

2023 RENEW Conference

Keynote Speakers

September 23 - Batavia, NY



Diane Scallon is the author of "*Against the Tide: Godly Living in a Godless World*" (RBP, 2019) with a heart for helping women find their identity in Christ and root themselves in God's word.

She is also a pastor's wife (Ames, Iowa), mother of three boys, and on the staff of GARBC.

September 30 - Memphis, NY
October 7 - Rhinebeck, NY

Jeannie Vogel is the author of "*Engage: Influencing Your World Like Christ*" (RBP, 2021), a mentor to pastors' wives with NFIBC and Revive Our Hearts, wife to NF Associate Director, mother and grandmother.



Workshop Speakers (by Last Name)



Life After Loss - Marlene Burling, Author

BATAVIA

Losing a loved one is not the end, although it may feel like it! Learn how to grieve for as long as necessary but also how to live "more abundantly". John 10:10



Using Words to Build a Lifelong Joyful Marriage - Angela Burtis, Blogger

BATAVIA, MEMPHIS

Words are powerful gifts entrusted to a Christian wife which are able to make or break a marriage. Learn how words – both spoken and written – can delight and demonstrate love to our husbands.



Write! For Worship, Exhortation and Witness - Dorothy Davis, Author

RHINEBECK

Do you enjoy writing or typing words but then wonder what to do with what you've written? We'll explore how writing can be not only a means of personal worship and growth but also an impactful ministry of encouragement and witness to others.



Secrets of a Well Read Woman - Aune Johnson

MEMPHIS

Do you wonder how some women are able to read so many books or to devour thick books? In this workshop we will equip you with the tools and tricks to not just become a book worm but a book dragon.



The Gospel for Preschoolers - Brooke Kashou, Author

ALL 3 SITES

Sit in on a video interview with a first-time author and Minnesota mom of 3 who shares how to read with young children, and how to share the Gospel with them in words and pictures that a preschooler can understand. Her book also equips parents to become fluent in the plan of salvation.



Planning and Hosting a Scripture Reading Event - Brian King

ALL 3 SITES

There's nothing like letting God's Word speak for itself! Learn how to plan and host an encouraging and exciting event that centers on simply reading God's Word alone.



Wonderful Words of Life - Judy King

ALL 3 SITES

Instead of reading just one or two select verses, experience a cascade of God's sweet words from different passages addressing various needs and desires of your heart. Special attention will be given to certain themes common to women in ministry with their husbands. ***For Ministry Wives**



Love God, Love His Church - Sarah Leary

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Come explore what the Bible teaches about cultivating closer relationships with the Lord and with others in the Body of Christ. What part does reading play in renewing our minds and ministry to others? *** For Young Ladies**

**The Discerning Author - Janelle Leonard, Author and Editor****MEMPHIS**

Join us as we think through the traits of an author worth fighting for, and, in the process, gain a deeper understanding of ourselves in order to create characters worth rooting for.

**Monsters in the Cupboard: A Christian Look at Speculative Fiction - Becky Little, Author****MEMPHIS**

The Bible, a narrative about God, is full of stories! Stories help us deal with the issues we face. How should a Christian approach the genre of speculative fiction as either a reader or an author?

**Soundtracks: Reclaim and Renew Your Inner Narrative - Julie Manwarren, Author****MEMPHIS**

Thoughts can wreak havoc in the life of a Christian if they are not "taken captive". Recurring narratives we have about our past, present and future frame how we live. Let's learn from Scripture how we can surrender those thoughts to God so that He can rewrite our narratives and renew our minds.

**The Secret Garden: Children's Literature that Cultivates the Soul - Cindy McCarthy****BATAVIA**

Children's literature is not only a source of delight, but also a powerful tool for shaping the moral character of its readers. Whether you are a parent, teacher, lover of children's literature, or new to the reading life, this workshop will help you discover the hidden treasures of wisdom and beauty in The Secret Garden of children's books.

**Read Widely, Read Wisely for the Glory of God - Bre Nowakowski****RHINEBECK**

Why should we read? What should we read? What should my kids be reading? Does it matter? Join in a discussion with an amateur bibliophile and Christian homeschooling mother of 5.

**Input and Output: The Content We Consume - Hannah L. Smith****MEMPHIS**

Every day we are faced with choices of what content to consume. And whether we realize it or not, the content we consume has a direct effect on the "content" that we will produce in our lives. Join us as we take a look at the kings of Judah to consider practical ways to implement godly input so that we can produce godly output in our lives. ***For Young Ladies**

**Love Letters - Laura Sommons, Blogger****RHINEBECK**

What woman wouldn't do anything to receive a special love letter? A treasure for sure! Each of us has received a love letter like no other: God's holy word. It is filled with words of hope and encouragement that speak to the deepest parts of our souls unlike any other. Come and listen to it, then fall in love with its Author again.

**Good Books about the Greatest Book - Jim Vogel, Author****RHINEBECK**

This workshop will focus on why women (men too!) need to know sound Bible doctrine - now more than ever - along with recommendations of some good books (in addition to the Bible) that can strengthen your biblical convictions.

**The Art of Creative Bible Journaling - Emily Wheeler****BATAVIA**

Do you make notations in your Bible as you read? How do you process the highlights of your personal Bible study time? Whether an artistic "journaler" or just a curious "dabbler", come learn how to enhance your creative note-taking skills for God's glory. Bring your Bible and your own colored pencils, pens, or other favorite writing tools.

“Read, Write, Renew” Speakers by Location

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