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Reach the Lost through Community Outreach Bible Study	Everyone can reach the lost making the most of their unique gifts. Shy ones can do research. Outgoing people can do interviews. Teachers can lead Bible studies. Servants can offer hospitality. In less than an hour, Tony will map out a practical pathway of outreach using a proven method used throughout the world. Participate and you will leave with your own customized plan created by you and for you.	Tony Lynn 	Tony was born in Flint, Michigan. He grew up in the family of a General Motors factory worker. His childhood was enjoyable but became even better when he trusted Christ during the mid-70's. Tony served as an international missionary with his wife and children in Africa and Europe. He served as pastor in various churches. Tony now serves as the State Director of Missions in Michigan.
Speed Date a Church Planter & Wife	Hear brief, real-life accounts of church planters within the region: their struggles, their victories! Spend emotional-minutes moving from one church planter to another. Meet these heroes who stepped-out-in-faith asking God to create a new church from nothing except a call from God and cooperation with others. The stories will fill your hearts with courage and hope.		Bob Burton serves on the Send Network Team with the North American Mission Board. As the Pipeline Specialist/Coach in the Midwest Region, he assists churches to discover, develop and deploy church planters, church planting teams and missional leaders from within.
Multiplying of Disciples, Leaders and New Churches	Learn about churches in the book of Acts and how they were known for a passion, a pipeline and production for God's kingdom sake. You'll also be introduced to the Multiplication Pipeline, a new discovery and development tool for you and your church. Within the Pipeline, individuals can receive specific online training through self-study, reflection and coaching. Up to three years of training modules are available to train new disciples, missional leaders and future church planting missionaries in your local church. In this breakout, you'll experience the biblical basis and be introduced to the content/coaching of Pipeline with specialized help on how to get started with strategies for your setting.	Bob Burton 	Bob Burton serves on the Send Network Team with the North American Mission Board. As the Pipeline Specialist/Coach in the Midwest Region, he assists churches to discover, develop and deploy church planters, church planting teams and missional leaders from within.
The Sending Church	Learn about, the church at Antioch, the prime biblical example of a Sending Church and how your church can reflect the missional culture of this church. In SBC life, the Sending Church is the lead partner that is responsible for a new church plant until the plant is self-sustaining, self-governing and self-propagating. The health of a church plant is directly proportional to the health and well-being of the church planter and his family, and, in many ways, a strong Sending Church is a primary factor in a church planter's long-term health and success. Serving a church planter as a Sending Church is an incredible opportunity, but with that opportunity comes great responsibility. In this breakout, let's talk about some of the practices and characteristics to keep in mind as you seek to be a strong Sending Church.		Tom serves as the Director of Urban Missions and Partnerships of Texas Baptists. He has served in ministry 27 years, including as Pastor of three churches for over twenty years in Texas and Alabama. He has worked at the Birmingham Baptist Association in Alabama. Tom and his wife Amy have been married 25 years and have three children: Julia is a Junior at Baylor University, Rhett is a Junior in High School and Grant is in the 6th grade. Tom has graduated from East Texas Baptist University (B.S.), Samford University (M. Div.), and Southwestern Seminary (D. Min.). He is passionate about missions, church starting, church restarting, developing leaders, and serving churches and pastors.
Developing Strategy for your church in a changing culture	Peter Drucker says, "Culture eats strategy for lunch." Does that mean we give up on strategy or should we have constantly changing strategy, or something else? As culture has changed dramatically in the last twenty years, the church has to adapt without selling out the gospel. Tom will talk about how church can develop a strategy in such a setting.	Tom Howe 	Tom serves as the Director of Urban Missions and Partnerships of Texas Baptists. He has served in ministry 27 years, including as Pastor of three churches for over twenty years in Texas and Alabama. He has worked at the Birmingham Baptist Association in Alabama. Tom and his wife Amy have been married 25 years and have three children: Julia is a Junior at Baylor University, Rhett is a Junior in High School and Grant is in the 6th grade. Tom has graduated from East Texas Baptist University (B.S.), Samford University (M. Div.), and Southwestern Seminary (D. Min.). He is passionate about missions, church starting, church restarting, developing leaders, and serving churches and pastors.
