newman

Category: Special Needs

More Creative Games

More team building, Bible learning, energy burning games! They're easy to coordinate and are perfectly adaptable for any meeting, any lesson, any time! Every game has been tried, tested and given the "Seal of Approval" by kids of all ages!

Speaker: John Tasch

Category: Creativity

Small Church Kidmin

Small budgets, low numbers, limited volunteers ... what is a small church to do?? Using whimsical creativity and thrifty practicality, let's repurpose those treasures hidden in your storage closets, to instill biblical truths in your kids and learn techniques that work for your unique demographics.

Speaker: Leann Woelk

Category: Creativity/ Small Church



Breakout #2 – 1/17/2018 (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

4 Attitudes that Will Transform Your Ministry

Part of this workshop will be "soaking" in the actual words of Philippians. Then we'll look at four transformational attitudes. When we internalize these attitudes - and develop them in our volunteers and students - they will transform your ministry...and you.

Speaker: Keith Ferrin

Track: Nurturing Healthy Leadership

All Who are Weary, Find Rest

Ministry can make us weary and weariness without soul care can lead to burn out. God calls us to something more. Come and let your soul be refreshed as we learn what it means to rest in Him.

Speaker: Melissa J. MacDonald

Track: Abide- Soul Care for the Children's Ministry Leader

Child Safety in Your Ministry

Keeping children safe is a priority for every children's ministry. Learn more about improving child safety with a discussion on being prepared in case of emergency (medical, evacuation, etc.), better utilizing a security team, recognizing and deterring predators, securing your facility, important volunteer policies, and more.

Speaker: Alex Smith and Angela Lewton

Track: Children's Ministry 101 – Foundations for a Sustainable and Healthy Ministry

Family Ministry Pie: Six Models That Will Revolutionize Your Family Ministry

Do you need a fresh take on how to reach all the families God has called you to serve? Come and learn about six different models and create your own unique "Family Ministry Pie": Educational Ministries, Caring Ministries, Parent Equipping, Family of Families, Families in Service and Milestone Ministries.

Speaker: Dr. Denise Kjesbo

Track: Thriving Family Ministry

How to Be Innovative in the Most Important Ways

Do you know what trends actually matter for your ministry? Uncover the most promising areas to innovate as we examine what's changing (and what's not) for classroom formats and curriculum. We'll also take a look at how the latest social media and tech breakthroughs will impact your ministry this year.

Speaker: Michael Covington

Track: What is Next for Children's Ministry

THRIVE: How to Create a Systematic Evaluation Process to Keep Your Ministry Thriving

Evaluation is critical, yet few leaders have a systematic process in place to understand the health of their ministry. (And your ministry's health is so important!) Join us for a framework, including take-away tools, for you to continually and effectively assess the health of your ministry, in order to THRIVE.

Speaker: Greg Baird

Track: Practical Children's Ministry- Tools, Policies and Techniques for Weekly Ministry

Brains on the Verge

Research on brain development during early adolescence shows this is a unique time in human development. Dawn explores how neuroscience helps us understand brain development and faith formation during the preteen and early teen years. The changes she'll describe go far beyond the explanation of "it's just hormones."

Speaker: Dawn Rundman

Track: Bridge- Effective Tools for Powerful Tween Ministry

I AM WOMAN! HEAR ME squeak.

When you are the only woman on staff, finding your voice can be a challenge. Trying to communicate with your male coworkers can leave you dazed and confused! Do you speak up and stand your ground, or stay silent and submit? Let's talk about boundaries, submission, and discovering your role.

Speaker: Robyn Tidrick

Track: (En)Courage- Women in Ministry Leadership

More Than the Children's Message

Throughout worship, there are GOLDEN opportunities to accommodate children beyond the five-minute Children's Message. Join Mark for a hands-on session packed with multi-sensory experiences designed to engage and energize everyone in worship...not just the kids!

Speaker: Mark Burrows

Track: The Worship Experience

Making Early Faith STICK

Statistics regarding healthy and lasting faith are depressing. What can we do to create "sticky faith" in children. Can they have authentic encounters with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? How do we help them chose to follow Jesus?

Speaker: Jean Thomason (aka Miss Patty Cake)

Track: All About Early Childhood Ministry

For Men... Overcoming Darkness

Few things are as destructive in our lives as hidden sin and personal darkness. Jason will share from his own story the dangers of trying to "go it alone" and will provide practical insights for addressing your sin and struggles in ways that can bring hope, freedom, and restoration.

Speaker: Jason Dressel

Track: The Men of Children's Ministry

Millennial Parents of Faith: What You Need to Know

To experience transformation in how we reach the new or young families of faith in our churches, we must understand who these Millennial parents are that we are serving. We will uncover the myths you may be believing, the truths that will change everything, and the practical ways you can connect with Millennial parents of faith this coming weekend.

