



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTERS' BIOS

SESSION 1

A Framework for Planning and Leading Biblical Worship | Dr. Mike Farley

This session will address the biblical purpose and goals of corporate worship and then trace some practical implications of those biblical principles to establish a framework for planning worship. We will try to let biblical teaching about the “what” and “why” of corporate worship lead us to practical guidelines for choices about the forms of worship such as what elements to include in a worship service, music for worship, the use of written forms for prayer, the role of various leaders in worship, and role and arrangement of visual symbols. There will be ample time for Q & A to address specific practical questions from the audience, so come ready to engage!

Dr. Mike Farley received an M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary in 2000 and his Ph.D. in historical theology at Saint Louis University in 2007 where he did research on the history and theology of Christian worship and also taught as an adjunct professor of Theological Studies until 2012. Mike also designed and taught the core worship courses in an M.A. program in worship and music at Covenant Theological Seminary from 2009-2015. A former worship director at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mike is now serving as the Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Central Presbyterian Church where he continues to help plan and lead worship in addition to directing ministries of adult discipleship. Mike and his wife Linda have three children.

Tear of Sorrow, Shouts of Joy: On Lamentation and Celebration in the Christian Life | Dr. Michael McClymond

Scripture and the Christian tradition show us that a human heart that is open to God, open to other people, and open to the fullness of human life will know both lamentation and celebration. The experiences of lamentation and celebration are not in opposition to one another, but both stand in contrast to the deadened or insensitive heart that feels neither joy nor sadness. Lamentation and celebration play a role in the biblical Books of Psalms, Ezra, and Nehemiah, and we will explore some possible applications of their teachings to present-day experience.

*Dr. Michael J. McClymond is Professor of Modern Christianity at Saint Louis University. He was educated at Northwestern University (B. A. in Chemistry), Yale University (M.Div.), and the University of Chicago (M.A. in Religion, Ph.D. in Theology). Since 2005, he has been Program Coordinator for Global Day of Prayer – St. Louis, which attracted an interracial and interdenominational gathering of some 3000 Christians to Busch Stadium. He is founder and president of the Institute for World Christianity, a nonprofit organization (501c3) that brings together emerging Christian leaders from around the world to explore new forms of collaboration with one another. McClymond’s book, *Encounters With God: An Approach to the Theology of Jonathan Edwards* (Oxford University Press, 1998), received the 1999 Brewer Prize from the American Society of Church History as the best first book in the history of Christianity.*

Building a Sustainable Youth Ministry: Tending to the Climate | Ms. Jen DeJong / Ministry Architects

It’s much easier to build a house on a beautiful, sunny day. The same principle applies in ministry. This seminar introduces participants to the idea that the climate in your church can help or harm your ministry and offers ways to protect a healthy climate.

Ms. Jen DeJong began working in youth ministry in 2002 as the Youth Program Coordinator at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN. She currently serves on the Ministry Architects executive team as Vice President of Innovation. Jen graduated from Vanderbilt University with a B.S. in Cognitive Studies and a minor in Communications. She also earned a M.S. at Vanderbilt in Developmental Psychology with a special emphasis on parental involvement in teenagers’ extracurricular activities. Jen currently resides in Springfield, Illinois with her husband, Marc, and their two daughters, Maria and Rose.

V17 WORKSHOPS (CONTINUED)

Session 1 (continued)

Prophetic Leadership in Exile | Dr. T. Scott Daniels

If the church today is experiencing a kind of exile culturally, perhaps the good news is that it is in a position to hear the voice of the prophets anew. In exile, it was the prophetic voices of Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah that gave comfort and direction. The church today, perhaps more than ever, needs leadership that reflects the heart and the vision of the great biblical prophets. But what does prophetic leadership look like?

