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Breakout Schedule

FOCUS 2018

Kidmin Leadership Training Conference
March 1-3 / Knoxville, TN

Session 1—Thursday, March 1

1:00p.m.—2:00p.m.

Scripture as Script: WORD HEARD!: Jeff Smith/ William Blount N

The Bible is the original dramatic text! Think of God's Word as a play anthology that is to be played out on the church stage as a theatrical experience between actors and audience. Learn to bring God's Word to life in your dead liturgy by 'resurrecting' some simple dramatic principles and watch the new wine flow from an old wineskin.

Starting a Special Needs Ministry- Scott Hunter & Rachel Ritter/ Andrew Jackson

Has God placed a call on you to start a special needs ministry? What things should you consider? Where do you begin? This session will outline the steps in starting a special needs ministry, including vision/mission development, building a ministry manual, targeting your audience, space considerations, and adaptive programs.

Boys Adrift - John Hicks/ Alvin York

Modern culture has created an environment that sends a confusing message to boys about their value and purpose. As a result, many boys withdraw, disengage, or indulge in self-destructive behaviors. But God's Word offers a better solution. Join us as we examine the ways your church can provide an activity-based, "boy-style" ministry that will lead boys through a process of growth into true Christlike manhood.

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The Power of Play - Hillary May/ James Polk

An abundance of research has been conducted on play and its positive effects on early childhood learning and development. This session is aimed towards learning how to incorporate play into pastoral counseling with children. You will learn some easy take away counseling techniques that will help kids feel comfortable opening up. The goal is to help children learn how to label and process their emotions while operating from a biblical and spiritual point of view.

Engaging Kids in Genuine Worship - Alicia White/ Henry Knox

This session will include a hard look at how we have defined worship for a generation, and why a shift must take place in order to cultivate a generation of worshipers that the Father is seeking. Learn how to engage your kids into genuine worship in spirit and in truth; cultivating the presence of God and a lifestyle of worship that goes beyond your Sunday morning kid's church.

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**10 Things You can do Now to Add Wow to Your Sunday Service - Holly Rogers/
William Blount S**

Creating an environment of energy, excellence and excitement doesn't have to be complicated. Join me to discover 10 quick adjustments to your day that can make a world of difference.

TBA - Vanessa Gore/ Riverview

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2:15p.m. - 3:15p.m.

Clown Ministry: An Introduction - Brenda Marshall/ William Blount N

What is clown ministry? Who can do it? When is it appropriate? Where are the opportunities for ministry? Why use clowning? How do we incorporate clowning skills into ministry? Any questions?

The Importance of Worship in Kid's Church - Javaris Wright/ William Blount S

Recruiting Volunteers - Lynn Miller/ Andrew Jackson

Learn WHY volunteers give of themselves and learn how to tap into their "WHY". Find out WHAT God's word says about recruitment (this will change your entire approach to recruiting). Discover HOW to involve people according to their talents. Learn WHEN the best times to recruit are and how to get others to recruit for you. We'll discuss how to recruit in a way that doesn't say "I'm desperate for help!"

TBA - Janet Blair/ Alvin York

TBA - Vicky Franco/ James Polk

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Babies, Preschoolers & God - Becky Fischer/ Henry Knox

It is a grave mistake to think that the spiritual training of our children begins when they start school, or worse yet, when they become teens. The discipleship of our children actually begins in the womb, and preschoolers are actually the most naturally supernatural of any age group. This information will impact how you set up church nurseries and preschool departments.

TBA - Jeff McCullough/ Riverview

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Engaging the Parents in Spiritual Discipleship of their Kids - Alicia White/ William Blount S

In this session you will learn how to bring back the order of spiritual discipleship to kids by passing the baton back into the hands of the parents. Through our spirit-filled unique approach to family ministry in the church, you will have the opportunity to mentor and engage parents in family acts of worship in what we call “Presence-Driven Family Gatherings”. This model of ministry, will become a stepping stone to rebuilding the family altar, placing the baton back into the parent’s hands, and establishing a partnership with parents that will multiply the spiritual growth of your kids in your ministry like none other.

