

## Schedule

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 5:00 PM Check-In / Registration Opens  
 7:00 PM Welcome & Worship  
 7:30 PM *Part 1: A Vision for God-Centered  
 Worship in the Next Generation*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 8:30 AM Welcome & Worship  
 9:00 AM *Part 2: A Vision for Biblical Literacy  
 in the Next Generation*  
 10:15 AM Break  
 10:45 AM *Part 3: A Vision for Encouraging  
 Faith in the Next Generation*  
 12:00 PM Lunch Provided  
 1:00 PM Seminar Session #1  
 2:15 PM Break  
 2:45 PM Seminar Session #2  
 4:00 PM Conference ends

Note: Final schedule may vary slightly.

## Conference Rates & Registration

### Extended Early Bird Deadline

	before March 3	Mar 4-Mar 14
Individual	\$50.00	\$60.00
Couples	\$75.00 (\$37.50 ea)	\$85.00 (\$42.50 ea)

Note: Online registration closes one week before the event.

Register Online or visit [childrendesiringGod.org](http://childrendesiringGod.org) or call 877.400.1414, Mon-Fri 9AM - 3PM (CST).

#### Your conference registration includes:

- All plenary and seminar sessions, lunch on-site (Saturday), and a conference gift bag

In case of cancellation, please call 1.877.400.1414. Please note that there is a \$15 cancellation fee (per person). No refund will be given after March 1st.

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Partnering Churches in the Austin Area:

**High Pointe Baptist Church**  
 12030 Dessau Rd. Austin, Texas

**CrossPointe Church**  
 5703 McNeil Drive, Austin, Texas

**Redemption Hill Church**  
 123 E. Old Settlers Blvd, Round Rock, Texas

**We invite you to join with other children's ministry leaders, parents, teachers, volunteers, and youth workers to be inspired, encouraged, and equipped for the enduring joy of the next generations!**

### Conference Information

#### Venue

[High Pointe Baptist Church](#)  
 12030 Dessau Road  
 Austin, TX 78754 512.837.7725

#### Hotels

For your convenience several blocks of rooms have been reserved near our conference venue at a special event rate. Please mention "Children Desiring God" to receive discounted rates.

[Spring Hill Suites](#) \$89 King-- \$99 Queen/Queen  
 12520 No. IH35  
 Austin, TX 78753 512.833-8100

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 12330 No. IH35  
 Austin, TX 78753 512.339.8374

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## Plenary Sessions

### Foundations and Distinctions for God-Centered Children's Discipleship

What are the biblical foundations for discipling children in our homes and churches? How will we teach children and youth the "whole counsel of God"? Can we give young children a solid theological framework for faith?



David and Sally will answer these questions as they lay out a vision for God-centered discipleship of children and youth. Join us to explore this vision with the hope that the next generations will be biblically literate worshippers who joyfully put their confidence in God through Jesus Christ.

#### Session 1: A Vision for God-Centered Worship in the Next Generation

Psalm 78 provides the basis for the biblical calling to teach the next generation. By differentiating between "activity orientation" and "vision orientation" in ministry, it is clear that achieving a biblical vision requires intentionality. This session concludes with a detailed look at the teaching we are called to pass on to the next generation.

#### Session 2: A Vision for Biblical Literacy in the Next Generation

David and Sally explain the principles for raising Bible-saturated children and youth. They focus on several essential aspects to achieve this: teaching the whole counsel of God, teaching true doctrine, and encouraging Scripture memorization.

#### Session 3: A Vision for Encouraging Faith in the Next Generation

Teaching requires not only a transfer of knowledge, but to help children and youth make personal application of Scripture in their daily lives. Learn how to encourage and equip parents in their God-given role as spiritual shepherds to their children.

## Seminar Sessions 1 (choose one)

### 1A—Equipping Parents for Vision-Oriented Discipleship of their Children (David Michael)

God has established two institutions, the church and the family, for the instruction and discipleship of children. It is best when these two institutions cooperate and coordinate their efforts in this endeavor to nurture faith. In this seminar David Michael will offer biblical insights and practical strategies to prepare and equip parents for the discipleship of their children.

### 1B—Teaching Preschoolers: How and Why? (Sally Michael)

What do you do with preschoolers in church? Can you really teach them the Bible or should you just let them play? In this seminar, Sally Michael will share a philosophy of preschool ministry that will challenge you to use these years to introduce them to spiritual truth. Sally will also walk through the elements of the Children Desiring God preschool curriculum, focusing on a practical approach to teaching the Bible and structuring preschool classroom time.

### 1C—Lesson Preparation and Presentation (Jill Nelson)

Teaching the Bible to children is both a privilege and a responsibility. Teaching well depends on heart preparation, studying the lesson before teaching, and an effective lesson presentation. This seminar will include ideas to organize your lesson preparation, structure your teaching time, and encourage student understanding. Both new and seasoned teachers of elementary and junior high students will benefit from this seminar.

### 1D—The Power of the Memorized Word in the Fight of Faith (Brian Eaton)

Believers have access to the most powerful weapon to fight the fight of faith—the Word of God. Come and learn how you can wield the sword of the Spirit through the discipline of Bible memorization. You will hear testimony of God's goodness through His Word and leave with tools to help you, your family, and your church begin and sustain a Bible memory program.

## Seminar Sessions 2 (choose one)

### 2A—Equipping Parents for Vision-Oriented Discipleship of their Children (David Michael)

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### 2B—Reaching the Heart: The Importance of Application (Sally Michael)

Teaching the Bible to children goes beyond imparting knowledge to leading children to "taste and see that the LORD is good!" How can we teach in such a way that children understand, respond to, and act on the Word of God? This seminar will emphasize the importance of reaching the heart when teaching children. Though only God can open blind eyes and soften hard hearts, we can be His means of grace to the children that we teach.

### 2C—Presenting the Gospel to Children (Jill Nelson)

What is the gospel message and how is it presented to our children in Sunday School? This seminar will discuss ways to present the gospel accurately, earnestly, clearly, and in an age-appropriate manner.

### 2D—Nursery and Toddler Ministry (Joyce Heinrich)

We will be discussing and discovering together:  
1.) the essential importance of foundations laid in nursery ministry; 2.) the intentional, Godward purpose for each nursery; and 3.) the components that will ensure the laying of a Christ-centered, Bible-saturated foundation of truth on which our children can securely stand.

### 2E—Great Expectations: An Extraordinary Vision for Youth and Practical Ways to Impart It (Betty Dodge)

This seminar begins with a vision-casting introduction by David Michael on video. Betty Dodge will then present practical ways to engage youth, their parents, teachers, and mentors in embracing God's unique purposes for young people. The Bible and church history reveal that God's expectations for teenagers are much higher than ours. Our expectations can be the greatest stepping stone or stumbling block to the fulfillment of God's glorious kingdom purposes in the lives of the teenagers we serve.