*Dr. T. Scott Daniels is senior pastor at Nampa College Church of the Nazarene. Scott has also pastored in Pasadena, California and Richardson, Texas and until recently served as the dean of School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. He is a frequent guest speaker and lecturer at churches, camp meetings, and college campuses. He received his BA from Northwest Nazarene University and his MDiv and PhD in theology and ethics from Fuller Theological Seminary. Scott has taught at several colleges and seminaries, nationally and internationally. He has served as a fulltime professor of theology and ethics at Southern Nazarene University and Azusa Pacific University. A contributor to several books, journals, and magazines, he is the author of *The First 100 Days: A Pastor's Guide*; *Seven Deadly Spirits: The Message of Revelation's Letters for Today's Church*; and *The Cycle of Victorious Living: Commit, Trust, Delight and Rest in Jesus Christ*. His most recent book *Embracing Exile: Living Faithfully as God's Unique People in the World* will be released in the Spring of 2017. Scott and Debbie Daniels have been married for 27 years and have four children: Caleb (23), Noah (21), Jonah (18), and Sophie (15).*

Vision Framework | Rev. Michael Davis

How do you answer the question, "Where is God taking us?" Can you effectively communicate what your church or company values and determines as success? People need vision in order to move forward. Learn to build an effective vision for your church, company, or ministry and how to efficiently communicate your goals to the people investing in your mission.

Pastor Michael Davis is the pastor of Anchored Hope Church in Troy, MO. Pastor Michael planted Anchored Hope four years ago. Their vision is to make disciples by bringing the Kingdom to light in the community of Troy. Pastor Michael leads the multiplication value on the Missouri district. He and his wife Kate were married in 2010 and they have two children, Olivia and Brayden.

Coffee Talk with the District NMI President | Rev. Kim Purl

Information for missional leaders in MO District churches with a focus on the latest happenings coming to the NMI Global Convention this summer.

Rev. Kim Purl is Missouri District NMI President and serves as Associate Pastor at Wright City, MO Church of the Nazarene with her husband, Joe, where they are enjoying a diverse ministry in a rural setting. Joe and Kim have four children.

SESSION 2

***Why the Church is a Place of Belonging – Immigration Ministry Part 1* | Rev. Lynne Bollinger**

The narrative around the issue of immigration can create tension within the Church as folks find themselves torn between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God. Is there a biblically-based alternative narrative for the North-American church that informs our response to immigrant families? This workshop will explore the biblical possibilities for an alternative narrative that promotes peacemaking within the Church. We will also engage our Wesleyan theology that compels the Church of the Nazarene to respond with compassion to those people in our communities who find themselves as people on the move.

Rev. Lynne Bollinger has a passion to help the Church discover its countercultural and cross-cultural identity. As a contributing author to the recently released, Charitable Discourse II: The Uncomfortable Conversations by Dr. Dan Boone, her chapter titled, "Immigration: The Church as a Place of Belonging," seeks to help the U.S. Church embrace a biblical vision of the kingdom of God specifically in relation to immigrants. Lynne & her husband are former Asia Pacific Region missionaries. They currently live in Quincy, MA with their three children.

***Behavior and Communication with Challenging Kids* | Thomas Casper**

***Building a Sustainable Youth Ministry: Laying the Foundation* | Ms. Jen DeJong**

In the world of youth ministry, there are a handful of constant factors that thrive over the long haul. This seminar introduces participants to those factors and offers a strategic design for instilling these foundational patterns into the fabric of any ministry, regardless of its model.

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***Worship and Formation* | Dr. T. Scott Daniels**

Who and what we worship shapes our hearts. We may not realize, however, the ways our hearts are taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. While we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. In the practices of preaching and worship the people of God are learning to be counter-formed as a holy people reflecting God's image to the world. How can we make sure our worship and preaching is forming people toward holiness?

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Session 2 (continued)

Purposeful Leadership | Panel: Rev. Lynnlee Moser, Rev. Chris Moser, and Rev. Jeremiah Wood

Every believer is called to be a leader in their homes, their workplace and their community. The question is, "How do we do this?" Lynnlee Moser, lead pastor of Harvester Naz, will lead a panel discussion with leaders who are embracing purposeful leadership in their lives both within the church and outside the church. You will walk away from this session with practical ways that you can embrace a life of leadership.

Rev. Lynnlee Moser has been serving in full-time ministry for over 18 years. Lynnlee is the founding pastor of Northpoint Community Church in Beaumont, Texas and is currently serving as lead pastor, alongside her husband Chris, of Harvester Church of the Nazarene in St. Charles, MO. Through their leadership, Harvester has a vision of planting multiple churches in St. Louis and the surrounding areas. Lynnlee is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and is a master trainer for Dynamic Church Planting International. She has poured her life into training, equipping and mentoring leaders to discover their unique calling in building the kingdom of God. Lynnlee also serves as the director of NexGen for the USA/Canada Region. The vision of NexGen is to create a church planting movement by educating, recruiting, and activating next generation of leaders through the process of training, networking, and mobilizing.