Basic Essentials of Small Groups for Boys - John Hicks/ Alvin York

Small group ministry has become increasingly popular in many churches as a means to provide both discipleship and fellowship in a comfortable environment. But the unique needs and interests of boys make it necessary that small groups for boys look somewhat different. Join us as we examine ideas for creating small groups that will attract the typical boy and keep him interested and engaged in the discipleship process.

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Training Youth Teams for Church and Evangelism - Trent Black & Retta Graham/ James Polk

Join us in this sessions to learn practical and spiritual methods in training a rotating team of youth in church service and preparing youth for evangelistic opportunities outside of your church home.

Prophetic Children throughout History & What is means for us Today - Becky Fischer/ Henry Knox

So frequently we put limits on what children are capable of doing spiritually. We expect them to get saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. But historically when trained properly, they have healed the sick, raised the dead, and more. If it has ever happened in history, it can happen again today. Prepare a generation to walk in the supernatural power of God!

Creative Illustrated Messages - John Tasch/ Riverview

The word of God comes alive with messages that have a visual impact for the entire family. These powerful messages can be taught in just ten minutes or extended to a full family service.

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Effectively Engaging the Attention with Puppets and Creativity - Kristofer Sommerfeld/ William Blount N

Think puppets and the arts are outdated? Think again! Join us as we talk about basic puppetry skills and ways you can incorporate puppetry and creativity into your classroom setting. These arts, when done properly, can still engage and hold the attention the kids (and adults) of today while presenting a biblical message.

Introduction to Exceptionalities - Scott Hunter & Rachel Ritter/ Andrew Jackson

This session will introduce a general knowledge of various disabilities; including a wide range of cognitive impairments; physical limitations; and emotional, behavioral, and communicative disorders that a special needs ministry might encounter. More specific topics such as people first language and appropriate etiquette will also be included.

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8:30a.m. - 9:30a.m.

Using Creative Arts in Children's Ministry - Trent & Jessica Black / William Blount N

Grabbing a child's attention is one of the challenges in kidmin. Getting creative can help! We will explore the use of puppetry, characters, object lessons, dramas, magical illusions, creative storytelling, and more as a way to engage children as we teach them the Gospel.

Hearing God - Seth Dahl/ William Blount S

Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." We all want our children to live the abundant life God has for them, so we must teach them to hear His voice. In this workshop you will learn why God speaks, as well as many of the ways He speaks to us.

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Relationships 101 - Mary Bellofatto/ James Polk

Our relationships can give us our most pleasure and our most pain, sometimes it comes from the same person. This workshop will give you some hands on tools for communication, and help you determine what you need, and give you some tools to work with difficult people.

Remembering You are a Pastor Too - Steve Burkowske/ Henry Knox

This discussion will focus on balancing all the fun and craziness of children's ministry with ensuring proper spiritual development and disciple-making. An emphasis will be on spiritual formation as well as the Children's Pastor's role in relation to each child's family.

Creative Worship Primers - John Tasch/ Riverview

Ever notice how some people naturally seem to worship while others just stand around and wonder? You will receive useful and creative methods that will help inspire all worshipers to enter His presence.

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Chaos vs. Control - Discipline that Works - Lynn Miller/ Andrew Jackson

Whether you're leading a class of 4 children or teaching over 200, there are many discipline methods that help keep control in the class and encourage learning. We'll discuss over 50 ways you can use both positive and negative discipline in your classroom. You don't have to spend your entire time correcting behavior, there really is a way to use the whole time teaching the word of God. Learn the techniques that professional teachers use in their classrooms.

Security in Today's KidMin– Ginger Cummins & KidMin Secure/ Alvin York

Understand why having a secure check-in is a must to help protect your children and reduce liability for your church and staff. Learn 5 steps to implementing a secure Kidmin to bless your ministry, big or small.

