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APRIL 29 & 30

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

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IS A NETWORK COMMITTED TO

**RENEWING
THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS
TO FUEL DISCIPLE MAKING**



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WELCOME TO THE 2024 **RENEW.ORG** NATIONAL GATHERING!

Our era is a time of tribalistic ethics, tech anxiety, class envy, and “owning” the opposition as if they were trophies. In such a time, disciples of Jesus can’t afford to let the surrounding cultures box the Christian faith into a preset, predictable mold. We are disciples of a creative, courageous King. The gospel of King Jesus renews everything it reaches, starting with us and moving outward into all creation. Our courageous King rescued and redeemed us, and he invites us to participate in his courageous renewal of all things.

LET’S RENEW THE TEACHINGS OF KING JESUS BY STANDING FIRM AND FUELING DISCIPLE MAKING!

We are so happy that we can all join in this together,



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7 RENEW.ORG VALUES

Renewal in the Bible and in history follows a discernible outline that can be summarized by 7 key elements. We champion these elements as our core values. They are listed in a sequential pattern that is typical of renewal, and that starts with God.

1. RENEWING BY GOD'S SPIRIT

We believe that God is the author of renewal and that he invites us to access and join him through prayer and fasting for the Holy Spirit's work of renewal.

2. FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD

We learn the ways of God with lasting clarity and conviction by trusting God's Word and what it teaches as the objective foundation for renewal and life.

3. SURRENDERING TO JESUS' LORDSHIP

The gospel teaches us that Jesus is Messiah (King) and Lord. He calls everyone to salvation (in eternity) and discipleship (in this life) through a faith commitment that is expressed in repentance, confession, and baptism. Repentance and surrender to Jesus as Lord is the never-ending cycle for life in Jesus' Kingdom, and it is empowered by the Spirit.

4. CHAMPIONING DISCIPLE MAKING

Jesus personally gave us his model of disciple making, which he demonstrated with his disciples. Those same principles from the life of Jesus should be utilized as we make disciples today and champion discipleship as the core mission of the local church.

5. LOVING LIKE JESUS

Jesus showed us the true meaning of love and taught us that sacrificial love is the distinguishing character trait of true disciples (and true renewal). Sacrificial love is the foundation for our relationships both in the church and in the world.

6. LIVING IN HOLINESS

Just as Jesus lived differently from the world, the people in his church will learn to live differently than the world. Even when it is difficult, we show that God's kingdom is an alternative kingdom to the world.

7. LEADING COURAGEOUSLY

God always uses leaders in renewal who live by a prayerful, risk-taking faith. Renewal will be led by bold and courageous leaders—who make disciples, plant churches, and create disciple making movements.



WHAT IS **RENEW.ORG NETWORK?**

WHAT IS A NETWORK?

We are a voluntary association of church leaders who come together to help each other faithfully pursue Jesus teachings and mission. We are a network that is growing as more and more connect with us through six channels.

1. DAILY DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

As disciples who make disciples, we at RENEW.org publish daily posts, videos, ebooks, and podcasts. We send out weekly newsletters promoting our beliefs and mission to tens of thousands of disciples of Jesus and church leaders. Our content focuses on biblical teachings, inspiration, and cultural commentary.

2. PRINT BOOKS

We create and publish books for church leaders, churches, and everyday disciples. Our books, as with everything we seek to create, focus on good theology through culturally relevant engagement. We seek to educate everyday disciples, serious laypeople, and parents so that they can be disciples and make disciples.

3. LEARNING COMMUNITIES FOR SENIOR MINISTERS/PASTORS

Hundreds of senior ministers/pastors cluster together in our many learning communities for support and training opportunities once every two months (in-person or online). The mutual support and encouragement in our shared mission are just as important as the teachings and trainings.

4. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL GATHERINGS

We host a national gathering each year for teaching, inspiration, and encouragement. Additionally, we are launching regional gatherings, which will be led by church leaders from local RENEW.org network churches.

5. MENTORING AND TRAINING CERTIFICATES FOR CHURCH LEADERS/ELDERS

Through RENEW.org connections and our partnerships, we offer mentoring for church leaders and elders in various models and strategies that increase the effectiveness of the local church. RENEW.org will also begin offering formal certificates or training in subjects such as theology and apologetics to better equip and qualify leaders for their ministry roles.

6. RENEW MOVEMENT CHURCH PLANTING

Biblical disciple making means growth and multiplication, so network members banded together to catalyze Renew Movement church planting. Our vision is churches collaboratively planting churches. Each church will be launched with the same dna and will be encouraged to freely associate with and help build the network.

**COME AND JOIN WITH US AND HELP EXPAND THE RENEW.ORG NETWORK,
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GATHERING SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

- 5:00PM - 6:30PM** Doors Open/Check-in Begins
- 6:30PM - 6:50PM** Evening Session
- 6:50PM - 7:00PM** Break
- 7:00PM - 8:30PM** Breakout Conversations and strategic partner sessions
- 8:30PM - 8:45PM** Break
- 8:45PM - 9:00PM** Evening Session Concludes

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

- 8:00AM - 8:30AM** Welcome
- 8:30AM - 10:35AM** Main Session 1
(see detailed breakdown in Main Stage Schedule Below)
- 10:35AM - 10:45AM** Break
- 10:45AM - 11:45AM** Breakout 1
- 11:45AM - 12:45PM** Lunch
- 12:45PM - 1:40PM** Breakout 2
- 1:40PM - 1:50PM** Break
- 1:50PM - 3:25PM** Main Session 2
- 3:25PM - 3:40PM** Short Break
- 3:40PM - 4:50PM** Session 2 Continued
- 5:00 PM** End of Day



MAIN STAGE *SCHEDULE*

MAIN SESSION 1 **TUESDAY APRIL 30** 8:30AM – 10:45AM

SPEAKERS



ORPHEUS HEYWARD

Following Scripture as Final Authority

Orpheus will cast the vision that courageous renewal requires clarity and priority on God's word.



JONATHAN STORMENT

The King Jesus Gospel

Jonathan will dismiss the excuses keeping anyone from doing all they can to proclaim the King Jesus Gospel.