Rev. Chris Moser has been serving in full time ministry for eight years, and prior to this served as a corporate finance administrator and manager for over 10 years. Chris is the lead pastor, alongside his wife Lynnlee, of Harvester Church of the Nazarene in St. Charles, MO and is the founding pastor of Northpoint Community Church in Beaumont, Texas. Through their leadership, Harvester has a vision of planting multiple churches in St. Louis and the surrounding areas. Chris is a master trainer for Dynamic Church Planting International and has a passion for equipping leaders to build the kingdom of God through widespread community impact.

Rev. Jeremiah Wood received his call to ministry in the 8th grade. After high school, he continued his education at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas. He has been in full time ministry for the last 12 years and has served in many roles such as youth pastor, worship leader, High School Bible teacher and associate pastor. Jeremiah currently serves as the pastor of church planting and new church development at JCNaz in Junction City, Kansas. He has assisted in planting and growing nearly a dozen new churches over the last three years. He also regularly participates in training other leaders through DCPI as a Master Trainer and is the co-founder of the Vibrant Network. Jeremiah is the honored husband of his wife Rena and has four beautiful children, Kali, Landi, Zaiden, and LaKota.

reBooting Our Christian Faith | Pastor Dave Clark

Are we practicing #DeadReligion or #VibrantFaith? People are rejecting religion right and left. I say that is a good thing! We have never had a better opportunity in our lifetimes to demonstrate the radical difference between #DeadReligion and #VibrantFaith. And to do so, we must shut down the system (just like a computer) and reBoot our faith. Together we will explore what it means to reBoot our Christian faith and hopefully the church along with it.

Pastor Dave Clark was born in rural and small town America. He attended Olivet Nazarene University. Dave served as a youth pastor at Rochester Trinity Church of the Nazarene and Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. And then moved to downtown Chicago where he lived with his family for 28 years. His experiences in Chicago included church planting, teaching and coaching in the public schools, starting and leading a community based not-for-profit and for 8 years served as the Operations & Program Director for the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA). A year ago Dave & his wife moved to Attica, IN (back to rural America) where they live in a 125 year old church building and he works at the Badlands Off-Road Park and Complex as a consultant and mentor to the owner. Dave at his core is a "dweller" which simply means hanging with people in order to bridge polarization and bring about the holistic transformation of under resourced communities. Dave has been married for 39 years to Paula (a recently retired Chicago Public School teacher) and has two children and two grandchildren. Music and motorcycle riding are his stress relievers.

SESSION 3

God Forsaken Places | Rev. Jonathan Brooks

Through stories from his personal experiences living, working and pastoring in his community in Chicago, Jonathan draws our attention to the glory and brokenness in the people and places the church has consistently forsaken. We will examine and highlight the ways churches, across various demographics, are finding God alive and active in their neighborhoods and are joining in his work. One-sided perspectives and a deficit of rich relationships cause certain people and places to be viewed negatively and, unfortunately, too often the church unconsciously champions these views. We will expose the discrepancies between the church's beliefs and its actual practices while being challenged to see the need for a new kind of church. This workshop will help us reconnect with God's original plan for the church which many local churches have forsaken for our own growth plans.

