



Breakout List With Descriptions

Below you will find the comprehensive list of CPC23 Breakouts by hour with descriptions.

Note: The “**Learning Level**” is meant to give you a sense of the leader that would benefit most from the way the content will be presented in the breakout according to his/her experience level in Children’s Ministry. **This is meant only to be a loose reference point** and does not dictate that only leaders with the listed experience level(s) would benefit from the breakout.

Key: *Establishing* 0-5 years, *Developing* 5-15 years, *Advancing* 15-25 years, *Championing* 25+ years

Breakout 1 | Tuesday, January 10 | 10:50am-11:50am EST

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini Course 1 - New to Children’s Ministry

Title: New to Children’s Ministry 101: Identifying vision, mission, purpose, and core values

Speaker: Dr. Chris Corbett

Description: In the first session of this course, you will gain knowledge in your understanding of foundational principles for your leadership that will give you direction and purpose in ministry. You will be equipped with tools for identifying mission, purpose, and core values.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 2 - Pastoral Care of Parents and Families

Title: Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 101: Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Description: Asexual, Bisexual, Pan-sexual, Transgender, Non-Binary, and more. Our culture currently recognizes 76 different types of sexuality with six different forms of attraction and many more niche and specific identities being carved out. Learning how to navigate this reality as a Children’s Ministry leader starts with gaining an awareness of the common terms and language associated with these identities. In the first session of this course, grow in your knowledge of LGBTQ+ terms and language. This knowledge ultimately becomes the basis for productive conversations that lead to effective ministry to families dealing with the complexities of gender identity.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 3 - Seasoned Leaders

Title: Seasoned Leaders Mini-Course 101: Stewarding Your Mission Through Evaluation

Speakers: Teresa and Tim Huddleston

Description: In the first session of this course, you will gain clarity by evaluating your mission and vision. You will receive tools to help you strategically walk through how your mission is currently manifesting through your leadership, and learn how to recalibrate if needed.

Learning Level: *Championing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 4 - Ministry Administration

Title: Effective Children's Ministry Administration 101: Foundations for Effective Children's Ministry Administration Part 1

Speaker: Vance Martin

Description: In this first session of the course, you will explore a foundational administrative framework called the Progress Spiral. This framework is a system to help you continue the movement forward of your ministry and administrate what has been entrusted to you. You will be equipped with the tools to get your administrative processes moving.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 1

Title: Tools for Finding Purpose in Leadership Pain

Speaker: Preston Plentl

Description: Pain isn't asked for, but inevitable when leading in ministry. During this breakout, discover two key tools to help identify and find purpose in leadership pain. First, we'll remember that we are not alone. Second, we'll discuss how pain can be purposeful rather than paralyzing. Come and be encouraged to boldly press ahead into the next season God has called you to.

Learning Level: *Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 2

Title: Working and Winning With the Senior Pastor

Speaker: Kevin Glenn

Description: The relationship between children's ministers and senior pastors can be challenging. Children's ministers report a lack of support, understanding, and concern from the pastor while pastors are often concerned with program effectiveness, alignment with church direction, and staff competency. What if the key to navigating what each needs from each other lies in understanding what each can do for each other? This session shares tips, practices, and ideas for healthy interdependent relationships.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership

Title: 3 Essentials for Building a Healthy Children's Ministry (presented in Spanish)

Speakers: Ana Zugheri and Marta Cortez

Description: The mark of a thriving Children's Ministry stems from healthy foundational practices. However, it can be challenging to know specific areas to focus on. In this breakout, come and learn some of the fundamental pillars to build your ministry. Discover 3 essential practices that will help you create a lasting and healthy ministry.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 1

Title: Creating a Vibrant Volunteer Team

Speakers: Hugo and Michelle Montes

Description: Vibrant is defined as full of energy and excitement. Does that definition describe your current team of volunteers week in and week out? Come learn practical ways that your volunteer team members can be educated, encouraged, and empowered to “bring it” every time they minister to kids. This breakout will teach you tried-and-true easy to replicate principles for creating volunteer teammates who are consistently full of energy and excitement.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 2

Title: Recruiting Volunteers in a Post-Pandemic World

Speaker: Josh Denhart

Description: The rules have changed post-pandemic when it comes to volunteers. Those recruiting tactics that used to work simply do not bear fruit now. You are NOT alone. Learn deeply practical strategies for how to rethink recruiting volunteers. This breakout is for new and seasoned leaders looking for fresh hope. You will walk away with a plan to recruit!

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 1

Title: Choosing the Best Curriculum for Your Ministry

Speakers: Gary Lindsey and Gloria Lee

Description: Do you ever get overwhelmed by all the curriculum options out there? What works best for a church down the street (or on social media) may not be the best option for you. Find out from pastors in the trenches ways to apply your ministry philosophy and vision to help you choose the curriculum that best meets your needs.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: 3 Key Elements for an Effective Children's Ministry

Speaker: Dr. Shelly Melia

Description: Are you new to children's ministry and trying to navigate how to determine your philosophy of ministry while trying to keep the ship afloat? Sometimes we need to take a step back and look at the big picture of what we are trying to accomplish. This breakout will focus on three foundational concepts in leading an effective children's ministry.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Intentionally Together: Intergenerational Ministry and a Communal Approach to Faith Formation

Speakers: Lindsey Goetz, Meredith Broward, Dr. Mimi Larsen and Jeannie Kim

Description: This session focuses on what intergenerational ministry is and how it impacts a child's faith formation. By utilizing a panel of three experienced and different ministry leaders (all graduate students at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) and hosted by Dr. Mimi Larson, participants will capture a vision for the different ways churches can engage a communal approach to faith formation where children both receive and give as the community is formed in Christ together.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: What Kids Wish You Knew About Kids

Speaker: Melissa J. MacDonald

Description: Have you ever wondered what kids are asking God for, wondered what they really believe to be true about God, or wondered what they're actually thinking? Come take a peek inside the mind of a kid. Using handwritten notes that kids have written to God, interviews, real-life examples, and stories that will leave you wanting more, this breakout will inspire you and help give you a framework for tailoring the discipleship of the kids in your ministry. Walk away knowing what kids wish you knew about kids.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Defining Discipleship: Practical Models For Your Church

Speaker: Gordon West

Description: Discipleship includes elements of learning, mentoring, and community, but we need to look to Scripture to discover the unique way these elements are woven together. In this interactive breakout, we will explore Scripture and discover together what discipleship looks like. Then, you will use this biblical model of discipleship to build a practical model that fits your unique church family.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 2

