

# IGNITE Missions Conference and the 133rd Annual Meeting

April 19-20, 2024 Parkwood Baptist Church Concord, NC



# **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

### Friday- April 19, 2024

**4:00pm** Registration Opens for Conference

**4:00pm** Missions Expo, Bookstore, Hands on Mission Project

**5:45pm** Dinner

7:00pm General Session\*8:30pm Ignite Commitment

8:45pm Conclude

### Saturday- April 20, 2024

8:00am Doors Open

9:00am General Session\*

**11:00am** Breakout #1

**12:00pm** Lunch

**1:00pm** Breakout #2

2:00pm General Session\*

3:30pm Send Out

\*ASL Translation will be available

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# SPEAKER & WORSHIP LEADER INTRODUCTIONS



Worship Leader: Cindy Morgan

Singer/songwriter Cindy two-time Morgan is a Grammy nominee, a thirteentime Dove winner, and a recipient of the prestigious of the Year Songwriter trophy. An East Tennessee her native. evocative melodies and lyrics have mined the depths of life and both in her love own recording and through songwriting for noteworthy artists around the globe.

Cindy is the author of two works of adult nonfiction, a popular children's picture book and is a co-creator of the charitable Hymns for Hunger Tour. Cindy has two daughters and splits time living between a small town near Nashville and Holly Springs, North Carolina with her husband Jonathan.



Keynote Speaker: Holly Myers

Holly Myers calls North Carolina home. She passionate about seeing girls and women embrace freedom. Her heart for missions began when she was only eight years old. Her love for Honduras and Haiti has grown over the last 10 years and she travels yearly to visit and minister there. Holly and her husband lead Richard Revolution Church where Richard is the lead pastor.

Holly is the president and founder of Unbound Ministry. Unbound was founded out of her own life experiences of pain and personal bondage. Holly wants every woman and girl to know their worth, walk in freedom and share in the light of Jesus all over the world. Holly loves a good coffee date, a trip to Disney, anything with a bear on it and a good road trip.



Special Guest: Kerry Jackson

Kerry and his wife Twyla serve as Evangelism Catalyst Missionaries with the North American Mission Board, For several years they were involved in church planting, focusing on researching the arts communities of both Atlanta and Indianapolis. Now based in Marietta, GA, fulfill the thev Great Commission by sharing the gospel through visual art and discipling other "creatives" by hosting Bible studies focused on the physical and spiritual needs of artist.

Kerry and Twyla are 100% self-supported missionaries and rely on ministry partners for prayer and financial support. They have been married for 43 years, have two daughter who have blessed them with nine grandchildren.



### **Announcements**



#### Safety:

Wearing your name badge from the moment you arrive at our Missions Conference is extremely important. The badge becomes your security identification for entrance to church facilities. Please ALWAYS wear your name badge which identifies you as part of the conference.

#### **Mission Project: Raceway Ministries**

This year we are partnering with Raceway Ministries! The National Fellowship of Raceway Ministries offers the racing community opportunities to experience God's love through guest services, chapel experiences, chaplain assistance and relational evangelism. This mission is accomplished by working with raceway staff and being available to race fans to address their needs.

We are collecting the following items to help support this ministry and the community they serve: Lance crackers; granola bars; soft peppermints or Fireball candy; (no chocolate); individual bubble gum (like Double Bubble); Chapstick; and small toiletry items.

A Special Thank you: We are so thankful for Sara Lamkin, Rebecca Lindhout, the Student Advisory panelists and other volunteers who will be leading our children and youth this weekend at Missions Journey Kids' Camp and Ignite Youth Tract. Thank you to Parkwood Baptist Church for being our gracious host this year!

#### First Aid Assistance:

General first aid supplies are available at the Registration Desk. NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship members are on campus and available if needed. Please see any WMU NC staff for any other questions.

#### **Evaluation:**

Your opinions and comments are very important to us. An evaluation will be emailed to you following the conference or a link can be found on the last page of the program. Thank you for your feedback.

#### Happy Birthday!

Christian Women's Job Corps is celebrating 25 years in 2024. Congratulations for 25 years of wonderful service in our communities!

#### **WMU Bookstore Hours**:

Open Friday from 4:00pm- 5:30pm Open Saturday from 8:00am-9:00am & 10:30am-2:00pm (Closed during worship sessions)

#### WMU Missions Expo:

Open Friday 4:00pm- 5:30pm Open Saturday from 10:30am-2:00pm (Closed during worship sessions)

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Missions Conference April 25-26, 2025: Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh Go to <u>www.wmunc.org</u> for all events!

#### **OFFERING:**

Your donations to the Heck Jones® missions offering support the many missions and ministries of WMU NC such as: Leadership development opportunities, CWJC, Prison Ministry, Hispanic WMU, Mission Trips, Sisters Who Care, Mom Camp/Military Wives Retreat, Tarheel Talk, and events such as Carolina Women and Children's Missions Days. Please visit our website for information about all of our missions and ministries. Thank you!

