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DAY 1 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

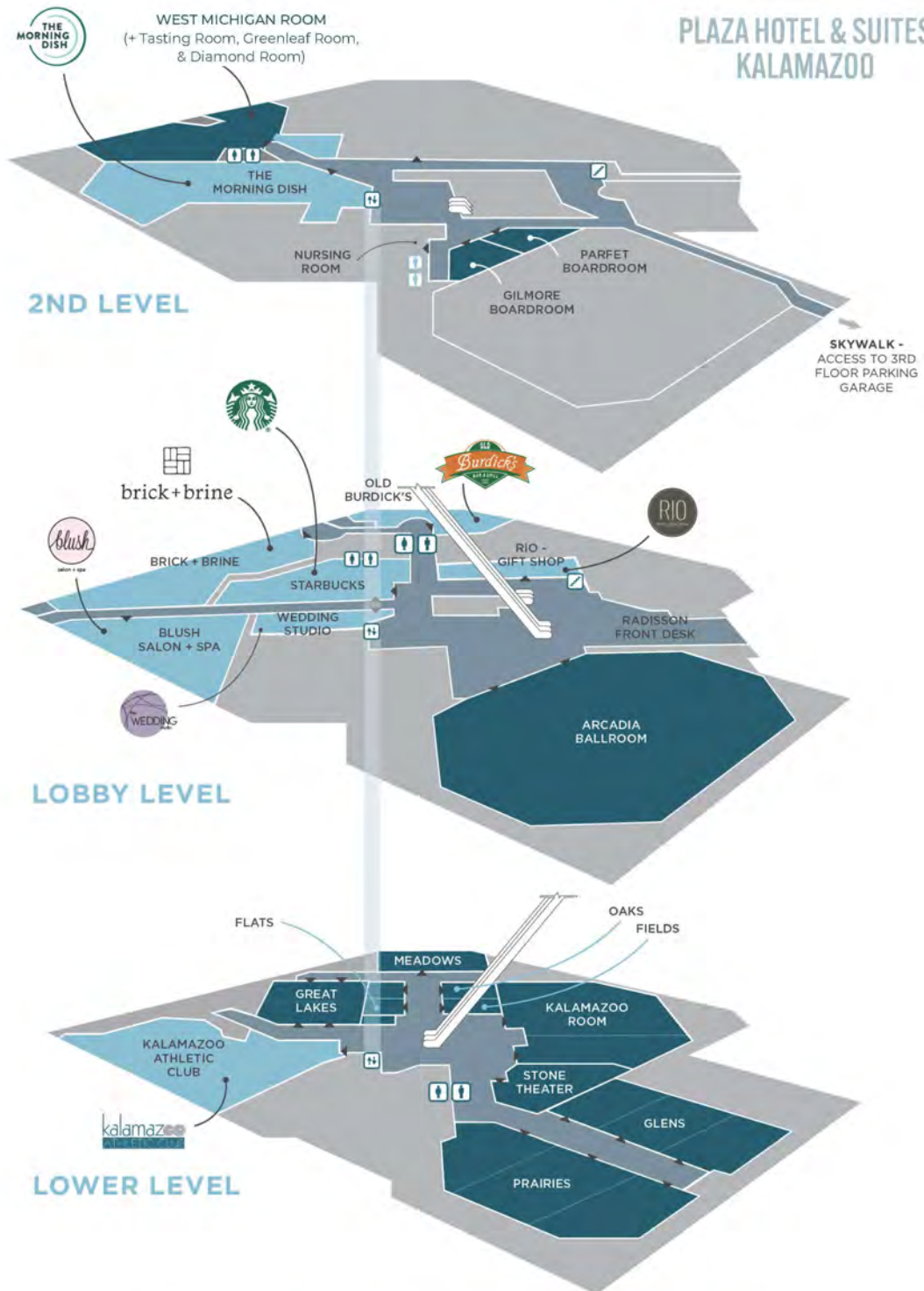
Time	Activity
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Registration & Visit Exhibits
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome & Announcements
9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	General Session I – Pastor Jeff Redlin, Pensacola Campus Church
10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Workshop I
11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Workshop II or Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Lunch Break & Visit Exhibits
1:20 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	Workshop III or Lunch Break
2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Workshop IV
3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Workshop V
4:30 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
4:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Welcome & Announcements
5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	General Session II – Pastor Jeff Redlin, Pensacola Campus Church

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

Time	Activity
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Pastors' & Administrators' Breakfast - Pastor Jeff Redlin, Pensacola Campus Church
8:15 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Workshop VI
9:05 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
9:20 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Workshop VII
10:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Workshop VIII
11:20 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Break & Visit Exhibits
11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Welcome & Announcements
11:50 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	General Session III – Pastor Jeff Redlin, Pensacola Campus Church
12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Closing Announcements & Prize Drawings

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Welcome to the Great Lakes Christian Educators' Convention!

Dear Educators,

We are so glad you have joined us for this year's Great Lakes Christian Educators' Convention! We are in for a great conference!

Our theme is taken from 1 Peter 5:10: *Establish, Strengthen, and Settled for the Cause of Christian Education*. We hope that the convention edifies, equips, encourages, and energizes you for the ministry God has called you into. We want you to return to your classroom with a renewed passion for your calling and with tools to equip you to do it well.

There are over 140 workshops that will equip and encourage you in your ministry. Dr. Jeff Redlin, Pastor of the Campus Church in Pensacola, Florida will edify and energize you during the general sessions. Of course, we will also have plenty of exhibitors to help equip you even more for the ministry!

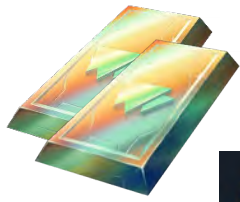
Thank you for serving in Christian Education where you are impacting the lives of our future generations. May we encourage and impact this generation to serve our Savior boldly!

In Christ,

Dr. Douglas R. Jackson
President of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools
Chairman of the Great Lakes Christian Educators' Convention

Thank you!

A big thank you to all those who helped plan, coordinate, and run this year's convention.



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Around the Site & 411

Agenda Updates/Whova App

Agenda and workshop changes will be updated in the Whova App throughout the convention and days leading up to it. Please check Whova or our website at www.GLCEC.net for the most current agenda and workshops. Information on speakers and exhibitor contacts are also found in Whova or on the website.

Cell Phones

We ask that as a consideration to all the workshop speakers, please keep your cell phones turned off or on a vibrate mode during all General Sessions and Workshop Sessions.

Exhibits

Exhibits are located in the Kalamazoo Room. Exhibits will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Friday. Our exhibitors are eager to assist you, so please be sure to visit all the exhibitors at this year's convention.

Food Facilities

The *Discover Kalamazoo* website has an extensive list of restaurants with maps to help you. The Radisson Hotel has made arrangements for pre-ordering a Thursday lunch. Check out all the information at www.GLCEC.net.

General Assembly

The General Sessions will be held in the Arcadia ballroom 1 & 2. Due to the large number of attendees, there will be an overflow room in Glens 1/2/3.

Lost & Found

Lost and found items should be brought to the Convention Registration Desk. At the end of the convention, items will be left at the hotel.

Name Tags

Your name tag identifies you for admission to workshops and general sessions. If you lose or misplace your nametag, please come to the Convention Registration Desk for a replacement.

Registration Desk

The Convention Registration Desk is located outside the Arcadia ballroom. Nametags, phone messages, and information will be available there. Hours are:

Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Convention Personal Planner

Use this Convention Planner to organize your schedule. List the title and location.

Thursday			
9:30 am – 10:35 am	General Session 1		Arcadia Ballrooms
11:00 am – 11:50 am	Workshop 1		
12:10 pm - 1:00 pm	Workshop 2		
1:20 pm - 2:10 pm	Workshop 3		
2:30 pm - 3:20 pm	Workshop 4		
3:40 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshop 5		
4:55 pm - 5:50 pm	General Session 2		Arcadia Ballrooms
Friday			
8:15 am - 9:05 am	Workshop 6		
9:20 am - 10:10 am	Workshop 7		
10:30 am - 11:20 am	Workshop 8		
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	General Session 3		Arcadia Ballrooms

Event Agenda

Thursday, October 02, 2025

Registration

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Location: Arcadia Foyer

Exhibitors Booths

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Location: Kalamazoo Room

General Session I

9:30 AM – 10:35 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION

Speaker



Jeff Redlin

Senior Pastor | Campus Church

Thursday, October 02, 2025 – Workshop Session 1

Confronting Cultural Issues: Gravity or Speed Limits?

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

ADMINISTRATORS

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, asserts that sex and gender are not speed limits, they are gravity. In this workshop we will discuss expressive individualism (the radical claim that feelings determine reality) and social constructs and will propose some discussion questions to help students understand that sex and gender are gravity and part of God's love for His creation.

Speaker



Jeff Walton

Executive Director | AACCS

Rewards of Relationships

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

ADMINISTRATORS

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

While it must be guarded, the rewards of relational leadership are profound. An investment into relational interactions with your students will have longstanding, and powerful results that will last long after your teaching has concluded.

Speaker



Jeff Redlin

Senior Pastor | Campus Church

Raising Peace in an Anxious Generation: Biblical Wisdom for Teaching in the Age of Technology

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Stone Theatre (90)

GENERAL

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Today's students are growing up in a world saturated with screens, social media, and constant connectivity—factors that have been linked to rising anxiety, loneliness, and identity confusion. As Christian educators, we are not only called to teach minds but to shepherd hearts. This workshop draws from the cultural insights of *The Anxious Generation* while grounding our response in the timeless truth of God's Word. Together, we will explore how technology is shaping the emotional and spiritual well-being of our students, and how Scripture equips us to respond with discernment, grace, and hope. Participants will gain practical strategies to help students find rest for their souls, foster real connection, and develop a Christ-centered identity in the midst of a noisy, digital world. Join us as we seek to be a voice of peace, purpose, and wisdom in a generation overwhelmed by anxiety.