Speaker: Michayla White

Track: Millennials and Ministry

Why VBS is Essential to Family Ministry

Ever wonder if VBS is still relevant? Do you plan for outreach, but see the same church kids and VBS-hoppers show up? Come discover ways to broaden your VBS vision beyond the status quo to full-blown family ministry.

Speaker: Jana Magruder

Track: VBS Bootcamp- Preparing for Your Best Summer VBS Yet!

Does the Bible REALLY Say That?

How do we handle the Bible? Are there vital practices we cannot ignore as we prepare God's Truth for our children? What are some common mistakes people unknowingly make as they create Bible teachings? Find out what to do, AND how to give children a profound respect for God's Word!

Speaker: Coleen Cotton

Category: Transformational Bible Teaching

Ask Away! Discover the Secret to Asking Questions That Deepen Faith and Builds Relationships

Find the secret to asking good questions that get kids - and their leaders- talking. You'll explore Jesus-style questions that deepen faith and build friendships. And you'll find some answers too! Discover how debrief conversations steer kids toward faith discoveries, and get tips for responding to kids answers. You'll walk away with a REAL understanding of how to engage and grow closer to kids in your ministry.

Category: Spiritual Formation

Mission DNA (Do Not Avoid)

Passion and zeal to reach the lost—only the Holy Spirit could ignite this within a child. But what is your role? How do you coach and pray so students can grasp this? Creative ideas will be demonstrated to help you weave local and global outreach into the DNA of your ministry.

Speaker: Kris Smoll

Category: Redefining Outreach

Developing a Leadership Pipeline

Every volunteer eventually leaves their post. Are you ready to replace them? By developing leaders and implementing a leadership pipeline - the answer to that question can be Yes. Every. Time. Learn pipeline fundamentals and leave with a plan to make it happen.

Speaker: Matt Guevara

Category: Volunteers

Growing Your Ministry Through Student Volunteers

Student Volunteers can add energy and enthusiasm to kids ministry as they are grown into leaders and disciplemakers in the kingdom. Stop telling teens to get off the phone or show up on time, instead come learn how to develop a strategy to best utilize and grow these lively and important volunteers.

Speaker: Kim Botto

Category: Intergenerational Ministry

Special Needs Ministry – Ready? Set? Go!

Kids with special needs are coming, but where do you even begin? Take a breath and join this workshop that will take you step by step on how to put together a plan to minister to kids with special needs.

Speaker: Marie Kuck

Category: Special Needs

HATCH!: Brainstorming Secrets of a Disney Imagineer

Most “brainstorming” isn’t brainstorming. Mostly it’s playful arguing with snacks. Former Disney Imagineer McNair Wilson’s “7 Agreements of Brainstorming” (from his book “HATCH!”) transform teams into a creative force. Seven principles you can implement to design, plan, launch, develop, or solve any challenge—even on a church budget (\$ 0.00). We’ll also tackle roadblocks to being “actively creative”—in ministry and life.

Speaker: C. McNair Wilson

Category: Creativity

Leading Kid’s Ministry in a New Church Start

“Where do I begin?” If you are a part of a new church start that might be a question you find yourself asking. Enter into conversation about the complexities of kid’s ministry in a new church start; beginning from scratch, reaching your community, experimenting and walking in grace.

Speaker: Joanna Cummings

Category: New Church Start



Breakout #3 – 1/17/2018 (2:00 – 3:00 PM)

E3 Leadership

Lead your team to operate at the highest level by using the leadership principles from the book of Ephesians. Discover how leadership and discipleship go hand in hand. Have teams that constantly grow in their own faith while pouring into the lives of the children.

Speaker: Bill Hegedus

Track: Nurturing Healthy Leadership

Building Teams that Go the Distance

This breakout will help you understand the value and benefits of ministry teams. We will explore the attributes of a good team leader and learn how to go about recruiting and building effective teams that provide encouragement and accountability. Discover how to build teams that thrive!

Speaker: Dr. Deb Moncauskas

Track: Children's Ministry 101 – Foundations for a Sustainable and Healthy Ministry

8 Simple Tools to Empower Parents to Connect Church and Home

Learn 8 simple tools that will transform your workload and, more importantly, impact families in your church. God's original plan for discipleship involves the whole family (as stated in Deut. 6) but parents and grandparents often need guidance. Help your team develop a simple plan to effectively make disciples by equipping families by connecting church and home.

Speaker: Ron Hunter

Track: Thriving Family Ministry

What's Next...

INCM has a unique perspective on the landscape of churches, best practices, and resources for Kidmin. Discover trends influencing the future of children's ministry and discuss their impact on your context.

Speaker: Matt Guevara

Track: What is Next for Children's Ministry

Working with Not Enough

Not enough budget? Time? Volunteers? Confidence? We often feel the pressure of not enough in ministry. We see the deficits in our budget, our time, our volunteers, and in ourselves. Out of scarcity can be opportunity for creativity! Let's change our mindset of "not enough" to "what if"!