Title: How to Do More Than Just Manage Behavior

Speaker: Victoria White

Description: Are you tired of trying to manage unruly behaviors? Do you want to think about ways to disciple kids without constantly disciplining them? During this breakout, attendees will look at strategies from education and restorative practices (and understand what that means!) to inform our interactions with kids proactively so that everyone will thrive.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 3

Title: Gender-Specific Ministry Matters

Speakers: Cindy Bultema and Adam Sculnick

Description: There's great value in mixed-gender children's ministry, but nothing compares to the life transformation that takes place when girls and boys are nurtured by women and men in mentoring relationships. Creating a welcoming, safe, and fun environment is key for both girls and boys to know they belong, they are loved and that it's ok to be who God made them to be. Discover how you can easily and effectively strengthen mentoring relationships within your programs for girls and for boys and help them ground their identity in The King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 1

Title: Teaching Parents to be Spiritual Leaders in Their Homes

Speakers: Lena and Josh Wooten

Description: Parents are the greatest influencers in their children's lives. But many do not feel equipped to lead their children spiritually. In this session, you will walk away with tools that will equip and teach parents to lead their children and be the primary disciple makers in their home.

Learning Level: Establishing/Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 2

Title: 5 Ways to Help Parents Win

Speaker: Dr. Ron Hunter

Description: Come participate in this lab-like experience of ways to help the parents of your kids be more engaged. We will role-play various scenarios and show easy wins for parents to connect with their kids. Parents do only what they know to do, but you can show them how to make a real difference with minimal effort. To truly help your ministry to kids, it is time to minister to their parents, even if they are not in church. Come experience five ways to train your parents how to parent from a discipleship perspective.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path:Category Path

Focus: Outreach 1

Title: Leaving the 99: Putting the GO in GOspel

Speaker: Deborah Addington

Description: Jesus said, "Go into all of the world and preach the Gospel." As children's ministry leaders, we understand the importance of reaching the unreached children of our communities. But how? We have to be intentional, creative, and we have to go! In this breakout, hear ideas that have been a huge success, share what you have done, and find inspiration for how you can GO!

Learning Level: Establishing/Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 2

Title: Engaging Kids in a Post-Christian World

Speaker: Jana Magruder

Description: For decades the Church has engaged the culture assuming some fundamental understanding of God, the Bible, and church. In today's post-Christian world, that can no longer be assumed. So how do you engage a generation of kids where many truths and stories in scripture are unknown and the very fabric of what they believe to be true in the world is antithetical to Christian teachings? It all begins in Children's Ministry.

Learning Level: All Levels

Breakout 2 | Tuesday, January 10 | 2:00pm-3:00pm EST

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 1 - New to CM

Title: New to Children's Ministry 102: Building Healthy Teams Part 1

Speaker: Dr. Chris Corbett

Description: We believe ministry happens best in relationships. In the second and third sessions of this course, you will gain insight into the most important relationships you have as a new leader, which are the relationships you have with your teams. You will be equipped with tools and strategies to build healthy teams that will advance your ministry and discipleship of kids and families, forward.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 2 - Pastoral Care of Parents and Families

Title: Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 102: Guided Q&A based on Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Description: The second session of this course is a follow-up Q&A session to the first session of this course: Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini Course 3 - Seasoned Leaders

Title: Seasoned Leaders Mini-Course 102: Stewarding Your Mission Through Innovation

Speakers: Teresa and Tim Huddleston, Gloria Lee

Description: Innovation is crucial to your continued success in ministry. For this second session, you will explore fresh ways of thinking about your role, using your gifts, and implementing discipleship strategies. You will gain perspective by learning from others with a guided Q & A.

Learning Level: *Championing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini Course 4 - Ministry Administration

Title: Effective Children's Ministry Administration 102: Transformative Administrative Practices Part 2

Speaker: Vance Martin

Description: In this second session of the course, you will explore practices that will help you gain momentum and increase the effectiveness of your ministry administration. You will be equipped in the areas of self-leadership, team leadership, communication strategies and rhythms, and leading change. **Learning**

Level: *Establishing/Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership

Title: Allowing Scripture to Influence and Transform Your Leadership

Speaker: Mahogany Dudley-Finley

Description: As leaders, we know we are supposed to read and internalize God's Word. It's how we know God and how, through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into the likeness of Christ. However, sometimes it feels like we don't always see the fruit of that transformation in one another. At times it can feel like, as a leadership community in the Church, what we know to be true about how we should treat one another, how we should resolve conflict, and how we should show up as representatives of Jesus does not ring true in our day to day interactions. This undoubtedly reflects how we champion the discipleship of kids and families. In this breakout, you will gain perspective and practical wisdom on how to lead in your ministry space, genuinely transformed by the Word of God, and inspire those you influence to do the same.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 1

Title: Punch First: Practical Tools To Engage In Spiritual Warfare

Speaker: Beth Guckenberger

Description: Beth will share in plainspoken language biblical insights and personal stories around the topic of spiritual warfare. How do we protect ourselves? Our ministries? Our families? What tools do we have? A quarter of everything Jesus spoke about was regarding a world we cannot see with our eyes, it was important to Him we were informed and equipped. Learn how to right-size the enemy and actively engage in this fight! **Learning**

Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 2

Title: Theology-Informed Children's Ministry

Speaker: Dr. Mimi Larsen

Description: Good practice should always flow from good theology. What is it that you believe about ministry with children? What inspires your work and efforts? Join Dr. Mimi Larson as we explore why ministry with children is an essential task of the church and why a comprehensive theology for children's ministry is important. **Learning**

Level: Establishing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 1

Title: Designing Your Volunteer Recruitment Plan

Speaker: Jason Tilley

Description: Great next-generation ministries need great volunteers. To get those volunteers, you must have a regular recruiting schedule. Too often, the day-to-day tasks of ministry can prevent you from having the margin to think about recruiting. You're left with outdated methods, many of which don't have a good return. In this breakout, we'll work together to create an actionable, adjustable, and practical volunteer recruiting plan you can use for years to come.

