

SERVE BOLDLY Workshops – 2025

Children's Ministries

1. **Share Jesus with my Friends? How Do I Start?** - Beth Workman (*USA Children's Ministry Coordinator for Evangelism Explosion*). Fun ways to teach children how to share their faith.
2. **Building a culture of Child Discipleship in the church** – Bob Bennett (*Awana Missionary -NY, PA*). How can we help kids Belong, Believe, and Become all God wants them to be?
3. **Becoming the Men of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32) - Understanding the times we are living in** – Bob Bennett (*Awana Missionary -NY, PA*). Making disciples in a post-Christian culture can be difficult and challenging, but the mission of making disciples continues.

General Topics

4. **What's in a Game?** - Reid Anderson (*Director, Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Susquehanna, PA*). This session will explore the biblical basis for active learning, creative Bible teaching, and experiential education. The workshop will include a variety of interactive activities and low-cost resources that you can quickly implement in your youth, kids, and/or family ministry settings.
5. **Teaching Through Questioning: An introduction to Inductive Teaching** – Toby Locke (*Pastor, First Baptist, Horseheads*). We all have been taught to approach bible STUDY by asking questions...so why don't we approach Bible TEACHING the same way? Join us as Toby lays out a case for leading students (of any age) through a *discovery* of biblical truth instead of just giving them a *presentation* of biblical truth.
6. **An 8-Step Volunteer Enlistment Strategy that Works - for Any Ministry Need!** – Jim Vogel (*NF Associate Director*). Learn the key to recruiting volunteers to join your local church ministry team (Hint: it's not a printed bulletin announcement). . . a simple approach that makes sense and retains workers.
7. **Preventive Measures** – Brian King (*NF Executive Director*), Brian Cook (*Pastor, Brooktondale Baptist Church*). The Northeast Fellowship revitalizes churches. Pastor Brian Cook has served well in this key role and shares practically in this workshop on what your church can do *now*, before a crisis situation: the first few steps to take in revitalizing a church.

Pastors, Deacons and other Church Leaders

8. **Pastor / Deacon Relationships – A Match Made in Heaven? Not always.** - David Deleon (*Pastor, Open Door Baptist, New Woodstock*). The pastor/deacon relationship can be a force to be reckoned with that accomplishes much while at the same time, a tender shoot easily damaged. There are practices that will increase strength and minimize threats.
9. **Mentoring Young Men** – Tom Rofe (*Pastor, Dresserville Bible Baptist*) Isaiah Rice (*Servant Leader, Dresserville Bible Baptist*). Let's help young men become godly men and faithful servants. The key is more men in the church investing in young men through example, edification, and equipping.

Women's Ministry

10. **The Real Power in Women's Ministry: How the Holy Spirit Impacts Everything** - Jeanie Vogel (*Women's Ministry Consultant/Revive Our Hearts Ambassador*). While organization and

planning is key to Women's ministry, we sometimes forget the unseen power that changes us, our goals, and our outcomes is the Holy Spirit. Let's look at His role to accomplish great things.

11. **Women Walking with Women** – Ruth Eshelman (*Pastor's wife, Open Door Baptist, New Woodstock*). Intergenerational discipleship is commanded in Scripture, but how do we implement it in an independent, self-focused society? Come and take part in this interactive lesson on how to break generational barriers while pursuing Christ at the center of discipleship.

Corporate Worship Ministry

12. **Effective Worship Leadership and Practice – in Any Size Church!** – Lee Kliever (*Former Worship Pastor and current Dean of NSTM*). A review of biblical foundations and practical ideas for strengthening your corporate worship ministry.

Outreach/Evangelism

13. **How to Become a Missionary in the Jungles of Public School!** – Jim Barnes (*Pastor, First Baptist, Maine*). Discover ways to influence your local school for Christ including running a Good News Club, outreach ideas, tips, and more!
14. **Evangelizing Strangers - You Can Do It!!** - Don Workman (*USA National Coordinator, Evangelism Explosion*). The idea of evangelizing strangers is often intimidating, but recent research shows that it IS possible! This workshop will help equip you to Share Your Faith confidently with someone you have never met before when God presents you with that opportunity.
15. **The Part of Your Church That's Not Here Yet** – Brian King (*NF Executive Director*). In the life of faith, we see beyond the visible and the present. And with an eye toward evangelism, we seek to win groups of people who aren't in our church yet. This session shows how to make decisions and take action as a church to reach them for Christ.
16. **BRIDGES: Building Gospel Connectors to Your Community** – Mike Paris (*Pastor, First Baptist, Attica*). Your church is in or near a community of people. God has placed both of you in close proximity. This workshop will help you creatively connect to their lives, to serve them, to love them, and to introduce them to Jesus.

