

AUGUST 22-23, 2025 • BRANDON BAPTIST CHURCH

ESSENTIAL TOOLS

**for Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Multicultural &
WMU Leaders**



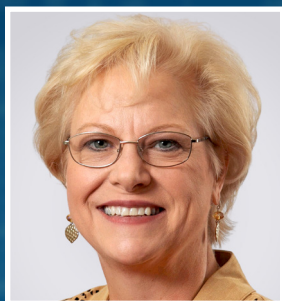
EQUIPPING LEADERS WEEKEND

with Mississippi WMU Annual Meeting



TERRIE HARWOOD • President, Mississippi WMU

The essential tools for the Christian faith revolve around fostering a deeper relationship with God and living according to His will, primarily through prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with other believers. These practices are foundational for spiritual growth and understanding Christian doctrine and principles as we mature in our walk with the Lord. This weekend, let's equip ourselves with tools to take home to our churches and associations to become "Joy Multipliers" by spreading the Good News to our communities!



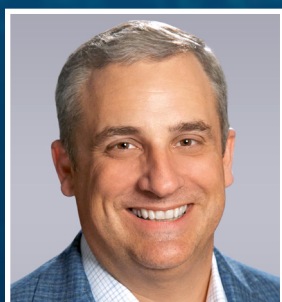
TAMMY ANDERSON • Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Women's Ministries/WMU, MBCB

Learning how to choose the right tool for a task can save time and help you reach a better outcome with a lot less stress. The same is true in the life and ministry of the church. No matter what your specific ministry role, we are all called to share our faith and disciple new believers. Equipping Leaders Weekend is designed with this purpose in mind. We hope that you will discover essential tools and feel confident to lead well when you return home. Remember that we are here to assist you anyway we can!



PAULA SMITH • Director, Multicultural Ministries, MBCB

Living in another culture and country for ten years, I quickly learned that some mechanical things are built and work differently than I was accustomed. Fortunately for me, the family moving out of the house I was moving into had made the same discovery and had a custom-made tool to fix a problem that seemed to happen quite often. Once in the middle of the night, I needed that specific tool and could not find it. I tried in vain using three other tools but only made the matter worse, to the point of needing to call for help the next morning. My lesson is that some tools can "make do" and handle several tasks BUT there are some tasks that require just the exact tool. So it is now as it was then. We have many wonderful cultures living among us. What an opportunity to partner in witnessing and training among the nations living here. We must be equipped with the appropriate tools. ENJOY!



DWAYNE PARKER • Director, Discipleship/Sunday School Ministries, MBCB

Welcome to Equipping Leaders — we're thrilled to have you with us! As men, we often like to face challenges head-on, skipping instructions and figuring things out as we go. But even the toughest jobs require the right tools. That's what this weekend is all about: gaining the essential tools for effective leadership and faithful disciple-making. In Ephesians 4:11-13, Paul reminds us that God has given leaders to the church "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ." Equipping isn't optional—it's essential. I'm excited for what God has in store as we sharpen one another and grow together. Let's get to work!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 22

2:00 PM	Registration / Exhibits & WorldCrafts Market Available
3:00 PM	Conference Session #1
4:00 PM	Conference Session #2
5:00 PM	Dinner (Multipurpose Building)
6:00 PM	Opening General Session (Multipurpose Building)
7:30 PM	Conference Session #3
8:30 PM	Dismiss

Saturday, August 23

Doors open: 8:00 AM – Exhibits & WorldCrafts Market Available

8:30 AM	Conference Session #4
9:30 AM	Conference Session #5
10:30 AM	Grab & Go Break
10:45 AM	Conference Session #6
11:45 AM	Closing General Session (Multipurpose Building)
12:45 PM	Lunch (Multipurpose Building)
1:45 PM	MS WMU Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
2:45 PM	Dismiss

SPECIAL FEATURES

Missions IDEAS Exchange MP 326

Friday @ 3:00 PM
Saturday @ 8:30 AM

Join Sandy Wisdom-Martin in a hands-on learning lab where you will glean ideas for missional leadership and living.