JEFF FAULL

The Faithful Allegiant Faith

Jeff is describing true faith in Jesus: loyal, allegiant, faithful faith.

EMCEES



DAVE CLAYTON



SYDNEY CLAYTON

PRAYER



SHODANKEH JOHNSON



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MAIN SESSION 2 **TUESDAY APRIL 30**

1:50PM – 5:00PM

JOSH HOWARD

Disciple Making Our Core Mission

Josh is painting the picture of what a local church with the core mission of making disciples is like.

DAVE CLAYTON AND SYDNEY CLAYTON

Relying on Prayer and Fasting

Dave and Sydney Clayton will unpack how we need the Holy Spirit's power for courageous renewal.

ANTHONY WALKER

Collaboration in the eMission

Anthony will unpack the risk and reward of collaboration across cultural lines for the mission of Jesus.

KYLE IDLEMAN

Your Commitment to Courageous Renewal

Kyle will be synthesizing the day, with a personal challenge to commit to courageous renewal.

SPEAKERS



BREAKOUT CONVERSATIONS

MONDAY NIGHT

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

STRATEGIC PARTNERS SESSIONS

- B201** Latinos Christian Movement
- B104** Renew Movement Church Planting
- B202** New Day Pre-Conference with John Magnuson
- TEMPLE** Churches For the Campus with BE1MK1
- B105** Harding University

COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATIONS

- C103** Renew Creative with Dave Stovall
- C101/102** Elders Breakout with David Roadcup
- B106** Executive Minister/Pastor Breakout with Doug Robertson
- CHAPEL** Sr. Minister/Pastor breakout with Brandon Guindon and Bobby Harrington
- AUDITORIUM** Disciple Making & LGBTQ with Guy Hammond
- B108** Women Discipling Women with Renée Sproles and Michelle Eagle
- B204** High School Ministry with RJ and Ashlee Catizon
- B107** Children's Ministry with Jay Austin
- B203** Discipling Groups with JP Robinson

TUESDAY

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

- B104** Renew Movement – *How Your Church Can Plant a Church*
- B105** Mike Williams – *Future Challenges for Authentic Disciples*
- B106** Tina Wilson – *Step into Scripture*
- B107** Dave Hamlin – *How to Help People Overcome Addictions*
- B108** Renée Sproles – *Women in Leadership*
- B109** Jason Ishmael – *Turning on Every Discipleship Spigot*
- B110** Doug Fultz or Ken Idleman – *Biblical Basis for Partnership*
- B111** Jeremy Bacon – *How to Understand and Teach the Sermon on the Mount*
- B201** David Mieja – *Preaching Discipleship to Hispanic Nominal Christians*
- B202** John Magnuson – *A New Day for the Churches of Christ*
- B203** Kerry Cox – *How to Disciple People into Repentance and Baptism*
- B204** Clayton Hentzel – *Leading a Mega-Church through LGBTQ Issues*
- C101/102** Brandon Guindon – *Disciple Making Culture*
- C103** Jeff Duerler – *Theology of the New Heavens and New Earth, Part 1*
- C301/302** Chad Harrington – *The Utter Necessity of a Theological Approach to Ministry*
- C303** Jeff Faull – *When Leaders Disagree*
- CHAPEL** Orpheus Heyward – *How to Interpret the Bible*
- TEMPLE** Daniel McCoy and Chad Ragsdale – *The Disciple's Mind*
- AUDITORIUM** Dave and Sydney Clayton – *Leading Your Church in Prayer and Fasting*