Speaker



Kim Plew

Assistant Administrator | ICA

The Mystery of Girls: More Than Just Feelings

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Meadows (150)

SCIENCE OF LEARNING **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)** **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN** **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)**
UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-5 GRADE)

When we scientifically examine the brain, we see that God designed the female brain uniquely and specifically with intention, reinforcing what we read in Genesis 1:27: "Male and female created he them." The goal of this session is to clarify our understanding of how the female brain is wired, consider teaching girls according to their bent, and emphasize the importance of biblical womanhood to empower our girls to be leaders in the roles God has for them.

Speaker



Holly Varnum

Director of Curriculum Development & Speaker | Reasons for Hope

How to turn online visitors into enrolled families.

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Fields (60)

ADMINISTRATORS **MARKETING & COMMUNICATION**

When parents start looking for schools, they turn to their friends, social media, and Google. If you fail to show up in search results and then leave a great first impression, most likely, those parents will leave your website never to return. In this workshop, we will talk about the typical parent journey when finding and selecting a school, and how you can successfully meet them each step of the way, all with the goal of converting them into enrolled families.

Speaker



Marc Hyde

Owner & Founder | Marc Hyde Creative

Telling the Story of Our Nation: Principles and People in U.S. History

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **HISTORY**

Teaching American history means navigating triumphs, failures, and deeply rooted values. Learn how to teach the founding documents, key movements, and national conflicts through a lens of truth, responsibility, and hope. When students see the heart of a nation, they care more deeply about its future.

Speaker



Ashlee Oropeza

Assistant Product Manager and History Team Lead | Abeka

Arithmetic Concepts: Dividing the Dread

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)

MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)** **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)**

Many a student has stared at a division problem with something close to despair, but division need not be a source of dread. By connecting it to familiar concepts, we can guide young learners gently into understanding. This session will provide step-by-step methods for teaching division in a way that makes sense, along with ideas to support students who find it especially challenging.

Speaker



Maranatha Sweet

Educational Consultant | Pensacola Christian College

Free Science Apps that Enhance Learning

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **SCIENCE** **EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES**

You will be amazed at how free science apps can make learning come alive in both the classroom and science lab. Come see some great examples, and even share a few that you have discovered. Bring your tablet or smartphone for best results!

Speaker



Brad Batdorf

Professor, School of Education | Bob Jones University

Dealing with Angry Students

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

GENERAL **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

A universal problem, anger can consume an individual and destroy those at whom he directs his anger. This workshop includes biblical strategies to lovingly and strategically confront the angry student with his personal idols.

Speaker



Bruce Meyer

Professor of Biblical Studies & Counseling | Bob Jones University



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ADHD

GENERAL PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPECIAL EDUCATION SCIENCE OF LEARNING

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Glens 1 (120) Whether you are working with a student who has been identified with ADHD or have some students who just struggle to pay attention, come look at ADHD from a Biblical worldview. We will discuss some strategies to try to help these students learn how to pay attention.

Speaker



Megan Haynes

Special Education Teacher | Calvary Baptist Christian School

Book Club for Teachers

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) ENGLISH SCIENCE OF LEARNING

Picture books are powerful tools for teaching essential skills- social, emotional, and academic. Learn how to select and use books that model problem-solving, empathy, resilience and more. These types of books provide students with strategies for important life skills through meaningful and fun stories.

Speaker



Rebekah Schmig

Teacher | Wilmington Christian Academy, Wilmington, NC.

Teaching Writing in a World of Artificial Intelligence (Grades 6–12)

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Since its recent inception, generative AI has been recognized by educators as a tool that could be useful but could also provide students with the easy ability to cheat. Discover how to maximize the potential usefulness of artificial intelligence while also teaching writing in a way that would mitigate student misuse of this tool.

Speaker



Joaquim Remelgado

Senior Writer Manager | BJU Press

Getting Students to Get It Done

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

Executive function is the "mental processes and cognitive abilities (such as working memory, impulse inhibition, and reasoning) that control the skills (such as organizing tasks, remembering details, managing time, and solving problems) required for goal-directed behavior" [Merriam-Webster]. Do you have students who just can't seem to get things done? Do they lose homework, fail to start (or finish) projects, or fail to contribute to group tasks? Cultivate executive function skills in your students so they learn to plan, organize, start, focus, decide, persist, and finish. In short, teach them how to get it done.

Speaker



Judylynn Walton

Executive Assistant | AACSB

Maximizing effectiveness in your ministry

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Mark Davis will draw on the life of Paul to show how personal growth is the foundation for greater professional impact. Through the lens of "Heart Over Hype," you'll focus on four key areas that shape effective ministry: your **message**, your **methods**, your **means**, and the **difference of ministry** itself. Each one offers a personal challenge that, when embraced, helps unlock your full leadership potential.

Speaker



Mark Davis

Faith Baptist Bible College

What is the Posture of Your Heart?

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

GENERAL PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS SECRETARY LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

We are seeing more and more in our classrooms and our families that we are in a spiritual warfare. We must enter every day equipped with the full armor of God. Are we spending enough time in the Word? What is the posture (or bent) of our hearts? Many times we leave our classrooms discouraged and weary. But how do we enter the classroom? Is our heart posture one of worship and adoration for our Lord or dreading the day before us? Join me as we look into the Word for comfort and encouragement.

Speaker



Laurie Beachell

Teacher | Bethany Christian School

Philosophy of Drama

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Flats (50)

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-8 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS
DRAMA/SPEECH

Why do we invest the time, funds and energy into a Speech program? What is the goal?

- Fine Arts preparation, Pros/cons of school plays, Goals of a High School Speech class, WHY are we doing this in the first place?

Speaker



Diana Harney
Secondary Speech | Faith Baptist School

Illinois Board Meeting

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | Location: Gilmore Boardroom (30)

Thursday, October 02, 2025 – Workshop Session 2

State Board Luncheon

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Morning Dish

Always, Only Good: a journey of faith through mental illness

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

An in-depth lesson on how God is good, even through trials. And how to journey with a loved one experiencing mental health issues.

Speaker



Shelly Hamilton
Musician and Author | Majesty Music, Greenville, SC 29609

Saving Truth in a World that has Lost it!

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Understanding the root cause of our culture's confusion is the first step in developing educational strategies to restore the Truth. This talk presents a "big picture" perspective on the underlying cause of so much confusion in our culture. The case is presented that a post-truth mindset is the basis for confusion in the areas of morality, identity, freedom, and human dignity.

Speaker



Juan Valdes
Pastor & Speaker | Reasons for Hope

Living for Christ in the Digital Age

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Stone Theatre (90)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We live in a world that constantly pulls for our attention—endless notifications, scrolling feeds, and digital distractions. But what is it doing to our hearts? This workshop challenges teens to examine the effects of social media and screen time on their faith, their emotions, and their ability to focus on what truly matters. Through practical tips and biblical truth, teens will be encouraged to limit distractions, fix their eyes on Christ, and cultivate a love for God's Word over the fleeting noise of the digital world.

Speaker



William Felderman
Program Director | Iowa Regular Baptist Camp

"This is too hard!": Combatting Learned Helplessness

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Meadows (150)

SCIENCE OF LEARNING MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)
UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

Far too often, students give up before they have even started. They think the task is too hard, or they can only do it with assistance. Let's look at the concept of learned helplessness and how we can help our students to overcome their fears so they are ready to accomplish the tasks God has placed before them.

Speaker



Megan Haynes
Special Education Teacher | Calvary Baptist Christian School

The FLOURISH Culture

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Fields (60)

ADMINISTRATORS **GENERAL**

What shapes a culture? Using the FLOURISH model, we examine what it takes for a culture to succeed. Essentially, culture is just "how we do things around here." So, what about your school — is the culture negative, stagnant, or thriving? In this workshop, you'll define what culture means, discuss why leadership is crucial in shaping cultural, and break down the eight key elements of the FLOURISH model.

Speaker



Damian Ahrens

Head of School | Faith Baptist School

My Expectation

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Oaks (60)

GENERAL **LADIES ONLY** **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Is everything going just as you planned? Do you find yourself thinking you would be happy if just one thing were different? Are you finding it hard to serve the Lord with joy in your current situation? This study from the book of Jeremiah will encourage you to trust God and to say, "my expectation is from Him" (Ps. 62:5).

Speaker



Judylynn Walton

Executive Assistant | AACCS

Fashioning Femininity

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **ADMINISTRATORS** **HERITAGE** **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Fashioning Femininity explores how God's purpose for our lives shapes the way we dress. Rather than a typical modesty talk, this presentation offers a fresh perspective on femininity, beauty, and clothing as an outward reflection of our identity in Christ. Through biblical insights and thoughtful discussion, we'll consider how fashion can align with God's design, expressing grace, dignity, and purpose. Join us for an uplifting conversation that goes beyond rules and restrictions to embrace a Christ-centered approach to dress and femininity.

Speaker



Edy Gies

Student Activities Coordinator | Bethany Christian School

Arithmetic Concepts: Multiplying the Math Skills

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)

MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)** **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)**

Learning multiplication can feel like climbing a steep hill, but step by step, young learners can make the ascent. By building upon what they already know, we can make multiplication less daunting and more natural. This session will offer a structured, thoughtful approach to teaching multiplication while also equipping you to help struggling students find their footing.