WorldCrafts Market MP 310

(Check or Credit Card Sales Only)
Friday: 2:00-5:00 PM • 7:30-8:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00-11:30 AM

Tour the "NEW" MS Baptist Disaster Relief Food Truck

Located in the parking lot in front of the Multipurpose Building.
Saturday: 8:30-11:30 AM

Exhibits/Displays

MP 309 and MP 320 and throughout the event, available all weekend.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

First Aid Room:

A first aid station is available in the Worship Center, Room 134.

Facilities:

Multipurpose Building = MP • Worship Center Building = WC

Early Riser Biscuit Breakfast:

On Saturday (8:00-8:30 AM), stop by the Disaster Relief Food Truck for a breakfast biscuit (while they last)!

Saturday GRAB & GO Break:

10:30 AM

Served in two locations: Worship Center Great Hall and Multipurpose Building (near the kitchen).

BREAKOUT LEADERS



JUSTIN CRAFT
RA/Challengers
Trinity Baptist Church
Philadelphia, MS



PRESTON CROWE
Counseling Pastor
Broadmoor Baptist Church
Madison, MS



JESS DILLEY
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Lake, MS



HEATHER KELLER
Student Missions
National WMU



JOSH KUBLER
Associate Pastor
Redeemer Baptist Church
Olive Branch, MS



MIKE LAZENBY
Representative
IMB



JON MARTIN
Director
Strategy Department
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STEPHANIE NEWTON
Adult Missions
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PAULA SMITH
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TAMMY SMITH
Children's Ministry
Parkway Baptist Church
Clinton, MS

BREAKOUT LEADERS



VICKIE STUART
Deaf Ministry
Multicultural Ministries
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BRAELYN WEAVER
Women's Consultant
Women's Ministries/WMU
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MATT & SHEA WILLIAMS
IMB Representatives
Southeast Asia



GREG & ABBY WILTON
Leavell College
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary



SANDY WISDOM-MARTIN
Executive Director-Treasurer
National WMU



ALICIA WONG
Women's Ministry
LifeWay

PRAYER CALENDAR

Friday, August 22

CALIFORNIA:
Nick Foley

COLORADO:
Christopher Darden

MASSACHUSETTS:
Emanuel Falcon

TEXAS:
Kade Pierce, Manoel Pinto

AMERICAN PEOPLES:
Eric Reese, Danny Wright

ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES:
MC, SH, DK

CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES:
AS

EUROPEAN PEOPLES:
Becky Rowland

**NORTHERN AFRICAN AND
MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES:**
CS, DT

SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES:
SG

CHAPLAINS • VOLUNTEERS

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

RETIRED IMB:
Jimmy Eager, Doug Shaw,
Jess Thompson

Saturday, August 23

FLORIDA:
Alex Oliveira

GEORGIA:
Tyler Joyner

ILLINOIS:
Jacob Goble

PENNSYLVANIA:
Pablo Gutierrez

AMERICAN PEOPLES:
Leah Brown, JG, CS, Landon Williams

ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES:
PK, AM

EUROPEAN PEOPLES:
Cody Lawrence

**NORTHERN AFRICAN AND
MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES:**
ED

SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES:
HS

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES:
SM

CHAPLAINS • VOLUNTEERS

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

RETIRED NAMB:
Mary Ainsworth, Kay Barner

RETIRED IMB:
Ginny Cannata, Gerri Helton, Tim Hetrick,
Heesoon Park, TS, Mack Shults,
Betty Smith

MISSISSIPPI WMU ANNUAL MEETING

"Be a Joy Multiplier"
Saturday • 1:45-2:45 PM

Pre-Worship

Welcome.....Terrie Harwood

Multiplying Joy on the Field..... Regina White

WMU Business Meeting.....Terrie Harwood

Mississippi WMU Annual Report Media

Special Music Patty Cuenca

Be a Joy Multiplier Sandy Wisdom-Martin

Congregational Worship Patty Cuenca

Closing Prayer Tammy Anderson



MISSISSIPPI WMU

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OFFERING GOAL:

\$75,000

CONFERENCES TO ATTEND

SESSION	TIME	CONFERENCE TITLE	ROOM
1	3:00 PM		
2	4:00 PM		
3	7:30 PM		
4	8:30 AM		
5	9:30 AM		
6	10:45 AM		

Use this chart to organize information about the conferences you would like to attend.