Learning Level: Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 2

Title: Confessions of a Volunteer: What Your Team Needs From You

Speaker: Charity Kauffman

Description: What are your volunteer team members not telling you? Let's put ourselves in volunteers' shoes and consider what they need most from our leadership. We'll explore how to set volunteers up for success, communicate effectively, and truly value people for who they are rather than what they do. Plus, results from an exclusive childrensministry.com volunteer survey will debunk our commonly held assumptions. **Learning**

Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 1

Title: Relevant Policies and Procedures for Your Children's Ministry

Speaker: Heidi Hensley

Description: As the world continues to change, it is imperative that Children's Ministries are equipped with policies and procedures that make sense for kids and families right now. When is the last time you evaluated your policies and procedures with a critical eye? Are you confident that your processes meet the needs of your ministry? In this breakout, you will be equipped with practical strategies to help you evaluate your current policies in light of the realities of the current culture. You will also explore new policies and procedures you may not have considered adding to your ministry's operations. This breakout is for leaders who are already familiar with the basics of creating and maintaining policies and procedures and are looking to take their competency in this area to the next level.

Learning Level: Advancing/Championing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Keys to Successful Multi-site Ministry

Speaker: Andrae Jones

Description: Leading a unified children's ministry across multiple campuses is no small task. There are complexities to volunteer leadership and development, building relationships with families, and alignment with the campus pastor that are different from ministries with one campus. In this breakout gain practical insight and strategy for the key foundational components for multi-site ministry. Leave ready to take next steps in those key areas to improve the overall effectiveness and unity in children's ministry across your campuses. **Learning**

Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Launching a Special Needs Ministry

Speaker: Meaghan Wall

Description: You feel called to start a Special Needs Ministry...but where do you start? It might seem overwhelming but it doesn't have to be. During this breakout, we will focus on simple steps you can take right now for a Special Needs Ministry that fits within the culture of your church. We'll start at the beginning and give you the basics...everything from creating a culture of inclusiveness to recruiting volunteers. Join us to find a sustainable and simple plan for launching a Special Needs Ministry.

Learning Level: Developing/Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: I'm a Child: Help Me Read the Bible!

Speaker: Rick Otto

Description: Imagine enabling children to create a place of silence in a busy, noisy world where they can hear God speak through His Word. In this breakout, we will discover easy steps to help Children go deeper into their bibles and learn to read and understand for themselves.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Connect the Dots: Why Relationships Matter in Children's Ministry

Speaker: Dr. Shelly Melia

Description: Relationships and connections are the secret sauce to a thriving children's ministry. However, children today have a deficit in relationships. This breakout will focus on emerging research about the connection between the brain and relationships. In addition, attendees will learn and discuss practical suggestions for a more relationally rich environment in children's ministry.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 2

Title: Responding to Challenging Behaviors

Speaker: Kim Botto

Description: Do you have kids in your ministry who have challenging behaviors that frustrate even your most experienced volunteers? Want to be more like Jesus in your response and be able to offer your leaders some proven and practical ideas to respond? Learn techniques you can use this weekend in your kids ministry that will increase connection and create safe environments for all kids to know Jesus and grow in their faith. **Learning**

Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 3

Title: Modeling the Gospel to Our Littlest Ones

Speaker: B.A. Snider

Description: It can be tempting to underestimate the significance of our nursery and early childhood ministries. After all, they are so little! What will they really learn? This practical breakout will stir up your vision for the message of the gospel and give you tools that you can apply immediately with the littlest ones in your ministry.

Learning Level: Establishing/Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 1

Title: Family Ministry: A Holistic Approach

Speaker: Kathleen Jaoudi

Description: In this breakout, we will look at a vision for Family Ministry that permeates throughout the entire church. We will talk through multiple models of family ministry, and why each one is an important piece of the puzzle when putting together your family ministry. Come ready to brainstorm new ideas to start your family ministry or take your family ministry to the next level!

Learning Level: Establishing/Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 2

Title: Creating Connection and Community for All Families

Speaker: Crystal Mazzuca

Description: Both traditional and non-traditional families can find it overwhelming and intimidating when it comes to building community. Through intentional connection with both kids and their adults, adjustment to our language and expectations, and training for our volunteers, we can help all families feel welcomed, supported, and find a place to belong. Crystal is a single parent herself and speaks firsthand about what families are looking for when they walk through your doors.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 1

Title: 5 Questions to Ask When Choosing a VBS

Speaker: Amy Outler

Description: Dive into the top five criteria you can use when choosing a VBS theme and apply them to your unique situation in this hands-on training. Leave with a list of your “non-negotiables” for a VBS program, plus benefit from a free VBS Planner Pack with great tips for getting started on VBS planning before you choose a theme. The breakout will end with a Q&A, perfect for new directors in need of guidance.

Learning Level: Developing/Establishing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 2

Title: Refreshing Your Perspective on Multicultural Discipleship

Speaker: Luz Figueroa

Description: Refreshing Your Perspective on Multicultural Discipleship Description: Are you purposefully encouraging intergenerational discipleship within multicultural families? What if you can be doing this by respecting each other’s culture, including your own? In this session, we will unpack a clear gospel centered framework for multicultural ministry and how to invite others to the table. We will dive into practical ideas as well as get an update on current data and best practices for your multicultural ministry.

Learning Level: All Levels

Breakout 3 | Wednesday, January 11 | 10:50am-11:50am EST

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 1 - New to Children’s Ministry

Title: New to Children's Ministry 104: Communicating Biblical Truth

Speaker: Caiti Corbet Salmon

Description: In the fourth session of this course, your cohort will discover and examine ways to effectively approach and communicate the big God story. You will gain confidence in your ability to teach scripture to children.

Learning Level: Establishing

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini Course 2 - Pastoral Care of Parents and Families

Title: Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 103: How to Support Non-Traditional Family Systems in the Church

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Description: In this third session of the course, gain helpful insights into the uniquenesses of non-traditional family systems. You will be equipped to communicate with, minister to, and support these families in your role as a children's pastor.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini Course 3 - Seasoned Leaders

Title: Seasoned Leaders Mini-Course 103: Stewarding Your Influence Through Mentoring

Speakers: Teresa and Tim Huddleston, Gloria Lee

Description: In this third session of the course, grow in your confidence and perspectives of mentorship both from the perspective of a mentee and a mentor. You will also discover approachable strategies to launch and/or strengthen current mentoring relationships.

Learning Level: *Championing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini Course 4 - Ministry Administration

Title: Effective Children's Ministry Administration 103: Transformative Administrative Tools and Skills Part 3

Speaker: Vance Martin

Description: In the third and fourth sessions of the course, you will discover powerful tools that will help you better lead and evaluate projects and set goals. You will be equipped with practical skills that are meant to share with others on your team.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 1

Title: Finishing Well: Untangling Vocation and Leadership Identity

Speaker: Tom Bump

Description: This breakout is geared for seasoned leaders who have at least 10 years experience. Every leader faces changing seasons or transitions in ministry. Sometimes our leadership identity becomes entangled with our vocation and it becomes a battle to untangle. We will explore several principles from scripture to help navigate these challenging seasons. What will it take to finish well?