Speaker



Maranatha Sweet

Educational Consultant | Pensacola Christian College

Planning and Hosting a Trip Off Campus

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

GENERAL **EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES**

From a kindergarten field trip to a week in Puerto Rico with the senior class, each trip off your campus requires planning, attention to detail, and execution. This session will cover details you should be thinking about for different age groups in the K-12 sector, as well as a variety of events. We will discuss a timeline for booking larger trips, ways to save money on student-funded trips, tips for growing student enjoyment, and so much more. Ideas for field trips, athletic trips, class trips, and even ice cream trips for a deserving class. You don't need to fear going off your campus. Instead, you can use trips like this to improve your culture and parental involvement.

Speaker



Stephen Carlson

Administrator | Crosspointe Christian Academy

Sharing the Gospel with Children

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

GENERAL **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Because of the grandeur of the gospel and God's obvious love for children, no greater privilege exists than telling students how they can be saved. Yet the gravity of this subject sometimes intimidates us. We are plagued by questions like, "Am I leaving something out?" "Am I making this too complicated?" "Do they really understand?" This workshop focuses on distilling the doctrines of salvation so they are clear and memorable and presenting these truths in a way that is meaningful and helpful for children. We will also discuss reading the response of children and guiding them appropriately.

Speaker



Lee Atkinson

Administrator | Plum Creek Christian Academy



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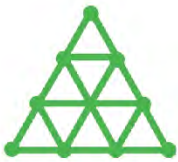
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Fruit to Root Diagram

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Learn how to use the "fruit to root" counseling tool to help your students learn the "root" cause of their own behavior and to help you learn how to deal with behavior issues in your class in a deeper, spiritual way. Built on biblical principles, this tool gives a way to trace students' behaviors and words to their thoughts and feelings to their heart desires.

Speaker



Bethany Atkinson
Teacher | Plum Creek Christian Academy

Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, and Dyscalculia: Understanding and Supporting Students with Learning Differences

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

GENERAL PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPECIAL EDUCATION SCIENCE OF LEARNING

This comprehensive seminar delves into three common learning differences—dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia—affecting students' reading, writing, and math abilities. Educators, parents, and tutors will gain a clear understanding of how each condition presents in the classroom, their underlying causes, and how they can often overlap. The seminar will provide practical strategies for identifying these learning challenges early and explore targeted interventions that support student success in reading, writing, and math. Participants will leave equipped with effective instructional techniques, accommodations, and tools to help students overcome these barriers and achieve academic growth.

Speaker



Dana Huss
Owner | Principal | Growth Ventures

What Reading is Appropriate?

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

Deciding which literature to use in the secondary classroom, handling controversial topics, and dealing with alternative world views.

Speaker



Brenda Needham
Teacher | Bethany Christian School

When Traditional Phonics Isn't Working

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN READING/SCIENCE OF READING

Do you have students that just are not learning to read or spell at the same pace as the majority of the class? This session will break down the reasons why this happens and what you as a teacher can do to help reach those students!

Speaker



Pam O'Shaughnessey
Educational Support Director - Teacher | Calvary Baptist Academy (Midland, MI)

Managing the "Middles"

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES SCIENCE OF LEARNING

Wondering how to keep your 30 sixth graders engaged? Or those 25 eighth graders actually paying attention in class? In this workshop I will present practical ways to keep your class moving and engaged in what you are teaching! We will discuss how to take attendance painlessly, make transitions, grade homework easily without having to repeat answers numerous times, grade that endless pile of tests more quickly, and record those grades. Come loaded with your questions and tips to share with the group!

Speaker



Pamela Litzenberger
Senior National Consultant | BJU Press

Supercharged Learning Centers

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) READING/SCIENCE OF READING

Are you tired of juggling rotations during reading time? Rotation one: meet with the teacher—check. Rotation two: independent seatwork—check. But what about rotation three—learning centers? In this session, you'll learn how to structure your reading block for maximum impact and discover easy-to-implement learning center ideas that keep students engaged and learning independently. Walk away with practical strategies, time-saving tips, and a tool kit of reproducible ideas designed to make your reading block smoother and more effective than ever.

Speaker



Cindy Dickinson
Senior National Consultant | BJU Press

Breaking the Silence on SSA: Understanding and Ministering with Grace and Truth

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

GENERAL HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

We've all been caught in the classroom by questions from a teacher for which we did not have answers. We hope silently that the teacher doesn't call on us, so we try to become invisible. There are world problems that engender a similar response. Topics like Same-Sex Attraction often create silence due in part to the confusion surrounding the problem. If we don't know the answer, let's be quiet and hope the question passes. Unfortunately, some of the people who are asking questions are those affected by the question, either those who have friends who are struggling, or those who are struggling with such feelings. This workshop endeavors to begin the conversation and to offer some preliminary considerations for both strugglers and those that want to help them.

Speaker



Bruce Meyer

Professor of Biblical Studies & Counseling | Bob Jones University

ALIVE: Deeper Discipleship through Drama

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Flats (50)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) DRAMA/SPEECH

We all want our kids to be disciplined - to know and love God better, but we don't often consider the powerful tools available to us in the form of music and drama. Alive Ministries has been hosting camps and after-school programs for nearly 15 years. Our team has seen first-hand how life-changing it can be to immerse young people in the stories of God's Word and God's people. I would love to share our philosophy with you and offer some practical ideas for tapping into this incredible discipleship resource available to us all.

Speaker



Adam Davis

Minister, Evangelist, Professor | Alive Ministries

Secretary Swap Shop

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM | Location: Parfet Boardroom (40)

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Come get some great ideas for your office...from organizing files to managing the chaos to loving the people. Join us and be ready to share some of your tips and ideas!

Speaker



Linda DeGroot

Secretary | Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

Thursday, October 02, 2025 – Workshop Session 3

The Doubt Virus

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

This talk focuses on one of the most effective strategies in the enemy's arsenal against young people today. The enemy has perfected the mass distribution of lies through social media, the internet, the movie industry, and the music industry. These lies are intentionally and very carefully planted in the hearts of today's youth in order to provoke doubt. These doubts, if not handled correctly, end up undermining their faith. As educators we must be intentional in dealing with doubts and develop strategies to neutralize the enemy's schemes.

Speaker



Juan Valdes

Pastor & Speaker | Reasons for Hope

How to Engage Gen Z and Gen Alpha

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Big Idea: Most of the students in Christian schools right now are members of Generation Z or Generation Alpha. So, what are the obstacles to and most effective methods for equipping members of these generations to share and live out their faith? In this session, we will explore some generational distinctives and the challenges and opportunities created by the recent rise of artificial intelligence. Then, we will focus on practical ways to teach and model Christianity so that students develop a resilient, active faith in quickly changing times.

Speaker



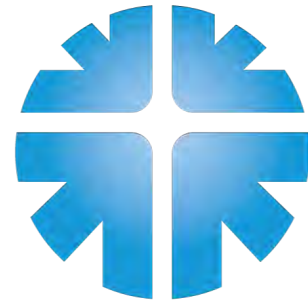
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A.I. in the Classroom

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Stone Theatre (90)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)** **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)**
ADMINISTRATORS **TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Robots aren't taking over your job (yet)... but they are pretty great at writing rubrics, generating quizzes, and helping differentiate instruction. In this session, we'll demystify AI, show you how it can save you time, and explore how to use it without accidentally teaching your students how to take over the world. Bring your curiosity—and maybe a healthy dose of skepticism.

Speaker



David Warren

Head of School | Calvary Baptist Academy

The Wonder of Boys: Wired and Ready for Action!

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Meadows (150)

SCIENCE OF LEARNING **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)** **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN** **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)**
UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

In our society and in education, boys are often challenged and expected to learn in ways that are in direct opposition to how our Creator God wired their brains. Join me in this session, where we will uncover what brain research in recent decades has revealed to us about the minds of boys and how we can best facilitate their education and development to ignite within them a love for learning, attaining goals, and embracing the concept of biblical manhood.

Speaker



Holly Vamum

Director of Curriculum Development & Speaker | Reasons for Hope

Fundraising and Financial Stewardship in the Church and School: Building Sustainable Support

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Fields (60)

ADMINISTRATORS **MARKETING & COMMUNICATION**

In this seminar, church leaders and school administrators will learn effective strategies for fundraising and financial stewardship that foster long-term sustainability. Explore proven methods for raising funds, such as leveraging community partnerships and product-based fundraisers. Participants will also gain insights into the principles of financial stewardship that align with mission-driven goals. Whether you're looking to grow your budget, fund special projects, or engage your community, this seminar will help you create a successful fundraising strategy while maintaining transparency and accountability.

Speaker



Joseph Huss

Entrepreneur | Business Owner | Growth Ventures

The Proficiency-Based Foreign Language Classroom: What does it look like?

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Oaks (60)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **FOREIGN LANGUAGE** **SCIENCE OF LEARNING**

Over the past thirty years second language acquisition researchers have studied a multiplicity of factors affecting the various means by which students develop a solid proficiency in a second language and have developed a system by which to measure and describe the different proficiency levels. This workshop will present an overview of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages proficiency guidelines and discuss strategies to help focus your foreign language class on proficiency outcomes.