TUESDAY

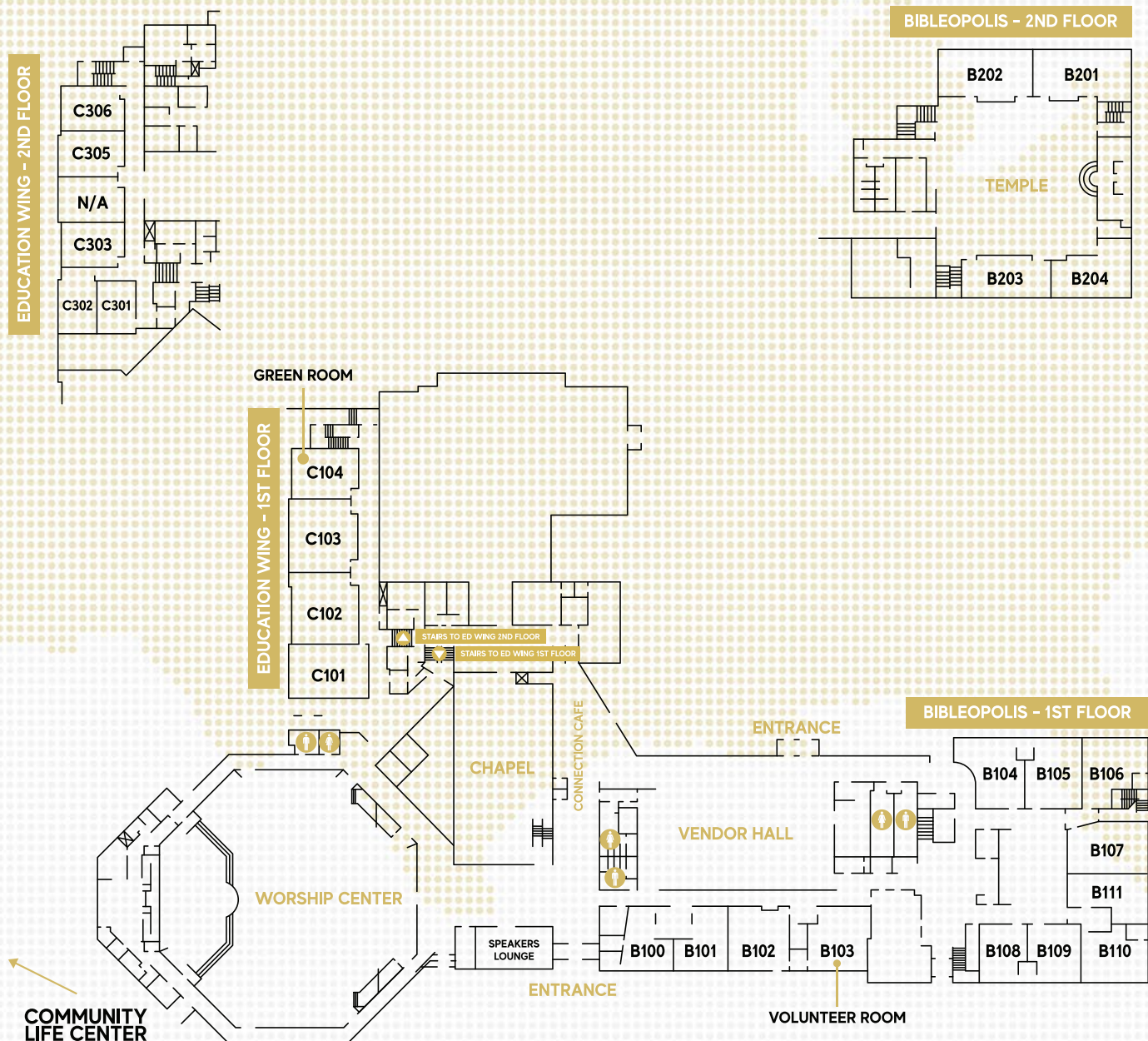
BREAKOUT SESSION 2

12:45PM – 1:40PM

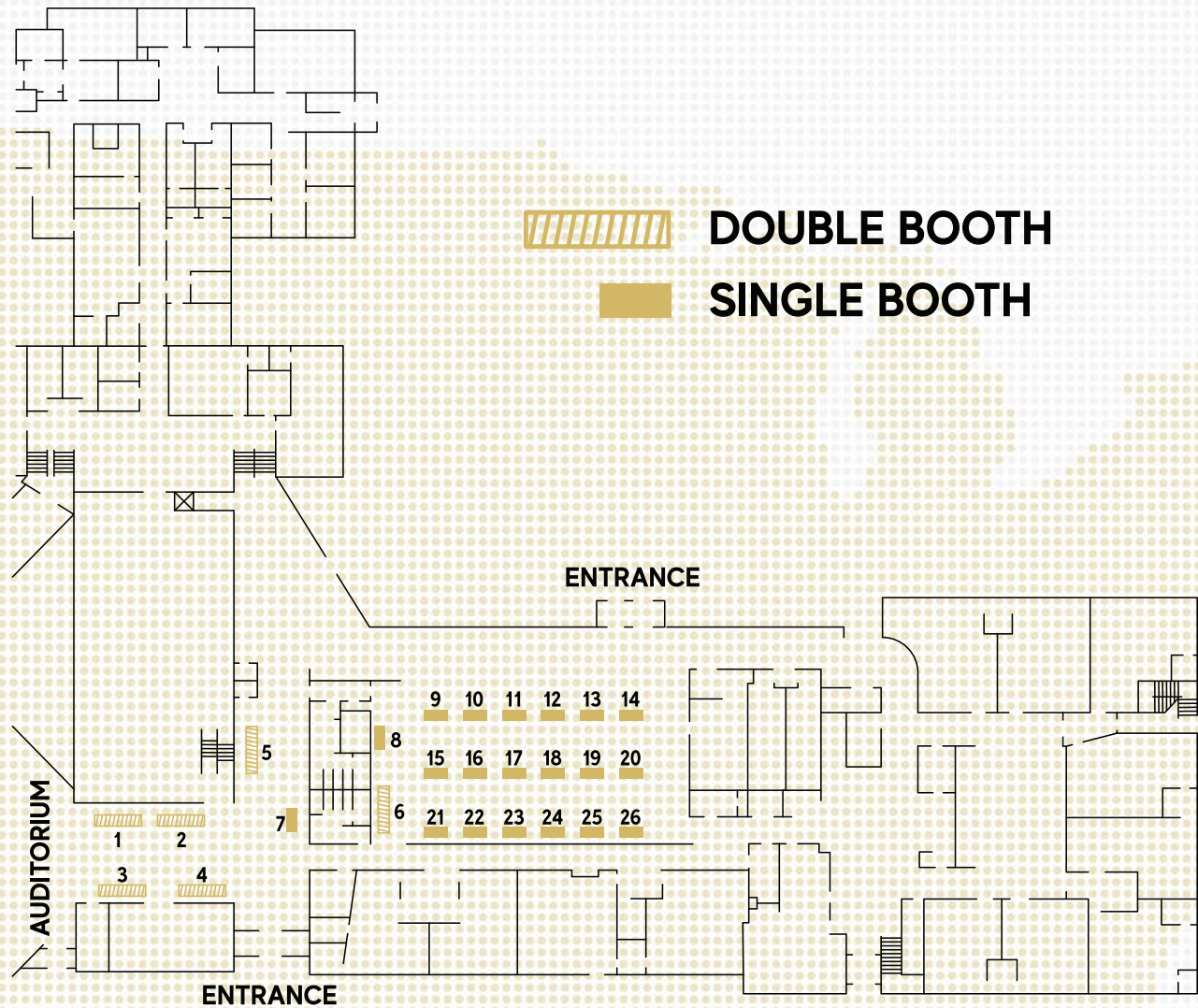
- B104** Renew Movement – *How Your Church Can Plant a Church*
- B105** Jim Dalrymple – *Dangers of Progressivism*
- B106** Micah Odor and Dr. Billy Strother – *Preaching Towards Saving Faith*
- B107** Scott Sager – *The Historical and Archaeological Case for Christ*
- B108** Anthony Walker & Michelle Eagle – *Your Identity in Christ*
- B110** Andrew Jit – *Rhythms: How to Live as a Disciple of Jesus*
- B111** Christian and Deb Flores – *Renewed Vitality: Strategies for Church Leaders to Conquer Burnout and Lead Powerfully in Changing Times*
- B201** John Bliffen – *Creating Networks to Provide Synergy and Mentoring*
- B202** Tony Twist – *Developing a Lifestyle of Prayer and Fasting*
- B203** Paul Huyghebaert – *Resisting Christian Nationalism*
- C101/102** Donnie Williams – *Navigating an Election Year*
- C103** Jeff Duerler – *Theology of the New Heavens and New Earth, Part 2*
- C301/302** Chris Jefferson – *Discipleship & Technology*
- C303** Matt Reagan – *Matt Reagan's "Farm vs Factory"*
- CHAPEL** Guy Hammond – *Following Jesus in an LGBTQ+ World*
- TEMPLE** Daniel McCoy and Chad Ragsdale – *The Disciple's Mind*
- AUDITORIUM** Shodankeh Johnson – *Spiritual Warfare*



