Workshop Descriptions Session One 11:00-11:55

**1) 3 Basic Ingredients for a Jesus Centered Children’s Ministry- Ms. Randi Nussbaum -**Discover a surprisingly simple recipe for helping kids begin irresistible friendships with Jesusthat’ll last a lifetime. Together, we’ll explore how to help a new generation love God with all theirhearts, souls, and minds. We’ll learn how to embrace kids’ emotions, get kids thinking, and see each child as Jesus does. Get ready to cook up some fun as you gather practical ideas andstrategies to use right away!

**2) Foster Parenting, Adoptions and the Church:** **Reverend** **Richard Cuddington**, Vice President of Operations, and **Tameka Batchelor**, Director of Foster Care and Adoptions, of Free Will Baptist Children’s Home, Middlesex, NC will discuss the North Carolina Foster Care system,  the need for foster and adoptive parents, the process of becoming a foster parent, as well as ways the church can support foster and adoptive parents and the children they serve in the foster care system.

**3****)Skinny Jeans Not Required – Reverend Tim Heath-** This workshop is derived from the book “Growing Young” by Kara Powell and will encourage us to know that you can influence youth even through you have passed that season of life. Guiding youth into “Adulting” and discipling to serve God long past Youth Group.

**4)** **The Anatomy of a Revived Church-Reverend Al Warrick-** Learn how you might breathe new life into your church. In the book “The Anatomy of a Revived Church,” Dr. Thom Rainer describes the commonalities of churches that have closed as we are seeing more churches close than the opening of churches. But there is HOPE. We will reveal seven findings of restored churches. We can remain true to the unchangeable Biblical truths but look at the ways restored churches have made changes in their processes, programming, and missional focus.

**5) Nothing Changes IF Nothing Changes-Mr. Phil Brown-** In this session we will look at what is essential for ‘best efforts’ in Sunday Bible School organization.  From leader to teacher to student…What happens when ‘Nothing Changes’?  Are you still trapped in the same cycle of “no change” – still asking the same questions with no results?  Or will you decide to step up and make “CHANGE” happen so that next year you can share encouragement with others and ask different questions?

 **6) The Importance of Recording and Maintaining Good Church Records –Mr. Gary Barefoot-**

We will discuss the historical importance of records kept by the church clerk (minutes, rolls, etc.) and what constitutes good minutes, church membership rolls, baptisms, transfers, etc.  All church and conference clerks and even trustees are encouraged to attend this workshop.

  Workshop Descriptions Session TWO 1:00-1:55

**1)Deep and Wide: Meaningful Bible Experiences for Combined Age Groups –Ms. Randi Nussbaum** Social scientists have researched what happens when children of different ages play and learn together. And guess what: There are advantages for kids of all ages! Come find out how your church will benefit from combined-age classrooms. Discover how preschool and elementary kids can effectively explore Bible truth together, and how, as their teacher, you can facilitate cooperation, community, and deep Bible discoveries.

**2) Changing America- Reverend Tim Heath** will facilitate this workshop and lead discussion after viewing a recent broadcast of “How God’s People Can Transform America.” Dr. George Barna explains why America needs Christians to be agents of transformation and show how we can restore the church and nation.

**3)** **Church Hospitality- Mr. Dave Peck-** Is your church known to be welcoming to visitors? In this workshop we will discuss ways your church can do its part in making sure your visitors feel at home from the time they step onto your campus and will want to return.

**4) Lesson Preparation and Learning Styles-Mrs. Gail Heath-** Are you Sunday School or Bible Lessons meeting the needs of your students? In this workshop we will look at some things you could be doing to make sure that you are meeting those needs. Everyone learns differently. We need to know our students and how to relate to them.

**5)** **Preparing ourselves for Discipleship-Rev. Dr. Tim Reeves-**Before we can be an effective disciple as Christ has called us to be, we must make sure we are spiritually fit for discipleship. In this workshop we will look at God’s call to fasting and prayer so that we may better serve Him and others.

**6) Teaching To “Transform” NOT “Inform”- Mr. Phil Brown-** In this session we will introduce not only foundational principles for developing an informational lesson but also provide steps on how to transform those before you through your Sunday Bible School lessons.  Teaching To “Transform” NOT “Inform” will allow you to replace informational lessons with life-altering transformational ones so that your impact ripples from person to person, teaching not only to comprehend and understand but to accept and obey the truth.

Workshop Descriptions Session Three 2:05-3:00

**1) Why Can’t We Ask These Question in Church? -Ms. Randi Nussbaum-**Preteens have questions…and some of them are doozies! Rather than dismiss tough topics, discover how to help kids process and look to the Bible to dig into hard questions about God and faith. Together, we’ll learn how to be bold with your preteens by exploring four values that will transform the way you do ministry. Rooted in developmental research, these values reach preteens’ specific needs. You’ll learn how to practically apply these values in your ministry.

**2) Reaching Children in Your Community? Rev. Marci Rollins-Smart-**This workshop will identify the Scriptural basis for outreach and discuss how to determine the needs of the children in the community around your church and look at some practical ways to minister to them.

**3*)* Discipleship within the Woman’s Auxiliary-Mrs., Sande Brown**-The work of the Woman’s Auxiliary within our church and denomination is important. We will discuss ways the Woman’s Auxiliary can be effective within the local church and our denomination. Learn what we do and how to become involved.

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