Speaker: Courtney Wilson

Track: Practical Children's Ministry- Tools, Policies and Techniques for Weekly Ministry

Creating a Culture of "I Must" in Our Preteen Ministries Today

When Jesus was 12 He became separated from His parents during Passover. Oblivious to the fact they were overwhelmed, He responded to their questions with...did you not know?...I Must Be About My Fathers Business! How can we create a ministry culture that pulls out the "I Must" in our kids today?

Speaker: Gregg Johnson

Track: Bridge- Effective Tools for Powerful Tween Ministry

No Excuses

We are created by God for God. As women we need to lead with confidence knowing who grounds us. This seminar is all about empowering us as women to walk forward confidently and without excuse. We are called, let's lead.

Speaker: Melissa J. MacDonald

Track: (En)Courage- Women in Ministry Leadership

Turn Up the Radio: Worship Songs That Work

Researching, listening and picking great songs can be a challenge. Let Yancy's experience do some of that hard work for you. Come and hear some great songs you will want to add to your Kidmin playlist. Yancy will also give insight as to what makes these great song choices.

Speaker: Yancy

Track: The Worship Experience

Babies Are Learning Machines So Let's Teach Them About Jesus

Infants, walkers and toddlers are learning during every waking moment. Whether caregivers are rocking or "off their rockers", they can bring the loving care and story of Jesus to each child. Let's get off our rockers to help our "littles" have a Bible learning adventure, too.

Speaker: Karen Apple

Track: All About Early Childhood Ministry

The Elusive Male Volunteer

Kids need male role models who faithfully point them to Jesus. Explore the latest research on the impact of male leadership spiritual formation of children. Learn seven secrets to creating a male-friendly, high-impact kids' ministry from a 40-year veteran male kidmin volunteer.

Speaker: Dave Thorton

Track: The Men of Children's Ministry

Partnering with Millennial Parents to Grow the Next Generation

Over forty percent of our children's ministries are now full of Millennial Parents. These parents are socially connected digital natives seeking authentic relationships for themselves and their children. Discover how we can partner with them and grow the next generation!

Speaker: Nancy Thompson

Track: Millennials and Ministry

Learning to Swim: Helping Parents Navigate Raising Children in a Technology World

In a world overflowing with technology, many parents feel ill-equipped to teach their kids how to use it wisely. This interactive workshop provides a clear model for helping the parents and leaders in your ministry navigate this crucial subject. It will conclude with Q&A to provide answers for ministry contexts.

Speaker: Jeremy Pettit

Track: Ages and Stages- Understanding the Development of the Family

A Summer They'll Never Forget

Whether it's summer camp, VBS, day camp or any other program - the reality is the summer experience has the potential to have great impact for both kids and volunteers. Come learn the big rocks of making a good summer program, great!

Speaker: Heidi Hensley

Track: VBS Bootcamp- Preparing for Your Best Summer VBS Yet!

Developing Large Group Presenters Who Engage & Inspire Kids (and Volunteers)

God's Story is the most fun and inspiring story of all - so why are kids bored and disengaged at church? Some large group presenters are born, but most need training and development from YOU. Gain ideas on how to identify and train leaders/teachers who kids want to listen to.

Speaker: Kim Botto

Category: Transformational Bible Teaching

God's Job Vs. Our Job in Ministry

The Bible provides a wonderful set of guidelines for how we engage in ministry with God. God has a job. We have a job. Rediscover His role in ministry and the salvation of kids and your role in ministry and the salvation of kids. Be prepared to be challenged and yet filled with 100% peace as you learn/re-learn God's Job and Our Job in ministry.

Speaker: Josh Denhart

Category: Redefining Outreach

You Can WIN at Recruiting Volunteers

Early in my ministry I realized the value of developing a recruiting plan; a system that would produce enough volunteers, allowing me to recruit/focus on my leadership team. Come discover what hundreds of churches (of all sizes) have found to SOLVE the recruiting challenge.

Speaker: Art Murphy

Category: Volunteers

Addressing Emotional Concussions

In our world today many children experience what is known as an emotional concussion. Emotional concussions can be just as lethal, and sometimes even more so, than a physical concussion. Learn how to recognize an emotional concussion and how to treat the children who suffer from this affliction.

Speaker: Linda Ranson Jacobs

Category: Tough Topics

Intentionally Intergenerational

What is your Children's Ministry doing to become intentionally intergenerational? Does the idea of Intergenerational Ministry overwhelm you? No worries! In this breakout session, we'll explore 10 practical and simple ways to encourage Intergenerational Ministry at your church. Every church can become intentionally intergenerational!

Speaker: Tracie Collier

Category: Intergenerational Ministry

From Drudgery to Delight

Are you wearing thin at the edges because of the exhausting demands of corralling kids? Are you tired of trying to recruit grumpy church members to volunteer? Do you have to swing by Starbucks for a double shot of go-go juice to make it through another day of "ministry?" If your answer is yes to any of these questions, please come be a part of this break-out session before you come apart! By focusing on personal spiritual rejuvenation and innovative approaches to share the living hope we have in Jesus, we believe you'll leave this session limping less and recharged for more of what God's called you to!

