

# SERVE BOLDLY 2024 Conference Workshops

## Children's Ministries

1. **Making the Gospel Clear to Kids** - Beth Workman (*USA Children's Ministry Coordinator for Evangelism Explosion*). Asking Jesus into your heart? What does that mean? Learn how to explain the Gospel in terms kids can understand.
2. **Deciphering Children's Ministry** - Kirsten Shanks (*Children's Ministry Leader, Breesport Baptist*). We will be looking at the organizational parts of children's ministry. Together we will answer questions about recruitment and management of volunteers, picking curriculum, and overseeing children's ministry in the local church.
3. **Equipping Parents to Lead Discipleship in their Families** - Bob Bennett (*Awana Missionary - NY,PA*). A discussion of four things every church should be teaching parents about their children's spiritual growth and how your church can equip parents to raise lifelong followers of Christ.
4. **Ten Tools to Make Your Ministry to Children Awesome!** - Bob Bennett (*Awana Missionary - NY,PA*). Want to take your ministry to a new level? An exploration of Ten Tools that you already have - but may not be using.
5. **Teaching the Next Generation: Encouraging and Equipping Teachers of Children.** - Apphia Rofe. (*Pastor's Wife, Bible Baptist, Dresserville*). Whether you learn new tips or are just reminded of things you already know, you'll be encouraged that there is great value in teaching the Bible to children!

## General Topics

6. **Understanding Contemporary Critical Theory** - Pastor Doug Forman (*Breesport Baptist*). Critical race theory, gender theory, and queer theory dominate headlines, but they all have their roots in contemporary critical theory. This workshop will familiarize you with the major tenets of CCT and explain why it is not the answer to the culture's problems.
7. **Our Corporate Prayer Priority!** - Frank Snyder (*Pastor, Calvary Baptist, Akron*). In this workshop, you will be encouraged to pray as a church family – to come boldly and expectantly before God, to ask God to anoint our ministry efforts.
8. **The Surprising Allure of Online Counterfeits** - Pastor Dave Semans (*Faith Baptist, Dundee*). Addressing seven powerful ways that technology appeals to our flesh and leaves us without satisfaction.

## Pastors, Deacons and other Church Leaders

9. **What?! Our Church Change? The Impossible Dream!** - Dave Strobe (*GARBC Interim National Rep and former NF Pastor*). Change is resisted, often hated, yet is inevitable. How can churches maintain fidelity to their doctrinal tenets while designing ministries that are relevant to contemporary society? This seminar will aid church members and church leaders to understand the process of change, to lead their churches through change without losing either theological beliefs or congregations.
10. **Messy Ministry** - Andrew Gable (*Associate Pastor, First Baptist, Johnson City*). Laying a Biblical foundation for our expectations in personal ministry and for our navigation through the "messiness" that God uses for His glory.
11. **Lone Wolves, Pack Mules, & Isolated Flocks** - Dave Strobe (*GARBC Interim National Rep and former NF Pastor*). Autonomous, independent churches, even Baptist churches, are better together, working from doctrinal agreement in collective ministry. This seminar will portray, biblically and practically, that whenever churches work together, they multiply their individual effectiveness in making disciples.
12. **God desires change in us!** - LD Maxson (*Pastor, Central Baptist, Binghamton*). God doesn't change – but He desires change in people. . . the perspectives of people – and sometimes methods in dealing with people. This is the second part of last year's "We've never done it that way before" workshop!

## Women's Ministry

13. **Creative Bible Journaling for Women** - Emily Wheeler (*Pastor's wife, Pine Valley Baptist*). When the joy of personal devotions seems to reach a plateau, this method of interactive Bible reading can infuse renewed passion and cultivate spiritual growth in the women's ministry of your church.
14. **How to Have an Effective Women's Bible Study Ministry** - Janis Steckiel (*Pastor's wife, Fellowship Bible, Troy, PA*). Janis has been a pastor's wife for 43 years, and has been teaching Ladies Bible studies for twenty of those years. She loves studying God's word and teaching other women. Join her as she shares how she goes about teaching the Bible chapter by chapter, verse by verse, and how to get your ladies involved in a weekly summer devotional that they prepare for and deliver.