Learning Level: *Advancing/Championing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 2

Title: Back to the Basics for Every Teacher

Speaker: Jeremy Spicer

Description: Whether you lead large groups or small groups, teach preschoolers or tweens, getting back to the basics is key! In this breakout we will get back to the basics and look at practical skills every teacher should know. We will discuss the do's and don'ts of lesson preparation, delivery techniques, timing, movement, and flow.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 1

Title: Tough Talks with Volunteers

Speaker: Kristi McElheney

Description: In ministry, one of our greatest assets are our volunteers. Just like us, however, volunteers are imperfect people, and imperfect people need shepherding. Sometimes that includes difficult conversations. We read in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that Scripture is "God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." In this breakout, we'll look at ways to thoroughly equip volunteers "for every good work" with grace and honor.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 2

Title: Creating a Dream Team: Volunteers Who Lead Like Staff

Speaker: Nick Blevins

Description: How can you serve twice as many families without twice as many staff? How can you recruit more volunteers and reach more families? A big part of the answer to those questions is in creating a team of volunteers who lead like staff. In this breakout, we'll look at how to do just that.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 1

Title: Mastering the Google Drive Suite

Speaker: Kathleen Jaoudi

Description: Ready to gain more knowledge of the Google Drive Suite (or "G-Suite")? Bring your computer to this workshop as we look at the new and exciting ways you can use Google Docs, Spreadsheets, Slides, and Forms to take your ministry and admin work to the next level!

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Developing a Digital Ministry Strategy

Speaker: Brittany Nelson

Description: The digital world is here to stay and it gives us another tool in our toolbox for reaching the next generation. In this breakout, we'll discover ways to incorporate digital ministry into our current discipleship strategy - and it's easier than you think! We'll discuss ways you might already be using digital tools in your ministry and explore how we can use them more intentionally and effectively.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Reinventing Baby Dedication

Speaker: Kenny Conley

Description: Child Dedication has been a long observed ritual that runs the risk of being irrelevant and unimportant to younger generations of parents. Perhaps it's time to rethink and reinvent this beautiful experience. Learn how to recreate Baby Dedication into a sincere experience for young families that put parents in the driver's seat of their child's discipleship journey with a map for what's coming next!

Learning Level: *Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach

Title: Keys to Building a Thriving Children's Ministry for the Future

Speaker: Amy Fenton

Description: What does the future of Kids Ministry look like and how can your church be prepared? While we cannot know exactly what the future holds (hello 2020) we can structure our ministries to thrive no matter the circumstances. In this breakout we will talk about how to prioritize what happens weekly in your ministry and how small can actually be big when planning for the future.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Let's Talk Identity: Naming Tensions in the Conversation

Speaker: Christie Worden

Description: The word "identity" is important and relevant. What does Scripture say about our identity? How does our family story, our culture, and our life experience impact how we see ourselves? Let's take a look at how finding our identity in Jesus as a child of God and image bearer resolves some of the significant tensions our kids are experiencing around identity today.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Leading Children to Spiritual Maturity

Speaker: Coleen Cotton

Description: In an effort to help children understand the Word of God, children's ministries, at times, underestimate the spiritual depth children are able to explore. The truth is, many children hunger to know God deeply and as those who champion their discipleship, we can lead them there. However, it can be hard to discern what that looks like or even identify if a child is growing into spiritual maturity. In this breakout, you will explore strategies to expand and deepen your vision for unpacking more complex Biblical truths and spiritual practices as you disciple children. You will also gain practical strategies and guardrails for your next steps.

Learning Level: Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 2

Title: Reaching & Teaching Kids Who Have Experienced Trauma

Speaker: Dr. Robert Crosby and Kayla Smith

Description: Childhood trauma affects the brain in ways that make it difficult for kids to control their minds, bodies, and emotions. They tend to get in trouble and do poorly in school. But it doesn't have to be that way at church. In this breakout, you will learn how to create a safe, supportive learning community. We will also present teaching strategies that reduce behavior problems, increase engagement, and give struggling kids a chance to succeed.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 3

Title: Giving Your Preteens Power: Flipping the Traditional Structure

Speaker: Sean Sweet

Description: What would it look like to flip the power dynamics so that your preteens were in charge? What if THEY took over small groups, planned your next event, and had control in THEIR ministry? Would you have chaos or focus? Laidback coasting or passionate driven mission? Come and hear the results! **Learning**

Level: Developing/Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 1

Title: Reaching the Inconsistent Family

Speaker: Crystal Mazzuca

Description: Between sports, divorce, and our busy culture, gone are the days when every family is at church every Sunday. How do we keep these kids connected, engaged, and growing? More than that - how do we encourage their families to prioritize discipleship at home during busy and difficult seasons? Come gain insight into what these families really need and get practical tools for reaching and encouraging them right where they are.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 2

Title: Equipping Parents to Navigate Technology and Their Kids

Speaker: Ela Hammond

Description: Technology surrounds us and our children. Today's parents need to have smart strategies in place to manage the use of phones, video games, social media, and more. Come learn how to host an effective Parent Workshop where you equip parents in five different areas of technology. Parents in your ministry will thank you!

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 1

Title: Establishing a Strong Partnership Between Church and School

Speaker: Becky Rydman

Description: Churches partnering with schools is one of the most effective ways to reach and bless a community. Trust is built, relationships flourish, and opportunities for kingdom growth emerge. The phrase 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care' is true! This breakout will inspire and equip you with proven strategies towards launching a successful church/school partnership in your community.

Learning Level: Developing/Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 2

Title: Incorporating the Culture of Jesus in Children's Ministry Part 1

Speaker: Petra Scott

Description: The desire to understand the ways current culture influences how we lead children's ministry has intensified in recent times. This is particularly the case as it relates to the topics of Kingdom unity, diversity, and racial reconciliation. What if the best way to gain confidence and clarity in this is to place emphasis on the culture of the Kingdom we are part of and the King we serve? What could it look like for us to allow Jesus' culture as a Jewish man to totally influence how we approach discipleship of children? In part 1 of this 2-part breakout, you will explore the connections between the culture and humanity of Jesus and the discussion of unity, diversity, and reconciliation. Leave this session with a refreshing perspective of the "culture" conversation and how it informs our ministry to children.