CAMPS

GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER • CLINTON, MS



CENTRAL HILLS BAPTIST RETREAT • WEST, MS



Visit mbcb.org to learn about upcoming events and activities.

CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Room	Session 1 / 3:00 PM	Session 2 / 4:00 PM	Session 3 / 7:30 PM	Session 4 / 8:30 AM	Session 5 / 9:30 AM	Session 6 / 10:45 AM
WC 132		Men's Ministry Curriculum: What is Available and How is it Used?	Equipping Fathers to Disciple Their Families	Equipping Fathers to Disciple Their Families	Breaking Chains: Leading Men to Freedom in Christ	Building a Lasting Men's Discipleship Ministry
MP 201		Women in Biblical Perspectives	Ministry to Women Essentials	Women in Biblical Perspectives		Ministry to Women Essentials
MP 326	Mission IDEAS Exchange			Mission IDEAS Exchange		
MP 340			WMU Essentials		WMU Essentials	
MP 344		Sisters Who Care	Adult Missions Essentials	Sisters Who Care	Adult Missions Essentials	
MP 328	Self-care for Leaders		Student Missions Essentials		Self-care for Leaders	Student Missions Essentials
MP 322			Children Missions Essentials		Children Missions Essentials	Tools of the Trade for Children Missions
MP 342		How to Disciple Boys to Live a Missions Lifestyle	Essential Tools for RA	Essential Tools for RA		How to Disciple Boys to Live a Missions Lifestyle
MP 321	Family Missions		Preschool Missions Essentials	Preschool Missions Essentials		Family Missions
WC 105	Deaf Culture & Ministry in Mississippi	How Your Church Can Start Deaf Ministry			Deaf Culture & Ministry in Mississippi	How Your Church Can Start Deaf Ministry
WC 125	Cross-Cultural Evangelism	Cross-Cultural Partnerships		Cross-Cultural Evangelism	Cross-Cultural Partnerships	
			Challenges & Opportunities for Connection in YOUR Neighborhood			Challenges & Opportunities for Connection in YOUR Neighborhood
WC 106						
WC 122	Missions & Ministry Opportunities in MS	Service Opportunities through the IMB		Service Opportunities through the IMB		Missions & Ministry Opportunities in MS
MP 330		The Impact of Spiritual Conversations				The Impact of Spiritual Conversations
WC 103	Praying for and with the Lost			Praying for and with the Lost		
WC 101	A Look Inside the Life of a Missionary		A Look Inside the Life of a Missionary		A Look Inside the Life of a Missionary	

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry Curriculum: What is Available and How is it Used • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 LEADERS

Missions IDEAS Exchange with Sandy! • Sandy Wisdom-Martin

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

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WMU Essentials • 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 • 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 • 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" • 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 • 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 • 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) • 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 • 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 • 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.

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Family Missions • 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 AND MINISTRIES

Cross-Cultural Evangelism • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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.

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Deaf Culture and Ministry in Mississippi • 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 • Vickie Stuart

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

SPIRITUAL/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Impact of Spiritual Conversations • Greg & Abby Wilton

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

Praying For and With the Lost • 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 • 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.

GENERAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY @ 6:00 PM

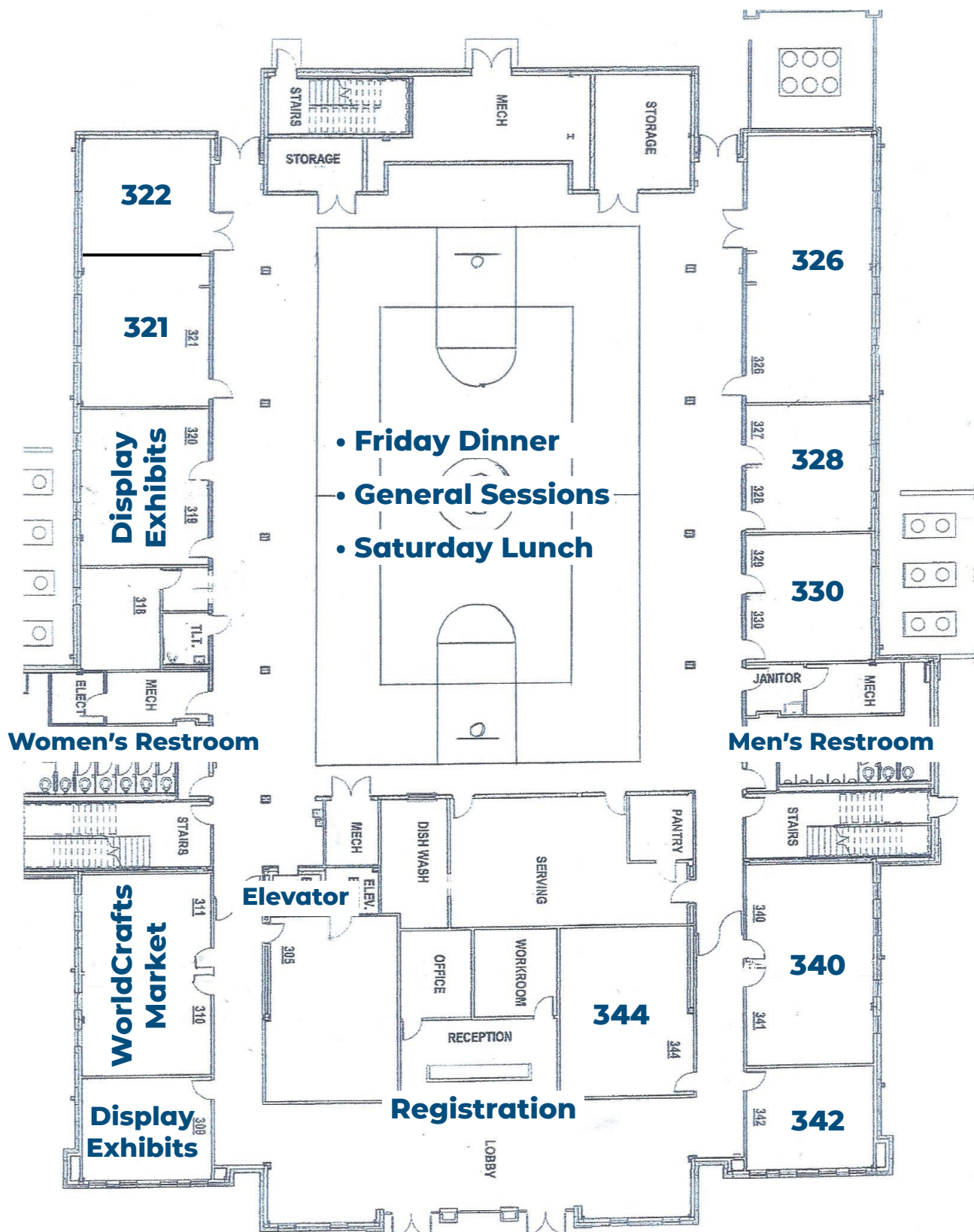
"Sharing Your Faith" by Greg & Abby Wilton