#### **Heck-Jones Offering**



#### Follow the Light | Room: 301 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Karen Burnette McCracken

In our passion to share the light, we can easily jump ahead. Like Sarah and Rebekah who tried to assist in the fulfillment of the prophecies regarding their sons, we can forget to follow. God's the leader. God's doing the brunt of the work. We get to follow along as co-laborers together with God, but what does that tangibly look like for our lives?

#### Help! Fix my Dim Light | Room: 309 | Time: 11:00

Session led by Carnela Hill

You are to be the salt of the earth. But what if the salt has lost its taste? How shall its saltiness be restored? If you are experiencing a season of burnout, come hear encouragement on how to fix your dimmed light, and how you can be a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden.

#### The New Light | Room: 309 | Time: 1:00

Session led by Carnela Hill

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you." (Joel 2:25-26) God wants to restore your light for the world to see. You can experience a time of healing, freedom, rest, peace, joy and so much more.

#### How to Lead a Child to Christ | Room: 308 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Wesley Austin

Whether it's the children in your church, community, or even your own home, learning how to lead children to Christ is something we all need to know. This session will give you tools on how to lead a child to Christ.

#### Redeeming Social Media to be On Mission Together | Room: 403 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Whitney Goulding & Liz Tablazon (NC Baptists Marketing & Communication)
The average social media user spends about 2.5 hours on it every day. How can we use social media to honor Christ and share His good news? Your social media platform can be used to build trust and tell the story of what God is doing in your life, as well as your local church and community. In this session, we will explore how to reach those around you through social media. Learn practical tips for planning engaging and encouraging content, creating impactful designs and more. Let's leverage and redeem social media use to be on mission together.

#### Igniting Your Community with CWJC | Room: 300 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Cara Lynn Vogel

Find out how others in NC have been responding holistically to the needs of impoverished people in their own communities for the last 25 years through Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps. Discover the ways that YOU can respond in practical ways that build relationships, provide help (without hurt), and hope.

#### Joseph: A Life of Providence | Room: 208 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Dr. Mike Boone

Joseph's life is a continual movement toward God's ultimate plan: Governor of Egypt. From the outside looking into Joseph's life, one might only observe abandonment from God. Upon closer inspection, this intentional movement towards God's ultimate plan can be seen. At every juncture in Joseph's life the providence of God is demonstrated. Like Joseph, each of us is somewhere on the continuum of God's plan. His shaping and molding us is not an instantaneous act. It is a slow, steady progression to accomplishing God's plan and desire for our lives. Come let us experience the life of Joseph through the lens of providence.

#### What Teens Wish You Knew | Room: 402 | Time: 1:00

Session led by WMU NC Youth Panelists

Have you ever wondered how teens really feel about church or what they want to know about their faith? Have you wondered if there are things churches can do to better minister to them? If so, come hear from our NC Youth Panelists as they share things teens wish you knew.

#### Finding Comfort and Hope in the Midst of Grief | Room: 210 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Linda Phelps Chambers & Linda Walden

Grief comes in many forms: from the loss of a loved one to the loss of something that was dear to you. If you are struggling with a grief that is difficult for you to get past or want some encouragement for your heart in a difficult time, come and let's talk about some intentional tools and resources that might help all of us find comfort and hope.

#### Using Art to Share the Gospel\* | Room: 512 | Time: 1:00

Session led by Kerry Jackson

Come hear NAMB Missionary Kerry Jackson, share his journey of using art to share Christ, plant churches, and disciple Christian artists to do the same.

# Building Bridges of Hope: Strengthening Connections with our Islamic Neighbors\* | Room: 307 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Dawn\*

According to Pew research, Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the United States and is projected to be the second largest religion by 2050. Though most of us have Muslim friends and neighbors, we often pass on opportunities to share the gospel with them because we feel unprepared and intimidated. This breakout led by a former Middle Eastern missionary, will provide you with a basic overview of the beliefs and practices of Islam and give you some practical ways to open the door to a respectful and genuine conversation to share the Good News.

\*Full missionary name withheld for security.

#### Higher Hope for Haitians\* | Room: 303 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Rachel & Wiliamson Louis

In the midst of a gang run country, there is hope. Come hear about God's work that continues in Haiti in the midst of great insecurities. Hear about a new mission trip opportunity in the neighboring Dominican Republic, and a new medical clinic being established in south Haiti!

#### Students on Mission Together | Room: 401 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Ruthie & Tracy Salter

Find out different ways to get your students involved in kingdom work! We will discuss topics such as how to get your students and youth involved on a weekly basis, planning mission trips, fundraising, execution, and much more!

#### One Candle to Burn | Room: 302 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Mandy Stepp

Mandy is filled with joy to share practical tools and empowering truths from the Word of God that will equip you to be light in the midst of darkness. Through our time together, we will explore what it means to illuminate the lives of those around us, to share the good news with courage, and to walk boldly in obedience to Christ Jesus. Amidst the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, one truth remains steadfast: we are called to be light in the darkness.