Speaker



Amos Kasperek

Principal | Heritage Christian School

From Questions to Conversations: Bringing History to Life

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **TEACHING**

Thinking is as an essential component of learning, and conversing on a matter is a great way to think about it. Discussions deepen interest and challenge students to apply what they know. Learn how to pose open-ended, thought-provoking questions that encourage students to think critically and respectfully engage with one another.

Speaker



Ashlee Oropeza

Assistant Product Manager and History Team Lead | Abeka

Yes! You Can M.A.T.H.

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH

Math can be an engaging and exciting subject to teach. It is so much more than just recalling and memorizing. Interested in current ideas for your math classroom? Join me to discover ways you can M.A.T.H.—make it interesting, A—add to their knowledge, T—take it to the next level, and H—find out how they did. By engaging, instructing, applying, and assessing, you can take your math classes as well as your students to the next level.

Speaker



Cindy Dickinson
Senior National Consultant | BJU Press

Approaching Elementary Science from a Biblical Worldview

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

SCIENCE PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

This workshop is for teachers looking to deepen the biblical integration throughout their science instruction. Mrs. Earnest will outline the key framework for a biblical worldview, draw out the implications of this worldview on how teachers approach the science instruction, and share practical resources and ideas for biblical worldview integration.

Speaker



Faith Earnest
Associate Professor | Faith Baptist Bible College

Incentives - Managing and Motivating your classroom

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)

This session is early elementary. It is a variety of practical ideas to see how incentives can help with class behavior, participation, listening, and learning. Incentives help with teaching children to love learning. We will talk about many different kinds of incentives that motivate students. Also, incentives that help with class management and encourage good behavior.

Speaker



Dawn Baggech
Teacher | Plum Creek Christian Academy

Brokenness in Scripture

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Since the fall, humans have suffered the ravages of brokenness produced by both the curse and our own choices. The scriptures, however, examine such brokenness and invite people to find restoration in God's work. This workshop examines how the scriptures handle those who are broken in grace and truth.

Speaker



Bruce Meyer
Professor of Biblical Studies & Counseling | Bob Jones University

Accommodations for Struggling Readers: Practical Strategies and Dyslexia Support

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

GENERAL PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPECIAL EDUCATION SCIENCE OF LEARNING

This seminar offers educators essential tools and strategies to support struggling readers, including those with dyslexia. Attendees will explore evidence-based accommodations that enhance learning outcomes, such as adjusting instructional techniques, providing assistive technology, and modifying classroom environments. The session will dive into the unique needs of dyslexic learners, helping participants recognize early signs of reading difficulties and apply specific interventions based on the Orton-Gillingham approach. By the end of this seminar, you will be equipped with actionable techniques to foster reading success, improve literacy skills, and build confidence in students facing reading challenges.

Speaker



Dana Huss
Owner | Principal | Growth Ventures

The Science of Reading in Action

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) ENGLISH SCIENCE OF LEARNING

This workshop explores evidence-based reading instruction and practical strategies for applying the Science of Reading in the classroom. Discover how to build strong foundational literacy skills, engage students with effective phonics-based approaches, and support struggling readers.

Speaker



Rebekah Schmig
Teacher | Wilmington Christian Academy, Wilmington, NC



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Helping Students Develop Strong Writing Skills (Grades 6–12)

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

Develop methods for challenging a group of students who have different writing abilities. Learn how to create an effective but manageable plan for teaching grammar and composition, tailor that plan to meet the needs of each student, and develop a teaching style that keeps students engaged as they improve their writing skills.

Speaker



Joaquim Remelgado

Senior Writer Manager | BJU Press

Words for the Weary

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES

Ministry is demanding, especially when you're striving to make a lasting impact in the lives of others. Whether you're new to the work or a seasoned leader, weariness can set in.

Grounded in **Psalm 46**, this session offers honest encouragement and practical reminders of how to stay rooted in God's strength while continuing to lead with purpose and passion.

Speaker



Mark Davis

Faith Baptist Bible College

The Prepared Teacher - Prepared in all areas of professional life.

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

GENERAL EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Sharing the joys of preparedness in the teaching profession in areas of the spiritual, mental, physical, relational, academic, and professional. The teacher is prepared for the school year, the school day, each class hour, and weekends with the Lord's leading. Psalm 78:72. "So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands."

Speaker



Jean Zimmerman

English & Music Teacher | Faith Christian School

Ask the Hard Questions!

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

Teachers often limit themselves to asking questions that require only lower-level thinking of students. This is especially true when writing tests and quizzes. Participants in this workshop will review Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning and learn to ask oral questions and write test questions that assess higher levels of learning. A useful tool called a Critical Thinking Wheel will be introduced.

Speaker



Jeff Walton

Executive Director | AACSB

Tips and Tricks for Teaching Beginning Band

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Flats (60)

GENERAL MUSIC

Oftentimes in Christian schools, the band teacher is the school teacher who knows the most about music, or a musician who is willing to teach. Whether you are the former or the latter, you can excel as a band teacher with a few resources. Angela McCroskey, a former band teacher, knows what it is like to start teaching beginning band with little to no experience, and she can offer some helpful ideas that she has learned along the way.

Speaker



Angela McCroskey

Administrative Assistant | Plum Grove Music

Indiana Board Meeting

1:20 PM – 2:10 PM | Location: Parfet Boardroom (40)

Michigan Board Meeting

1:20 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Morning Dish Meeting Room

Thursday, October 02, 2025 – Workshop Session 4

Wife, Mother, Teacher; Oh My!

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLINSHIP STRATEGIES

Juggling the roles of wife, mother, and full-time teacher can feel overwhelming—but it doesn't have to. In this practical and encouraging session, you'll hear helpful tips, time-saving recipes, and creative ideas for balancing the beautiful (and busy!) life of teaching and home life. As a pastor's wife, mom, and educator, I'll share simple strategies God has helped me develop through personal experience—because you don't have to do it all alone! Come be refreshed and inspired with tools you can take home and use right away.

Speaker



Jacklyn Gunner

Teacher | Bethany Christian School

Trauma in the Classroom: Integrating students with trauma into your teaching environment.

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

SCIENCE OF LEARNING MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

The concept of trauma often comes with various definitions and perspectives. Have you encountered a student who misbehaves without a clear reason or one who understands the coursework but is struggling academically? This workshop will explore different types of traumas, including in utero trauma, physical or sexual trauma, and trauma related to fostering and adoption. We will discuss behaviors that may indicate trauma, such as hoarding items or food, difficulty paying attention, or chronic fatigue. By defining "trauma," identifying its triggers, and discussing practical strategies for managing it, this workshop aims to equip you with the knowledge and tools to support your students more effectively.

Speaker



Tim McPhillips

Vice President for Advancement | Maranatha Baptist University

The New Childhood

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Stone Theatre (80)

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In a world where screens dominate our attention, how is social media shaping our children's mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being? This session explores the alarming research on rising anxiety, depression, and social isolation among kids and teens—while offering a Gospel-centered response to help parents guide their children toward real connection, resilience, and faith in Christ.

Speaker



William Felderman

Program Director | Iowa Regular Baptist Camp

Secondary Classroom Management - Maintaining a Positive Learning Environment

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Meadows (150)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Effective, consistent classroom management produces motivated learners who will succeed in their education and enjoy the classroom experience. The value and respect of teacher-for-student, student-for-teacher are the benefits of the preparation the teacher has done for the school year to be profitable and productive for all. Building relationships with students is the key to effective management.

Speaker



Jean Zimmerman

English & Music Teacher | Faith Christian School

History Alive: Lower School History that will make a Mark!

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Fields (60)

HISTORY LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

Help your students love history! Learn how to make meaningful connections during history class, projects that students will talk about years later and practical steps you can take to help you and your students love history!

Speaker



Emma Austin

1-2 Teacher | Falls Baptist Academy

The Story Starts Here: Yearbook Theme Development

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Oaks (60)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES YEARBOOK

Coming up with a unique and fresh yearbook theme each year can be challenging, but it offers a chance to get creative and make each yearbook special. After choosing the central concept, it's important to ensure it's consistently reflected visually and verbally throughout the book. Several examples from various theme ideas will be given to demonstrate how to successfully navigate this process from brainstorming all the way to the moment this memorable publication is in hand.

Speaker



Heather Robertson

Teacher | Wilmington Christian Academy, Wilmington, NC

Where Time Meets Place: Blending History and Geography

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) HISTORY

History and geography are inseparable. Without place, events lose their context. This session shows how to weave geography naturally into historical study allowing students to develop both chronological and spatial awareness.

Speaker



Ashlee Oropeza

Assistant Product Manager and History Team Lead | Abeka

Hands-on, Minds-on Math

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH

Research has proven that hands-on learning methods are extremely effective for young learners. Learn about a variety of manipulatives and games you can use to make learning math fun and effective.

Speaker



Katie Borud

Education Professor | Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI

Making it Real: Tips for Bringing Science to Life

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) SCIENCE

Science teachers have an unparalleled opportunity to make their class one that students look forward to. Learn how you can enhance your teaching through artifacts, projects, demonstrations, guest speakers, field trips, and more.

Speaker



Brad Battorf

Professor, School of Education | Bob Jones University

Anchoring Our Gifted: Why Creative Students Are More at Risk—and How to Protect Them from Going “Woke”

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES GENERAL

The last we knew, our most talented fine arts students loved Jesus and loved us. Then we find out a few years after they graduate that they are supporting things like the LGBTQIA2+ agenda. What happened? The seeds were sown in the years they were with us, and we didn't realize it. This workshop pulls back the curtain on why artistic students are more vulnerable than their peers and gives you bold, biblical strategies to anchor their hearts in truth before the culture gets to them first.