CAMPUS *MAP*



EXHIBITOR *MAP*



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| 1 | The Solomon Foundation | 14 | 3rd Drive |
| 2 | TCM | 15 | ICOM (International Conference on on Missions) |
| 3 | RENEW.org | 16 | E3 Partners |
| 4 | Discipleship.org | 17 | LivingStone International University |
| 5 | CCPP | 18 | CFR (Christian Financial Resources) |
| 6 | IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) | 19 | Nations University |
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MAIN STAGE *SPEAKERS*



**ORPHEUS
HEYWARD**

Dr. Orpheus J. Heyward is Senior Minister of the Renaissance Church of Christ. He is considered one of the most dynamic and scripturally sound gospel preachers among Churches of Christ today. Having received his Masters of Arts in Theology, Masters of Arts in Biblical Studies, and doctorate degree in Theological Exegesis, he is a constant student of the Bible.



**JONATHAN
STORMENT**

Jonathan is the Preacher at the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas. He and his wife, Leslie, have five children and are passionate about discipling the next generation in the way of Jesus. Storment has written two books: *How to Start a Riot* and *Bringing Heaven to Earth*, which he co-authored with Josh Ross.



**JEFF
FAULL**

Jeff Faull is a fourth generation preacher. He is in his 34th year as the Minister of the Mt Gilead Church in Mooresville, Indiana. A graduate of Cincinnati Christian University and of Summit Theological

Seminary, Jeff co-founded and led the National Preaching Summit, an organization that promotes preaching excellence. He served 14 years as a contributing editor for *Christian Standard* magazine. He presently serves on the board of E2 Effective Elders and also as a regional director for RENEW.org. He has been blessed with opportunities to preach and lecture on preaching in multiple places around the globe. He and his wife Valerie have three children and nine grandchildren.



JOSH HOWARD

Josh has been living in India since 2008 and has a passion to see the Kingdom of God spread throughout the world. He desires to raise up disciples who make disciples, leaders who create leaders, and churches that plant churches.

In 2015, he launched a ministry called Ignite, which has seen over 18,000 churches started in about eight years through movements of multiplication.



DAVE AND SYDNEY CLAYTON

Dave is a disciple, husband, and dad to 3 young boys. Along with his wife, he planted and helps lead Ethos Church, a young, urban church in Nashville, TN, that is passionate about reaching the lost, serving the poor, and releasing ordinary people to plant churches all over the world. In addition, he is the founder and lead visionary for Onward, a global family of leaders who are committed to making disciples and planting churches across the world, and Awaken Nashville, a city-wide movement unifying churches in strategic initiatives of prayer and fasting in the greater Nashville area.

Sydney is a disciple, wife, and mom to 3 young boys. Along with her husband, she planted and helps serve Ethos Church, a young, urban church in Nashville, TN, that is passionate about reaching the lost, serving the poor, and releasing ordinary people to plant churches all over the world.



ANTHONY WALKER

Anthony Walker has been preaching the gospel for 20 years. He has been actively involved in the church as a song leader, youth worker, preacher, and any other role to which God calls him. He attended Lipscomb University in pursuit of an Art Education Degree. For 12 years, he has been the full-time minister of the Highway 231 Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, TN. He and his wife Jenny are the proud parents of 2 young children: a son, Remington, and a daughter, Reign.



KYLE IDLEMAN

Kyle Idleman is a bestselling author and the senior pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the largest churches in America. He's most widely known for his award-winning book, *Not a Fan*, which has sold more than 1.3 million copies and has sparked a movement among believers. Kyle has authored other books including: *One at a Time*, *The End of Me*, *Gods at War*, *Grace Is Greater*, and *Don't Give Up*. Kyle and his wife DesiRae have four children and live on a farm where he does no farming.



BREAKOUT 1



RENEW MOVEMENT

Todd Wilson, Brett Andrews, and David Putman join us from Renew Movement where their mission is to help churches collaborate together to plant healthy, reproducing, biblically-sound, disciple making churches.

B104 *HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN PLANT A CHURCH*

Every church in America is just one decision away from becoming a church-planting church. Yet studies show that less than 7% of churches in the US are reproducing. What gives? Join us for this vibrant Q&A to interact with church planting leaders of Renew Movement. You will get a recap of Monday's Level 5 Framework and 3 Dimensions of Multiplication, and together we'll dive deeper into the common factors that play into churches not planting and simple options your church could use to get in the game (if it's been a while) or turn up the gain (if you want to plant more). Your church really is one decision away from getting involved in church planting through Renew Movement!



MIKE WILLIAMS

Dr. Michael D. Williams became the sixth president of Harding University on June 1, 2022.

Previously, Williams served as the eighth president of Faulkner University from 2015-2022. He led the institution through a time of tremendous growth and progress. A significant achievement of his presidency was the creation of the College of Health Sciences and the launch of a state-of-the-art autism center.

Williams has served in numerous leadership roles in professional organizations. He also has spoken at a variety of state, regional, and national conferences. Deeply committed to community development, Williams also has been involved in numerous leadership roles in community organizations.

He and his wife of 35 years, Lisa ('89), have two sons, Quentin and Cade ('20), and a daughter-in-law, Cailin ('20).

ROOM B105 FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES

Harding University president will discuss the future challenges for authentic disciples.



TINA WILSON

Tina Wilson is a pastor's wife and mom of seven. Alongside her husband Matt, she has committed her life to serving King Jesus as a church planter, Bible teacher, author, and advocate for all-in family ministry. She also serves on the board for the *Christian Standard*. She is passionate about making Christ and his church famous in South Carolina and beyond.