Speaker: Lisa Harper

Category: Leadership/Spiritual Formation

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Speaker: C. McNair Wilson

Category: Creativity

Permission to Fail

Is failure your personal goal for your next ministry event? No one wants failure as an option, but there is no better way to grow in resilience for our calling. This breakout will explore how we must redefine failure from permanent and ugly to temporary and beautiful. Accept the freedom from perfection and learn how to stay in the ministry marathon.

Speaker: Shelley Henning

Category: Leadership

Pursuing Shalom in a Racially Divided World

What can it look like to pursue shalom in an increasingly racially divided world? How can we engage families when the tragedy of racism is present in our communities? What do we NOT know about how this affects our ministries and the children we serve? Come join this panel for a moderated discussion around the topic of racism, and how this specifically impacts our ministry to kids and families.

Moderator: Dr. Denise Muir-Kjesbo

Category: Tough Topics



Breakout #4 – 1/18/2018 (10:00 – 11:00 AM)

Leading Up and Aligning with your Senior Leaders

When there is unity, God will send a blessing! Get real answers to real questions about how to work best with your senior leadership. You will hear proven tips from someone who has sat on both sides of the desk. Exploring topics like communication, vision, finances and personal life and ending with a Q&A session.

Speaker: Eric Hamp

Track: Nurturing Healthy Leadership

Experiencing Jesus Before Serving Jesus: Finding Personal Rhythm in Ministry

We can't give what we don't have. Join us as we talk honestly and practically through specific personal rhythms for experiencing Jesus in our own lives before serving him in our ministry calling.

Speaker: Lindsey Bush

Track: Abide- Soul Care for the Children's Ministry Leader

How to Create a Schedule That Works for You

Do you have days where you have so much to do you don't know where to start? Weeks that go by and you wonder where the time went? In this breakout, we'll look at practical tips and strategies to help you get more done in less time.

Speaker: Nick Blevins

Track: Children's Ministry 101 – Foundations for a Sustainable and Healthy Ministry

Creative Solutions for Overcoming Common Obstacles to Family Ministry

Family ministry can be overwhelming with all of its specific needs, but it can be done well! Come hear about a successful model of families doing ministry together, and how it can be adapted to fit your specific culture. Bring your obstacles and solutions for a group Q&A time.

Speaker: Sarah Anderson

Track: Thriving Family Ministry

Effective Children's Ministry for the Year 2025

Think about this...the iPhone that billions of people use every day wasn't even a thing 12 years ago! The rapid changes of the previous decade are strong proof that there is more change coming! Join us as we talk about what effective children's ministry might look like in 2025.

Speaker: Matt Morgan

Track: What is Next for Children's Ministry

Help Me! The Kids Are Out of Control!

Stressed out and overwhelmed by unruly, out of control, or disrespectful kids? Fed up and ready to lay down the law to gain control? Wait! There's a better way to discipline children, and it's not about control. It's about cooperation. Through this workshop you'll learn techniques to manage your classroom based on the Golden Rule, create and maintain an age-appropriate environment of cooperation, and establish a cooperation policy to implement in your ministry.

Track: Practical Children's Ministry- Tools, Policies and Techniques for Weekly Ministry

5 Ingredients to Successful Preteen Curriculum

Do you feel like there is a missing “ingredient” in your preteen curriculum? You might be right. It takes all the correct ingredients mixed together to effectively cultivate preteens to love, serve, and walk with the Lord on their own.

Speaker: Sean Sweet

Track: Bridge- Effective Tools for Powerful Tween Ministry

Thriving as a Woman in Ministry

Explore the biblical foundations of women in ministry and gain practical insight into how to not only survive but thrive as a woman in ministry. Come with your questions and share with others who are committed to empowering women to live out their God-given calling.

Speaker: Dr. Denise Muir-Kjesbo

Track: (En)Courage- Women in Ministry Leadership

Little Big Worship: Children's Church for Any Size of Church

Regardless if you are serving 8 or 88 kids on a given Sunday, you *can* offer an age-appropriate, fun and formative time of worship for your young disciples. In this session we will explore some inexpensive and easy to use resources to make this sacred time possible for you and your team.

Speaker: Meg Calvin

Track: The Worship Experience

6 Musts for a Great Nursery

A fantastic nursery is one of the most significant ways to keep young families coming back to your church! Come discover the 6 things every nursery coordinator should know and implement in their ministry.

Speaker: B.A. Snider

Track: All About Early Childhood Ministry

SUIT UP! – How to Get More Men Serving in Your Ministry!

Do you live in a ministry world where you wish more men were serving in your ministry? Join us to discover a strategy of how to recruit men, keep them coming back, and why they can be your biggest ally as you grow your ministry! We will share what we have learned as well as give you practical tools and an action plan!