Speaker



Ben Everson

Director, Evangelist, Music Creator | Bible Revival Ministries

The Gift of Work...Or Is It a Curse?

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

GENERAL EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

In an age where leisure is praised and labor is resented, our schools are on the front-line to restore a biblical perspective on work. Is it a burden or a blessing? A necessity or a calling? We will explore the biblical view of work, the effect of sin, and ways to change how we and our students think about work in the classroom.

Speaker



Maranatha Sweet

Educational Consultant | Pensacola Christian College

Teaching and Delighting: Making Literature Both Educational and Fun (Grades 6–12)

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

The Roman poet Horace once said literature should be both instructive and delightful. However, many English teachers struggle to teach literature in an academically rigorous manner without diminishing the joy of reading. Discover how to engage students in high levels of critical thinking while simultaneously fostering an enjoyment of literature.

Speaker



Joaquim Remelgado

Senior Writer Manager | BJU Press



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A, E, I, O, and You Can Teach Phonics and Reading!

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) ENGLISH

All phonics approaches are not created equal. Find out how phonics can be used as a tool to build a strong foundation for reading. Then, discover how teaching reading groups on differentiated levels will help meet the needs of all students. Finally, learn ways to access reading to give parents an overall view of their child's reading skills.

Speaker



Cindy Dickinson

Senior National Consultant | BJU Press

Science of Reading What do I do now?

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) READING/SCIENCE OF READING

Come discover what the Science of Reading really means and how to bring it to life in your classroom! In this session, you'll learn how to keep whole group learning on track while providing targeted small group instruction to meet students exactly where they are. Walk away with practical strategies, free resources, and a few exciting *aha!* moments that will empower you to make small, intentional changes with a big impact. These tips will not only help struggling readers close gaps but also strengthen students' writing skills along the way.

Speaker



Nicole Zirkle

Literacy Training Support Specialist | Marian University Center for Vibrant Schools

Five Learning Strategies for STEM Students

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH SCIENCE

The advice to "Study Harder" often causes discouragement for students who are already trying, but not finding success. Explore five study strategies that lead to success in STEM related subjects! This session is geared toward high school level math and science teachers.

Speaker



Rebecca Weier

National Consultant | BJU Press

The Teacher's Power, Strength to Lead

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN
LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

Do you ever feel like you are barely keeping the lid on your classroom? Are you afraid the pot may boil over right as the principal walks by? Teachers do not have to spend their days in the classroom fighting for survival against an uncontrollable mob of youngsters. Knowing and embracing three kinds of power can help you control your classroom so you can safely and joyfully lead your students to the place God has for them.

Speaker



Lee Atkinson

Administrator | Plum Creek Christian Academy

Teaching Teens

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) SCIENCE OF LEARNING

Teaching teenagers can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Learn why they respond the way they do, and how we can be most effective in the teenage classroom. We will also discuss different ways to motivate teens and how to help teens who are considered at-risk.

Speaker



Pamela Brown

Teacher | Heritage Christian School

Breathing Exercises and Voice Care for Junior High and Senior High Choirs

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Flats (50)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) MUSIC DRAMA/SPEECH

Proper breathing is vital to good singing. Join me as we practice together some simple breathing exercises that we can share with our school choirs. Another important aspect of singing is proper voice care. What can you do when your students are struggling with colds and sore throats right before a competition or concert? This session will explore practical strategies for guiding your students in caring for their voices - both in everyday singing and when illness strikes. We'll cover techniques for teaching vocal rest, healthy singing habits, and helping students understand the importance of vocal care inside and outside the choir room.

Speaker



Laurie Beachell

Teacher | Bethany Christian School

The School Secretary: Expectation vs Reality

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Parfet Boardroom (40)

SECRETARY

The expectation is that we have it all together and know everything. The reality is sometimes we don't! We will talk about handling the good days well and the bad days gracefully (or at least without hurting someone?).

Speaker



Linda DeGroot

Secretary | Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

Building a Sustainable Financial Model:

2:30 PM – 3:20 PM | Location: Gilmore Boardroom (30)

ADMINISTRATORS

Sustainability has been a buzzword in Christian education over the last few years, but what does it actually look like? If you were to ask the average administrator what sustainability is for them, you would often find that it entails overcoming the next barrier or obstacle that is seemingly preventing them from progressing as they ought. However, it is often those barriers that keep us from developing a true multi-generational strategy. Fortify Foundation exists for the sole purpose of helping further sustain the future of Christian education. How is this possible? We provide a platform whereby every K-12 Christian school can establish an endowment fund and grow it exponentially faster through our economy of scale. Let's take advantage of what colleges and universities have known for decades and ensure our mission continues from now until Kingdom come!

Speaker



Brandon Allen

Executive Director | Fortify Foundation

Thursday, October 02, 2025 – Workshop Session 5

GLCEC Board Meeting

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Gilmore Boardroom (30)

Dealing with the Deconstruction Epidemic

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

This talk tackles the growing social-cultural trend of deconstructing the Christian faith. The roots of the movement are taken into consideration, as well as the most common approaches taken by the deconstructors. This talk answers the question, "what can churches and Christian educators do to stop the exodus?"

Speaker



Juan Valdes

Pastor & Speaker | Reasons for Hope

Multi-grade Classrooms

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Conquering the challenges inherent in multi-grade classrooms will provide distinct advantages to the entire school family—students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Workshop includes valuable research and helpful strategies for anyone considering, implementing, and/or teaching multi-grade classroom(s).

Speaker



Judylynn Walton

Executive Assistant | AACCS

Free Apps that You Can Use Today!

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Stone Theatre (90)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Tired of apps that cost more than your classroom budget for the year? Same. This rapid-fire session is a guided tour through the land of awesome, totally free apps that are actually useful. From time-saving tools to student engagement hacks, you'll leave with a virtual goodie bag full of tech treasures

—and not a single request for your credit card.

Speaker



David Warren

Head of School | Calvary Baptist Academy

Does Anybody Hear Me?

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Meadows (150)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)
EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

We talk for 5-7 hours a day, but are we being heard? Teaching is communication, and effective communication requires a connection. Learn how to connect with even the most difficult of students and build those relationships that are the key to helping your students succeed.

Speaker

Ann Rill

Academic Dean | Ventas Baptist College, Lawrenceburg, IN

Changing Paradigms in Foreign Language Education

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Fields (80)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCIENCE OF LEARNING

Second Language Acquisition research has transformed the way in which language educators approach planning, instruction, and assessment in the foreign language classroom. This workshop will provide an overview of the history of Foreign Language Education, explain the current paradigm guiding second language instruction, and present biblical principles that can help shape curricular decisions.

Speaker



Amos Kasperek

Principal | Heritage Christian School

Thinking Outside the Book

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Oaks (80)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES YEARBOOK

Creating a yearbook presents numerous challenges, including managing deadlines, securing photos, updating equipment, and reaching sales goals. Whether you are leading a team of student staff or tackling this monumental responsibility on your own, this session will equip you with practical strategies to streamline the process as you work to successfully complete your school's biggest publication. Discover creative solutions that help you think outside the book—so you can focus on what truly matters inside the book.

Speaker



Heather Robertson

Teacher | Wilmington Christian Academy, Wilmington, NC

Teaching Historical Thinking using Standards and Fallacies

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) HISTORY EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

What should Christian high school social studies teachers teach their students to prepare them for critical thinking expected at the college level? This workshop addresses the following six topics from a biblical perspective: 1) postmodern thinking & historiography, 2) historical methods, 3) historical thinking standards, 4) history "versus" memory studies, 5) historical fallacies, and a 6) pedagogy of commemoration.

Speaker



John Beck

Teacher | Heritage Christian Academy, Kalamazoo, MI

When M+A+T+H = Anxiety

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH

Math anxiety is real—for students and even teachers! Nearly half of the population has anxiety or at least a distaste for math. In this session, you'll learn simple, research-backed strategies to build confidence, reduce stress, and foster a positive math mindset. Walk away with easy-to-implement techniques that make math more engaging and accessible for all learners.

Speaker



Heidi Malmanger

Math Teacher | Maranatha Baptist University

Science Fairs: Trial or Triumph?

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)
SCIENCE

Science Fairs provide great opportunities for students to develop scientific thinking by modeling the work of scientists, but science projects often fall short of their potential. Come learn what works, what doesn't, and be prepared to share some of your own struggles and successes.

Speaker



Brad Batdorf

Professor, School of Education | Bob Jones University

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A Day with Miss Frizzle

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Winter can feel long in the Midwest. Sometimes during those cold, gray months we all need to boost learning for our students and interest in our teaching. In my classroom, Miss Frizzle from the Magic School Bus substitute teaches for me once a year. She teaches one topic and relates it to all subjects. Learn how to plan a one day classroom transformation to get your class pumped about learning. Whether you go all out or plan a small amount it will be a day your students will remember.

Speaker



Jamie Humphreys

5th & 6th Grade Teacher | Faith Christian School

Legal Challenges in Christian Education

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Big Idea: Is your school prepared to minister with confidence in a changing culture? In this session, we will explore recent legal and cultural developments, explain proactive steps your ministry can take to build and maintain strong legal protections, and set out a strategy for preserving religious freedom now and for the next generation.