ROOM B106 STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

Author of *Step into Scripture* will unpack this helpful resource.



DAVE HAMLIN

David Hamlin was called to become the Senior Minister of the Shelby Christian Church in 1996. For the first six years of his ministry at SCC, Dave served as the youth minister, followed by three years as Minister of Adult Discipleship and Involvement.

B107 *HOW TO HELP PEOPLE OVERCOME ADDICTIONS*

This breakout will be an introduction to discipling people battling addiction. We will be using the basics of the 12 steps, adapted to 12 Steps for Discipleship in Addiction. This is a great beginning place for churches wanting to begin a recovery ministry that truly ministers holistically.



RENÉE SPROLES

Renée Webb Sproles is from Murfreesboro, TN, where she directed The School of Christian Thought for five years at North Boulevard Church. She is a 15-year homeschool veteran and co-founder of the Discipleship Tutorial in Murfreesboro, where she taught government, economics, personal finance, health, study skills, English grammar, and writing. Renée and her husband David have two grown children, Emma and Houston, who are both married. They also have two granddaughters.

B108 *WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP*

As *Male & Female* editor, Renée will discuss the important role of women in leadership.



JASON ISHMAEL

Jason was called to ministry at 12 and is doing exactly what he loves to do the most. He and his wife Brittney were married in 2006 and have 4 children. He graduated from St. Louis Christian College with a B.A. in Preaching and later from Lincoln Christian University with an M.A. in Church History/Historical Theology. If there's anything you should know about him, it's that he doesn't do anything halfway. From ministry to a handful of ridiculous hobbies, he's all in. Just ask him what he did to his kid's power wheels toy.

B109 *TURNING ON EVERY DISCIPLESHIP SPIGOT*

When you get a vehicle that is not living up to its potential and you want to renovate, you want you to take the whole thing apart, right? Jason will talk about taking existing ministry structures, and repurpose and renovate them for significant advancement of the mission of the kingdom..



DOUG FULTZ AND KEN IDLEMAN

Ken Idleman is the Vice President of Leadership Development at The Solomon Foundation. Ken is responsible for mentoring gifted pastors and equipping them with the resources they need to lead their churches to the next level.

Doug Fultz is the Vice President and Relationship Manager at The Solomon Foundation. Doug is known as having a passion for church planting and has played a part in numerous church plants throughout the southeast. His desire is that those churches and all churches grow healthy and have the resources they need to reach the next generation for Christ. Doug is excited to have the opportunity to partner with many of these churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

B110 *BIBLICAL BASIS FOR PARTNERSHIP*

Ken is a former pastor and Bible college president. He is currently a VP of development with The Solomon Foundation. He will teach on the power of partnerships. Ken will cover the biblical basis for partnership. Doug will cover practical ways/stories of how they partner with churches as a Church Extension Fund.



JEREMY BACON

Jeremy graduated top of his class with a bachelors and masters in theology. Since then, he's been working retail and searching for where the rubber meets the road on this Christianity thing.

B111 HOW TO UNDERSTAND AND TEACH THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Author of the new book *Sermon on the Mount*, Jeremy will unpack the how to's of understanding and teaching his book's title subject.



DAVID MIEJA

David Mejia, pastor of Comunidad Cristiana Little Rock, has experience in Spanish church planting in the US. He and his wife started Comunidad Cristiana 3 years ago and both also help mentor future Hispanic church planters in the US. David also works alongside John Bliffen as Media Director for Latino Christian Movement. David has been happily married to Jhuliana for 17 years and has 3 kids and one baby on the way. He also is a soccer coach for Central Soccer Club in Bryant, AR and loves investing in the second and third generation Hispanic youth.

B201 PREACHING DISCIPLESHIP TO HISPANIC NOMINAL CHRISTIANS

Being a second generation Hispanic church planter David has lived and seen the need for Discipleship in the Hispanic community. As the Hispanic community grows in the US, the healthy biblical discipleship within the Hispanic churches is something that we rarely see. As we have learned every Christian must be discipled. We are called to be and make disciples. That is the DNA of our Lord's command to us (Mt. 28:18-20). The fact that we do not always seek to fulfill the Great Commission speaks to the great need we have to meditate on these things.



JOHN MAGNUSON

John Magnuson grew up in Murfreesboro, and has been with North Boulevard Church of Christ since 2007. He has served in a variety of roles and currently serves as the Communications Minister and Director of New Day, a ministry focused on discipleship and church renewal. He is a graduate of

Riverdale High School, Lipscomb University, Pepperdine University, and the Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies. He and his wife April have two grown children and two awesome grandsons, Slade and Ezekiel.

B202 *A NEW DAY FOR THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST*

It's in our DNA to tell others about Jesus, so how can we draw from the best of our heritage to become the disciple making church that Christ has called us to be? Let's get really practical and talk strategies and implementation...Churches of Christ, our best days are yet to come!



KERRY COX

Kerry has been doing ministry since he was 18, all the way back in 1996. In 2004 he and 30 others planted a church in Wentzville, MO. The Crossings Church has grown to be a very young, diverse, and previously-unchurched group of disciples committed to making disciples. The Crossings has since planted three other churches and partners with a fourth church plant. He has been married to Hannah for 20+ years and they have 3 kiddos who are all actively engaged in College, High School, and Children's ministries!

B203 *HOW TO DISCIPLE PEOPLE INTO REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM*

Kerry leads a reproducing, disciple making culture amongst hundreds of students, young adults, and first-generation disciples. He will unpack proven methods of disciple making.



CLAYTON HENTZEL

Clayton Hentzel is the Lead Pastor at The Crossing – a multisite church gathering in 11 locations across three states. Clayton has been with The Crossing since 2004 and received a Bachelor of Theology from Ozark Christian College.

B204 *LEADING A MEGA-CHURCH THROUGH LGBTQ ISSUES*

Lead Pastor of The Crossing, Hentzel will discuss his experience leading a mega-church through the LGBTQ conversation.



