

Children Desiring God

2007 Conference
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Seminar Schedule

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Check for final schedule after 4/12/2007.

Seminar Session 1—Friday, April 27, 2007 1:45 PM

Leadership

Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers: Choosers Can't Be Beggars* Craig & Kathy Sturm	How can you turn recruiting from headache into joy? How can you see greater retention of current volunteers from year to year? Answering these questions is one of the goals of this workshop for leaders in children's ministry. We will take a look at a number of "keys" for recruiting and retaining volunteers that are time-tested and biblical.
10 Unexpected Man-Centered Causes of Family Tension Sam Crabtree	It's difficult enough to encounter a problem in the family when you know what's at the bottom of it. It's all the more difficult when the root causes are not faced and addressed. If you want some ideas to help you and your parents to redirect their energies to the CAUSES of and SOLUTIONS for family tension, this seminar is designed for you.
Implementing CDG Curriculum in Your Church* Ian & Nina Fry	Implementing the CDG curriculum in a church flows from a vision for the next generation. This seminar will present principles and questions that need to be considered along with assistance in developing a plan for your church.

Training

Theology of Salvation Q&A Wayne Grudem	Wayne Grudem will lead this session to answer your questions regarding the doctrine of salvation and its implications for your children. (Note: <i>Presenting the Gospel to Children</i> seminar will cover specifics of presenting the gospel to children and the gospel call in the Sunday school class room and in the CDG curriculum.)
Leading Children To A Solid Faith: Preparing Children to Hear the Gospel Sally Michael	This workshop will explain some principles for leading children to salvation gleaned from a pastor and father of the 1800s. The insights from this man are a stark contrast to the "easy believe-ism" tendency in modern child evangelism.
Preschool Overview Connie Oman	Preschoolers are very impressionable. How many people do you know who trace the awakening of their faith back to their preschool years? This seminar will present an overview of preschool ministry with biblical foundations and ideas for structuring the Sunday school hour.
Making Your Point: Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing Jim Tomaszewski	Do your children leave knowing the main point of each lesson? Preparing and teaching a lesson is a lot of work; this seminar will present techniques to make sure your students know what the lesson was all about.

Seminar Session 2—Friday, April 27, 2007 4:15 PM

Leadership

Vision-Driven Children's Ministry Leadership: Knowing & Living Out Your Vision Craig Sturm	This workshop is designed to help leaders in children's ministry think through how to lead with vision and not just be driven by the tyranny of the urgent or the expediency of the activities. The workshop will unpack two main ideas: 1) to lead with vision, you must have a vision!; and 2) to lead with vision, you must be willing to put your vision into action.
Partnering with Parents David Michael	What does it mean to partner with parents in ministering to children and youth? This seminar will describe a model for partnering with parents in ministry to children and youth that recognizes the parents' God-given responsibility and the unique position of the church in equipping and resourcing parents.
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Christian Education Support Staff: Keeping It All Together Julie Harms	This seminar in a Q&A format will help those responsible for keeping all the Christian education program details working smoothly. Staff from Bethlehem Baptist Church will share tools, tips, and treasures learned from experience.