Speaker



Josh Hershberger

Attorney, Minister, and Speaker | The Good Citizen Project

Unveiling the Mystery: Mastering Inferences in the Classroom

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)
ENGLISH READING/SCIENCE OF READING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Join me for an engaging professional development session designed to demystify the art of making inferences! Inferences are essential skills that empower students to read between the lines, enhancing their comprehension and critical thinking abilities. This interactive workshop will equip educators of every grade level with practical strategies to teach inference-making through fun, hands-on activities that will spark curiosity and deepen understanding. Participants will explore instructional strategies to teach students the process of making inferences, effective questioning techniques, and how to utilize multimedia resources. Together, we'll transform the way our students approach texts, enabling them to draw deeper connections and insights. Don't miss this opportunity to ignite your students' analytical skills and take the mystery out of making inferences!

Speaker



Christina Rosario

ELA Teacher & Instructional Coach | Suburban Christian School

Leading Students to Love Literature

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

Come and explore how to use literature to expand your students' horizons and teach a biblical worldview – and help them love it!

Speaker



Bethany Atkinson

Teacher | Plum Creek Christian Academy

Syllabication: Small Steps to Big Rewards

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) READING/SCIENCE OF READING

It is often said that when trying to complete a difficult task, one should break the task into small, manageable steps; this is the basic truth behind decoding and encoding and why teaching syllabication is important. The science of reading has proven that when students are taught syllabication, their reading will become more accurate, and their spelling ability will improve. You are probably already using a strong phonics program, but by adding this component to your material, you can improve your student's success, especially that of your struggling students. In this workshop, we will discuss the six types of syllables in the English language, and how to introduce them to our students during your reading and spelling lessons. The great news is this addition does not need to take a lot of instructional time; studies show that when it comes to teaching syllabication a little can go a long way.

Speaker



Tamara Green

Reading Specialist | Suburban Christian School

Help! My Students Are Already Out of Control! What Can I Do?

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)** **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)**
EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Classroom management continues to be a struggle for many teachers – rookies and veterans alike. Students are coming to our schools with more personal problems than ever before, and their parents are often struggling to find answers to these difficulties. This session has been developed to help teachers identify the root causes of student misbehavior and to develop action steps to resolve these problems before they continue to grow.

Speaker



Mark Stupka
Faith Baptist Bible College

When A+ Isn't Enough: The Case for Character in Learning

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) **HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)** **EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES**

In a world obsessed with achievement, how do we raise students who not only excel academically and artistically but also demonstrate godly character? This workshop explores the crucial role of character development in Christian education. Using the biblical example of Daniel and practical classroom strategies, we'll examine how to help students purpose in their hearts to honor God, grow in integrity, and balance talent with conviction. Attendees will be challenged to praise process over product, prioritize character over performance, and cultivate a culture where spiritual and personal growth are as celebrated as academic success. Come ready to reflect, discuss, and be inspired to teach with eternity in view.

Speaker



Kim Plew
Assistant Administrator | ICA

Setting an Administrative Anchor Watch: How to Hold Fast to Our Distinctives

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

ADMINISTRATORS **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Those who lead Christian schools bear a responsibility not only to teach well but also to protect what has been entrusted to them. In a world that often seeks to reshape education, administrators must stand firm in the principles that define Christian schooling. This session will provide thoughtful guidance on upholding biblical distinctives in curriculum, hiring, and school culture.

Speaker



Maranatha Sweet
Educational Consultant | Pensacola Christian College

Sing, Move, and Memorize... the Bible

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM | Location: Flats (50)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)** **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **MUSIC** **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Make memorizing God's Word the most joyful part of your students' day! We will use integrated arts to help children effortlessly memorize Scripture in a way they will beg for again and again. Come learn as your students will with movement, singing, coloring, playing instruments, and using American Sign Language to fall in love with God's Word and memorize it for a lifetime. Guaranteed to be a fun workshop with very practical teaching techniques and materials you can use immediately in your classroom.

Speaker



Amie Winingham
Teacher | Sing, Move, and Memorize!

Thursday, October 02, 2025 – General Session 2

General Session 2

4:55 PM – 5:50 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION

Speaker



Jeff Redlin
Senior Pastor | Campus Church



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Friday, October 03, 2025

Pastor's & Administrator's Breakfast

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Location: Meadows (150)

Speaker



Jeff Redlin

Senior Pastor | Campus Church

Exhibitors Booths

8:00 AM – 11:45 AM | Location: Kalamazoo Room

Friday, October 03, 2025 – Workshop Session 6

How to Have Good Fights

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

GENERAL **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Big Idea: Conflict is inevitable, and healthy conflict is invaluable. Here are practical steps for having "good fights" and building and maintaining a healthy culture of conflict resolution at your school. Many Christians handle conflict in an unbiblical manner and sow distraction and division through their words and actions. In this session, attorney and minister Josh Hershberger will review Biblical principles of conflict resolution, note common practices to avoid, and explains steps to practicing healthy conflict at your school.

Speaker



Josh Hershberger

Attorney, Minister, and Speaker | The Good Citizen Project

Effective Teacher or Master Teacher: Which Are You?

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

GENERAL **SCIENCE OF LEARNING**

Are you the teacher who is in the profession for the summers off, break days, and 8 AM–3 PM hours? Is it just a job? Or do you desire to be the teacher who enters the teaching field to reach those difficult students and open the door to learning for them? There is a middle ground here. How can we become an effective teacher—a master teacher—the kind every administrator wants to clone—but without school taking over our lives 24/7?

Speaker



Pamela Litzenger

Senior National Consultant | BJU Press

Tech Talk

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Stone Theatre (90)

GENERAL **PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN** **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)** **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)**
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) **ADMINISTRATORS** **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** **TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

We live in a digital age. Learn ways to leverage technology in the classroom to make your teaching more effective, efficient, and engaging.

Speaker



Katie Borud

Education Professor | Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown WI

Taking Elementary Spanish from ¡Hola! to ¡Olé!

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Oaks (60)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **FOREIGN LANGUAGE** **SCIENCE OF LEARNING**

Introduce young language learners to essential Spanish vocabulary and phrases through songs, games, stories, and hands-on activities that build confidence in listening comprehension and conversational skills. This session focuses on simple ways to teach Spanish in a weekly class format that can still be effective in helping them gain exposure to the language, make cultural connections, and continue their study of the Spanish language beyond the classroom.

Speaker



Heather Robertson

Teacher | Wilmington Christian Academy, Wilmington, NC

Historicity of the Book of Jonah

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) HISTORY EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Do you have students who doubt the historicity of the book of Jonah? This presentation includes a verse by verse exposition of the book annotated with historical sources.

Speaker

 **John Beck**
Teacher | Heritage Christian Academy, Kalamazoo, MI

Employee Engagement for Christian Schools

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)


ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Designed specifically for *administrators and leaders*, and backed by millions of data points, we will share the pillars of a highly engaged faculty and staff culture including 12 specific statements your employees should be able to agree with.

Finish by seeing how decades of secular research actually reinforce a leadership principle straight out of Scripture.

Plan on leaving your seat during this highly interactive session! You will leave with priorities and takeaways you can begin applying next week when you return to school.

Speaker

 **Greg Zirkle**
Founder/President | Fox Marketing Group

Demos for Dummies

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)
SCIENCE

Effective science demonstrations are available for all age levels and are powerful tools to have in your teaching tool kit. Get tips on finding, preparing, and presenting demonstrations that will captivate attention and motivate learning.

Speaker

 **Brad Batdorf**
Professor, School of Education | Bob Jones University


Teaching Inductive Bible Study Skills to Bible Students

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

With biblical illiteracy at an alarming high, inductive Bible study methods provide solutions designed to assist the student in studying the Bible for himself/herself with an eye towards application and growth.

Speaker

 **Bruce Meyer**
Professor of Biblical Studies & Counseling | Bob Jones University

Middle School: The Vital Transition

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)

Speakers

 **Joe Cain**
Teacher | Baptist College of Ministry

 **Julie Case**
Middle School Teacher | Falls Baptist Academy

Teaching Literature with a Biblical Worldview

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

Every selection a student reads offers an opportunity to reinforce or challenge what they believe. Teaching from a biblical worldview enhances literary analysis rather than limiting it. This session will equip you with the necessary tools to guide your students in identifying the messages within literature and responding to them with biblical discernment.

Speaker

 **Ashlee Oropeza**
Assistant Product Manager and History Team Lead | Abeka

Watch Me Grow! Understanding and Cultivating Preschoolers' Developmental Skills

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) ENGLISH

This workshop will explore strategies for developing early learners' developmental skills, including gross and fine motor skills and language, cognitive, social, and spiritual abilities. The discussion will focus on the optimal times and methods for enhancing these skills in the classroom.

Speaker



Julie Madsen

National Consultant at BJU Press | BJU Press

Beyond the Box: Seeing Students Through the Lens of Grace

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

GENERAL EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Every educator has faced the temptation to mentally "box" students based on their behavior, attitude, or home life—whether it's the chronic tardy, the class clown, or the disengaged daydreamer. While classroom management may require us to recognize patterns, our calling as Christian educators demands more. This session invites teachers to step back and examine how labels—especially when left unchecked—can hinder our ministry to the very souls God has entrusted to us. Through biblical examples and relatable classroom scenarios, we'll explore how to lead with grace, view students as whole people, and avoid the trap of letting frustration or judgment define our relationships. Join us as we discover practical ways to retrain our thinking, balance high expectations with deep love, and cultivate classrooms marked by wisdom, discernment, and the redemptive perspective of Christ.

Speaker



Kim Plew

Assistant Administrator | ICA

Confronting Cultural Issues: How Important Are the Words?

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

Every significant cultural change begins with language. The side that wins the battles for the words eventually wins the war. In this workshop we'll discuss Orwellian language, four principles for how Christians must speak in current culture, and helpful questions that can be asked in response to false assertions.