Learning Level: All Levels

Breakout 4 | Wednesday, January 11 | 2:00pm-3:00pm EST

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 1 - New to Children's Ministry

Title: New to Children's Ministry 103: Building Healthy Teams Part 2

Speaker: Gary Lindsay

Description: We believe ministry happens best in relationships. In the second and third sessions of this course, you will gain insight into the most important relationships you have as a new leader, which are the relationships you have with your teams. You will be equipped with tools and strategies to build healthy teams that will advance your ministry and discipleship of kids and families, forward.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 2 - Pastoral Care of Parents and Families

Title: Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 104: How to Help Parents Feel Supported as they Navigate Anxiety and Grief

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Description: Grief and anxiety affect children as well as adults. In the fourth session of this course, you will be equipped to support parents as they help their children navigate through difficult times. You will explore practical and approachable ways you can help support and encourage these families in your role as a children's pastor.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 3 - Seasoned Leaders

Title: Seasoned Leaders Mini-Course 104: Stewarding Your Legacy Through Succession Planning

Speakers: Teresa and Tim Huddleston, Gloria Lee, Sean Sweet

Description: The day will come when it is time to pass the baton on to your successor. In this final session, you will strategies to identify, develop, and release the individual who will succeed you in leadership. **Learning**

Level: *Championing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 4 - Ministry Administration

Title: Effective Children's Ministry Administration 103: Transformative Administrative Tools and Skills Part 4

Speaker: Vance Martin

Description: In the third and fourth sessions of the course, you will discover powerful tools that will help you better lead and evaluate projects and set goals. You will be equipped with practical skills that are meant to share with others on your team.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 1

Title: The Long Haul: 5 Strategies to Avoid Burnout

Speaker: Dr. Trisha Peach

Description: Dr. Peach shares from her doctoral research on why leaders burn out and leave ministry. How bad is this problem, really? Know the five signs of leader burnout and learn the five strategies for staying in ministry for the long term!

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 2

Title: Training and Techniques to Care for Your Voice

Speaker: Christen Clark

Description: Whether you are a worship leader, story teller, or speaker, your voice is one of your most important tools. If you have ever lost your voice before Sunday morning, you know this is true! Obviously it is important to keep your voice healthy and strong and help your teams do the same. In this breakout, we will learn about vocal health, techniques for singing and speaking, and the importance of preparation.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 1

Title: Hiring an Assistant for \$25: Utilizing Technology in Children's Ministry

Speaker: Matthew Haines

Description: Smart homes have transformed the way families operate in the past decade. Shopping lists, schedules, streamable content, and security are all at our fingertips and often voice-activated. What could change the about the way we empower volunteers and organize our ministries if we could take those same concepts to build operational strategies? What if we could utilize simple, inexpensive technology to streamline communication all while enhancing the experience for kids? In this session, you will explore a fresh strategy for empowering volunteers, communicating, and streamlining your operations. Leave with practical next steps for budgeting and collaborating with leadership to execute this strategy.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 2

Title: Creating and Sustaining Your Volunteer Leadership Pipeline

Speaker: Heather Eichler

Description: Gaining new volunteers is always a good thing. It's even better if they decide to serve for a long period of time on your team. However, you are in jeopardy of not maximizing the potential of the people God places in your care if you do not have a sustainable system for developing them into the next leaders in your children's ministry. You may also hinder the momentum of growth for your team. In this breakout, you will gain a practical framework for implementing a sustainable leadership pipeline, receive ideas on how to implement efficient processes of moving volunteers from their first interactions serving on the team, to leadership, and walk away with concrete strategies for the next steps you take right when you get home.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 1

Title: Best Practices for Presenting Ideas To Your Senior Pastor

Speaker: Caiti Corbett

Description: Communicating ideas is probably one of the most important aspects of leading in children's ministry, particularly when it comes to communicating with senior leadership. However, it can be challenging to do this well or even know how to hone the skill. In this breakout, learn a practical framework that will help you take your idea from thought to presentation with confidence. Leave ready to begin preparing your next idea and deliver it with professional poise.

Learning Level: Developing/Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: How To Keep Small Church Children's Ministry Fresh, Fun, and Fruitful

Speaker: Ken Baker

Description: What if I told you that there are alternatives to the traditional curriculum that can keep your Kidmin filled with fresh creative ways to teach God's word, fun activities to keep kids engaged, and "good fruit" being produced in the lives of the kids and families? Come discover how short-term themes may be the solution for your small church.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Problem Solving Your Worship Challenges

Speaker: Yancy Wideman-Richmond

Description: Are you dissatisfied with the level of engagement your kids have in worship? Do you have an inkling there could be more for your kids? You're not the only one. During this breakout, Yancy will tackle common issues leaders experience in getting kids engaged during worship. Attendees will leave empowered to make changes that will help your kids take steps to fall more in love with Jesus by experiencing His presence during worship.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship

Title: Five Questions You Should Answer to Give Every Kid Hope

Speaker: Mike Clear

Description: In a world where kids are known by a number on a jersey, digits on a car pool tag, and random usernames, we need more adults who will stop and take the time to know them personally. In this breakout we'll revisit the story of Zacchaeus to discover how Jesus gives us a simple model on how to be personal. We'll take a look at five simple questions that, if answered, could radically transform your ministry. **Learning Level:** All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Creating Wonder Filled Imagination with Your Children's Ministry

Speakers: Kirsten Hitchcock and Lynne Howard

Description: It's important for us to help children recognize their place in God's Big Story—finding rooted identity as God's kids. In this breakout, uncover the importance of viewing Scripture holistically while helping kids see the people of the Bible as real people—just like them! Let's help our kids have confidence that God knows them, Jesus loves them, the Holy Spirit leads them, and they are His children—children who can tell of His wonder.

Learning Level: Developing/Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: What Kids Wish You Knew About Kids

Speaker: Melissa J. MacDonald

Description: Have you ever wondered what kids are asking God for, wondered what they really believe to be true about God, or wondered what they're actually thinking? Come take a peek inside the mind of a kid. Using handwritten notes that kids have written to God, interviews, real-life examples, and stories that will leave you wanting more, this breakout will inspire you and help give you a framework for tailoring the discipleship of the kids in your ministry. Walk away knowing what kids wish you knew about kids.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 2

Title: How To Help Hurting Kids

Speaker: Brianna Edwards

Description: A little boy is shut down, unresponsive in the corner. A little girl is violent and raging. Another clings to her mom at drop-off. You feel anxious because you don't know what to do. Sound familiar? In this breakout, learn relevant information and practical tools to empower you in ministering to a rapidly growing population of kids with trauma history and mental health issues...kids who need YOUR help. If not you, then who?

