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Session I

B103 Jeff lorg

Session I Only- God's Eternal Mission

Discerning when and how to lead major change in your ministry is an essential skill for leaders today. This seminar will help you understand a diagnostic tool based on leading multiple ministry organizations through major change to aid in this process.

B119AB Michelle Myers & Melanie Ratcliffe

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B126AB Chad Burnett

Session I Only- Engaging the Curious and Equipping the New Believer

Learn to navigate initial conversations with spiritual seekers and new believers.

B203AD Tim Coker

Session I Only-Releasing the Eagles

Many pastors say they would like to see their men more involved, but I am interested in moving them from involved to intentional. If you would like to see the men at your church live more intentional lives, join me. Together, with God's help, we will learn to "Release the Eagles."

B203BC Tim Sieberhagen

Session I Only- Encore Missions: Unleashing Retirees for Mission Impact

How can adults in or near retirement leverage their time, experiences, and passion to fulfill the Great Commission? Learn more about Encore Missions, a partnership with International Mission Board to provide SC seniors an opportunity to serve beyond the short-term experience.

B205 Víctor Rodríguez

Session I Only- Hispanic Pastor Track: Identidad y Colaboración: Una Perspectiva Bíblica y Filosófica

En estas sesiones, hablaremos sobre la conexión entre nuestra identidad y la colaboración entre nosotros desde una perspectiva bíblica.

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Sessions I & II-Lessons Learned from 50 Years of Pastoring

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B208 Bobby Howard

Session I Only- Breathing Life Into Sunday School

No matter what name it goes by, various forms of the traditional Sunday School are an effective way to teach the Bible, reach people with the Gospel, and assimilate them through relational connections into the life of the local church. This breakout will highlight some essentials for experiencing a renewed focus that will enable churches to see greater potential and effectiveness in their Sunday School ministries.

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B214 Kevan Chandler

Session I Only- We Carry Kevan

With videos, stories, and Q&A, Kevan will delve deeper into his experience of traveling with his friends and working together to scale the mountains God has called them to climb, for his glory and their good.

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C104B Colin Raynor

Session I Only- Ministry Assistant Track: Introduction to MissionInsite

Discover how to effectively reach your community. In this breakout session learn how MissionInsite uses data to help you understand your neighbors and tailor your outreach. Gain practical insights to make disciples, plant churches, and fulfill the Great Commission.

C105 Justin Romine

Session I Only- Executive Pastor Track: Leading the New Generation of Church Staff

Optimizing your ministry staff includes harnessing the unique strengths of each individual regardless of their generational background. By understanding and valuing the diverse perspectives across generations, we can foster a more dynamic and innovative approach to ministry. In this discussion, we will explore how to use HR tools and best practices to equip your team for impactful ministry both now and in the days ahead.

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C107 Megan Hollifield

Session I Only- Communicating as a Biblical Leader for All Generations in Worship

A breakout for ministry leaders who aim to love, guide, and produce good leaders through biblical truth and worship to Jesus.

C109 Ant Frederick

Session I Only- Missional Partnerships in Hard Places

Making disciples and serving poverty impacted communities can't be done alone. What would it look like for your church to partner with Gospel-centered churches in these nearby communities? Join us as we talk about the purpose and the practical steps of this type of partnership.

C111 James Nugent

Session I Only- A Helpful Primer for Church Revitalization

Join us for a simple and straightforward discussion on bringing renewal to declining churches hosted by our own SCBaptist practitioners. Bring your pen and your questions, and let's get to work strengthening God's church in South Carolina.

C121 Daniel Dickard

Sessions I & II- Cultivating a Culture of Prayer in Your Church

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C122 DJ Horton & Wayne Bray

Session I Only- Multiple Ways to Do Multisite

This session is for those who want to learn how to lead their church to grow outward instead of upward, those who want to discover the most financially efficient form of church revitalization, and those who are willing to challenge their thinking by exploring the various ways to do multisite.

C124 Joe Wehunt

Session I Only- Church Livestream Mixing

If somebody's first experience with your church was watching your livestream, what would they think? Are you afraid they might turn it off because it sounds so bad, never giving your church another chance? This breakout will help you learn to enhance the sound quality of your church's livestream.