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Get Out of the Boat! - Jeff Smith/ William Blount N

A biblical view at our mandate to walk on water! An outside the boatload-full look at ways to be more creative in our approach to teaching and sharing God's Word. You'll never say 'never' again.

Loving the Word - Seth Dahl/ William Blount S

The Bible can feel overwhelming to young children, but some simple keys to understanding it, by rightly dividing the Word, will help them fall in love with it. The workshop will teach you very clearly to help children discover the joy of reading the Bible.

Engaging Men to Mentor Boys - John Hicks/ Alvin York

One of the most common challenges many churches face is the difficulty in getting men involved in ministry to children. Many kids today are lacking a father at home and rely on the church to provide Christlike images of fatherhood, but men commonly avoid children's ministry. Come join us as we examine the causes of this disconnect and the ways your church can engage men in ministry that will bring spiritual health and growth to everyone in your church.

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Healthy Boundaries: Staying Power for Ministry - Mary Bellofatto/ James Polk

Boundaries are about creating safety, and containment. (Ps. 37:23)

This workshop will help you set boundaries, understand the different types of boundaries and why people struggle with this issues.

How to Hear the Voice of God - Becky Fischer/ Henry Knox

When challenged that we should be teaching children how to hear God's voice and be led by His spirit, large numbers of kids ministers will say that they themselves don't know how to hear God's voice. If you struggle in this area, this session will teach you how.

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Interactive Games & Skits that Teach - Remix Education/ Riverview

Learning through FUN! Come see how to use toilet paper guns, giant frisbees, mascot characters & random church supplies to create games and skits to grab the attention of students and engage them with the gospel. In this breakout you won't just watch but you will be a part of the fun to get a hands on experience to take back to your church to make an impact.

The Sunday Morning Special Needs Experience - Scott Hunter & Rachel Ritter/ Andrew Jackson

This session is designed to walk through an entire Sunday morning special needs experience. Included will be explorations of different strategies for modifying curriculums and delivery to meet a variety of ability levels, as well as maximized environment management.

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Clown Ministry: Storytelling & Magic - Brenda Marshall/ William Blount N

This session combines storytelling with a message and magic. We will explore the basic techniques of storytelling as well as some simple magic that you can make yourself. Then we'll look at combining the two to reinforce the message.

Self Care for the Children's Worker - Beth Guckenberger/ William Blount S

Come spend an hour learning how to take a deep breath. Combining Biblical principles with spiritual disciplines. Learn how to take care of yourself.

Administration: The Unsolved Mystery in Ministry - Lynn Miller/ Andrew Jackson

Learn how to finally be effective in follow-up. Get ideas on how to lead your ministry in a way that doesn't require your constant presence! Learn how to make forms matter, keep pertinent info at hand, and be super-productive throughout the week. Discover creative ways to communication with your people.

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Fix My Kid! - Hillary May/ James Polk

One of the most common phrases a children's pastor hears from parents is "fix my kid!" Children with behavioral problems can not only be a stressor to the family unit, but these same children can also impair your ability to minister and be disruptive to other kids in your ministry. This session is designed to help equip children's ministers and workers to help parents deal with problematic behaviors. It will also provide tools that can be applied to those children in a ministry setting.

Leading Your Team in Times of Transition - John Tasch/ Riverview

Learn how to keep your team together and moving in the same direction in times of change.

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TBA - Jeff McCullough/ Henry Knox

Exploring the World of Puppet Ministry - Kristofer Sommerfeld/ Alvin York

Add a splash of puppetry to your ministry! Find out where to get the recourses that are used by puppeteers nationwide. Learn the skills of puppet manipulation and get answers to how to start a puppet team. Learn helpful ideas to get your feet (or hands) wet in the world of puppetry with knowledge and supplies

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Maintaining a Healthy Marriage in the Midst of Ministry Life - Beth Guckenberger/ William Blount S

As a parent of four adopted children, three biological children and a host of foster kids, Beth and Todd have fought for two and a half decades to stay connected in their marriage relationship. Willing to share vulnerably their cautionary tales, and best practices, Beth will address the unique pressures of large families and bi-cultural families, as well as talk about their fifteen years living internationally. This is not for a PG audience, and she will be frank about issues relating to conflict resolution, intimacy and missional marriage.