Speaker



Jeff Walton

Executive Director | AACCS

The Case for Christian Education

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES GENERAL SCIENCE OF LEARNING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

The need for Christian education is greater than ever. For the past 5 years I served in government making policy and budgetary decisions for public schools. This unique experience brought me a new appreciation of and passion for Christian education which I will share in this session. We will also discuss current trends in public education and the intersection of public policy/government and the Christian educator.

Speaker



Adam Morgan

Publisher | Majesty Music

Turning Worksheets into Wow! Less Grading, More Learning

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) MATH/SCIENCE OF MATH

Discover how worksheets can quickly and easily be turned into learning activities with little to no prep on the teacher's part. These tried and true ideas have not only worked in my classroom, but will also work in any core subject in 3rd - 12th grade with any curriculum. Come get some new ideas you can use on Monday!

Speaker



Heidi Malmanger

Math Teacher | Maranatha Baptist University



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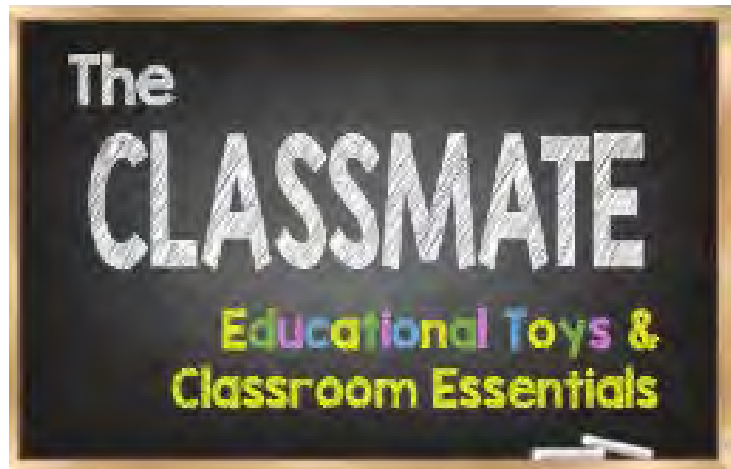
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Developing Musicianship through Movement

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM | Location: Flats (50)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) MUSIC UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

Whole-body movement energizes children's rhythmic flow and nurtures their musical imagination. After feeling musical concepts in their bodies, children can aptly apply to making music with an instrument. At this session, experience and acquire practical strategies for effectively integrating listening-based, whole-body movement into classes and lessons for the elementary level student.

Speaker



Janet Tschida

Associate Professor of Music | Maranatha Baptist University

Friday, October 03, 2025 – Workshop Session 7

How to Respond to the Transgender Movement

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Big Idea: The transgender movement is now impacting Christian schools in the areas of enrollment, discipline, employment, and even evangelism. So, how should Christian schools navigate the ministry and cultural issues raised by the transgender movement? In this session, we will discuss principles and practical ideas for speaking the truth in love about LGBTQ issues, handling related legal questions and preparing for and responding to public scrutiny.

Speaker



Josh Hershberger

Attorney, Minister, and Speaker | The Good Citizen Project

Head of School Round Table Discussion

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Fields (60)

ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Experience Is the Best Teacher!

Join us for a dynamic **Q&A and discussion with seasoned school leaders** as they share lessons learned that go far beyond the classroom. This isn't just a panel—it's a conversation. Come ready not only with your **questions**, but also with the **solutions and strategies** you've discovered that have been effective in your own leadership journey. Together, we'll build a toolbox of ideas every administrator can use. We'll dive into real issues like:

- Building and sustaining a healthy **school culture**
- Navigating the challenges of **teacher recruitment**
- Approaches to **student discipline** that work
- Smart strategies for **budgeting and enrollment growth**
- Effective **marketing** that tells your school's story
- Nurturing a vibrant **spiritual atmosphere**
- Preparing for **accreditation** with confidence
- Strengthening **parent engagement** and partnership

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Speakers



Damian Ahrens

Head of School | Faith Baptist School



David Warren

Head of School | Calvary Baptist Academy

Optimizing the Mind by Upgrading How We Think

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Oaks (60)

ADMINISTRATORS GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

We all say we want our kids to be critical thinkers, but how often do we teach the actual parts of thinking? Come and hear how we have used a method called Cognitive Enrichment for the past 15 years to optimize our students thinking abilities both in the classroom and in targeted instruction for those in our learning assistance program. Every child can change the way they think and that will open up doors for growth at every level!

Speaker



Josh Hubbard

Teacher and Assistant Administrator | Inter-City Baptist School

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Games and Activities for History Classes

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) HISTORY

Is history class boring for your students? It doesn't have to be! In military language, history class is a target-rich environment for enrichment activities and review games. This workshop will introduce you to many of those activities and outline some principles for using games and activities effectively in your history classes.

Speaker



Jeff Walton
Executive Director | AACCS

Hands-on, Minds-on Science

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) SCIENCE

Research has proven that hands-on learning methods are extremely effective for young learners. Teachers do not need access to fancy or expensive equipment to give students experiences in science. Come prepared to learn about - and do - a variety of science activities using everyday materials.

Speaker



Katie Borud
Education Professor | Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown WI

4 Attitudes of a Learner

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) SCIENCE OF LEARNING

The way we think about learning increases or decreases our ability to learn. This session will describe four key attitudes and explore ways to develop these attitudes in your students.

Speaker



Rebecca Weier
National Consultant | BJU Press

From Museums to Mars: Exploring God's World Through Virtual Field Trips

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

This session will highlight ways to use technology, creativity, and imagination to bring faraway places, historical periods, and concepts into the classroom, creating an immersive experience for students. Attendees can expect to see a clear outline for planning virtual field trips from scratch and explore field-trip themes and ideas that can be personalized for individual classrooms and curricula.

Speaker



Karen Thacker
Teacher | Plum Creek Christian Academy

Easy Ways to Differentiate Instruction

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

SCIENCE OF LEARNING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)
PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

Differentiated instruction doesn't have to be complicated or overwhelming. In this session, educators will learn practical, time-saving strategies to meet the diverse needs of their students. Discover easy- to-implement ideas that help create a classroom environment where every learner can thrive. Whether you're new to differentiation or looking to refresh your approach, this session will equip you with tools to make it both manageable and meaningful.

Speaker



Jacklyn Gunner
Teacher | Bethany Christian School

Beating the Clock

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

One of the most common frustrations in the secondary English classroom is the limited amount of time there is each day to cover the multiple subjects that are included under the umbrella of English Language Arts. How can we fit it all in? In this workshop, we will explore ways to improve time management without sacrificing subject matter and will discuss the advantages of implementing a modified block schedule within the confines of a traditional class schedule.

Speaker

Ann Rill
Academic Dean | Veritas Baptist College, Lawrenceburg, IN

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Science of Reading - Just what is it and is it important to Christian education?

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

ADMINISTRATORS **LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)** **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **READING/SCIENCE OF READING**

More than 40 states have adopted Science of Reading legislation, leading to significant gains in student reading outcomes. But what does this mean for Christian education? In this session, we will explore what the Science of Reading truly is, and what it isn't.

You will gain a deeper understanding of how this movement and new laws could impact Christian schools and why it matters for your teachers and students. We will also take a look at insights from five states, highlighting what is happening now and what changes are coming in the next year.

Finally, we will discuss practical ways to equip and support teachers as they embrace evidence-based literacy instruction. Walk away with a clear vision for how your school can thoughtfully respond to this national movement and help students thrive both academically and spiritually.

Speaker



Nicole Zirkle

Literacy Training Support Specialist | Marian University Center for Vibrant Schools

Turn Off the Water

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

GENERAL **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Conflicts in the classroom certainly hinder the work we want to accomplish, but conflicts are a great opportunity to teach God's grace. This session will explore the source of conflict, look at the three ways that students deal with conflict, talk about the hierarchy of desires, and see how we can help students in conflict see God.

Speaker



Bethany Atkinson

Teacher | Plum-Creek Christian Academy

Emotions: Helping Students Sanctify Their Feelings

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

GENERAL **LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES**

Post-modernity has placed a heavy emphasis upon feelings; as a result, we have become a nation of feelings rather than principle. God's word, however, deals with emotions, providing a theology of our emotions as we relate to truth. This workshop helps us understand the proper role of emotions and how to connect our emotions to theology for principled and biblical living.

Speaker



Bruce Meyer

Professor of Biblical Studies & Counseling | Bob Jones University

The Four Dials: Why Christians Disagree About Music (and How to Stop Fighting About It)

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

GENERAL **MUSIC**

Why does one Christian love a song that another finds completely off-limits? It's not always compromise — it's often *sensitivity* in different areas. This practical, eye-opening workshop introduces the "Four Dials" framework to help educators, pastors, and musicians understand how godly people land in different musical places — and how to foster grace without giving up conviction. Come away with new language, better discernment, and tools to lead your students or congregation into thoughtful, Christ-centered worship.

Speaker



Ben Everson

Director, Evangelist, Music Creator | Bible Revival Ministries

Prepare—Present—Practice

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Flats (50)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) **UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)** **MUSIC**

Do you desire to offer experientially based music learning opportunities that foster growth of your young student's inner musician, but find it challenging to know how? At this session, a "prepare-present-practice" model will be applied to a variety of musical concepts commonly introduced in general music classes and beginning music lessons. Active music listening, whole body movement, and other engaging musical activities applicable for both one-on-one and group settings will be included.