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 3

Title: No-Fail Tips for Helping Preschoolers With Separation Anxiety

Speaker: Sharon Stratmoen

Description: Psychologists and child development experts are seeing an uptick in children being fearful when separated from a parent or caregiver. So let's figure out how to meet preschoolers right where they are with Jesus' love! Together, we'll explore tried-and-true tips for helping preschoolers handle separation anxiety. In this breakout, we'll cover how to create a welcoming environment, spark friendship-building conversations, and patiently validate little friends' big feelings. You'll walk away with practical ideas to implement in your preschool classrooms right away!

Learning Level: Establishing/Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 1

Title: Best Night Ever: Create an Unforgettable Family Worship Event

Speaker: David Ray

Description: In a world that fractures families, the church should be a place that brings them together. A family worship event can be the perfect catalyst for fellowship and unforgettable family fun! Using a crowd-sourced step-by-step process, we'll brainstorm your next great event. Leave with great ideas and a working plan that's ready to be executed. Jump start family ministry with a worship event that's sure to have a lasting impact!

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 2

Title: Best Practices to Support Children and Families with Special Needs

Speaker: Marie Kuck

Description: No special ed degree required! Join in as we discuss family dynamics and practical ministry ideas including respite and wrap around care that can transform your ministry!

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 1

Title: Reaching the Families in Your Community

Speaker: Jennifer Edwards

Description: The families in your church matter - so do those outside your church. This breakout will help you identify the types of parents in your community, the needs they may have, and how you can effectively reach them. We will discuss practical ways to reach parents and how to make them comfortable in your church. Every family matters. Every parent wants a better life for their child. Every child needs connection. Every Church can do this!

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 2

Title: Incorporating the Culture of Jesus in Children's Ministry Part 2

Speaker: Petra Scott

Description: In Part 2 of this breakout, gain practical solution on how to incorporate the humanity and culture of Jesus into children's ministry. Leave with a framework for how to have discussion of Kingdom unity and diversity with children and families. (See description for Part 1 for further details).

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Breakout 5 | Thursday, January 12 | 10:50am-11:50am EST

Path: Category Path

Focus: Mini-Course 1 - New to Children's Ministry

Title: New to Children's Ministry 105: Foundations of Trauma-Informed Children's Ministry

Speaker: Kim Botto

Description: In the fifth session of this course, you will grow in your competency as a trauma-informed children's ministry leader. You will be empowered with knowledge and strategies to apply to your ministry practices that will help you serve children who have experienced trauma with greater awareness and care.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Mini-Course Path

Focus: Mini-Course 2 - Pastoral Care of Parents and Families

Title: Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 105: How to Start and Sustain Critical Conversations Through Interactive Scenarios

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Description: Conversations can be the key to discerning how to help children when they are in crisis, or just want to reveal something deeply personal. In the fifth session of this course, you will gain insight into how to equip parents to start and sustain critical conversations with their children. You will explore conversational strategies in a hands-on format through interactive role-playing.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership

Title: Marriage and Parenting in Ministry

Speaker: Angie Hooie

Description: God desires us to grow in our relationship with Him, in our marriage, and grow in our ministry roles. So, what does it look like to find healthy rhythms in the midst of all those expectations and responsibilities? In this breakout, learn how to keep God at the center, love your partner well and still pursue your ministry calling.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership

Title: Finding (or creating) the Community You Need As a Single

Speakers: Jennifer Cronk and Melissa J. MacDonald

Description: Singleness can be hard and lonely. Add to that the complexities of ministry life, and it's easy to feel really alone. In this breakout, explore ways to identify or create the community you need, both personally and professionally, so you can thrive and have rich, deep relationships.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 1

Title: Unruffled Leadership: Strategies for Responding to Stress

Speaker: Joy Goodwin

Description: Ministry is stressful and sometimes overwhelming. Many leaders muster up positivity, hiding that they're maxed out, leading to burn out. Others go so hard they explode with the mounting pressure. Wherever you are, there's hope to be an unruffled leader. Learn how the body, mind, and spirit respond to stress, the biblical response to stress, how to identify your personal response, and some helpful practices to grow in self-management so you can weather the challenges of ministry.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 2

Title: Stopping the Pendulum of Anxiety in Leadership

Speaker: Melissa Hendrickson

Description: Do you swing back and forth from apathy to anxiety? What would it take for you to pause and attend to the details you've been ignoring, or the details that have been spinning in your head for months with no resolution? Come and learn how to stop the pendulum as we allow the Holy Spirit to help us attend to our apathy and our anxiety.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 1

Title: Guide Volunteers to Teach the Bible

Speaker: Laura Deeken

Description: Children's pastors are busy on Sundays, volunteers have big hearts but don't always know how to help effectively, and no one wants another training or meeting. From the perspective of a volunteer, learn how to let volunteers easily know how to teach Bible concepts on Sunday mornings.

Learning Level: Establishing/Developing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 2

Title: From a Meeting to a Party: Hosting Volunteer Training People Want to Attend

Speaker: Brittany Nelson

Description: No one wants to attend another boring meeting and your volunteers are no exception! Whether it's an annual volunteer training or your weekly volunteer meeting, this breakout will discuss tips and ideas for turning your meetings into a party! Using just a few simple and applicable ideas, you can host trainings that volunteers actually WANT to attend.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 1

Title: Budgeting that Works

Speaker: Meaghan Clayton

Description: You don't need to be an accountant to be a budgeting rockstar! This breakout session will cover all things money & children's ministry! You will learn to budget well, become a financial advocate for your ministry, translate your ministry needs to non-children's ministry people, and wisely steward your budget for the kingdom of God!

