

Breakout Sessions



Personal Development

TUESDAY JANUARY 23 | 10:45AM

The Word Beyond the Pulpit | Becky Johnson

In this session, we'll talk about keeping our hunger for the Word alive, not only for the purpose of preaching but for the cultivation of our walks with Jesus. As preachers, we can quickly fall into the trap of striving to be great communicators more than we are lovers of the Word. How do we stay tender to what can become so familiar? Let's uncover the secrets of nurturing our connection with the Holy Scriptures, allowing its wisdom to permeate every aspect of our lives. Whether you're seasoned in ministry or just beginning, this session offers an opportunity to rediscover the Word's influence, reigniting your passion to share its message with authenticity.

Praying Leaders Create Praying Churches | Corey Russell

I believe that the greatest impact Jesus made on His disciples during His ministry was His prayer life. It was the one thing the disciples asked to be taught in and the thing they constantly did in the book of Acts. I'm convinced God is raising up leaders who will lead their churches in prayer above every other ministry.

Leading Your Children to Follow Jesus | David Perkins

We only have one chance to disciple our children at home before we commission them to fulfill their callings in life. Ministry can be overwhelmingly busy, but we will never regret making our families a priority with our time and resources. Leading our children into being passionate followers of Jesus is a great privilege and weighty responsibility. Currently, Renata and I are right in the thick of parenting, but we are enjoying the journey. Let's talk about practical ways to lead our children into a personal relationship with Jesus.

Overcoming Overwhelm: Understanding Your Stress, Trauma, and Triggers | Margaret Nagib

Leaders, this session invites you to jump into the deep end and get serious about your emotional health. We'll discuss (1) The real cause of your stress, (2) What every leader needs to understand about trauma, and (3) How to handle your own and others' emotional triggers effectively.

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Compassion for the City | Alan Scott

Something amazing happens when the Church wraps a serving towel around her waist and shows up in the city with generous compassion. In this session together we will explore how compassion introduces fresh life to the church and the city. You will hear stories and discover practices that will help you take the next steps in loving your city into life.

Building Connected, Effective Teams | Danny Silk

This workshop will establish the priorities of what is needed for people to build and keep a safe space to thrive. Powerful people often make powerful messes, therefore, we need skills and practices that aid in moving through tough conversations and protect relationships while running at top speeds. We will explore the progression of building the elements of winning teams.

Faith and Strategy to Finance the Vision | Dave Patterson

Pastor Dave will share 27 years of experience in taking a group of 8 people in a living room to building The Father's House - a now thriving church with multiple locations and a staff of over 200. We will discuss specific strategies and Biblical keys to build a financially strong church that lives from the overflow! This session will include an open discussion and Q & A that will help address the specific challenges that affect churches and ministries of all sizes.

The Nuts & Bolts of Leading a Diverse Church | Keith Jenkins

Leading a diverse church in this cultural moment is itself an apologetic. The church is supposed to be a contrast community that reveals the love of the Father for humanity. It is precisely this gathering of believers from every tribe and every tongue that is extremely attractive to those tiring of our sectarianism, tribalism and racism. We as the family of God have something better than the best attempts at oneness the world offers. By His blood we have been placed back into God's family with every other believer. It is a challenge and there are some tried and true practices for leading a diverse church. We will delve into a few of them during our time together.

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High Performing Teams: The 3 Conversations Every High Impact Team Has | Lyle Wells

All teams talk ... but not all teams talk about the same things. We will identify the most important conversations every team must have if they want to maximize their resources and scale their impact.

A Culture of Engagement | Shaun & Dianna Nepstad

One of the biggest hurdles we face as pastors is creating a culture of engagement in our churches. Whether it's involvement in serving, leading, or in community, it can be difficult to get people involved. But, it can and must be done. We will be talking about how to create a culture of participation that encourages active involvement in building deeper community through small groups.

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Weekly Sabbath Forms Long Haul Pastors | David Perkins

As a pastor in my twenties, I rolled my eyes about a sabbath rest and said “Sleep when you’re dead!” Twenty-five years later, I treasure, anticipate, and guard my sabbath rest with my family each week. Jesus told us to find rest in Him. If I’m not intentional, I have a tendency to build my rest more like an American than a Christian. In this session, let’s talk about how to schedule first what matters most and find real rest in Jesus.