How to thrive when every day feels like Monday	Pastors are frustrated and quitting in alarming rates. Pressures are coming from church leaders, the community, family and even from within ourselves. Tom will share how to restore and thrive even when it does not seem likely.		Having served 20 years in the US Army. Pastor Tim answered the call to ministry in 2003 and served as a deacon and head trustee of a Cross Keys Baptist Church, in Florissant, Missouri. It was at Cross Keys that Pastor Tim first saw the importance of establishing a security program. Since then there has been numerous threats against churches of all sizes and denominations. It is Pastor Tim's desire to see churches understand that there is threat and be prepared for any threat. Using his military experience and his experience in leadership, Pastor Tim has trained 100's of churches on the threat and how to build a security team.
Assessment of Your Church	Assess the strength and weaknesses of your church. Security begins with knowing what are your strengths and weaknesses are. This workshop is designed to walk you through the 10 easy steps of assessing your church building. These 10 steps can help you have a safer worship service starting this Sunday.	Tim Jones 	Having served 20 years in the US Army. Pastor Tim answered the call to ministry in 2003 and served as a deacon and head trustee of a Cross Keys Baptist Church, in Florissant, Missouri. It was at Cross Keys that Pastor Tim first saw the importance of establishing a security program. Since then there has been numerous threats against churches of all sizes and denominations. It is Pastor Tim's desire to see churches understand that there is threat and be prepared for any threat. Using his military experience and his experience in leadership, Pastor Tim has trained 100's of churches on the threat and how to build a security team.
Developing a Security Team	5 Critical Steps to developing or updating a church security program. During this workshop we will be discussing the five steps needed to developing a church security team on a small budget. To include what steps are needed to keep your children safe. We also will speak on equipment needed and simple steps to make your next Sunday a safer environment for all to worship God.		Claude V. King serves as Discipleship & Church Health Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is author or coauthor of numerous books and discipleship courses including <i>Experiencing God</i> , <i>Fresh Encounter</i> , <i>The Mind of Christ</i> , <i>The Call to Follow Christ</i> , <i>Growing Disciples: Pray in Faith, Come to the Lord's Table</i> , <i>Concentric Circles of Concern</i> , and others. Claude serves as President of the Board of Directors for Final Command Ministries. He is a graduate of Belmont College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Reta live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He posts video blogs at blog.lifeway.com/growingdisciples .
Return to Me: A Spiritual Process for Church Revitalization (Part 1)	Plateaued, declining, and lukewarm churches need a spiritual revitalization, not just a cosmetic fix. Examine a new tool and biblical process to guide your church to hear and respond to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Help your church Love God, Love Others, Surrender All, Be Transformed, Join God's Mission, and Glorify God as they return to Him. He's given an invitation and made a promise: "Return to Me, and I will Return to You" (Mal. 3:7).	Claude King 	Claude V. King serves as Discipleship & Church Health Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is author or coauthor of numerous books and discipleship courses including <i>Experiencing God</i> , <i>Fresh Encounter</i> , <i>The Mind of Christ</i> , <i>The Call to Follow Christ</i> , <i>Growing Disciples: Pray in Faith, Come to the Lord's Table</i> , <i>Concentric Circles of Concern</i> , and others. Claude serves as President of the Board of Directors for Final Command Ministries. He is a graduate of Belmont College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Reta live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He posts video blogs at blog.lifeway.com/growingdisciples .
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Six Disciplines for New and Growing Believers	Get acquainted with a process and tools to develop balanced and healthy disciples who grow in their walk with Christ and carry His love and life to a lost and needy world.		

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Creating a Coaching Culture for Disciple-making and Leader Development	We will explore these questions: What is coaching? How does it differ from mentoring, teaching, or disciple making? What are the key skills for coaching? What is the culture of your church? You will leave with an understanding of a coaching culture and basic tools to get started.	Steve Hopkins 	Steve Hopkins serves with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Steve came to REACH Ohio with 22 years of pastoral experience. Steve and his wife Denise have two married daughters and seven awesome grandchildren. Steve's responsibilities include leader development with pastors and church leaders, the <i>PrayOhio!</i> prayer initiative, and church revitalization.