BRANDON GUINDON

Brandon Guindon is the lead pastor of Real Life Ministries Texas, a non-denominational Christian church in Tomball, Texas, 30 miles north of Houston. Brandon has over 20 years' experience leading churches worldwide to become healthy and effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ. He has been an executive team member at Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, ID and at The MET Church in Houston, TX.

C101/102 *DISCIPLE MAKING CULTURE*

Brandon Guindon will talk about the importance of having a culture of Disciple Making in your Church.



JEFF DUERLER

Jeff grew up in Ohio but was born in Indonesia (his parents were medical missionaries). He married Julie in 1997 after graduating from Toccoa Falls Bible College in Georgia, and they moved to New York to attend Alliance Theological Seminary. After graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 2001, they moved back to Ohio for Jeff to get his Ph.D. at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. After settling on the west side of Cincinnati, starting a family, and launching a rental property business, Jeff and Julie helped pioneer a third location of LifeSpring in Harrison, OH in 2008. When the decision was made to become autonomous churches in 2016, Jeff transitioned into the Senior Pastor role of LifeSpring Community Christian Church. He also serves as an adjunct online professor with Nyack

College – Alliance Theological Seminary. Jeff loves to get off the beaten path to explore something new. When he was in high school, he thought Christianity was just for young kids and elderly women, but when he encountered the real Jesus, everything changed. His passion today is to help others know, love, and serve a Jesus who doesn't just offer eternal life for the future but who calls us to brave, adventurous, abundant living now.

C103 THEOLOGY OF THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH PART 1

How is a biblical theology of the new heavens and new earth different from stereotypical conceptions of heaven? To what extent is the coming restoration of all things a major part of Jesus' teaching, and how was that shaped by Hebrew prophecies? And perhaps most importantly, why is a robust anticipation of what is to come so critical to our disciple making now? Jeff will lead a 2-part class on the new heavens and new earth.



CHAD HARRINGTON

Chad is owner and publisher at Harrington Interactive Media and serves as a deacon of teaching at Harpeth Christian Church in Franklin, Tennessee. He holds degrees from Ozark Christian College and Asbury Theological Seminary and is a coauthor of *The Revolutionary Disciple* and *Dedicated* and the author of *Your Spiritual Formation Plan*.

C301/302 THE UTTER NECESSITY OF A THEOLOGICAL APPROACH TO MINISTRY

Theologian Christos Yannaras declares that Western culture rests on the foundation of seeking truth as the highest goal. We see this among theologians and philosophers alike, from both pre-Christian and Christian eras, from Aristotle to Augustine. However, the default pursuit of people today is utility, not truth. How has this affected our lives and our churches? The impact on our lives and our churches is significant. Embrace theology, which is the highest truth, not utility for your life and ministry. In this session, Chad Harrington inspires and instructs on this topic and unpacks how a theological approach, as opposed to a pragmatic-first approach, can breathe life into your ministry.



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C303 WHEN LEADERS DISAGREE

How to build team unity among church leaders. We will discuss best practices for the beautiful but messy work of building team unity and relational health and alignment around our mission of discipleship.



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CHAPEL HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Orpheus will bring his biblical expertise to a class about interpreting the Bible.



DANIEL MCCOY AND CHAD RAGSDALE

Daniel is happily married to Susanna, and they have 3 daughters and 2 sons. He is the editorial director for RENEW.org as well as philosophy professor-at-large at Ozark Christian College. He has a bachelor's in theology (Ozark Christian College), master of arts in apologetics (Veritas International University), and PhD in theology (North-West University, South Africa). Among his books are the *Popular Handbook of World Religions* (general editor), *Real Life Theology Handbook* (with Andrew Jit), *Mirage: 5 Things People Want From God That Don't Exist*, and *The Atheist's Fatal Flaw* (co-authored with Norman Geisler).

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In addition, he is the founder and lead visionary for Onward, a global family of leaders who are committed to making disciples and planting churches across the world and Awaken Nashville, a city-wide movement unifying churches in strategic initiatives of prayer and fasting in the greater Nashville area.

Sydney is a disciple, wife, and mom to 3 young boys. Along with her husband, she planted and helps serve Ethos Church, a young, urban church in Nashville, TN, that is passionate about reaching the lost, serving the poor, and releasing ordinary people to plant churches all over the world.

AUDITORIUM *LEADING YOUR CHURCH IN PRAYER AND FASTING*

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BREAKOUT 2



RENEW MOVEMENT

Todd Wilson, Brett Andrews, and David Putman join us from Renew Movement where their mission is to help churches collaborate together to plant healthy, reproducing, biblically-sound, disciple making churches.

B104 *RENEW MOVEMENT: YOUR CHURCH IS ONE DECISION AWAY FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN PLANTING— Q&A*

Join us for this vibrant Q&A to interact with church planting leaders of Renew Movement. You'll hear the same recap from Breakout #1, but the discussion will be different based on your questions. Together we'll dive deeper into the common factors that play into churches not planting and simple options your church could use to get in the game (if it's been a while) or turn up the gain (if you want to plant more). Your church really is one decision away from getting involved in church planting through Renew Movement!



JIM DALRYMPLE

Jim is a New Testament professor (Pastoral Epistles and Life of Christ) and the Executive Vice President of Advancement at Ozark Christian College. He's a graduate of Lincoln Seminary, and serves as an elder at Christ's Church of Oronogo.

B105 *DANGERS OF PROGRESSIVISM*

Jim Dalrymple will provide some of the dangers associated with adopting progressive theology.



MICAH ODOR AND DR. BILLY STROTHER

Dr. Billy Strother serves as Professor of Preaching and New Testament at Central Christian College of the Bible and Program Director for the Compelling Preaching Initiative for the CCL Network. Additionally, he serves as a writer, monthly podcast cohost, and Bench Coach with e2: effective elders. Doctor Billy lives in central Missouri, on a 40-acre hobby farm with his lovely wife, Ms. Carol, and their 1950 Ford tractor.

Micah is the Executive Director of the CCL Network, based out of Cincinnati, Ohio. A fifth-generation minister, Micah is focused on helping churches and ministers thrive through coaching, cohorts, and materials. He and his wife Judi have three kids, a codependent husky, and a small flock of chickens.