Training

Preschool Lesson Preparation & Teaching Connie Oman & Holly Urbanski	Teaching preschoolers is a unique privilege and challenge. Come to this hands-on presentation to learn how to prepare and present a lesson.
Elementary Lesson Preparation & Presentation Jill Nelson	Teaching children is a privilege from God. Teaching them well is dependant on heart preparation, studying the lesson before teaching and effective presentation. New teachers and experienced teachers will benefit from this seminar.
Teaching Youth: Watch Out For Your Method Sam Crabtree	McLuhan wrote: The medium IS the message. Hmmm... Is he right when it comes to biblical instruction? Does your method make that big of a difference in what youth learn? This session is aimed at giving practical direction in making the instruction of youth effective and fruitful.
Intergenerational Teaching Sally Michael	This seminar gives a theology and a philosophy of intergenerational teaching, followed by many practical suggestions. Also includes a testimony from a leader of a successful intergenerational small group.
Really Worship GOD: The Call of Christ to the Hearts of our Children Gil McConnell	Can unregenerate children really worship God? Come find out why leading children in worship is NOT an exercise in hypocrisy. Learn to use music as a means of awakening children to know and love the one true God.
Leading Children in Worship* Pam Grano	Singing songs or leading in worship? Practical aspects of planning and leading worship times with children will be presented, including: structuring worship time; selecting songs; using instruments and movement; and encouraging leadership in children.
Introduction to CDG Curriculum and Sequence Jim Tomaszewski	Are you new to the CDG curriculum? Come for an overview explaining how the curriculum sequence fits together for building the faith of children. The components of a teacher's kit will be introduced for better understanding and implementation of this unique curriculum.

Seminar Session 3—Saturday, April 28, 2007 11:30 PM

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Are They "In The Faith"? Helping Young People to "Test" and "See" David Michael	Children raised in a Christian home with parents who faithfully bring them to church can learn how to behave like a Christian without being one. Often these children "accept Jesus" when they are very young, and subsequently assume they are Christians even when there is little evidence of new birth as they mature. In this seminar, we will consider a strategy for how to involve parents in preparing young people for baptism (or confirmation) in a way that encourages them to "examine" themselves to see whether they are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5).
Starting CDG Curriculum in a Small- to Medium-Sized Church & Keeping the Vision Alive Kathy McDermott	This seminar will address some practical questions and allow time for your questions. What curriculum should I use first? How do I combine classes? How do I get enough teachers? How can I assist my leadership and our congregation catch the vision and support change? How can we keep the vision alive?
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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 the gospel can be presented accurately, seriously, clearly, and in an age-appropriate manner. Special emphasis will be made on using "Bible language" as we relate this important, life-transforming message to our children.
Teaching to Reach the Heart Ian Fry	Teaching truth is the first step to building children strong in the Lord. We also must aim our teaching to engage a heart response in children. Teaching tips will be presented to shepherd children's heart response toward Jesus as Savior and Lord.
Nursery & Toddler Ministry: Preparing the Littlest Ones to Stand On Truth Joyce Heinrich	This seminar will present: 1) the intentional, God-ward purpose for each nursery & toddler room; 2) the components that will ensure the laying of a Christ-centered, Christ-saturated foundation of truth on which our children can securely stand; and 3) how to teach Biblical truth to toddlers.
How the Truth Taught is Caught: Leading Application Time Linda McIntire	Applying truths of the Bible lesson to the everyday life of children is essential. This seminar will help you learn how to ask questions, how to engage children in spiritual conversation, and how to encourage children to respond to the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.
Mentoring Teachers: Growing New Teachers Into Strong Teachers Sally Michael & Connie Oman	How do you take inexperienced teachers and grow them into mature teachers who effectively lead children to know the LORD? This seminar will include mentoring techniques that will help you come alongside your new teachers with training and encouragement to help them grow in their teaching effectiveness. You will also learn how to set up mentoring pairs, linking mature teachers (Mentor Teachers) with new teachers (Apprentice Teachers) to establish mentoring relationships. To aid the mentoring relationship, instruction will be given on how to do teacher observations that provide feedback for your new teachers that is both helpful and encouraging.
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Scripture Memory: God's Tool for Persevering in the Faith Kathi Westlund	This seminar will provide a biblical mandate, inspirational encouragement, practical resources, and instructive helps for training children in Scripture memory. Adults too, need instruction and encouragement in Scripture memory. Suggestions for a church-wide Bible memory program will be included.
Sharpening the Tools: What To Do When...? Jim Tomaszewski	Frequently asked questions and suggestions for use of all curriculum and sequencing will be addressed. Come with questions to ask about the CDG curriculum and with helpful tips to share that have worked for your church.