Creating a Prayer Culture for the Church	Are you part of a church that prays or a praying church? We will explore the difference between having a prayer ministry verses a culture of prayer. The focus will be on engaging, equipping, encouraging and enhancing a prayer culture for the church.		
A Startling Fact About your Church's Digital Presence	You know technology is important and social media is growing. You hear the impact having a website or Facebook page has done for other ministries. You see ministry leaders tweeting, posting and 'checking in' around you. But you are not sure if social media, a website, or even being online is a priority for your ministry right now. The surprising thing is, your ministry is already online whether you planned it or not. This workshop will help you understand how to manage your church's digital presence, choose a social platform that will reach your audience, and discuss the benefits and drawbacks of having a church website.	Diane Bowen 	Diane Bowen is a Product Designer at Covenant Eyes. She is a champion of the user and a strategic partner for the business. She helps organizations blend strategic goals with user needs. She has facilitated strategic sessions with non-profits, designed websites and apps, and managed social media and branding.
Leading Major Change in Your Ministry (Part 1)	This workshop will overview a diagnostic tool to determine if and when a ministry needs to undertake major change.	Dr. Jeff Iorg 	Dr. Iorg teaches leadership, preaching, and church ministry courses at Gateway Seminary. He speaks frequently on these subjects in conferences and other venues, including college campuses and leadership seminars. His publications include seven books: <i>The Painful Side of Leadership</i> , <i>The Character of Leadership</i> , <i>Is God Calling Me?</i> , <i>The Case for Antioch</i> , <i>Seasons of a Leader's Life</i> , <i>Unscripted</i> and his latest, <i>Ministry in the New Marriage Culture</i> , <i>Leading Major Change in Your Ministry</i> . Iorg has also written dozens of articles and curriculum materials. He maintains a leadership blog and podcast at JeffIorg.com. Iorg is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University (B.A.), Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (D.Min.). He is married to Ann, has three adult children, and five grandchildren. His hobbies include reading fiction, cheering on the Oregon Ducks, and searching for the world's best barbeque restaurant.
Leading Major Change in Your Ministry (Part 2)	This workshop will explain the difference between change and transition, as well as overview strategies for managing transition during major change in ministry organizations.		
Raising Up Spiritual Leaders	Focusing on the importance of spiritual leadership, specifically pointing toward engaging younger leaders for the future.	Phil Miller 	Phil Miller is the Acting Director of the Greater Commission Team for the Baptist General Convention of Texas
Engaging People in Bible Study	Stressing the need to have quality Bible study while also reaching out to the lost around us.		
Finding, Enlisting and Starting Leaders	How do we plan for future leaders in the church and start them off well.		
Engaging the Next Generation	Established churches have not seen the best of days behind them. By understanding and recrafting the passion for the unchurched with focused commitment to evangelism the next generation can be reached.	Michael Pigg 	Michael R. Pigg is the Senior Pastor of The Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lithonia, GA. He is married to Beverly and they have two lovely daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer. He is a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY majoring in Pastoral Care and Counseling. He has served two other churches prior to coming to the Atlanta area. His ministry of developing disciples and church leaders has taken him too many churches, associations, and state conventions throughout the United States. He presently serves Lifeway Christian Resources as a Discipleship, Leadership Consultant in the Church Partnerships department.
Distinctions of Leadership	Take a serious look at leading your church to achieve its goals and mission. How do I position the church to really be more successful?		
Leading the Church through Opposing World Views	The African American Church have evolved into a new era of challenges. We will unpack the present reality from research and discuss solutions for success in equipping and growing the church.		
Discussing Politics Without Being "Political"	Most of us have heard the old saying, "Never discuss politics or religion in polite company." All this adage has accomplished is a society that does not know how to discuss politics or religion politely, evidenced by the steady decline in the civility of our conversations in these areas. As Christians, however, we are called to engage respectfully, lovingly, and winsomely with the Gospel in every area of our culture. In this workshop, we'll consider both the biblical foundation that guides these interactions as well as practical application, so that we might be better ambassadors for Christ.	Roy Henry 	Roy Henry is the Senior Pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Battle Creek, MI. Prior to being a Pastor, Roy taught Political Science at Western Michigan University for several years and at Alma College for a year as a visiting professor.
