

SERVE BOLDLY 2023 Conference Workshops

Children's Ministry

1. **Engaging Parents in Child Discipleship - *Bob Bennett*** We will look at practical ways to equip parents and engage them in Child Discipleship. Get parents involved, keep them engaged, and equip them to lead their children in spiritual formation.
2. **Teaching Children to Be Life-long Followers of Christ - *Bob Bennett*** What causes a child to want to follow Jesus for the rest of their lives, and how can we impact that decision? We will explore practical ways that you can teach children spiritual truth and make disciples.
3. **VBS Is Awesome! - *Andy Shanks*** Vacation Bible School appears to be dying off. Should we let it die, or does it still have value? What is there to gain from running a VBS, and how can you pull it off? Discover some answers and bring your own questions!
4. **Tips & Techniques for Children's Sunday School Teachers - *Jen Switzer*** It is getting harder in our society to capture our children's attention. In this workshop you will learn some practical techniques and strategies to better engage with children and encourage them in their walk with Christ.
5. **Teaching Children How to Confidently Lead Their Friends and Family to Jesus - *Beth Workman*** Give children the confidence to not only share the gospel with their friends and family, but help them to know how to lead others to saving faith in Jesus.

Technology

6. **Technology and the Church: Seize the 167! - *Josh Mowers*** Let's explore some tech options together that seek to encourage the body of Christ and reach our community outside of our time together on Sunday mornings.
7. **Tech Talk - *Josh Mowers*** Bring your tech questions and troublesome issues, and we can work through them together.

Worship Leadership

8. **Back to Basics - *David Semans*** Revitalize your worship by reexamining biblical priorities and renewing widespread participation.
9. **10 Reasons Why Your Congregation Isn't Singing - *Scott Paris*** Does it feel like your church doesn't sing out on a Sunday morning? There are many reasons why this could be true. In this workshop we'll talk about some practical ways to address these issues.
10. **How Do I plan Sunday Worship? - *Scott Paris*** There's more to planning a service than picking your four favorite songs to sing – right before the message! Join us as we talk through how to plan a worship service so that the music, message, and other parts of the service fit together and serve our people.

Counseling

11. **What's the Fallout? - *David Semans*** Exploring guilt, fear, and shame for multi-faceted biblical soul care in a sin-broken world.
12. **Overcoming the Tragedy in our Trauma - *Doug Forman*** The greatest tragedy of our past is that we allow it to determine our future. This workshop will equip you to help others overcome their past hurts so they can glorify God with the rest of their lives.

Church Security

13. **A Realistic and Practical Approach to Church Security - *Jeremiah Ayres*** With unlimited resources, money, and training, a church could be made nearly impenetrably secure. But is that realistic or best from a gospel standpoint? This seminar will give a practical and realistic approach to mitigating risk and either implementing or improving your church security for God's glory.

Women's Interest

14. **Speaking Up. Speaking Truth. - *Jeannie Vogel*** (For women only) Understanding the purpose, plan, and provision for women to use their spiritual gifts to communicate biblical truth.
15. **Is It Well with My Soul? - *Jeannie Vogel*** (For women only) Have you asked yourself this question lately? Occasionally we need a heart & soul checkup to see if we have lost our first love for Jesus amid the busyness of serving Him.

Men's Ministry

16. **Leadership in a Changing Culture - *Wayne Burroughs*** How mature men can engage with young men.

Youth Leaders

17. **Developing Discerning Teens - *Toby Locke*** "Pop" culture is ever-present, a powerful force that intends to shape and is shaping the values and habits of the teens in our youth groups. In this workshop Toby will equip you to help your teens develop the discipline of discernment so they can engage without being contaminated.
18. **How to Choose What to Teach at Youth Group - *Toby Locke*** In order to know what to teach your teens, you must first identify their needs and then match those needs with key biblical texts that address them. In this workshop Toby will share a simple process you can use to plan healthy biblical teaching that will lead to life change.

Small Groups

19. **A Primer on Small Groups - *Doug Forman*** If you're just beginning to think about small group ministry in your church or your current SG ministry is in need of some retooling - this workshop will focus on the why and the how questions and give you a foundation to start and grow your groups.

Evangelism/Outreach

20. **Always Be Ready - *Brian King*** Putting 1 Peter 3.15 into practice in interactions with people who are not yet saved.
21. **How to Confidently Lead a Person in Their Commitment to Christ - *Don Workman*** Sometimes we are fearful or unsure about how to ask for a decision after sharing the Gospel. This workshop will help alleviate those fears by giving a method that builds confidence as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work in evangelism.

Finances and Facilities

22. **Stewarding Goals, Facilities and Finances - *Mike Harris*** Plumbing broken, roof leaking, too many empty seats, too many bills, no new congregates or programs? Let's discuss how to make sense of the problems and become effective, creative, and on fire for Jesus. We will discuss practical ways to stay focused on goals, improve giving, make the facilities an asset, and make more disciples.

Senior Adults

23. **Don't Forget Your Seniors** - *Craig Golden* Starting or improving a ministry with the Senior Adults in your local church.

Miscellaneous Topics

24. **The 10 Biggest Church Turn-offs for Unbelievers** - *Jim Vogel* A practical survey of local church conditions/practices that can hinder the effectiveness of its outreach efforts.

25. **Choosing Whom We Love** - *Mike Paris* The U.S. culture around us is actively rejecting Judeo-Christian values, legislating immorality, and silencing all opposing views. What is the church's proper response? What on earth should we be doing?

26. **Look after Orphans: 20 Ways to Become an Adoption-Friendly Church** - *Paul Golden* While Christians commonly praise adoption, most American churches do not have a single family that adopted a child during the past year. Churches can and should play a crucial role in encouraging members to "look after orphans in their distress" (James 1:27). This workshop will detail specific ideas on how your church can become an *adoption-friendly church*.

Church Leadership and Administration

27. **We've Never Done It That Way Before!** - *LD Maxson* Learn how your church can work toward overcoming traditions and a survival mindset in order to move forward in reaching their community for Christ.

28. **Serving Smarter, Not Harder** - *Josh Rathmel* So many times in ministry we serve in what seems like a million different ways, but we need to ask the question are we being effective? Sometimes doing less things is more effective. This workshop will give some practical suggestions on how to serve smarter not harder.

29. **Leading Through Change** - *Alan Lindmark* An open discussion on how God leads through methodological changes while maintaining doctrinal truth and core values of the church. In twenty years of pastoring the same congregation, what went right and what went wrong as God brought about changes in our congregation while maintaining our unity, doctrine, and sanity!

30. **From Seekers to Servants** - *Jamey Miller* Simple steps to welcome visitors and keep others plugged in through the work of the ministry.