

WMU NC Annual Missions Conference: 2024 Conference Sessions

<u>Conference Title</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>1:00</u>
Follow the Light	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?	301	X	X
Help! Fix my Dim Light	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.	309	X	
The New Light	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.	309		X
How to Lead a Child to Christ	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.	308	X	X

Redeeming Social Media to be On Mission Together	Whitney Goulding and Liz Tablazon, <i>NC Baptists Marketing & Communications</i>	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.	403	X	X
Joseph: A Life of Providence	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' 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.	208	X	X
Igniting Your Community with CWJC	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.	300	X	X
What Teens Wish You Knew	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.	402		X

Finding Comfort and Hope in the Midst of Grief	Linda Phelps Chambers and 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.	210	X	X
Using Art to Share the Gospel*	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.	512		X
NC Pews to Village Paths: Reaching the Unreached in Brazil*	Matthew and Kristin Trick	Hear the story of how God took Matthew and Kristin Trick 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 too can be a part of reaching the unreached from your local church pews in NC or a native church plant in Brazil.	512	X	
Higher Hope for Haitians*	Rachel & Williamson 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!	303	X	X
Building Bridges of Hope: Strengthening Connections with Our Islamic Neighbors*	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. <i>*Full missionary name withheld for security.</i>	307	X	X
Students On Mission Together!	Ruthie and 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!	401	X	X

One Candle to Burn	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.	302	X	X
College Ministry in the Post Covid-Era: Trends in Young Adults and Higher Education*	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.	404	X	X
The Hope of the Global Church	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.	205	X	X
Faith, Family, Love, and Laughter: My Journey through Breast Cancer	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.	513	X	X
Overcoming Bible Study Barriers	Cyndee Owenby	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.	514	X	

WMU, Women's Ministry, and Missions	Cyndee Owenby	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 <i>Women's Ministry Toolbox</i> .	514		X
Creating Community	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.	310	X	X
Rough Landings*	Cameron and 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 US.	312	X	X
Derribando Murallas Para Alcanzar a las Naciones	Raquel Garcia and Ligia Contreras <i>(Session Done In Spanish!)</i>	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!.	305	X	X

*indicates a missionary conference