The Serving Deacon	In this workshop we will discuss what is expected from a deacon as a church member, the responsibilities of a deacon, and the Biblical qualifications of a deacon.	Leonard Villalpando 	Leonard has served as a deacon at Memorial Baptist Church in Sterling Heights, MI for a number of years.

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The worship of Worship	"Love is a battlefield" is the mantra of a popular song released on 1983 - however, I believe "Worship ministry is a battlefield" could also resonate as a reality in Christianity. If you have not personally experienced "worship wars", you probably know someone who has. This breakout will be a discussion of what is Biblical worship, an evaluation of past and present worship culture in the church and how to engage our congregations in personal and corporate worship.	Mick Schatz 	Pastor Michael (Mick) Schatz became the Bambi Lake Retreat & Conference Center Director in March 2017. He is a Florida native who has served in local church ministry as an associate pastor of worship and students for 22 years. He and his wife Jackie enjoy serving in ministry together and spending time with their three children.
Heart 4 Schools	97% of a generation flows through the local school. What better way to impact a community than inside its walls? Come hear how your church can make an impact on the life of a child and a community.	Melanie Ratcliff	Melanie Ratcliff is the Evangelism Strategist for Women's Ministry, Ministers' Wives and Heart4Schools at the South Carolina Baptist Convention. She is married to Jody, a church planter, and the mother to three amazing teenagers. Melanie has been adjunct faculty at Charleston Southern University. She formerly served in Russia with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is the co-founder of Kindred Ministries.
Reading Mentors	Third grade reading level is an indicator for future community outlook, drop rates, and prison occupancy. In this workshop we will discuss how a reading mentor can change the trajectory of a child's life in as little as 30 minutes a week.		
How to Effectively Reach People and Grow Your Church In Today's Culture	The current church growth methods we utilize usually only produce 1-2% return on 100% investment in time, resources, and manpower. However, Jesus made twelve contacts and gained twelve disciples. This session examines the differences between the church growth methods of Jesus and those of the contemporary church.	Steve Franz	Steve is married to his high school sweetheart Heidi and is an evangelist and Church Growth Strategist with GBE (Georgia Baptist Evangelists). Prior to evangelism he served as a church planter with the Georgia Baptist Convention, where he started two multi-ethnic churches. Steve graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and a Master of Divinity degree. In addition to living out his call to evangelism Steve teaches Christian Studies courses at several SBC universities.
How to Efficiently Increase the Relevancy of Your Church Within Your Community	The church once was the "meeting house" for numerous social and civic events and was teeming with life throughout the week. Today the church is marginalized to Sunday and Wednesday evening services only. This session evaluates various approaches to return the church to its former relevance within the community.		
Share Your Faith With an Atheist	What is it like to share your faith with a non-believer? In this session you will get hands on training and leave with tools for having fruitful dialogues with non-believers.	Eric Hernandez	Eric Hernandez is the Apologetics Lead & Millennial Specialist of the Evangelism team for the Baptist General Convention of Texas
Evangelism Through Apologetics for a Millennial Generation	In this session we will cover the need, value, and biblical basis for apologetics. You will learn the key issues that the church is facing and leave equipped to handle them.		
Evidence of God	In this session we will cover powerful evidence from creation that gives undeniable evidence of an undeniable God.		
Gen Z and Missions? YES!	Gen Z is looking for ways to impact their world. Hear about the latest research involving the children and students of your church. Discover how you can use their passions and interests to develop ways they can learn about missions and empower them to tell the world about Jesus.	Heather Keller	Heather Keller serves as the children and student consultant at national WMU. Her passions include empowering children and students to share God's love with their world. She and her husband, Tommy, are raising two boys in Birmingham, AL.