Speaker: Gary Lindsay and John Garrison

Track: The Men of Children's Ministry

How to Lead when You're the Youngest in the Room

Today, it seems like more and more millennials are taking the reins of leadership in children's ministry. Sometimes this means the new children's leader may, in fact, be the youngest person in the room. In this session, millennial leaders will learn practical wisdom for leading peers of all ages.

Speaker: Mahogany Dudley-Finley

Track: Millennials and Ministry

Releasing Learning Styles to Maximize Ministry

We all know the child who can't sit still, or the one that needs to answer every question. In this breakout you will explore how individuals learn and how best to teach to the various learning styles so that we can reach everyone God gave us to disciple.

Speaker: Dr. Deb Moncauskas

Track: Ages and Stages- Understanding the Development of the Family

Made to Reach Out

What if you could get a head start on your summer program today? Let's take care of your next VBS from start to finish- budget, recruiting, advertising and more. Leave with a PLAN.

Speaker: Trisha Peach

Track: VBS Bootcamp- Preparing for Your Best Summer VBS Yet!

Teaching to Change Lives

Teaching is hard, frustrating, exhausting, beautiful, precious and TRANSFORMATIONAL at the same time. In this breakout session, you will gain new insights into the holistic process of teaching children. You will learn 3 techniques that will change not only the lives of the children you serve but transform YOU in the process!

Speaker: Dr. Lorie Lee

Category: Transformational Bible Teaching

Connecting Kids with God

For too long, we've taught kids about God and haven't connected them with God. Trust your children and their Creator to communicate with one another successfully! Move beyond entertainment to spiritual engagement. Experience child-friendly spiritual practices that you can use at home or church to give kids time with God.

Speaker: Gordon and Becki West

Category: Spiritual Formation

Sports Outreach

So many of the kids in your community are engaged in sports. Come find out some ways to use sports to engage kids around you. From camps to clubs, there are many ways to use a relevant tool to reach out with the love of Christ.

Speaker: Drew Hester

Category: Redefining Outreach

5 Habits of a Relational Leader

What does it look like to relationally lead a group of people? Relational leaders have the unique ability to rally a team around a common vision and moves people closer to each other and the mission. Discover the 5 habits of leaders who are worth following - whether you're new to ministry or a veteran, discover how to move forward as a relational leader.

Speaker: Byron Ragains

Category: Volunteers

Helping Hurting Families

Not every ministry kid we encounter has a fairytale home. In this session we will look at the most common hurts we encounter as a ministry leader, and discover ways we can help as a church, as a leader, and sometimes simply as a friend to the community.

Speaker: Heidi Hensley

Category: Tough Topics

Whose Turn is It?

When it comes to serving in Children's Ministry, some have the mindset that because their children have graduated out of your ministry, they have already "had their turn" serving. But that is precisely why they are so needed! Uncover common excuses people give for not serving in Intergenerational Ministry and how we, as ministry leaders, can encourage service.

Speaker: Tracie Collier

Category: Intergenerational Ministry

Autism Spectrum Disorder: Practical Tool Box for Churches

With 1 in 68 children being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), it is likely that your church already includes someone with ASD. Discover specific ways to identify, interact with, and teach children with ASD. Using six key areas of difference as the framework, leave with a tool box full of new ideas to try starting next week!

Speaker: Barbara Newman

Category: Special Needs

Join the Story: Creative Ideas for Interactive Biblical Storytelling

What's the best way to battle boredom at church? Invite kids 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 kids join the story through this hands-on workshop.

Speaker: David Rausch

Category: Spiritual Formation

The Enneagram and Personal Development

Do you completely understand the unique ways God made YOU to lead and live out your calling? More than just about leading well, this breakout will equip you with the understanding of a tool that will guide you toward personal and collective (team) development. Gain a transformative understanding of your personality type and leadership style.

Speaker: Michayla White and Shelley Henning

Category: Leadership



Breakout #5 – 1/18/2018 (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

Mentoring: Up, Down, and Side by Side

Mentoring is a key component of leadership development. We all need people to walk alongside us as we live out our calling. We will be exploring a mentoring constellation that includes upward (someone investing in you), downward (you investing in someone else) and peer mentoring (companions on the journey).

Speaker: Dr. Denise Muir-Kjesbo

Track: Nurturing Healthy Leadership

Burnt Out, Now What?

Everyone in ministry at some point faces burn out. Prevention is great, but what happens when you cross that line from prevention to reality. Come hear what God has to say when you are already burnt out and where you can go from there.

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Track: Abide- Soul Care for the Children's Ministry Leader

5 Things I Wish Someone Told Me About Children's Ministry Before I Started

Someone once said, "You can't buy experience." However, you can listen to it for an hour! I'm sure we all could have been spared some ministry pain if we had listened to the voice of experience. In this session I will save you some time, tears and a few trials as I share the five things I wish someone told me about Kidmin (or any min for that matter) before I got started.