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Holidays and Holy Days: Hands-On Celebration Ideas

Speaker: Emily Snider

Description: Do you struggle to come up with new and exciting ways to tell the Christmas or Easter story? God gave the Israelites a blueprint for celebrating holy days. If we want to make the most of holidays, we can look to the Bible as our celebration guide! This breakout will explore the appointed times laid out in the Old Testament as well as give hands-on celebration ideas for holidays throughout the year. **Learning Level:**

Establishing/Advancing

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Upstaging Elementary

Speaker: Lisa Molite

Description: Every week in Elementary ministry, you have the opportunity to create moments that are engaging, fun, and, most importantly, communicate the Bible in memorable ways. A lot has to happen behind the scenes to make those moments happen. This course will give you a plan that includes all the elements you need to create a quality large group experience. Whether you are looking to create a brand new large group strategy or you want to "Upstage" your existing experience, this breakout is for you.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship

Title: Empowering Tweens with Biblical Strategies for Anxiety

Speaker: Caris Snider

Description: Our tweens are experiencing anxiety at an all time high. The world they live in is like nothing we faced. We can prepare them now, equipping them with God's Truth. In this breakout, you will learn how to guide tweens with five biblical strategies in responding to anxiety. We will discuss acknowledgement of anxiety, deep breathing, power of gratitude, building community, and changing What IF thoughts to What IS through the lens of scripture.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Beautiful Biblical Diversity: Affirming Every Child's Place

Speaker: Dorena Williamson

Description: God was pleased to include men and women of different ethnic and cultural identities in the pages of scripture. In today's growing multicultural world, the church is challenged with being a place that affirms that children of all different cultural backgrounds have a place in God's story. In this breakout, you will gain practical wisdom on how to show God's intentionality in including many different people in His redemption plan as you teach children scripture.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: The Bible Tells Me So: Helping Children Understand A Biblical Definition of Worship

Speaker: Yancy Wideman-Richmond

Description: How do you help kids understand what worship is, why we do it and how they can take part in it? The Bible uses different Hebrew words for praise and worship. Each one helps us learn practical definitions of how to worship the Lord. Yancy is passionate about raising disciples through worship and will teach these words so that attendees can lead and engage kids to be the worshipers God created them to be. **Learning Level:** All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 2

Title: Helping Kids Cope

Speaker: Michelle Nietert

Description: During this breakout, attendees will receive practical knowledge and tools for helping kids cope with emotions of fear, sadness and anger from an experienced mental health professional. Additional information will be provided regarding anxiety, depression, abuse, and family conflict. Ministry leaders will be equipped in a variety of ways, including how to develop a local helping network of care. Attendees will leave feeling empowered with strategies and biblical approaches; equipping everyone to experience less distress and more peace.

Learning Level: All Levels

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 3

Title: Right from the Start: Intentional Nursery Ministry

Speaker: Dr. Mimi Larsen

Description: Can the church nursery be more than childcare? This workshop will explore how we can be faith-intentional, mindful, and spiritually present when working with infants and toddlers, honoring the youngest among us and nurturing the beginning of their faith formation.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 1

Title: Theological Guideposts That Help Lead Children to Christ in Today's Culture

Speaker: Christie Penner Worden

Description: We want every child to enter the Kingdom and walk in discipleship, and we know that following Jesus is a transformational experience, not simply a transactional moment. How do we meet kids where they are in today's culture? How do we equip parents to do this in a way that's theologically sound? In this breakout, let's learn to partner with parents to invite today's kids to choose to follow Jesus and live out God's plan for their lives through engaging conversations that meet kids at their level and on their terms.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 2

Title: Wrapping Around Foster and Adoptive Families in Your Church

Speaker: Cecil Stokes

Description: There are over 400,000 children in foster care with over 100,000 waiting for adoption. James 1:27 tells us to take care of widows and orphans. Do you have a program to wrap around families who are fostering or adopting? In this breakout, Cecil Stokes, Area Director for the Global Orphan Project and an adoptive dad, details how to create or expand your ministry to serve families who are parenting vulnerable children in your community.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 1

Title: How Can I Help? Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Families

Speaker: Cheryl Smith-Debanne

Description: As families around the world face war, famine, and political unrest, they often come to North America to find safety and hope. In this breakout, we will trace the biblical landscape of refugees and what the Bible mandates us to do. We will also explore ways that our churches and children's ministry programs can provide both practical and spiritual support to families who are newly arrived in our communities.

Learning Level: *Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 2

Title: 5 Ways to Tackle Tough Cultural Topics in Small Groups

Speakers: Kelly Bartley and Jenny Smith

Description: 75% of parents want our ministries to address the tough topics of our times. However, what does it look like to handle conversations with children about gender, school violence, world events, and more? In this breakout we will discover five practical steps to navigating these hard conversations while pointing kids to Jesus.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Breakout 6 | Thursday, January 12 | 2:00pm-3:00pm EST

Path: Category Path

Focus: Mini Course 1 - New to Children's Ministry

Title: New to Children's Ministry 106: Brainstorming Session

Speaker: Caiti Corbett

Description: In the sixth and final session of this course, you will have an opportunity to learn from your peers in a guided brainstorming and Q&A session. You will leave this session with fresh ideas and opportunities to ask questions in a safe place.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Mini Course 2 - Pastoral Care of Parents and Families

Title: Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 106: How to Explore and Vet Resources for Parents and Families

Speaker: Dr. Kayla Pray

Description: There are many useful and non-useful resources available to parents to help them navigate the complexities and challenges of family life. However, it can be challenging to discern what resources are high-quality and best fit the values of your community. In this final session, you will explore resources to help your families and a process for vetting those resources.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership

Title: Navigating Children's Ministry as a Bi-vocational Leader

Speaker: Ken Baker

Description: Bi-vocational children's pastors have a unique ministry leadership experience that differs greatly from those who serve as children's pastors full-time. Though bi-vocational children's pastors face some of the same challenges as full-time pastors, such as securing family time and work-life balance, bi-vocational leaders have the added challenge of managing a full-time job alongside children's ministry leadership. In this breakout, gain affirmation and confidence in your role as a bi-vocational children's pastor while learning some practical tools to and strategies to help navigate your leadership journey with greater awareness and fluency. **Learning**

Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 1

Title: Spiritual Rhythms and Practices for Ministry Leaders

Speaker: Sharon Rundell

Description: How do you connect to Jesus and stay spiritually healthy when you work in ministry? This breakout will walk attendees through some spiritual practices, creative ideas, and encouragement not to let your personal spiritual health fall into the ditch. Attendees will leave this breakout with a few ideas, but more than that, a road to personal discernment to help you connect with Jesus in a way that works best for your spiritual journey.

Learning Level: *Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Leadership 2

Title: Keys to Transformational Self-Leadership

Speakers: Mercedes Hayes

Description: It is a common truth that as a leader, you can't lead others well without first leading yourself well. Children's ministry can be busy and at times overwhelming and the ability to lead one's self well is critical. In this breakout, grow in your competency in 3 key areas of self-leadership: time-management, decision making, and project management. Leave with practical next steps to begin transforming your leadership in these areas.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 1

Title: Volunteer Appreciation 101

Speaker: Jessica Bealer

Description: Volunteer appreciation is imperative for longevity of service. In this breakout, we'll discuss practical ways to personalize and systemize your volunteer appreciation strategy.

