

Schedule

FRIDAY, FEB 7

- 6:00 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, FEB 8

- 8:45 AM Welcome & Worship
9:15 AM *Part 2: A Vision for Biblical Literacy
in the Next Generation*
10:30 AM Break
11:00 AM *Part 3: A Vision for Encouraging
Faith in the Next Generation*
12:15 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

	Oct 12 - Feb 7
Individual	\$50.00
Couples	\$75.00 (\$37.50 ea)

Note: **Online registration** closes one week before the event.

Registration will open October 12th.
For more information 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



IMPACT ROCHESTER NY

Date: February 7-8, 2014

Venue: Journey Christian Church

Location: Rochester, NY

Price: \$50 - \$75 (see Rates for details)

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!

If you are passionate about God-centered discipleship to infants, preschoolers, elementary-aged children or youth in your home or church, this event is designed especially for you!

Conference Information

Venue

Journey Christian Church

3955 Mt. Read Blvd
Rochester, NY 14616

585.865.5505

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.

MARRIOTT Rochester Airport \$99

1890 Ridge Road West
Rochester, NY 14615 585.225.6880

RESIDENCE INN West \$109

500 Paddy Creek Circle
Rochester, NY 14615 585.865.2090

HOMEWOOD SUITES \$119

400 Cedar Center Place Drive
Rochester, NY 14615 585.865.8534

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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 Michael 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

Psalms 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—Vision-Oriented Parenting and the Discipleship of Children and Youth (David Michael)

Home and Church are the two institutions that God has established for the instruction and discipleship of children and youth. It is best when these two institutions cooperate with each other and coordinate their efforts in this endeavor to nurture faith. In this seminar David Michael will offer biblical insights and practical strategies for parents and church leaders as they pursue the joy of the next generation together.

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—Truth-Drenched Youth Ministry (Kempton Turner)

How can we as parents and ministry workers disciple young people who set their hearts to study, live, and teach the Word (Ezra 7:10), treasure the words of His mouth more than food (Job 23:12), delight in the law of the Lord (Psalm 1:2), desire God's Word more than gold, and have the Word of Christ richly dwelling in them (Colossians 3:16) all to the praise and glory of King Jesus? We can't! But God can! Come find out how God graciously seeks to create this kind of Bible-saturated breeding ground in the discipleship of young people in your home and in your church, for the fame of Jesus' name in this generation!

Seminar Sessions 2 (choose one)

2A—Vision-Oriented Parenting and the Discipleship of Children and Youth (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—Hope for Hard Times: How God Keeps Children and Youth Workers Happy and Hoping When Life Gets Hard and Ministry Results Seem Few (Kempton Turner)

How does God keep His servants (parents and youth workers) happy and hoping in the midst of challenging times in life and ministry? What does God do to prepare them for years of faithfulness, although fruitfulness may seem to be almost non-existent? Answer? God unveils to them the breathtaking splendor and supremacy of Jesus Christ like He did for His servant Isaiah in Isaiah 6! Whether you seem to be in a ministry season of barrenness or bountifulness, the fruit of your labors are not always evident. Through this seminar may God delight to give you a fresh vision of Christ to strengthen, serve and equip you to faithfully minister to children and youth (for your joy!) regardless of the results.