C126 Steven Crittendon

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C127 Jarrett McNeely

Session I Only-Building a Hospitality Culture in Any Church

Discover how any size church can create a culture of hospitality that keeps people coming back to your church. Learn how to make authentic and lasting connections from the time a new person steps onto your church campus to the time they complete your church's membership process.

C128 Adam Spurlock

Session I Only- Church Planting: What to Expect in the Next 10 Years

Planting a church comes with some unique challenges. If you are not prepared, these challenges can harm you, your family, and your congregation. I'd love to share what you as a planter should expect in the next 10 years.

C129 Laura Dyar

Session I Only- Managing Inappropriate Behaviors in the Classroom: Practical Tips Related to Autism, ADHD, and Other Disabilities

This breakout session equips church leaders and volunteers with essential knowledge and practical strategies to effectively manage classroom behaviors. Learn how to support individuals with special needs and address inappropriate behaviors stemming from life trauma or other challenges.

C130 David Jackson

Session I Only- Churches Helping Churches: How Fostering Partnerships Can Revitalize Churches

This session will overview a process and discuss the steps needed for healthy, Kingdom-minded churches to partner with struggling churches to help them thrive again with renewal, health, and vitality for Jesus.

C201 Jason Crawley

Session I Only-Student Ministry Track: Developing a Ministry That Will Last

Student ministry is not everyone's lifelong career path. If you leave, will your ministry stand without you? Have you developed a culture that empowers others to lead? Learn some practical ways to invest and equip your volunteers to see your community and your city know Jesus.

C202B Landry Holmes

Session I Only- Children's Ministry Track: Threats to Children's Ministry

Do you remember when ministry threats were simple behavioral challenges? We are now faced with internal and external threats such as culture, character, competency, and capacity. What are the specific threats and what is our response?

C204A Andre Melvin

Sessions I Only-Practical Evangelism

In this course, you'll learn how to share your faith naturally and confidently by being yourself. We'll address common fears about evangelism and how to overcome them, explore different approaches to sharing the Gospel, and equip you with practical tools to make reaching others for Christ a part of your everyday life.

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C204B Andrew Lucius

Session I Only-Strategies for Growing Your Worship Ministry Team

Discover effective recruitment techniques, creative training methods, and essential pastoral care practices for your volunteers. Gain insights on handling challenging personalities and learn administrative strategies to streamline your week.

C240 Chelsea Copeland

Session I Only- Preparing Your Church for Sexual Abuse Prevention and Survivor Care

Join Licensed Professional Counselor Chelsea Copeland for a breakout session on preparing your church for sexual abuse prevention and survivor care. Learn practical, actionable steps to protect the vulnerable and build a safe, trauma-informed community for survivors.

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Session II

B103 Tony Wolfe

Session II Only-This is Our Time - The SCBaptist Give & Go 2025 Initiative

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C105 Kylie White

Session II Only- Critical HR Misses and Frequently Asked Questions

Compliance mistakes can cost your ministry a fortune in fines, and missing the mark with HR best practices can be detrimental to the culture and relational equity within your team. In working with hundreds of churches and ministries across the country, we've gathered a list of critical HR mistakes you don't want to make and some trending ministry HR questions.

C107 Will Cofield & Allison Miller

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Session III Only-Deacons Leading By Example

Much of deacon ministry involves modeling faithful Christian service within the body of Christ. In this session, Dr. Wolfe will discuss the dynamics of servant-leadership by influence, then offer four specific areas of attention for every deacon.

B203AD Ryan Pack

Session III Only- Educating Your Church on Cooperative Missions

Learn how to share and celebrate the great Gospel advance that happens through Southern Baptist partnership and cooperation in your church. We really are doing more together!

B203BC Taylor Wolfe

Session III Only-Leading To the Field

Leading people can be overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Come consider the missional, logistical, and practical elements of leading people to engage others with the Gospel. Whether you've led multiple short-term mission teams or are considering leading your first short-term trip, this breakout is for you.