Learning Level: *Establishing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Volunteers 2

Title: Volunteer Leadership Interactive Think Tank

Speaker: Stanley Mearse, Facilitator; Matthew Haines, Lisa Walker, Hunter Williams, Melia Warren, Co-Facilitators

Description: Loving and leading volunteer teams is one of the key areas of responsibility for Children's Ministry leaders. When trying to discern through new ideas or brainstorming new systems, it can be beneficial to process with a group. In this session, join other leaders as we facilitate an interactive and energizing time of generating and discussing fresh ideas and perspectives on volunteer leadership topics such as engaging Gen Z in leadership, recruitment, scheduling that works, retention, appreciation, and more. Leave with a list of new strategies and hopefully, a few new friends.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 1

Title: Short-Term Set Designs on a Budget

Speaker: Corinne Noble

Description: Don't allow a small budget to get in the way of creating engaging environments for your ministry! Short-term set designs are a great way to add fun theming to your ministry services and events. In this breakout, we will talk about the importance and benefits of set design and give you practical and affordable tools to get started.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Let the Kids Lead: How to Create a Thriving Kids' Worship Ministry

Speaker: David Ray

Description: What if your kids' worship ministry went from surviving to thriving? From onstage worship leadership and hand motions to tech teams and greeters, learn the step-by-step process that will help you create a thriving kids' worship ministry. When you let the kids lead, you help a new generation of worship leaders find an entry point into ministry, learn and grow in their craft, and make an eternal investment in their future.

Learning Level: *Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach 2

Title: Structuring Children's Ministry with Neuro-Diversity in Mind

Speaker: Lori Pepiton

Description: Having positive interpersonal experiences is more difficult for some children than others. Providing a ministry with neuro-diversity in mind means considering the ways in which we set up our physical spaces, develop lesson plans, and equip our leadership so that as many brains and bodies have positive experiences as possible. In this breakout you will spark ideas on how to do these things so we are able to share His love well.

Learning Level: *Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach

Title: Protecting Children from Boundary Violations and Sexual Abuse

Speaker: Lee Reams

Description: In this training you will learn how to be an active bystander in child sexual abuse prevention and response. You will receive examples of boundary violations and inappropriate behaviors, and how you can make spontaneous and planned interventions that reinforce boundaries and protect children. **Learning Level:** *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Ministry Administration and Approach

Title: The Noah Principle: Embracing Action Based Hope for the Future of Ministry to Children

Speaker: Rick Otto

Description: The 'Noah Principle' is something philanthropist and business leader Warren Buffett came up with when he saw something in the future that would damage his business but didn't do anything about it. Are we in a similar place with Kids Ministry? What is our story going to be? How does our stewardship of the discipleship of children now impact the future? In this breakout, you will gain perspectives and practical ideas that will inspire you to approach the future of children's ministry with active hope.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: 3 Trends To Help Disciples Overcome Secular Culture

Speaker: John Hailes

Description: Our discipleship strategies and practices must adjust to account for the increasingly challenging culture disciples are having to navigate. This breakout will look at three trends in discipleship that are helping to form resilient disciples and how you can apply them to your ministry.

Learning Level: *Establishing/Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 1

Title: Effective Discipleship For Kids and Teams

Speaker: Andy Kirk

Description: Currently, discipleship is one of the most talked about topics in Children's Ministry. However, though there are specific discipleship strategies for children, discipleship, if done well, is a way of life that extends to everyone you have an opportunity to lead. In this session, you will explore the ways to decompartmentalize discipleship, and effectively walk alongside both children and the adults that serve them.

Learning Level: *Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 2

Title: Grief Rituals: Helping Kids Find Peace Through Communal Practices

Speaker: Cheryl Smith-Debanne

Description: Considering that one in five children are facing the loss of a loved one before the age of 18, this breakout will explore various means of helping children cope with their grief through participating in communal grieving practices and group activities. There will be hands-on projects and activities provided for your churches to do with grieving children.

Learning Level: *Developing/Advancing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Discipleship 3

Title: Preteen Leadership: Catalyst for Preteen Discipleship

Speaker: Dr. Joni Lum

Description: Preteens are at a unique intersection of social empowerment and mental development with the desire and courage to make a difference. Empowering preteens to exercise their gifts and own their place in the church today grows them as disciples. Join us to discover the theological and theoretical basis for the effective development of preteens as leaders. We'll discuss best practices in preteen leadership formation, available resources, and options for their use in your church.

Learning Level: *Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 1

Title: Helping Families Establish Rhythms of Sabbath and Worship

Speaker: Gordon West

Description: Sabbath and worship are familiar words to every Christian, but many in the church today approach one or both in ways that are far more limited than Scripture reveals. This workshop will explore how both sabbath and worship are described in the Bible, how you as a leader can approach these important practices in Biblical ways, and how you can lead others to do the same.

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Parents and Families 2

Title: Engaging the Grandparents in Your Ministry

Speaker: Jill Vogel

Description: Grandparents are a tremendous gift to children and to Children's Ministry. The gift of grandparents can go underutilized and without a clear strategy on how to engage them. In this breakout, you will explore why grandparents in your ministry need your invitation to serve and how to increase their influence with the kids in your ministry. Leave this session with 10 practical ways to put into action and move grandparents from passive to active!

Learning Level: *All Levels*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 1

Title: StoryWalk: Creating an Unforgettable Outreach Experience

Speaker: Kristi McElheney

Description: Are you looking for a creative way to share the gospel at your next family event? In this breakout, you will learn how to turn your event into an interactive journey that will engage guests in the story of scripture from Genesis to Jesus. Receive great tips for set-up, decorating, volunteer roles, and more. Enhance your Fall Festival or other outreach event into an exciting experience that can change lives!

Learning Level: *Developing*

Path: Category Path

Focus: Outreach 2

Title: Fully Known: How the Church Family Can Defeat Loneliness

Speaker: Jana Magruder

Description: We are facing a loneliness epidemic, especially in our kids and youth. The Church can play a crucial role in battling this epidemic, but we have to be intentional as we seek to be the place of meaningful real life connections and where kids feel fully known by their friends and leaders. Learn strategies that you can implement immediately to help make a difference in the lives of lonely kids who long to be known. **Learning**

Level: *Establishing/Developing*