Speaker: Craig Jutila

Track: Children's Ministry 101 - Foundations for a Sustainable and Healthy Ministry

Worship at Home: Teaching Parents to Be Spiritual Leaders

Parents are the primary influencers of every child's faith journey, but many don't feel equipped and prepared to be spiritual leaders. Learn how you can encourage and empower parents to create moments of worship and discipleship at home and become the leaders God has called them to be.

Speaker: David Ray

Track: Thriving Family Ministry

Discipleship Toolkit

This world is a challenge. As we think about loving on kids let's think about discipling them and giving them tools for doing life in this hard world. Discipleship is all about looking ahead while working on now.

Speaker: Melissa J. MacDonald

Track: What is Next for Children's Ministry

ABC's of Organizing Resources

If you lack the Type A trait, organizing a Sunday School resource room is a challenge. This workshop will give you practical ideas to efficiently access and store your inventory. Learn how to develop a system that equips your volunteers with supplies you already have and stop overbuying!

Speaker: Robyn Tidrick

Track: Practical Children's Ministry- Tools, Policies and Techniques for Weekly Ministry

Digging Deeper: Why Preteen Bible Engagement is Key

What does it really take to see life-transformation? Come learn 7 key principles for reaching preteens and their families as we dig into research and real-life. Walk away with an understanding of why Bible engagement matters—and what you can do to effectively lead your preteens in their walks with God.

Speaker: Michele Baird and Courtney Wilson

Track: Bridge- Effective Tools for Powerful Tween Ministry

The Working Mom Dance: Ministry and Mothering

If you are a mom and work in ministry, then you are doing a dance. It may feel less like dancing and more like stumbling through life, constantly searching for that loaded word - balance. Come discover how to trade two left feet for the grace and sufficiency of Jesus.

Speaker: Jana Magruder

Track: (En)Courage- Women in Ministry Leadership

Engaging Boys During Worship

Many boys endure rather than enjoy Sunday morning worship. This breakout looks at the keys to unlocking, leading and engaging boys in worship, including: 1. Boys are Different (science and behavior / masculine and feminine worship). 2. Ministering to different kinds of boys (Alphas, Followers and Outliers). 3. Creating a culture that ignites and inspires boys.

Speaker: Mark Millard & Steve King

Track: The Worship Experience

Translating Current Early Childhood Education Trends into your Preschool Ministry

What is going on in the world of Early Childhood Education, and how can your preschool ministry benefit from it? This workshop will give an overview of current trends of Early Childhood Education, and the simple ways that you can leverage them to increase the impact of your preschool ministry.

Speaker: Kristin Thompson

Track: All About Early Childhood Ministry

How to Champion Your Female Team Members

Men, are you a champion for your female team members and their leadership? You might think you are, but are you, really? Let's talk through the missteps and the opportunities that exist for men who lead and serve alongside female team members.

Speaker: Nick Blevins

Track: The Men of Children's Ministry

Attracting Millennials to Your Volunteer Team

If you wish Millennials would join your team but don't feel hip enough to recruit them, then this session is for you! We will discuss the unique characteristics of the Millennial generation and how to create opportunities that attract them to serve.

Speaker: Matt Morgan

Track: Millennials and Ministry

Birth to Age 12: A Whirlwind Tour

Review the first 12 years of the lifespan in 55 minutes! Whether you're new to learning about child development or just looking for a quick refresher, this session is for you. Dawn will use research findings and vivid examples to highlight key stages and milestones of physical, cognitive, and socioemotional development. A great accompaniment to other workshops on ages and stages.

Speaker: Dawn Rundman

Track: Ages and Stages- Understanding the Development of the Family

From an Amazing Hello to a Fabulous Follow-Up

The VBS theme and décor are huge and important and time consuming. There is also a tremendous need to focus on creating an environment that welcomes regulars and new comers alike as well as an extremely effective follow up that creates a want to and an excitement for those new comers to come back to your church. Let's talk about how to do just that.

Speaker: Patricia Meyers

Track: VBS Bootcamp- Preparing for Your Best Summer VBS Yet

Communicating the Gospel to the Next Generation

The most important job we have is to communicate the Gospel to our children. In this session, we will explore how to communicate the Gospel effectively no matter what story in the Bible we are teaching.

Speaker: Jason Tilley

Category: Transformational Bible Teaching

Spiritual Gifts Are Not Just for Adults

God has gifted each person with unique gifts and talents that are made for God's glory. As a ministry leader, we have an incredible opportunity to help parents recognize these and foster them in their children with the goal of them finding their place in God's greater story. In this breakout session, you will receive a free resource to help children uncover who God has made them to be.

Speaker: Dr. Lorie Lee

Category: Spiritual Formation

\$0 Outreach Ideas

Why do outreach programs always feel like they require so many resources? Some of the most effective, most meaningful outreach ideas actually do not cost a thing. Come learn some of the most impactful zero-dollar outreach ideas that you can implement as soon as you get home.

Speaker: Michael Sims

Category: Redefining Outreach

Ready to Use Training for Your Volunteers!