## Outreach/Evangelism

15. **Family Fun For Everyone!** - Tim and Barb Mowers (*Pastor and wife at Calvary Baptist, Preble*). Creating a community outreach opportunity through your church and in your community. Lots of fun, food, shopping opportunities and a chance to connect with others and share the Gospel.
16. **8 Diagnostic Questions . . . to help assess your church's effectiveness in outreach and evangelism** - Jim Vogel, (*Associate Director, NF*). An overview of church readiness issues – with the goal of helping church leaders/workers strategize effective outreach in their local community.

## Smaller Church Ministry

17. **Look at that church grow!** - LD Maxson (*Pastor, Central Baptist, Binghamton*). Come and learn the characteristics of healthy small town churches . . .and if we don't match or have these – how we can make our church healthy.
18. **Keeping track to stay on track** - Chris Bosnyak (*Pastor, Pines Brook Baptist, Walton*). This workshop on smaller church administration will focus on managing resources in order to maximize membership engagement and ministry output.

## Youth Ministry

19. **Helping Teens Embrace a Biblical Approach to Human Identity & Sexuality** – Toby Locke (*Pastor, First Baptist, Horseheads*). It's a confusing time for teens to figure out who they really are and how they are to live out their lives as sexual beings in a fallen world. Join Toby as he suggests some guidelines for how to help teens grapple with Scripture and live biblically in a confused culture.
20. **Helping Teens Trapped in Sin to Break Free** - Toby Locke (*Pastor, First Baptist, Horseheads*). Once sin gets you in its grasp, it's hard to know how to break free. Join Toby as he explains a process for helping teens to methodically tackle areas of sin in their lives and learn to obey God in every area of life.

## Church Security/Safety

21. **A realistic and Practical Approach to Church Security (Surveillance and Infrastructure)**. Dan Williams (*Safety/Security ministry leader, Breesport Baptist*). As a follow up to last year's law enforcement focus with Officer Ayers, Dan will share from his role as a local church leader in security and safety efforts – and will focus on the setup and surveillance side of things – while providing help evaluating needs and determining costs in approaching any church's safety/security plan.

## VBS Ministry

22. **Taking VBS to the next level: A Q&A based workshop** - Andy Shanks (*Associate Pastor, Breesport Baptist*). Is Vacation Bible School still a viable ministry endeavor? If the answer is yes, then how can we have a VBS that doesn't just survive, but thrive? In this workshop, we will discuss the foundation and goals of VBS, but move quickly into a Q&A based discussion seeking to answer your specific questions about VBS and how to take it to the next level.

## Men's Ministry

23. **Spiritual Fathering Younger Generations** - Wayne Burroughs (*Regional Director, Man in the Mirror*). Learn how *Man in the Mirror* encourages, educates, and empowers mature Christian men with a roadmap to give younger generations hope and direction.

## Tech Ministry

24. **Tips and Techniques for Church Sound** - John Manley (*Tech ministry coordinator, First Baptist, Horseheads*). Come join as we discuss practical ways to improve church sound. Topics will include system setup, mixing tips, planning and more.
25. **Technology Ministry Open Q&A** - John Manley (*Tech ministry coordinator, First Baptist, Horseheads*). Answering your general tech questions regarding lighting, projection, cameras, streaming, etc.

## Counseling

26. **Back to the Basics: How can we provide effective soul care in the local church?** - David Semans (*Pastor, Faith Baptist, Dundee*). An introduction to church-based Biblical counseling.

## Corporate Worship Ministry

27. **Worship's Sweet Recipe** - Brian King (*NF Executive Director*). Especially designed for pastors and musicians, this workshop presents the ingredients and directions for a God-glorifying, Scripture-saturated, sincere-spirited worship service.
28. **How to Give Announcements** - Brian King (*NF Executive Director*). We want every part of our worship services to be to the glory of God. Even the way in which we give announcements can honor Him, inspire others, and communicate clearly and purposefully.

## Church Finances/Facilities

29. **6 Core Financial Practices of Healthy Churches**. Paul Aldrich (*Treasurer of First Baptist, Horseheads and also the NF*) with Jim Vogel (*NF Associate Director*). A review of basic commitments in financial areas that are characteristic of churches that are integrous and effective!
30. **Navigating the Minefield of Church Facility Development**. - Pastor Mark Steckiel (*Fellowship Bible, Troy, PA*). A consideration of the key issues churches face when it comes to renovations, additions, or new facilities. What to avoid, what factors determine cost, how to work with local municipalities, and the struggle of staying on budget. Before you do anything, the question to ask: are we using the facilities we already have effectively?