

Equipping Leaders Weekend 2025

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry Curriculum: What is Available and How is it Used led by Dwayne Parker

In this session, you will be introduced to various curricula for Men's Ministry/Discipleship. Recognizing that the curriculum is only a tool, you will be guided through different options and the appropriate uses of the curriculum.

Equipping Fathers to Disciple Their Families led by Josh Kubler

Fatherhood is in crisis in our country, and the church is not exempt. Recent surveys show that 78% of Christian fathers do not intentionally read or discuss the Bible with their children and that 75% don't pray with their family. How can the church help to change this? In this breakout, discover methods to engage fathers in your congregation and equip them for the essential task of faithfully leading their families.

Breaking Chains: Leading Men to Freedom in Christ led by Preston Crowe

This breakout focuses on the unique challenges that tend to hold men in captivity as well as the best practices to help them overcome these challenges.

Building A Lasting Men's Discipleship Ministry led by Jess Dilley

This conference will focus on how to start and maintain a successful men's ministry in your church for years to come.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

Ministry to Women Essentials led by Alicia Wong

Have you been called to lead women in your local church? Whether you are starting from scratch or in the process of rebuilding, this session will guide you through some basics in assessing your situation and moving forward. Learn principles from the book of Nehemiah and see how the why of ministering to women hasn't changed – the methods have.

Women in Biblical Perspectives led by Alicia Wong

Have you wondered what the debate between complementarians and egalitarians is all about? In this session, the focus will be on developing a biblical perspective of women by discussing key biblical passages and examining the lives of the women in the Bible in order to understand how we can best serve in our various ministries.

WMU

Missions IDEAS Exchange with Sandy! led by Sandy Wisdom-Martin

Come participate in a hands-on learning lab where you will glean IDEAS for missional leadership and living.

WMU Essentials led by Sandy Wisdom-Martin

Come explore how to lead a churchwide approach for WMU. Discover resources that can help you in planning for the year. Learn how to lead your church to be missional no matter it's size or location.

Adult Mission Essentials led by Stephanie Newton

Adult Mission Groups, Let's discuss all things related to Adults on Mission, myMISSION and Women on Mission. Come hear updates on the groups and new ideas for leaders. New leaders and those thinking of restarting adult groups will find this course helpful too!

Sisters Who Care led by Stephanie Newton

Sisters Who Care is the Women on Mission group that is contextualized for the African American church context. Come learn more about how WMU can help your church learn, pray, support, and do missions.

Student Mission Essentials: Five "W's" and One "H" led by Heather Keller

Find out the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of student missions discipleship and how students in grades 7–12 can get involved in the Great Commission. We will cover the basics of Acteens, Challengers and Youth on Mission, review the current curriculum, and take time to share great ideas!

Children Mission Essentials led by Ann Rials

Whether you have year's of experience or brand new to leading Children in Action (CA) or Girls in Action (GA) this conference will help you lead the Children Missions organizations in your church. Participants will receive a curriculum overview, updates for this year and much more.

Tools of the Trade for Children Missions Leaders led by Ann Rials

In this session, we will cover all the "extra" tools for taking your CA/GA programs to the next level. Learn how to use the awards programs with badges to teach and encourage children to be missional. Listen and share best practices that are working in the local church.

Essential Tools for Royal Ambassadors (RA's) led by Justin Craft

This session focuses on leadership development, RA curriculum and resources, mission ideas for boys, RA TREK and more. You will learn the basics of having a successful RA ministry and being a successful RA leader. *Come meet our new RA/Challengers Consultant, Justin Craft.*

How to Disciple Boys to Live a Missions Lifestyle led by Justin Craft

This session equips parents, mentors, and ministry leaders to raise boys into Christ-centered young men who live on mission in their everyday life.

Preschool Mission Essentials led by Tammy Smith

Participants will explore Missions Friends resources, discover how to set up a learning environment in a preschool room and explore how to teach preschoolers.

Family Missions led by Tammy Smith

Participants will hear how parents can teach their children to live on mission through their family activities. Whether it's going next door, around the corner or across the country, families on mission can make a difference.

MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

Deaf Culture and Ministry in Mississippi led by Vickie Stuart

Learn about the 97,000 Deaf living in Mississippi through their eyes – learn how and why there is a need for a Deaf Church and Deaf ministries in already established churches.

How Your Church Can Start a Deaf Ministry led by Vickie Stuart

How does my hearing Church minister and reach out to my whole neighborhood? Come discuss ways to get started.

Cross-Cultural Evangelism led by Matt Williams

The gospel message transcends cultures, but our communication does not. As we seek to carry out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, we need to be prepared to communicate the gospel to people from a variety of backgrounds and worldviews. This session will focus on principles for communicating the gospel across cultures in a way that is both biblically sound and culturally relevant.

Cross-Cultural Partnerships led by Matt Williams

The church universal is quite diverse with churches from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Whether engaging in international mission efforts or seeking to impact multicultural communities here in the US, we must build partnerships and work across cultures in order to reach the lost for Christ and plant churches among them. This session will focus on principles to establish cross-cultural partnerships that foster mutual respect, build capacity, and work toward healthy sustainability.

Challenges and Opportunities for Connection in YOUR Neighborhood led by Paula Smith

God is relocating new neighbors in our communities from around the world, so that we can minister and share His Gospel message. Naturally, being relocated to Mississippi from other parts of the world brings some unique challenges to our new neighbors. Come and discuss ideas to help your church family be prepared and ready to minister where you are

MBCB Missions Involvement Opportunities led by Jon Martin

Come explore ways you can participate in missions/ministry opportunities through the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Jon Martin, MBCB Strategist, will share how you as an individual, small group or church can impact your community and world by partnering with Mississippi Baptists. We can EXTEND our REACH by doing MORE together!

Service Opportunities through the International Missions Board led by Mike Lazenby

Whether for one week, several years, or anywhere in between, there are opportunities for all ages to serve with the International Mission Board. Hear about the short-term, mid-term, and long-term service pathways through which you can participate in engaging the world's greatest problem, lostness.

A Look Inside the Life of a Missionary led by Regina White

Regina and her family have served as IMB missionaries to Guatemala since 2006. Come hear her share about the challenges, joys, hardships, and blessings of life on the mission field as she ministers to the Guatemalan people and encourages other IMB missionaries in the work they are doing.

SPIRITUAL / PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Starting Spiritual Conversations led by Greg & Abby Wilton

Don't go out of your way to do missions, make missions your way. Learn how to share your faith with anyone, anytime, anywhere.

Praying for and with the Lost led by Shea Williams

Explore ways to impact your witness for Christ by praying Scripture for lost friends and family. Find encouragement to begin praying with the lost all around you.

Self-Care for Leaders led by Heather Keller

Hear from someone who struggles with taking care of herself. Find out why she is learning to stop and breathe and how you, too, can take steps to care for yourself so you can be an even better missions leader.