Rev. Jonathan Brooks - *At its peak, Englewood, a Chicago neighborhood had a population of 97,000 people. Due to a crumbling infrastructure and a crime index number among the highest in the country, this neighborhood has declined in population to a mere 30,000. While the trend in this neighborhood has been to get out of poverty and leave the city behind, Jonathan Brooks is one of the exceptions. He serves as Senior Pastor at Canaan Community Church in West Englewood and has taught elementary education and arts in inner city Chicago for over a decade. As a firm believer in investing in the community you grew up in, Jonathan has a deep desire to impress this virtue on the students and young people in his congregation, classroom and community. Through various partnerships, such as a new church plant in the Woodlawn community (Woodlawn Community Church) and Canaan Community Redevelopment Corporation (CCRC), their not-for-profit community development company, Canaan provides youth development, holistic health options, college scholarships, music lessons and continual support to the incarcerated and their families living in Englewood and other Chicago communities. Pastah J is a sought after speaker, writer and artist. Along with numerous blogs and articles he has contributed to two books "Banned Questions for Christians" by Christian Piatt and "Making Neighborhoods Whole" by John Perkins and Wayne Gordon. Canaan just released their debut gospel album called "Recommend Jesus" to be used as an avenue to share faith as an integral component in community transformation. Lastly, Pastah J has also recorded four hip-hop albums with the group Out-World and is currently working on his solo project titled "Can I Get an Amen". Jonathan has a Bachelor of Architecture from Tuskegee University, Master of Arts in Teaching from National Louis University and Master of Divinity from Northern Seminary in Christian Community Development. He hopes to merge his academic knowledge, practical tools, and ministry training, in order to turn his convictions into tangible solutions which will help change the Greater Englewood neighborhood for future generations. Jonathan and his wife, Micheal, have two beautiful girls, Jasmine and Jade, and reside in West Englewood just a few blocks away from the church campus.*

Mission, Message, and Media | Mr. Josh Veach

God calls the church to proclaim the good news with passion and authenticity, inviting people to join the mission of God. Today, there are endless creative ways of doing so without compromising truth of the message. Learn to share the story of your ministry, the "must-haves" of effective church websites, harnessing the power of social media, and other helpful resources for engaging your community.

Mr. Josh Veach is the founder and director of Tension Group, a company designed to help do-good organizations thrive through strategic and effective communication. Tension Group works with churches and nonprofit organizations across the United States in the areas of branding/identity development, website design & development, social media strategies, communication campaigns, and video production.

Peacemaking 101 | Ms. Judy Dabler

What do you do when conflict hits home? How do you help others struggling with unreconciled relationships? Understanding the basics of biblical peacemaking provides a practical path through painful and difficult conflict.

Ms. Judy Dabler - *As founder of Creative Conciliation, Judy works nationally and internationally as a Christian conciliator, trainer, educator, and consultant while working to advance the field of Christian conciliation. She provides reconciliation services to couples, families, churches, and organizations in conflict and crisis. Judy holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies and a Master of Arts in Counseling from Covenant Theological Seminary and teaches counseling- and conciliation-related courses at the seminary level. Judy is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Missouri and a Certified Christian Conciliator with the Institute for Christian Conciliation.*

How the Church is a Place of Belonging – Immigration Ministry Part 2 | Rev. Lynne Bollinger

Moving out of a biblical and theological foundation of belonging, this workshop will give some practical how-to advice on launching a ministry to the immigrant families in your community as well as connecting with others churches in our denomination who are doing this successfully.

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Building Dynamic Teams | Rev. Jeremiah Wood

Are you looking for practical ways to build healthy and dynamic teams in your church? Every church can build dynamic teams that can effectively accomplish the mission and vision God has given them. Pastor Jeremiah Wood, pastor from Junction City Naz and co-founder of the Vibrant Network will share the practical tools he has learned and practiced as a leader who has planted multiple churches by building teams of leaders and volunteers in his church and community.

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Piety and Sacrament: John Wesley and the Practice of Spiritual Disciplines | Dr. Christopher Foster

Did John Wesley practice Spiritual Disciplines? Wesley practiced and encouraged the practice of various forms of piety among the Methodists. These ranged from prayer and study of Scripture to receiving the Lord's Supper and fasting. He characterized these signs, words and actions as a means of grace. This workshop will examine the various means of grace and how these might be practiced rightly in our lives and ministries today.

Dr. Christopher Foster is an adjunct Assistant Professor of Theology at Oral Roberts University, Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Southwestern Christian University. He teaches and researches in the areas of biblical studies, theology and practices of ministry. Foster served for five years (2003-2008) on staff at Family Church, a Nazarene Church plant. He received an MA in Theology (2009) and a PhD in Biblical Studies (2013) from Nazarene Theological College in Manchester, UK, where he also served the Manchester Wesley Research Centre. Foster has been a visiting lecturer at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, and European Nazarene College, Büsingen, Germany, and presents research regularly at academic conferences. He holds membership in the Society of Biblical Literature, and the Wesleyan Theological Society. Currently, he resides with his lovely wife and their three sons, Phineas, Jonas and Gideon, in Tulsa. They are active members of Core Church of the Nazarene.