

2024 Missions Get-Together Breakout Sessions Descriptions

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Breakout Session titles, leaders, and descriptions are subject to change.

Check for updates at www.tnbaptist.org/mgt2024

The breakout session grid with the days and times when sessions will be offered will be available by March 15.

Missionaries

Does God Speak My Language? *led by Charissa Taylor.* What remains for reaching the last of the unreached, those that have never heard the good news in their heart language? What do life and missions look like in a closed context? Join Charissa, a single long-term missionary, as we look at our role in this difficult but vital Task.

From China to Colorado, *led by Kevin Godin.* Who would have guessed that ministry in China would look so much like church planting in Colorado? Come and discover how the skills and ministry mindset as an overseas missionary is what's needed to reach the most unchurched populations in the US!

God at Work in the Asia Pacific Rim, *led by Emily.* Come and hear the stories of God at work in the Asia-Pacific Rim. Be encouraged by how God's global church is faithfully bringing light to dark places in Asia.

The Vine and the Branches, *led by Liz Harper.* The Vine and the Branches: How knowing and being with Jesus is bearing fruit among UPGs in South Asia. While plans, strategies, and tactics are wise and needed, we have consistently seen that loving Jesus is what ultimately changes lives. Come and hear how South Asian believers are embodying this!

Using Art to Share the Gospel, *led by Kerry Jackson.* Come and hear NAMB Missionary, Kerry Jackson, share his journey of using art to share Christ, plant churches, and disciple Christian artists to do the same.

Missions Awareness & Involvement Opportunities

Living the Dream, *led by Ann Davenport & Carolyn Outland.* Do you have a dream that seems impossible? Or is your dream so far in the future, it seems impractical to plan on it? Every believer can live the dream of a daily Christ-centered life. God has adventures of faith for each one who focuses on values of eternal significance.

Mentoring: Consultant, Coach, or Counselor? *led by Michelle Hicks.* Titus 2 gives general instructions on woman-to-woman mentoring — teaching others how to live godly lives from the inside out. By being good role models and encouragers, women train others in simple to measure, Spirit-empowered, biblical, love-based living.

Equipping Young Adults. In this breakout young adult ministers will share how they approach building leaders among young adults and how the church can better reach the next generation.

Panel: Bill Choate, Cole Rogers, Tiffany Hudson, and Hunter Melton

Not the "Next" Generation: Empowering and Incorporating College Students into the Life of Your Church, *led by Hunter Melton.* For college students, church can be a confusing time. They are too old for the youth group, but don't feel yet ready for adult ministry. Being ready to quickly empower and incorporate students into the life of your church is crucial. Let's discover what that means together!

Out of the Box Ministry Ideas Panel, What talents and passions do you have that you can use to develop leaders and serve your community? God wants to use them! These women will share interesting ways they have provided opportunities to develop leaders within their churches, as well as serving the communities around them!

Panel: Brenda Harris, Becky Sumrall, Tika Scoles, Dixie Lovett, Ann Davenport.

TBC and the Future, led by *Dr. Randy Davis*. The 150th anniversary Tennessee Baptist Convention is worth celebrating! And we have reason to have great confidence in the years ahead. Come and hear an update on the Acts 2:17 Initiatives and what they mean for Tennessee.

Personal Spiritual Development

How to Study the Bible...for His Glory, led by *Dixie Lovett*. In 1Peter 4:11 we are challenged personally and relationally to order our lives "so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." God, through His Word, teaches and informs us as to how this is accomplished. Come join this breakout for encouragement and tips for studying the Bible.

How to Write a Devotional, led by *Michelle Hicks*. Often women are asked to share a devotional in written or verbal form to help others grow in Christ. In this breakout you will learn how to write a devotional message that draws spiritual truth from Scripture to encourage and inspire others in their walk of faith.

Knowing God, Trusting God, led by *Ashlin Murphy*. As Christians, we are called to trust in God with our whole heart. In this session, we will seek to deepen our trust in Him by exploring key attributes of God as revealed by His Word. As our understanding of God's character grows, so will our readiness to trust Him.

More Ready Than You Realize: Sharing Your Faith with Boldness and Confidence, led by *Chuan Anderson*. We want desperately to see lost family members and friends respond to the gospel and be saved. Yet we're often too paralyzed by fear and insecurity to share Jesus with them. In this session, we will discover how to build the confidence we need to initiate spiritual conversations with others.

Prayer and Patience, led by *Michelle Hicks*. God is patient across the centuries to accomplish His mission. Jesus prioritized prayer above the clamor of pressing leadership responsibilities. Prayer and patience were markers of the early Christians. The power twins of prayer and patience demonstrate transformation deep in the soul — changing our words, actions, and attitudes.

Praying in Color, led by *Kerry Jackson*. Why pray in color? You can't find the words. Your mind wanders. You can't sit still. You want a new and fun way to pray. "Praying in Color" is the intersection of prayer and doodling. It is a visual, active, meditative, and playful way to pray.

Leading Well

Engaging Culture Without Ruining Our Witness, led by *Cole Rogers*. How do Christians tactfully engage an ever-progressing culture? In this breakout, Cole will share how Christians today can compassionately engage the world without ruining our witness.

Expand & Engage: How to Utilize Social Media for Your Ministry, led by *Ashlin Murphy*. In this session, you will learn how to utilize social media to engage with your church community and help expand your ministry's reach. By unpacking the fundamentals of social media and how to represent your ministry online, this session will equip you to share your ministry in a new way.

Faithful Leadership, led by *Chuan Anderson*. In this session, we'll explore how to serve and lead in ministry, the marketplace, and in motherhood from a place of faith and healthy confidence grounded in the faithfulness of God.

Sex Abuse Prevention and Response, led by *Tiffany Hudson*. See something, say something is a tagline often used in reporting abuse. Develop practices to hopefully prevent abuse. Navigate the complexities of discovering, reporting, and ministering through sexual abuse allegations as it connects to the local church. Help your church respond well and be the reason individuals stay in church.

Thoughtful Ministry Presentations, *led by Brenda Croston*. This session goes beyond the usual semantics of oral presentation and gives the attendee a missional perspective of presenting.

Mental Health (current WMU critical issue)

How to Be for Mental Health, *led by Tony Rankin*. Knowing what mental health is, how ordinary and approachable it can be, to accept one's own struggles, and how to advocate for others and encourage them to pursue mental healthiness.

Improving Family Relationships, *led by Tony Rankin*. Settling for the status quo in any relationship may cause you to miss what is next and what could be better in all your relationships.

Understanding Grief, *led by Tony Rankin*. Understanding the basic stages of grief is important but grasping a personal appreciation for hurting, adjusting, and loving again is more important than ever.

Prayer Room

Do you need some time away with just you and the Lord? Has He worked in your heart this weekend and you need time to process? The prayer room is open and available for you to quietly pray during all session times. A prayer guide is available in the room for you to walk through, as well as a place to leave your prayer requests and take someone else's request.