The Heart of Leadership: Personal Principles for Leading and Finishing Well	Successful leadership happens one decision, one step, and one day at a time. Explore leadership principles to help you lead and finish well such as prioritizing family, overcoming obstacles, and maintaining a vital relationship with God.	Stephanie Edge	Stephanie Edge has a passion for teaching God's Word and ministering to women. She served in Women's Ministry in the local church for sixteen years and worked in College Ministry for ten years. Stephanie graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. She also completed a Masters of Theology and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Christian Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Stephanie served as an Associate Professor at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee for twenty-three years and currently teaches adjunct for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
Ten Tips for Teaching God's Word	Every teacher focuses on preparation, participation, and helping participants put God's Word to practice. This session will help you identify ten tips for teaching God's Word.	David Apple	David Apple is an Adult Ministry Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN. A thirty five year employee at LifeWay, David develops and conducts leadership training experiences. He is a frequent speaker and trainer for church leaders across the country and different parts of the world. David also serves as Pastor of Battle Creek Baptist Church, Springfield, TN.
We Want Our Sunday School to WIN	What are the "wins" for a Sunday School and for those who work in Sunday School? This session will help identify and celebrate what helps bring about successes.		
Teach Like the Master: With Power!	Jesus was the Master Teacher, and He shows us how to teach His Word by His example! This session will help you identify teaching methods and approaches Jesus used that you can implement to help change lives! You will discover qualities needed for power-filled Bible teaching through identifying and developing skills related to how Jesus taught truths of the Kingdom of God.		

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6 Distinctives of Student Bible Study	The amount of time most teens in your church will spend in Bible study pales in comparison to the amount of time they will spend going to school, playing a sport, or hanging out with friends. Time is too short and the hearts and minds of students are too valuable not to approach spiritual formation with a carefully thought-out plan. What should our time in God's Word with students look like? What should the focus of our lessons be? How can we make sure we are making disciples of Jesus who love God and live on mission? In light of recent research that shows that 66% of students are dropping out of church after finishing high school, Drew Dixon challenges student leaders to reevaluate the culture of teaching the Bible at their churches in hopes of reversing this trend and establishing a healthy disciple-making culture in their churches.	Drew Dixon 	Drew Dixon is the editor of Explore the Bible: Students at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville. He also co-founded Love Thy Nerd, a non-profit dedicated to being the love of Jesus to nerds and nerd culture. In addition to writing and editing student ministry resources at LifeWay, Drew has written for Christianity Today, WORLD Magazine, Paste Magazine, Relevant, Think Christian, and Christ and Pop Culture. Drew and his wife Jennifer live in the Nashville area with their two daughters. Drew loves the church, students, and engaging culture for the sake of the gospel.
4 Keys of True Discipleship	Discipleship requires intentionality. If we want to create a culture of true disciple-making in our churches, we need to consider where our hope and focus lies and where we are investing our resources. By unpacking four key elements of student disciple-making, Drew Dixon hopes to help church leaders invest more deeply and intentionally in the next generation of Jesus followers in their church.		
Don't Forget the Bible	The Bible is a special book. Do preschoolers in your class have opportunities to use the Bible? During this conference, we'll discuss the importance of using the Bible with preschoolers and practical ways to use it in your teaching.	Delanee Williams 	Delanee Williams serves as a Ministry Specialist with LifeWay Kids. She is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Delanee has served in kids ministry for over twenty years and is passionate about developing, equipping and encouraging leaders.
Every Child is a Gift	Many times what we may see as disruptive or hard to teach children are actually opportunities to see how God has uniquely gifted them. In this session, we'll discuss strategies to see potential in each child.		
Back Pocket Ideas for Teaching	Every teacher experiences times when an extra activity, game, or teaching idea is needed. What are some no prep and even no supplies options to fill those unexpected minutes and redeem the time?	Rhonda VanCleave 	Rhonda serves as Publishing Team Leader for Vacation Bible School at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville. She is also a pastor's wife and has served churches alongside her husband for almost forty years.
Roundin' Up Bible Study Prep	Preparing to teach kids Bible study doesn't have to feel like being caught in a stampede. This session will look at a few tips to corral Bible study preparation.		