Getting Started with Royal Rangers - John Hicks/ Alvin York

The Royal Rangers program provides a complete ministry model for mentoring boys into true Christlike manhood. Through hands-on activities, boy-specific discipleship, and leadership development boys engage in a process that leads them to become mature and responsible young men. We'll explore the ways Royal Rangers can be used in any church setting – small or large – as an effective tool for both discipleship and community outreach.

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Counseling 101: When to Treat and When to Refer - Mary Bellofatto/ James Polk

Pastors are required to deal with some major mental health and relational issues within the church and often struggle with the complex issues. This workshop will give you some guidelines for when to refer for your sake and the client.

The Millennials: Our Report Card & Our Road Map - Becky Fischer/ Henry Knox

The world has its eye on the Millennial Generation including Christian researchers. Though they paraded through our Sunday Schools, they are completely grown now. It's time to look at our Report Card. How did we do as the Church impacting them? Learn about what they are like spiritually today as adults. We can then use that information as a Road Map to know how to minister to the next generation coming up under them who are in our children's ministries today. What did we do right, and where can we improve?

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MORE Creative Games- John Tasch/ Riverview

More of the team building, Bible learning, energy burning games you love! They're easy to coordinate and are perfectly adaptable for any meeting, any lesson, any time! Each game comes complete with rules and objectives. Every game is tried, tested and given the "Seal of Approval" by kids of all ages!

TBA - Scott Hunter & Rachel Ritter/ Andrew Jackson

The accomplishments of a child often mirrors the achievement of a volunteer. In this session, we will look at how to train volunteers to work within a special needs ministry. There will be an in-depth exploration on how to handle a variety of situations that can arise when working with the special need community. There will be hands-on resource development that offers assistance for the Sunday morning experience.

Telling the Old, Old story in a New, New Way - Jeff Smith/ William Blount N

Applications of the creative process to bringing Bible stories and Bible characters to life to a post-modern culture.

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Movement for Non-Movers Series (God Rods) - Jeff Smith/ William Blount N

Use of God Rods (dowel rod sticks) to interpret lyrics to contemporary Christian music or scripture text. This class will be a broad overview of concepts, choreography, and precepts for team building that will help you start and/or maintain your movement ministry. Purposeful movement to powerful music with appropriate choreography!

Recruitment Ideas that Work - Holly Rogers/ William Blount S

We will be recruiting volunteers our entire ministry, so why not do it in the most effective way possible. This workshop will give you practical tips to begin creating the dream team you are praying for.

Understanding the Audience of Children - Steve Burkowske/ Alvin York

This time together will discuss the dynamics of ministering to an audience comprised of children. We will explore Jesus' understanding of children and what we need to understand about children.

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Discovering Your Passion and Your Mission - Mary Bellofatto/ James Polk

Many Pastors are depressed, anxious, tired, and lonely. Many are considering leaving the ministry due to loss of mission and passion. This workshop will help you look at your roles, and write a mission statement, and with God's help, find your passion robbers.

How the Kingdom of Darkness Operates in Children today - Becky Fischer/ Henry Knox

Every generation has been targeted by the Enemy in different ways. Times change, cultures change, and while temptations may be the same, they are uniquely designed for each current culture. In the last decade or longer, there has been an explosion of the occult and witchcraft in our entertainment media. Is this by accident? Could this have anything to do with End Times?

Community Outreach in Schools & Parks - Remix Education/ Riverview

Want to know how to get into your local schools to invest in students? Come learn some simple ways use skits, games and motivational speaking to build relationships in your community. Break the ice to talk about bullying, drugs or other tough topics through fun.

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