B106 *PREACHING TOWARDS SAVING FAITH, BY DR. BILLY STROTHER AND MICAH ODOR*

Belief itself is not enough. “Even the demons believe,” James says, “and shudder.” Saving faith is more than just intellectual assent; it means we put our trust wholly in King Jesus. Join “Doctor Billy” Strother and Micah Odor as we explore how we can help our congregations reach that point of trust, and how we can help them continue that journey after baptism.



SCOTT SAGER

Scott is vice president for church services at Lipscomb University, where he also teaches in the College of Bible and Ministry. Prior to Lipscomb, Scott served for 15 years as senior minister of the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas, where he founded Christ's Family Ministries, a fully functioning health clinic that serves the working poor. He serves on the board of Christ's Family Ministries and the Christian Relief Fund where his focus is on supporting AIDS orphans in Africa. Sager earned a D.Min. in evangelism from Southern Methodist University as well as undergraduate and master's degrees from Abilene Christian University.

B107 *THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL CASE FOR CHRIST*

Scott is a minister, professor, speaker, and leader who will unpack the historical and archaeological case for Christ.



ANTHONY WALKER AND MICHELLE EAGLE

Anthony Walker has been preaching the gospel for 20 years. He has been actively involved in the church as a song leader, youth worker, preacher, and any other role God calls him. He attended Lipscomb University in pursuit of an Art Education Degree. For 12 years, he has been the full-time minister of the Highway 231 Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, TN. He and his wife Jenny are the proud parents of 2 young children: a son, Remington, and a daughter, Reign. Michelle currently quarterbacks the Discipleship Ministry at Harpeth Christian Church in Franklin, TN.

Prior to joining the ministry team at Harpeth, Michelle was a Physician Assistant working with HIV-infected mothers and their children in Jacksonville, FL. After a family move to TN in 2008, Michelle began volunteering in the home groups ministry at Harpeth which led to a staff administrative position.

A lot of experience has been gained over the years and she takes great pleasure in coordinating and educating home group leaders, as well as matching church members to groups. Much of her experience has been gained through supporting women while they work the 12 steps of Celebrate Recovery. Michelle finds great joy in helping women grow in their relationship with Christ.

B108 YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

This breakout will feature pastor Anthony Walker and Michelle Eagle as they discuss what factors contribute to our identity in Christ and how to disciple people away from finding security and purpose in how the world defines them. They have written a new book, *Identity: Who you really are in Christ*. Join these authors as they walk you through key concepts in the book and share stories of lives changes as Christians accepted who they are in Christ and lived securely from that identity. We will also give away free copies of the book at the breakout session.



ANDREW JIT

Andrew was born and raised in New Zealand and has served in various ministry roles in youth ministry and missions in New Zealand and the United States. He is the founder of MiT Global that has a focus of making passionate purposeful disciples who are living on mission for Jesus. His passion is teaching and training disciples to live on mission daily to have a global impact. He loves to challenge disciples and inspire the next generation to live passionately and radically for God. He has trained numerous churches in their missions strategy. He has traveled extensively around the world teaching, leading and training disciples. He holds an undergraduate degree in Human Geography from the University of Auckland and a Masters in Christian Education and a Certificate in Leadership and Teaching from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the co-author of *Missions Abandoned: Re-Establishing Missions as a Priority in Our Lives and Churches*, *Missions in Focus: 10 Essential Conversations for Effective Sending*, and *Real Life Theology Handbook* (with Daniel McCoy). He is married to his beautiful bride, Jamie, and blessed with two daughters, Hannah and Ella.

B110 RHYTHMS: HOW TO LIVE AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

This year's president of ICOM will discuss his new RENEW.org publication, *Rhythms: How to Live as a Disciple of Jesus*.



CHRISTIAN AND DEB FLORES

Christian is Austin Christian's very own "intentional man of mystery." Half-Chilean and half-Russian, Christian has lived in Russia, Chile, Germany, and Mozambique, speaks four languages, and has a Master's degree in Economics. To top it off, he had a successful music career in the 90's in Russia. He is the co-founder of venture development company Third Drive. Christian has worked in ministry around the globe and faraway locations such as Moscow and Keiv as well as more exotic places such as Los Angeles and Miami. Christian has a passion for film-making and absolutely loves Austin.

Deb studied Theater and left a thriving career in the entertainment industry in Hollywood to pursue her dream of missions. She was so passionate about missions that she moved to Russia, where she married Christian in 1999. The Flores have three beautiful daughters and Deb is redeeming her own education by homeschooling them. Deb speaks three languages, has a passion for learning, and loves new things. She is a Packer fan, but no one holds that against her.

B111 *RENEWED VITALITY: STRATEGIES FOR CHURCH LEADERS TO CONQUER BURNOUT AND LEAD POWERFULLY IN CHANGING TIMES*

Burnout skyrockets when we work hard to adapt to change. Learn proven strategies for full time and bi-vocational leaders to permanently conquer burnout and develop visionary leadership.



JOHN BLIFFEN

John Bliffen, director of Latino Christian Movement, has experience in Spanish-speaking mission work for 37 years through Team Expansion in countries such as Uruguay, Ecuador, Cuba, and Spain. He and his wife have also started two Hispanic churches in the USA, one in Miami, FL, and one in Memphis, TN. He currently is mentoring and coaching 4 Latino pastors who are working with Arkansas Church Planting Network to plant Hispanic churches, as well as 4 Latino pastors in other states.

B201 *CREATING NETWORKS TO PROVIDE SYNERGY AND MENTORING*

One of the needs that we have found among the Latino Pastors in Christian Churches is that they often are isolated, and they need positive relationships with other Hispanic pastors. Latino Christian Movement provides for this need with a national network call every month, and resources that are shared with the group. We are also developing regional networks in 4 regions that will help meet the same needs on a more local level.



