

## Conference Descriptions



**A Living Sacrifice (Mike Blackwood)** – Discover how embracing worship as a way of life impacts every facet of our existence. We will explore how we can offer our lives as a continual act of worship, honoring God in all we do, both in sacred moments and the routines of everyday life.

**Disciple Another Believer (Katie Troutman)** – Jesus teaches us to be disciples who make disciples. Learn various practical ways to disciple another believer.

**Effective Ways to Help Missionaries (Tim Rice)** – This workshop will provide practical ways churches can support and partner with missionaries. If a church does not have a missionary partner yet, come learn how to get started.

**Engaging Gen Z Culture with an Eternal God (Ricky Wilson)** – How to handle hot-button questions in today's culture God's grace and truth.

**Honoring the Lord in Retirement (Tom Capps)** – We were created to honor and serve the Lord in all our days until He calls us home. Discover how your ENCORE retirement years can be the most exciting, fruitful, and God-honoring season of your life. Don't spend your life ... invest it and live for the exclamation point!

**Life and Work of a Missionary (Kevin & Casey)** – God is working in powerful ways among Deaf people throughout the world! Come and learn more about how God is at work, what life and ministry among the Deaf look like, and how you can be involved in seeing the Deaf community reached with the Gospel.

**Loving Your Sphere of Influence for Jesus (Melanie Ratcliffe)** – God has strategically placed you where you live, work, and play to make a difference for the Kingdom. In this breakout session, we will look at practical ways to get into gospel conversations with our families, neighbors, friends, and co-workers.

**Minister to Gen Alpha (Christy Todd)** – Ministering to today's kid – otherwise known as Gen Alpha - is unlike any generation we have ever encountered before. We will discuss how we can encourage and minister to them and help them change the world for Jesus.

**Minister to Gen Z (Adam Venters)** – This session will go over general attributes that summarize Gen Z and cover principles and applications of engaging Gen Z to evangelize, disciple, and missional engagement.

**Open Hearts Open Homes: Cultivating Adoption Awareness in Your Church (Mike Blackwood)** – Discover how you and your church can play a pivotal role in supporting adoption efforts, by supporting families, children, and birth mothers.

**Reaching Internationals in Your Own Backyard (Walter & Susan Ludwick)** – Practical steps in the why and how of engaging and reaching internationals in our communities, workplaces, and schools.

**Right Motive Praying (Lou Sutera)** – We hear much about the need to pray and our concerns in prayer, but little about the right motive in prayer.

**Soul Care (Donna Peele)** – Using everyday events, relationships, tasks, and experiences, we will see how life impacts us because we are a soul. Choosing to celebrate the joy gives strength to the weary. Leaning into difficult times yields growth.

**Studying Your Bible (Hannah Smith)** - Studying God's word is how we grow to know Him and love Him more. Do you desire to study God's word, but you aren't quite sure where to start? Studying the Bible doesn't have to be intimidating! Come learn about some approachable methods for studying the Bible.

**The Work of Welcome: Blessing the Nations in our Community (Sarah Lewis)** – Introducing refugee resettlement in South Carolina and ways the community can “welcome the stranger” and build cross-cultural relationships with newcomers from around the world.

**They Do Care: Mobilizing Young Adults to Missions and Ministry (Chad Stillwell)** – It is easy to believe that young adults do not care about missions, but they care deeply. Join us as we talk through how to engage young adults in the Great Commission in their church, community, and the world.

**Understanding Mental Health in the Church (Kevin Cooksey)** – People living with mental health challenges are all around us. They shop at our grocery stores, they sit in our local coffee shops, they wait on us at the local restaurants, and *they attend our churches*.

**Using Art to Share the Gospel (Kerry Jackson)** – Come hear Kerry, NAMB missionary, share his journey of using art to share the gospel, plant churches, and disciple other Christian artists to do the same.