You know your volunteers need to be trained to be successful in their roles. Learn how to create training sessions for your leaders and where to find tools that will make your job training leaders more successful! Plus, walk away with at least 2 trainings that are ready to use!

Speaker: Gary Lindsay

Category: Volunteers

Grief and Loss through the Eyes of a Child

All children's ministers need tools to minister to children who are grieving. Children grieve differently than adults and need different types of ministry. This conference will help participants see grief and loss through the eyes of a child.

Speaker: Dr. Shelly Melia

Category: Tough Topics

The Gifts of the Generations

Builders believe in civic duty, Boomers are team oriented, Gen Xers prefer informality, and Millennials celebrate diversity, and when it comes to your children's ministry programs--all are needed to enhance the effectiveness of your volunteer team. This session will spend a little time exploring the gifts of each generation, and a whole lot of time creating your next steps in recruiting and maintaining kidmin volunteers of all ages. "

Speaker: Meg Calvin

Category: Intergenerational Ministry

Equipping and Resourcing Your Team for Ministry to Special Needs Kids

Don't have Special Ed teachers lining up to serve? Come learn how to resource everyday folks that love kids with practical tools that will give them the confidence to minister to kids with all types of special needs.

Speaker: Marie Kuck

Category: Special Needs

The Proof for the Truth

This course provides the tools necessary to engage our culture with the abundant scientific, historical and archaeological evidence that proves God exists and Christianity is true so we don't lose a generation of believers in the near future. All will leave knowing how to communicate the truth to our youth.

Speaker: Alex McElroy

Category: Spiritual Formation

Branding a Christ-Centered KidMin

Why does your children's ministry exist? If everyone on your team isn't sure, it's time for a new direction. In this session, we will look at ministry's unique strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, in making Jesus the center of all you do. We will dream and develop a unique signature for your ministry and help you strategically brand, filter, and cast vision for your ministry. Great for your entire team!

Speaker: Christine Yount Jones and Danielle Bell

Category: Leadership



Breakout #6 – 1/18/2018 (2:00 – 3:00 PM)

Strength-Based Teams

Knowing each other's strengths can offer a glimpse into how we are most productive as a team. God has created each member of your team with unique strengths & placed you together to build His kingdom. This workshop will help you gain a foundational understanding of building strength-based teams.

Speaker: Dr. Deb Moncauskas

Track: Nurturing Healthy Leadership

Recapturing God's Power Source: Embedding Prayer into Our Everyday Ministry

We all know we SHOULD but, realistically speaking, prayer gets the LEAST amount of our time in our ministry schedules. Yet we KNOW the power of prayer in God's economy! So...how do we – practically – embed prayer into more of our day to day ministry? Find out how in this breakout!

Speaker: Coleen Cotton

Track: Abide- Soul Care for the Children's Ministry Leader

Three Thoughts to Totally Transform Your Ministry

We're always looking for the next great idea or program to implement that will help propel our ministries forward. But what if what you're looking for isn't a program, but a thought pattern? This session will equip you with three valuable thought patterns that will totally transform your ministry!

Speaker: Michael Sims

Track: Children's Ministry 101 - Foundations for a Sustainable and Healthy Ministry

Equipping Parents to be Effective Ministers

Every children's minister longs for the partnership of parents to help build the church together. Come discover how to partner with parents without taking their responsibility, help parents understand how to integrate spiritual rhythms into their family life and develop a strategy for changing the lives of children while ministering to the entire family.

Speaker: Gabe Norris

Track: Thriving Family Ministry

Masterful Design! - What Video Games can Teach Us About How to Rethink Kids Ministry

We'll hear from and dive into research from video game designers to rethink how we need to approach ministry to reach today's kids. From your environment, to relationships, we will give you 4 tools to change your ministry!

Speaker: Gary Lindsay and Gloria Lee

Track: What is Next for Children's Ministry

Using Whole Brain Teaching in Your Children's Ministry

Is there a way to keep kids engaged, focused and learning through every minute of your lesson? According to Whole Brain Teaching – yes, by keeping the whole brain engaged. When kids are busy learning, they don't have time to be disruptive. Learn more about this new technique and how to use it

Speaker: Lindsey Whitney

Track: Practical Children's Ministry- Tools, Policies and Techniques for Weekly Ministry

Bridging the Gap between Children's and Youth Ministries

Over 40% of church kids "drop through the cracks" in the transition between children's ministry and youth ministry in our churches. Build strong bridges by unifying your leaders and their philosophies, focusing programming on who these early adolescents (10-14 year olds) really are and what makes them tick!

Speaker: Gordon and Becki West

Track: Bridge- Effective Tools for Powerful Tween Ministry

Don't Leave your Estrogen at the Boardroom Door

Ladies, do you wish you could be bolder and more like the men on your team? Having difficulty relating to or leading the opposite sex in ministry? Let's talk about embracing our "femaleness" while being an amazing and effective leader and awesome teammate to both men and women.