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B208 Chuck Sprouse

Session III Only- The Leader's Struggle with Omni-Competence

Pastor or church leader, do you feel overwhelmed by the many tasks expected of you? Could your approach be unintentionally limiting your congregation's involvement? In this session, we'll explore how to create a conviction, culture, and context that equips and empowers the body of Christ to function as a unified community, with each member actively contributing their unique gifts.

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C104B Jessi Strother

Session III Only- Ministry Assistant Track: All In: Biblical Identity in a Confused Culture

Our biblical identity gives us roots for growth. Explore freeing truths and amazing grace to embrace your biblical identity with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength as we find ways to encourage the next generation to do the same.

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C121 Tana Dukes

Session III Only-Trauma-Informed Ministry

Could your church utilize training to promote healing instead of harm in the families they serve? Trauma-informed care is important to connecting sensitively with children and adults who may have been exposed to challenging backgrounds. An understanding of trauma, attachment, and healing techniques of interacting can help us serve families better. At the center of all interactions are relationships. This training will break down how healing can happen in the context of trusting relationships.

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C124 Jamie Parler

Session III Only-Leveraging Strengths and Limiting Roadblocks to Thrive in Ministry

Awareness is key. Understand your strengths, recognize your blind spots, and be encouraged to maximize the unique way God has designed you to serve him in life and ministry.

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C129 Shea Burdette

Session III Only- Cultivating Compassion, Community, and Support in Special Needs Ministry

This breakout will help leaders clarify components of Special Needs Ministry and why engaging with this community is an absolute necessity. Participants will discover effective ways to include special needs individuals and families in church life, how to care for caregivers, and how to equip and support volunteers.

C130 Casey Williams

Session III Only- The Nations Are Our Neighbors

Discover how partnering with ethnic churches can empower your mission to reach the nations with the hope of the Gospel right where the Lord has strategically placed your local church.

C201 Brett Day

Session III Only-Student Ministry Track: Discipling the Next Generation

As a youth leader, do you find it easier to relate to a certain kind of student or age? Is it easier for you to connect with high schoolers, or middle schoolers, or those who show spiritually maturity? In this breakout, we'll talk about how to design and lead a student ministry that accommodates students of all ages and stages, with an emphasis on helping each student take their next step in discipleship.

C202A John Reeves

Session III Only- Creating a Leadership Development Culture in Your Church

Please stay. Please come. Please GO!

C202B Anna Johnson

Session III Only-Children's Ministry Track: Looking Ahead: Trends in Children's Ministry and Gospel Impact

It can be a challenge for children's ministry to remain relevant to the families we serve, especially in our fast-paced, ever-changing world. During this breakout, we will cover some of the changes that we have seen over the past few years and look at ways that we can lead our families well in the days ahead.

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C204A Dwight Easler

Session III Only-Passing on a Legacy of Leadership

How do you define leadership? How is leadership defined through the eyes of the Apostle Paul? We will answer these questions in the breakout by focusing on leadership as influencing and leading others in such a way that they carry on the mission after we are gone.

C204B Megan Hollifield, Andrew Lucius, & Joe Wehunt

Session III Only- Worship Track: Panel Discussion: Whose Job Is It to Raise the Next Generation of Ministry Leaders?

The number of churches looking for qualified leaders is on the rise while the number of people available is on the decline. But whose job is it to find a solution to the problem? How do we fix it? Join Megan Hollifield, Andrew Lucius, and Joe Wehunt, the Worship Leadership Directors from our three Baptist colleges, for a panel discussion on how we can all participate in raising up the next generation of ministry leaders.

C240 Alex Smith & Todd Williams

Session III Only- Establishing a High-Impact College Ministry

In this breakout, we will explore the key elements necessary to build a high-impact college and young adult ministry that effectively engages, equips, and empowers the next generation. We'll dive into strategies for fostering authentic discipleship, creating a vibrant community, and cultivating leadership among students and young adults. Whether you're starting from scratch or seeking to elevate your existing ministry, this session aims to provide practical tools and insights to make a lasting impact.