TONY TWIST

Tony grew up in Dallas, Texas, and Alice Springs, N.T., Australia. His formal education included Milligan College, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Southern Baptist Seminary, and Indiana University. Following graduation from Milligan he married Suzanne Grogan from Spencer, Virginia. He and Suzanne served churches in Virginia, Tennessee, and Indiana with a primary focus on disciple making. His passions are disciple making, spending time with Suzanne, working out, and making new friends around the world. He currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer for the TCM International Institute, a global graduate school for disciple makers based in Indianapolis, Indiana and Heiligenkreuz, Austria.

B202 *DEVELOPING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER AND FASTING*

Struggle with prayer and fasting praxis? Two simple commitments undergird a healthy PrayerFast lifestyle. Come and explore these together with us.



PAUL HUYGHEBAERT

Paul serves as the Lead Minister for Southside Christian Church in Ft. Pierce, FL. Paul and his wife, Lori, have been married since the Spring of 2001, and have three children: Andrew, Nate, and Hannah. Paul holds bachelor's degrees in Bible and Psychology and a master's degree in Professional Counseling.

He enjoys spending time with family, reading, writing, and getting outdoors. His passion is to see the Church embrace both the message and the mission of Jesus. Paul is a Renew.org leader and the author of the book *The Way Back: Repentance, the Presence of God, and the Revival the Church So Desperately Needs*.

B203 RESISTING CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Paul is a lead minister and Associate Director for RENEW.org. He will discuss why one should resist Christian Nationalism.



DONNIE WILLIAMS

Donnie is the lead pastor of Lifepointe Church in Raleigh NC. Donnie has over 20 years of experience in church planting, including assessing, coaching, and training church planters. Donnie spent years as a key member of the Stadia advisory board and is now team leader of one of Renew Movements initial pilot church plants.

C101/102 NAVIGATING ELECTION YEAR

As a Lead Pastor, Williams will discuss considerations for navigating an election year.



JEFF DUERLER

Jeff grew up in Ohio but was born in Indonesia (his parents were medical missionaries). He married Julie in 1997 after graduating from Toccoa Falls Bible College in Georgia, and they moved to New York to attend Alliance Theological Seminary. After graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 2001, they moved back to Ohio for Jeff to get his Ph.D. at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion.

After settling on the west side of Cincinnati, starting a family, and launching a rental property business, Jeff and Julie helped pioneer a third location of LifeSpring in Harrison, OH in 2008. When the decision was made to become autonomous churches in 2016, Jeff transitioned into the Senior Pastor role of LifeSpring Community Christian Church. He also serves as an adjunct online professor with Nyack College – Alliance Theological Seminary. Jeff loves to get off the beaten path to explore something new. When he was in high school, he thought Christianity was just for young kids and elderly women, but when he encountered the real Jesus, everything changed. His passion today is to help others know, love, and serve a Jesus who doesn't just offer eternal life for the future but who calls us to brave, adventurous, abundant living now.

C103 *THEOLOGY OF THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH PART 2*

How is a biblical theology of the new heavens and new earth different from stereotypical conceptions of heaven? To what extent is the coming restoration of all things a major part of Jesus' teaching, and how was that shaped by Hebrew prophecies? And perhaps most importantly, why is a robust anticipation of what is to come so critical to our disciple making now? Attend either or both of this two-part breakout, with distinct content in each session.



CHRIS JEFFERSON

Chris Jefferson is an entrepreneur, marketer, and ministry/business leader presently leading Spire Network as Executive Director. With more than 25-years of experience in marketing and digital strategy, Chris has guided start-ups to Fortune 500 industry leaders, local do-gooders to international nonprofits, and is a specialist in strategic planning, customer engagement, and data-enhanced digital marketing. Chris and his family live in Northern Colorado.

C301/302 *DISCIPLESHIP & TECHNOLOGY*

From the intentional and obedient start of evangelism to the continued care for growing disciples, the multiplication of followers that become disciple-making disciples can be greatly aided by a host of

technological tools and resources. We'll take a look at some of the newest tools and resources and discuss their application.



MATT REAGAN

Matt Reagan is a Lead Team/Vision Team pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY. He is a visionary leader with a passion to see an entire generation awakened to the glory of God, and spends his energies creating a movement of disciple makers both locally and around the world.

C303 MATT REAGAN'S "FARM VS FACTORY"

We all long to be a part of something organic and life-giving, but way too often feels like we work at a factory. How can I put my hands to what is life-giving and avoid soul-stealing?



GUY HAMMOND

Guy Hammond started Strength in Weakness ministry which has helped thousands in 58 countries. He has taught over 100,000 people in churches, universities, and faith-based groups globally, has written 6 books and had a documentary movie made about his life and ministry called *Finding Guy*. Before becoming a Christian, Guy lived an active gay life until he was 24 years old. After becoming a Christian, he left that life behind forever. Guy is a news junkie, loves anything political, loves to read, and is an avid hockey and baseball fan.

CHAPEL FOLLOWING JESUS IN AN LGBTQ+ WORLD

Point leader of Strength in Weakness Ministries, Guy will unpack the latest on engaging with the LGBTQ community.



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Shodankeh Johnson is part of the Core Team of New Generations. He is responsible for the mobilization of intercessors across all regions and the training of Disciple Making Movement (DMM) leaders in the 'pioneer places' where the gospel has never been or has never flourished. In addition, Shodankeh provides DMM training for movement-minded ministries around the world.

Shodankeh is also the leader of New Harvest ministries in Sierra Leone, West Africa. New Harvest is an indigenous DMM organization that plants churches throughout the region and incorporates a wide-spectrum of ministries such as compassion, business development, leadership development, skills training and advanced education.

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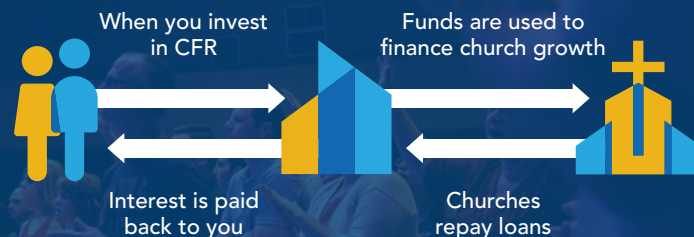
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