Speaker



Janet Tschida

Associate Professor of Music | Maranatha Baptist University

The Ministry of ASSISTING: Stewarding Your Role with Excellence

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Parfet Boardroom (40)

GENERAL **SECRETARY**

Your role in the office of a ministry is not only rewarding, but an opportunity to steward that role for the glory of God. What is the difference between ownership and stewardship and how do you steward your responsibilities well, support leadership effectively, and carry out your work with excellence for the glory of God?

Speaker



Nichole Fitzgerald

Office Manager | Crosspointe Christian Academy

The Artificial Intelligence Dilemma: Historical Perspectives on AI

9:20 AM – 10:10 AM | Location: Stone Theatre (80)

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The reality of Artificial Intelligence has come crashing down on the field of education and has dominated discussions about policy, worldview, and the future of humanity. This workshop will reflect on the effect that AI has had on foreign language teaching and learning over the past twenty years and how a biblically grounded, proficiency-based, goal-focused philosophy of AI can help shape educational policy.

Speaker



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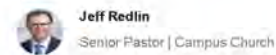
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10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 1 (450)

ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Those who are called to minister the Gospel work in a field with many "occupational hazards." This session will deal with two areas of great concern: Backsliding and Burnout. And, in these challenging days of ministry, we must be continually aware and on guard against both.

Speaker



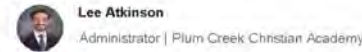
Christian Culture

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom 2 (450)

GENERAL LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

What makes a culture? What makes a school Christian? The intersection of these questions and the answers to them can equip you to battle against the tendency of a school to be "Christian in name only." As teachers and leaders, you are responsible for the tone and atmosphere of your school, but culture can be difficult to manage. You cannot legislate it, but you can cultivate it. Come and consider how to cultivate a Christian culture in your ministry.

Speaker



School Safety Best Practices

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Fields (80)

ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

This will be an overview of various topics regarding school safety. There will be a focus on Indiana resources and practices but they can be applicable to all schools. Some topics that will be discussed are armed school staff, safety drills, suicide prevention, SRO/law enforcement, and the IN DHS Secure School Safety Grant program.

Speaker



Shaping Minds for Eternity: Biblical Worldview Formation in Christian Education

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Oaks (60)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

In a world increasingly shaped by secular ideologies, Christian educators have the unique responsibility and opportunity to cultivate a strong biblical worldview in their students. This session will explore the necessity of intentional biblical worldview shaping, providing practical strategies for weaving biblical truth into every subject. With alarming statistics on worldview trends, we will discuss how teachers can create classroom environments that immerse students in biblical thinking.

Speaker



Everyday Women, Enduring Legacy

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Great Lakes 1 (80)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) HISTORY

Everyday Women: Extraordinary Impact uncovers the forgotten women of history—mothers, teachers, and caregivers—whose sacrifices shaped civilizations. Though history books often overlook them, their influence is profound. These women lived not for earthly recognition but with a higher purpose, leaving a legacy of faith, strength, and perseverance. This presentation equips educators with historical insights and practical ways to bring their stories into the classroom, offering students a richer perspective on history. By learning about these women, we can honor their contributions and inspire future generations with their quiet heroism and lasting impact.

Speaker



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Tips for Managing the Classroom of Little Learners

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Great Lakes 2 (80)

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN

In the classroom, the use of Pathways for Preschool and Footsteps for Fours fosters age-appropriate developmental skills and discovery learning. Learn creative management tips and lesson planning strategies for educators of early childhood education.

Speaker



Julie Madsen

National Consultant at BJU Press | BJU Press

Easy Differentiation for Engaging the Gifted and Talented Student

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Great Lakes 3 (80)

GENERAL EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

Often our attention as teachers is captured by the struggling student. We have many strategies we can use to help bridge the gaps in learning, but what about those bright children who are bored in our classrooms and are becoming a behavior issue because of their lack of interest? How do we reach those students? In this workshop, you will learn some simple strategies to help captivate the interest of your gifted and talented students and cause them to love learning once again.

Speaker



Melissa Whitcher

Professor | Faith Baptist Bible College

The Teacher's Role as Discipier

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Great Lakes 4 (80)

GENERAL PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE) UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE) MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)
HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ADMINISTRATORS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Teaching is more than just academics. In a Christian school we teach the whole child, physical, mental and spiritual. This session explores the calling of teachers to serve not only as educators but also as disciplers who shape students' hearts, minds, and character for Christ. We will examine biblical foundations for discipleship, the teacher's role as a model of faith, and practical strategies for weaving spiritual formation into the daily rhythms of teaching. The session emphasizes that teaching is more than imparting knowledge—it is guiding young people to follow Jesus and preparing them to live out their faith in every area of life.

Speaker



Pamela Brown

Teacher | Heritage Christian School

Balancing Ministry and Mastery: Guiding Christian Students in Fine Arts Competitions

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Great Lakes 5 (50)

GENERAL DRAMA/SPEECH MUSIC

How do we teach students to minister through music, drama, or speech while also preparing them for competition? This session explores the tension between spiritual impact and technical excellence in Christian fine arts. Learn how to guide students toward heartfelt worship without compromising skill—and how to approach adjudication in a way that encourages a love for music rather than a dread. Ideal for educators who want more than just trophies—they want transformed hearts.

Speaker



Ben Everson

Director, Evangelist, Music Creator | Bible Revival Ministries

The Very Hungry Kindergartener

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Glens 1 (120)

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE OF LEARNING

Join us for this fun workshop designed for young learners with big appetites. We will explore simple and creative ways to incorporate food throughout the year to enhance the curriculum and make lessons memorable for your hungry little learners.

Speaker



Rebekah Schmig

Teacher | Wilmington Christian Academy, Wilmington, NC

Getting Students to Grasp Grammar

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Glens 2 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE) HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE) ENGLISH

Looking for ideas to help make your grammar instruction more enjoyable and effective? Come and learn some things that will provide immediate improvements in your Language Arts classroom.

Speaker

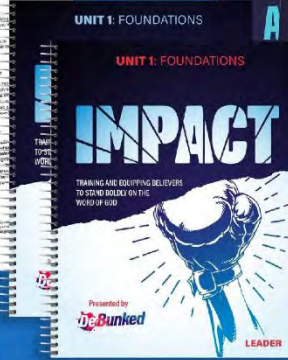
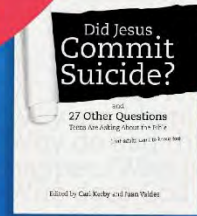


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READING

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Glens 3 (120)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

READING/SCIENCE OF READING

On the Iowa Assessments, the lowest scores for AACCS schools have consistently been in reading comprehension and math concepts (3rd–8th grade). In Reading Between the Lines, we will look at techniques you can employ in your classroom to advance your students' reading comprehension and literacy skills.

Speaker



Judylynn Walton

Executive Assistant | AACCS

What's Your Brand?

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Prairies 4 (120)

ADMINISTRATORS

SECRETARY

In this interactive session, we'll explore how your school's brand shapes the way it's perceived by students, parents, and the broader community. Learn how the way you "show up" from your messaging to your visual identity directly impacts your school's reputation and growth. This workshop will provide actionable strategies for defining and refining your school's brand to create a lasting, positive impression and drive engagement. Leave with practical tools to help your school stand out and thrive through intentional branding.

Speaker



Tony Nash

AZEE Branding Solutions

Keeping First Things First

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Prairies 5 (120)

GENERAL

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

Do you ever become overwhelmed with all of the requirements of the educational process that you begin to lose sight of what is truly important? Attend this workshop to not only be reminded of your key priorities, but to learn practical strategies to help you keep first things first!

Speaker



Mark Stupka

Faith Baptist Bible College

Do parents really care? Navigating difficult parent-teacher relationships

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Prairies 6 (120)

GENERAL

PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

ADMINISTRATORS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

As an educator, you are likely familiar with the challenge of dealing with demanding parents—the ones whose visits make your heart sink, and your pulse quicken. These parents, often labeled as "Helicopter Parents," "Snowplow Parents," or "Bulldozer Parents," can make teaching particularly stressful by finding fault in everything you do. This workshop will address the tensions that sometimes arise between parents and teachers. We will discuss the biblical perspective on the role of parents in their child's education and explore the characteristics of the three types of challenging parents mentioned above. Through a roundtable discussion, we will share best practices for not only managing these relationships but also ministering to the entire family. This approach aims to help you maintain your sanity and create a more harmonious classroom environment.

Speaker



Tim McPhillips

Vice President for Advancement | Maranatha Baptist University

What are our kids listening to?

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Flats (50)

ADMINISTRATORS

LEADERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

MUSIC

We all know that many of our students make radically different choices than we would about what is acceptable to listen to. We will discuss how to enter the world of our students' listening habits and get them to think biblically about their listening choices.

Speaker



Brenda Needham

Teacher | Bethany Christian School

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Being Human in a Digital World

10:30 AM – 11:20 AM | Location: Stone Theatre (90)

LOWER ELEMENTARY (1-3 GRADE)

UPPER ELEMENTARY (4-6 GRADE)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8 GRADE)

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 GRADE)

ADMINISTRATORS

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTER/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In an age of screens, AI, and constant connectivity, how do we preserve what makes us human? This thought-provoking session explores the role of empathy, critical thinking, digital citizenship, and authentic connection in our tech-driven classrooms from a Biblical perspective. Let's re-center the human experience in digital learning environments.

Speaker



David Warren

Head of School | Calvary Baptist Academy

Friday, October 03, 2025 – General Session

General Session 3

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM | Location: Arcadia Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION

Speaker



Jeff Redlin

Senior Pastor | Campus Church

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