# College Ministry in the Post-Covid Era: Trends in Young Adults & Higher Education\* | Room: 404 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by David Stone

In this breakout, we will look at the shifting landscape of campus ministry, how students are adapting to rising college costs, increased health concerns, and continued faith development in their college years. Join Rev. David Stone, currently the Western Regional Campus Minister for CBF of North Carolina, who has been working on college campuses for the past two decades, for a conversation on how to effectively reach students and what the new metrics are for campus ministry success.

#### Rough Landings\* | Room: 312 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Cameron & Kelly Lewis

Missionaries struggle. You've sent them out, prayed for them, and supported them financially, but returning to the U.S. is often the hardest part of their journey. Join former IMB and NAMB missionaries Cameron and Kelly Lewis as they share about how to care for missionaries who come back to the U.S.

#### NC Pews to Village Paths: Reaching Brazil\* | Room: 512 | Time: 11:00

Session led by Matthew and Kristin Trick

Hear the story of how God took Matthew and Kristin from the pews of NC to village paths in remote, northeastern Brazil. Each believer is called across the street and to the ends of the earth. Find out how you can be a part of reaching the unreached from your local church pews in NC or a native church plant in Brazil.

#### Faith, Family, Love, & Laughter: My Journey Through Breast Cancer

| Room: 513 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Beth McDonald

A sixteen-year survivor of triple negative breast cancer shares the story of her journey from diagnosis to the present. Whether it's been part of your own personal journey, or maybe someone you know, this session will encourage you to see how God uses all things we go through for good.

#### Overcoming Bible Study Barriers | Room: 514 | Time: 11:00

Session led by Cyndee Ownbey

Do you wish your women were more excited about studying God's Word? Join Cyndee as you discover how to ignite your women's passion for studying God's Word. Together, you will examine common reasons women shy away from studying their Bible and get practical tips and tools for teaching women how to study God's Word.

#### WMU, Women's Ministry, & Missions | Room: 514 | Time: 1:00

Session led by Cyndee Ownbey

Are your WMU, women's ministry, and missions leaders struggling to work together in harmony? Do you feel like you compete with one another? Uncover practical ideas for working together to ignite a passion for missions and ministry in the women at your church. Don't miss this session with Cyndee Ownbey, veteran women's ministry leader and founder of Women's Ministry Toolbox.

#### Creating Community | Room: 310 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Allison Markwood

Christians were never meant to do life alone, but creating authentic community in an isolated, post-COVID world can be challenging. Come hear tips and tricks for how to get people to come together, build relationships, support one another spiritually, and serve together in Christian community.

#### The Hope of the Global Church | Room: 205 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Dr. Anna Daub

In this session, Dr. Daub, Assistant Professor of Missions and Director of Special Projects and Partnerships for Global Theological Initiatives at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, provides a window into the current reality of Global Christianity, a tidbit of history of how we got here, and some encouragement about how Global Christianity affects and changes the ways we think about missions in the 21st century.

#### Derribando Murallas Para Alcanzar a las Naciones | Room: 305 | Time: 11:00 and 1:00

Session led by Raquel Garcia & Ligia Contreras (Session done in Spanish!)

Existe una variedad de murallas que se presentan delante de nuestra vida que nos pueden estar impidiendo a participar en el Extendimiento del Reino de Dios. Murallas como el Temor, el Rechazo, la Inferioridad, la Cultura, Idioma, Enfoque Interno, las finanzas, etc. Necesitamos Identificar las murallas que nos impiden cumplir nuestra Misión para derribarlas. Dios nos ha prometido que podemos avanzar en su Nombre y que él nos dará por herencia las Naciones (salmo 2:8).

¡Que no haya ninguna Muralla en nuestra vida que nos impida conquistar con fe a todas las naciones!

# Please Join Us For:

May 31- June 1 Sisters Who Care Spring Retreat---Fort Caswell, NC

June 24-28 International Camp---Camp Mundo Vista

July 13-19 Mission Trip---FBC Malborough, MA

August 23-25 WMU Hispanic Women's Conference---Fort Caswell, NC

August 27 Women's Leadership Cohort Begins

September 7-13 Mission Trip---Guatemala

October 11-12 Carolina Women---Fort Caswell, NC

November 8-10 Mom Camp & Military Wives---Camp Mundo Vista

### **SOMETHING EXCITING IS COMING THIS AUGUST!**



WMU North Carolina and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary are excited to announce a new opportunity for women serving in ministry and missions. WMU NC and SEBTS are partnering together to bring you the brand-new *GO Certificate in Women's Missions*Leadership. This virtual GO Certificate will combine theological courses along with a selection of courses that will focus on missional living, understanding the Bible, ministry to women, and more. This GO Certificate option will be paired with WMU NC's current Women's Leadership Cohort, which offers practical application and equipping for women serving in their local churches and communities. Be on the lookout for this exciting opportunity to grow in your leadership skills!







### Thank you for attending!

We are so glad you joined us.

We hope this weekend has Ignited your passion for missions!

### Give:

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#### Review:

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