Smaller Church Ministry

17. **Big or Small; Faithful and Effective Service to them All** - LD Maxson (*Pastor, Central Baptist, Binghamton*). This workshop will look at serving faithfully in small town ministries. We will look at Biblical example for small town ministries, the culture in small towns and how that effects ministry. We will see some Do's, Don't and give some tips for effective small town ministries.
18. **Little Flock, Big Mission: Embracing the Strength of Small Numbers** – Elijah Beltz (*Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist, Ithaca*). Churches often focus on growing their numbers, but what if we saw our small size as an advantage rather than a limitation? This workshop will explore how smaller congregations can leverage their unique strengths to accomplish the big tasks God has given the Church.

Youth Ministry

19. **Choosing to "Go Small"** - Toby Locke (*Pastor, First Baptist, Horseheads*). Being able to talk about your faith with a small group of people has proven to be incredibly helpful for disciples of

Christ of any age, but what is the best way to pass along this practice to the teens in your church, many of whom feel socially awkward in those kinds of settings? Join us as we talk through the benefits of small group interactions for teens, as well as share practical advice for how to incorporate them into the flow of your youth ministry as unobtrusively as possible.

- 20. Tackling Tough Topics** - Andy Shanks (*Assoc. Pastor, Breesport Baptist*). If you have been in youth ministry for any amount of time, you will face questions from you teens about topics like sex, self harm, LGBTQA, and depression. This workshop will explore some foundational principles and offer some practical resources to help guide your teens.

Tech Ministry

- 21. Maximizing Social Media** – Abby Clark (*Creative Media Director, Breesport Baptist, Breesport*). Social media makes the world our neighbor and it keeps us connected with our church family throughout the week. In this class we will discuss resources and strategies for you, or a team of volunteers, to utilize as you seek to make more and better disciples of Christ through the opportunity of social media.
- 22. 9 Pieces of Technology You Need and 1 You Definitely Don't** - Kyle Franklin (*Pastor, West Middlebury Baptist, East Bethany*). We will look at 9 pieces of technology you should be introducing to the people in your church. 3 for individuals, 3 for insiders, and 3 for reaching people in your community plus one bonus piece that you should probably look to eliminate as soon as possible!

Counseling

- 23. The Role of the Holy Spirit in Counseling** – Doug Forman (*Pastor, Breesport Baptist, Breesport*). It's possible for Christians to do a great many Christian things but not in a truly Christian way to include counseling and change. This workshop will focus on the critical role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the counselor and the counselee as they navigate the change process together.
- 24. Overcoming Sexual Sin Through the Fear of the Lord** – Doug Forman (*Pastor, Breesport Baptist, Breesport*). Sexual sin is pervasive and destructive. It crosses genders, age, and professions, and it's often hidden behind walls of solitude. Victory over such sin requires many things, but chief among them is a right view of God that spans the spectrum from fear to awe.

Church Finances/Facilities

- 25. Financial Practices for Churches – Money Matters. Doesn't it?** - David Deleon (*Pastor, Open Door Baptist, New Woodstock*). Churches aren't businesses, but they do require money to operate. What to do when there's not enough money...or too much?
- 26. 10 Facility Priorities.** – Jim Vogel (*NF Associate Director*). Taking care of our building and grounds is huge for effective community impact and outreach. Come hear why . . . and what specific areas are especially important to our guests – not to mention, our own people as well!
- 27. Church Design on Any Budget.** - Emily Wheeler (*Pastor's wife, Pine Valley Baptist*). Today's culture is vastly changing - gone are the days where people would attend church out of cultural norms, regardless of the "feel" of a church. We will give practical tips to update to current trends without compromising Biblical Truth and without spending a dime.