SATURDAY @ 11:45 AM

"Being Equipped & Inspired to Make Disciples" by Sandy Wisdom-Martin

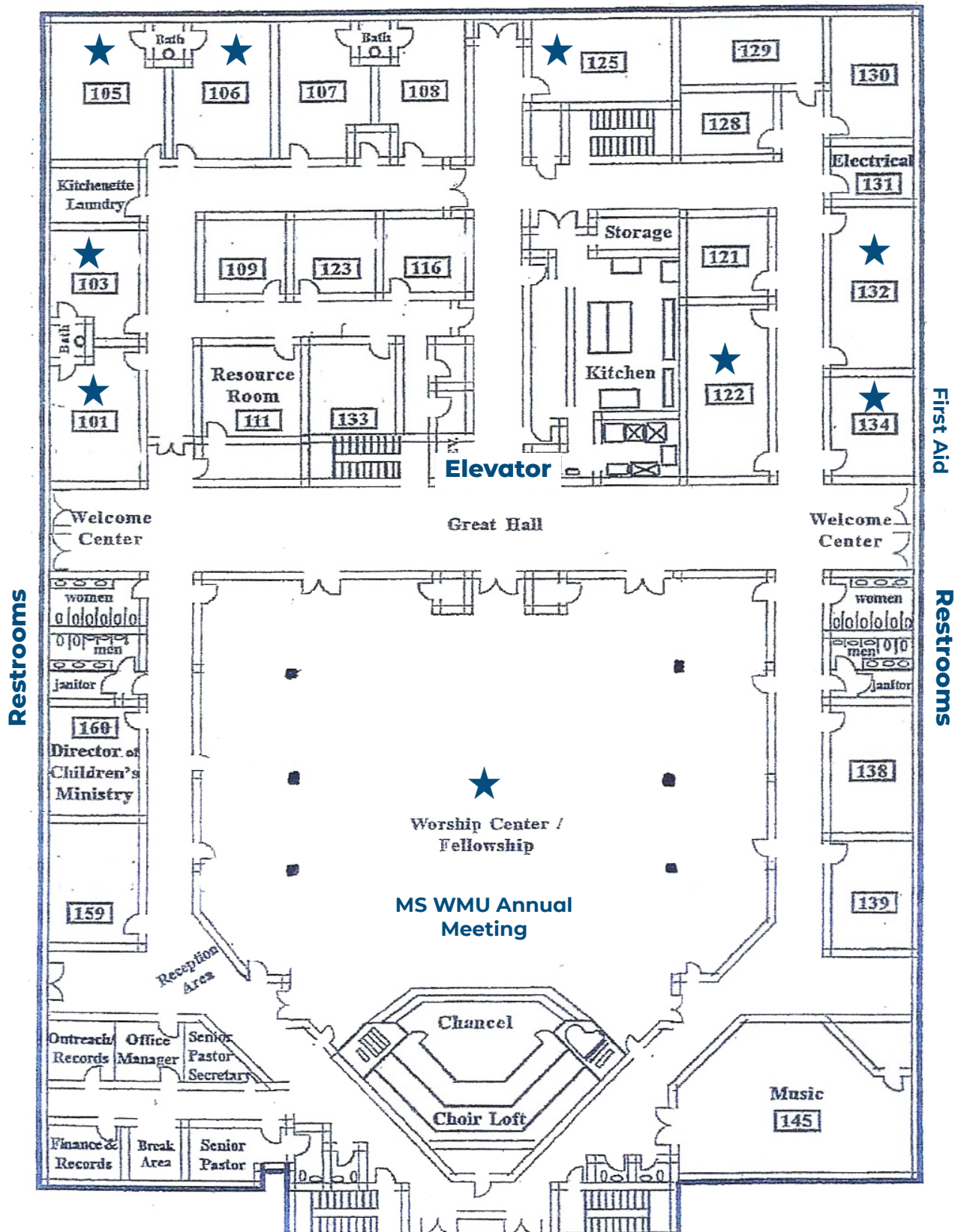
MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

***MP 201 - Upstairs Youth Worship Room**



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