Level Up Your Leadership: The Best Practices From Some of the Best Leaders in Ministry | Lyle Wells

Effective leaders share many common traits ... they are effective for a reason. In this session we will examine some of the most common characteristics of the most impactful ministry leaders and share insights and tools to help you develop these same behaviors.

Look, Weep, Lead: Biblical Wisdom & Psychological Keys for Fortifying Personal Wholeness and Spiritual Leadership in Challenging Times | Margaret Nagib

Amid these trying times, Dr. Margaret has observed a distinct calling from Holy Spirit, compelling pastors and leaders to focus on enhancing and fortifying their emotional well-being and spiritual leadership. We invite you to join her in this workshop, where we will explore (1) Biblical insights for strengthening spiritual leadership during tumultuous times; and (2) psychological insights, uniquely tailored and informed by the wealth of experience gained from countless sessions with outstanding pastors and leaders, much like yourself.

Developing Leadership Rhythms | Zack Curry

So many leaders are maxed, stressed, on the verge of burnout and don’t have capacity to build and go after what they are really called to do (not just maintain). This breakout will look at how to build healthy rhythms personally, in your family and team. It starts with the leader, but there are practically things spiritually, physically and emotionally you can incorporate into your life to prevent burnout, sustain you for the long haul and help the people in your life that matter most (Family and Team).

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Raising Up Leaders From the Ground Up | Andrew Gard

Every church needs more leaders. You can go about this one of two ways. You can HOPE that ready-made leaders show up to your church, instantly get your heart and culture, and use those gifts to advance God's Kingdom...OR, you can reach, disciple, and release these leaders that are built from the ground up that are already at your church. In this session we will look at how best to go from the hope approach to the building approach.

Multiplying Prophetic Culture | Julian Adams

Now more than ever we need churches who are able to hear and communicate the heart of God with clarity and power for the sake of gospel impact. We have to develop prophetic cultures, where it is not just about one gifted person but whole communities engaging in the supernatural. Both pastors and prophetic people should be working this out in a biblical and practical way. I'll be sharing principles that will help churches multiply prophetic communities and bring transformation locally.

Building a Presence Centered Culture in Your Church | Lee Cummings

There are so many things you could build the culture of your staff and church around in today's distracted, self obsessed and media driven world. The decision by a leader to put God's Presence front and center is a catalytic one that requires courage, commitment and constant re-alignment and course correction along the way. Learn how to build a thriving prayer culture, release healthy prophetic ministry, cultivate a strong worship ethos, and develop leaders that will contend for revival.

Everyday Evangelism | Matt Molt

The focus of this session will be on how we as pastors and leaders can win people to Jesus in our day-to-day lives, not just in our services. We tend towards praying for and putting our efforts into Sundays for reaching people, but a healthy pattern for us is to maintain a personal connection to those in our everyday world. This will help us lead our churches into a culture and mindset of being individually, evangelistically minded, which can deeply impact a city. The discussion will be practical and inspirational with applicable takeaway ideas for boosting drive-way-evangelism in our personal worlds.

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The Culture of Discipleship | Michael Brodeur

The Great Commission is our primary job description, yet many churches have difficulty making disciples who make disciples. One of the main problems is that we focus on creating a discipleship "program" and not on a "disciple-making culture." In this session we will explore the importance of culture and how to cultivate a self-reproducing discipleship dynamic in your church or ministry.

Leading the Church Through Spiritual Wounding | Nate Edwardson

More than one million people are leaving the church in the US every year. How we respond to the issue of church hurt in our day matters more than ever. Get equipped to lead your church through the pain, the realities, and the nuance of spiritual wounding.

Navigating Questions on Sexuality | Phil Manginelli

As pastors and leaders it is challenging to know how to lead through the confusion of beliefs in sexuality and gender while holding to a biblical sexual ethic and the love of Jesus. In this session we will talk about how to practically navigate challenging issues to create cultures of clarity, wholeness, and transformation.

Pastors Conference 2024 Schedule



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