

## **Breakout Session Descriptions**

**Legal Issues** – 2 sessions, *Vaughan Drinkard* - Abuse Prevention and Screening, Mandatory Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse Pastoral and Lay Counseling, Governance and Governing Documents, Property and Safety Hazards, Adequate Insurance Coverage

**Guarding the Flock** - 1 session, *Tommy Herron* - Procedures and Techniques to protect Today's Church

**Mission Trip Toolbox** - 1 session , *Scotty Goldman* - We are ready for a missions experience. What do I do first?

**Not everything is Missions** - 1 session , *Scotty Goldman* - How can our churches become more missions focused?

**Living Out the Great Commission** - 1 session, *Rob Jackson* - Healthy churches live out the Great Commission. It is more than a command; it is a lifestyle for every believer. This practical workshop explores how to live out the gospel through prayer, intentional relationships, authentic fellowship, personal testimony, and dependence on the presence of Christ.

**12 Steps to Increase Guests and Get them Back!** - 1 session, *Rob Jackson* - Healthy churches intentionally reach people, warmly welcome guests, and help them become fully devoted followers of Christ. This practical workshop explores biblical principles from the ministry of Jesus and provides a proven 12-step strategy for increasing guest engagement, creating a welcoming church culture, strengthening community outreach, and improving guest follow-up.

**Moving Guests to Members** - 1 session, *Rob Jackson* - Welcoming guests is only the beginning...helping them become committed members is the goal. This practical workshop equips pastors and church leaders with biblical principles and proven strategies for creating a church people want to join, communicating the value of membership, developing an effective assimilation process, and establishing a meaningful membership class.

**Beyond the Set List: Planning Worship with Purpose** - 1 session, *Karen Gosselin* - Is your weekly worship planning centered around songs, or is it shaped by a bigger vision? Discover practical and creative strategies for planning worship services that flow with purpose, engage your congregation, and reduce Sunday morning stress.

**The Choir Comeback: Why Choirs Still Matter** - 1 session, *Karen Gosselin* - In a culture that often overlooks the choir, discover why this ministry remains one of the most effective tools for discipleship, community, and congregational worship. Explore practical rehearsal techniques, fresh resources, and proven strategies for building enthusiasm among singers of all ages.

**Making Your Children/Preschool Class More Effective and Fun!** - 1 session, *Belinda Stroud* - Learn ways to teach children and preschoolers God's Word that are both effective and fun.

**Gospel Storyboard** - 1 session, *Belinda Stroud* - There are many ways to explaining Christ to a child. Learn tools and techniques to powerfully present the plan of salvation using a Gospel Storyboard.

**Nex Gen/Youth** - *Charlie Stallings* - Session 1: **Setting Your Priority** - Ensuring that every aspect of your ministry flows together to accomplish your goals in student ministry. Session 2: **Creating The Right Culture** - Developing people and systems that foster growth within your student ministry. Session 3: **Dealing with Discouragement** - Learning to handle the highs and lows of student ministry.

**Churches Reaching Collegians** - 1 session, *Jerrod Brown* - The work of God is evident among college students in the 2020s. Churches and campus ministries are reaching collegians with the gospel of Jesus, growing them as disciplemakers and mobilizing them to their world with the gospel. This seminar will help churches lay a blueprint for developing an impactful college ministry focused on evangelism, discipleship and mobilization.

**Leading a Senior Adult Ministry in the Days in which we Live** - 1 session, *Ronnie McCarson* - Challenging church seniors to make a difference in their churches and in this world. It's "Rifirement" not retirement.

**Sunday School/Small Groups** – *Daniel Edmonds* - Session 1 - **Jesus on groups**, Session 2 - **Essentials for effective groups**, Session 3 - **What I've always wanted to know about groups (Q&A)**

**Disciple Making** - 3 sessions - *Robert Mullins*

## Breakout Session Leaders

**Jerrod Brown** serves as the Baptist campus minister at the University of South Alabama. Jerrod and his wife, Shalon, are members of Cross Culture Church. They have four children.

**Vaughan Drinkard**, a native Mobilian. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Spring Hill College followed by a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Birmingham School of Law. He has been practicing law in Alabama for nearly 50 years. Vaughan and his wife, Linda, have been married 54 years and have two daughters and five grandchildren. He is the founding partner of the firm now known as Drinkard & Barber which concentrates its practice in the field of trusts, estates, probate and church work. Vaughan has represented churches and church schools for most of his practice, and presently represents the MBN, a number of churches and church schools.

**Daniel Edmonds** is the Director of the Office of Sunday School and Discipleship at the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions (ALSBOM). Daniel and his wife Terri, have a son and a daughter. Daniel is the author of a book, Start Small, Do It Right, and Build It Strong.

**Scotty Goldman** is the Director of the Office of Global Missions at ALSBOM. He assists churches in developing an Acts 1:8 mission strategy and coordinates partnership efforts. Scotty and his wife, Rita, have one happily married daughter and one wonderful grandchild.

**Karen Gosselin** serves as coordinator of Worship Resources at ALSBOM. She is responsible for serving the needs of the local church and Baptist associations through the ministries of worship and music. Equipping leaders in these ministry areas is the primary focus. Karen and her husband, Greg, have three children.

**Tommy Herron** is the Security Team Lead at Woodridge Baptist Church. He has been involved in the development of the church's security team, policies, procedures, and training for several years and with years of training can give practical insight to all levels of church security.

**Rob Jackson** Rob Jackson is director of the Office of Evangelism & Church Health at ALSBOM. Rob served 15 years as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Decatur and eight years as associate pastor at Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky. Rob and his wife Tonya have one daughter, Abigail.

**Ronnie McCarson** originally from Durham, North Carolina, is a graduate of Samford University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been in the ministry for 48 years. Twenty five of those years have been at Cottage Hill Baptist Church as Pastor to Adults 55+. He and his wife Cindy have been married 47 years and have 2 grown married daughters and 5 grandchildren; 16,12,10 and their newest additions..... 22 month old twins.

**Robert Mullins** is passionate about relationships. One of the expressions of his calling is encouraging and pastoring pastors. He also thrives as a connector for churches to be on mission together! He has over 33 years of ministry experience serving in the local church and denominational work. Robert has a passion to see people begin to follow Jesus and learn how to help others do the same. Robert has a wife, Pam, and two adult sons, Hudson (Kathryn) and Nick (Hanna).

**Charlie Stallings** has served as the Youth Pastor for Woodridge Baptist Church for the past 8 years. He has authored 3 books including one on student ministry. He has an amazing wife, Tracy, and two great kids in Kaylee (17) and Carson (14).

**Belinda Stroud** is the Children's Specialist and Bible Drill Coordinator in the Office of Sunday School and Discipleship at the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. She provides leadership for the Alabama State and Regional Bible Drills, and serves as a consultant for Bible Drill and children's discipleship. Belinda and her husband, Stephen are members of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Homewood and have two sons.