Speaker: Kim Botto

Track: (En)Courage- Women in Ministry Leadership

Children's Ministry Worship Leading: No Strings Attached

What comes to mind when you picture a children's ministry worship leader? A musician who sings and dances? The **person** responsible for playing mp3s during "worship time?" Come explore a model in which worship leaders are selected not for their musical abilities, but for their creativity and leadership skills. Together, let's co-construct a different view of worship leading for children.

Speaker: Brian Friberg

Track: The Worship Experience

The Arts Make Bible Learning Meaningful, Memorable and "MINE"

Music, graphic arts and movement provide multi-sensory learning experiences that help cement Bible truths for concrete thinkers. Together we'll discover the joy of learning the early childhood way.

Speaker: Karen Apple

Track: All About Early Childhood Ministry

Getting Guys to Serve

It's inevitable. You look at your schedule and you need more guys on your volunteer team. But what helps connect men to children's ministry? Discover communication strategies, recruiting hacks, and retention tactics to get and keep more guys on your team.

Speaker: Matt Guevara

Track: The Men of Children's Ministry

Leading and Unleashing Millennials

What if you had an inspiring and energetic group of leaders ready to be unleashed in your ministry? The Millennials in your church (and maybe even on your team) are ready to lead and contribute. Discover the unique opportunities that come with managing Millennial ministry leaders, and gain practical tools for unleashing them to take things to the next level.

Speaker: Michayla White

Track: Millennials and Ministry

Demystifying the Bible for Families

Families may want to dig into God's Word, but let's face it, the Bible can be a little intimidating. How can this ancient text really permeate family life today - especially if it is new to parents, too? Discover practical tools to fuel Bible discovery in everyday family life. From bedtime storybooks to carpool playlists, we have simple ideas to help take away fear and make the Bible your friend.

Track: Ages and Stages- Understanding the Development of the Family

Recruiting for Your Summer Program (And Beyond!)

Recruiting for summer programs can be a daunting task. Let's break it down into: • How to recruit them • How to understand them and care for them • How to appreciate them • How to turn (at least some of) them into regular members of your team There are many points for each of these categories. We will get you some serious take aways you can put into practice for your next event.

Speaker: Patricia Meyers

Track: VBS Bootcamp- Preparing for Your Best Summer VBS Yet

Creative Illustrated 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: Transformational Bible Teaching

Testament

The Bible isn't just about what happened to people centuries ago. It's about us today. Testament is equal parts Bible journaling, sacred sketching, and holy conversation. It's a safe environment for children to learn Scripture, explore faith, and ask hard questions.

Speaker: Mark Burrows

Category: Spiritual Formation

Reaching the Kids Who Will Never Come to Church

We say we love children, but do we love ALL of them? What about the children that will never walk through our doors to see our amazing environments or experience our incredible programs? How do we reach the kids whose parents will never bring them to church? We know Jesus died for them too - so how do we reach them? Come prepared to be both challenged and inspired to try something new!

Speaker: Karl Bastian

Category: Redefining Outreach

The Enneagram and Volunteer Development

Is every relationship on your volunteer team filled with love and harmony? Developing an understanding of how God uniquely created those you serve with can transform the way you interact. This breakout will give you a tool to help strengthen relationships and develop healthy communication with your volunteers.

Speaker: Shelley Henning

Category: Volunteers

Leading Well Through Difficult Conversations

As ministry leaders, we have difficult conversations regularly. From asking leaders to step down, to disagreement on a controversial topic, to fighting for unity and more. How can we be loving, caring, wise, bold, courageous, and clear all at the same time?

Speaker: Nick Blevins

Category: Tough Topics

Keys for a Dynamic Intergenerational Ministry

Learn how to have an intentional ministry that involves every generation. Discover strategies that use the strengths, knowledge, and experiences from one generation to the disciple the next. Also, practical steps you can use to foster relationships and spiritual growth across every generation.

Speaker: Bill Hegedus

Category: Intergenerational Ministry

Special Needs Strategies for the Small to Mid-Size Children's Ministry

It's no secret that special needs children can present a unique challenge in any Children's Ministry program. Developing an effective strategy will ensure needs are met without overwhelming already stretched resources. Attendees will learn how to evaluate, cast vision and develop a strategy for these unique ministry opportunities.

Speaker: Kevin and Liz Reynolds

Category: Special Needs

Breaking the Kidmin Commandments

Do you ever feel like the rules make things harder? Like this 'thing you do for God' has become harder than it should be? It's time to reexamine the rules and, in light of Scripture, consider breaking some Kidmin commandments.

Speaker: Tim Cleary

Category: Leadership

The Gospel in Every Spiritual Marker

There are many spiritual markers that dot the timeline during the 18 years a child is in the family's immediate care. Let's discover how to be intentional about applying a Gospel-centered approach during special times from birth to high school graduation.

Speaker: Christine Yount Jones and Danielle Bell

Category: Spiritual Formation