

WHITESBURG
BAPTIST CHURCH



EQUIP CONFERENCE
CATCHING FIRE
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Welcome from Discipleship Pastor David Loyed

It has been said that we are never more like Christ than when we serve! It is with this spirit in mind that we present to you our first ever E4 Conference. Our conference is based upon Ephesians 4:12 that shares the fact we are given gifts 'for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.' It's critical we remember this as we seek to launch a movement of authentic followers of Christ.

Tonight is about listening to what God has placed upon your heart and putting your yes on the table. Your yes could be to improve upon your skills as a teacher. It could be to step into a role needed in your Life Group. It could be to begin to serve in Preschool or First Impressions ministries. Whatever God is leading you to and wherever you may end up serving, Whitesburg will be stronger because you've chosen to do so.

Thank you for making the investment in our family of faith and enjoy the evening!



Blessings,

David Loyed

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Schedule

TIME	ACTIVITY
5:30 - 6:10 PM	Kickoff & Dinner
6:20 - 7:00 PM	Breakout Session 1
7:10 - 7:50 PM	Breakout Session 2
8:00 - 8:40 PM	Breakout Session 3
8:50 - 9:00 PM	Closing Rally

SESSION 1

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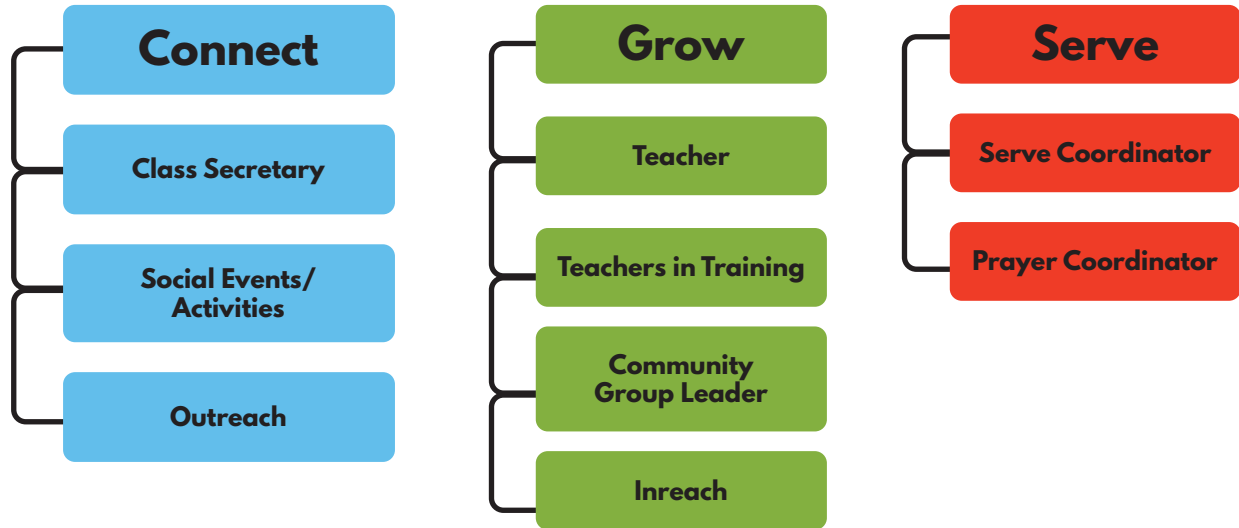
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Preschool

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Core Life Group Structure



Key Definitions:

Outreach: Ministry that focuses on any individual who is NOT a member of a Life Group.

Inreach: Ministry that focus on any individual who is a member of a Life Group.

Prospect: A person who has visited a Whitesburg on-site or an off-site event but has never visited a Life Group.

Guest: A person who has visited a Life Group.

Life Group Structure

Teacher(s): Primary Bible Instructor of the Life Group

Assistant Teacher/Teacher in Training: Apprentice Bible Instructor of the Life Group

Community Group Leader: This position is responsible for organizing the Life Group into smaller units (Community Groups) and encouraging/planning fellowship activities within the Life Group.

Serve Coordinator: Organizes serve events and activities that gather the class, guests and prospects.

Secretary: Primary administrator, communication and technology coordinator to assist the whole function of the class

Life Group Leadership Principles

Every Leader is a Mentor.

Seek to replace yourself each year and launch new Life Groups.

- A. Watch me do it.
- B. Help me do it.
- C. I'll help you do it.
- D. I'll watch you do it.

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“Ken’s 10” are his top ten tips for leading engaging Bible study for adults from all generations.

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Mobilizing Whitesburg to Our Community

Ben Jernigan | Room 613

Life groups are the largest entity within the church, and it’s critical that each group is partnered closely with our Serve ministry. This class is perfect for those who could be the liaison between the two. Ben will share key methods and strategies for Life Groups to live out a life of service in our church and community.

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From the first second on campus, guests are constantly evaluating our effectiveness engaging them for the first time. This session will cover critical basics to help make an unforgettable first impression.

Utilizing Realm for Attendance, Messaging and More!

Adam Creel | Room 617

Realm is our church ministry information system that helps us share and communicate with our groups ministry. This session will help you learn how to use it effectively.

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There are right and wrong ways to replicate Life Groups. Come and hear the best practices of growing groups here at Whitesburg.

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College/Young Adults

SESSION 1

Attender to Multiplier

Mitch Tidwell | Hearthside Room

Equipping current ministry leaders and volunteers with practical and biblical strategies for helping develop and maintain a disciple-making culture in your groups that will move young people from simply attenders to multipliers.

(ASKING ALL CURRENT COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT LEADERS TO ATTEND.)

SESSION 2

Out of the Nest, Into the Field

Mitch Tidwell | Hearthside Room

Helping parents of collegiates and young adults know how to navigate a new season in the processing of, praying for and partnering with efforts in reaching the next generation. If you are interested in serving in either College or Young Adults Ministry, we would love to have you come and hear of ways you can partner with us as we reach and disciple this next generation!

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Students

SESSION 1, 2, & 3*

Equipping Adults To Have Christ-Centered Conversations With Students

Gary Maze | Aerobics room (516)

**Equipping Adults to Have Christ-Centered Conversations with Students will be repeated during all three sessions so that parents and volunteers have an opportunity to hear this important topic while also attending other sessions they find beneficial.*

Helping parents and leaders of students to be equipped with tools to be disciple-makers through navigating spiritual conversations with their students. This session includes tips on how to answer hard questions, what questions we should be asking, clearly instilling a biblical worldview, encouraging a thriving faith, and more. We encourage every student leader and every parent to attend this session once, as we seek to grow together in the ability to effectively disciple our students.

Children

SESSION 1

Reaching the Next Generation! Understanding How to Best Engage Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha with the Gospel

Chuck Peters | Zone (600)

Understand the cultural worldview kids and students are facing today and the challenges of ministering to this generation with traditional strategies.

SESSION 2

You Belong Here! How Cultivating a Sense of Belonging Leads to Life Change

Chuck Peters | Zone (600)

Learn how cultivating a sense of belonging and a culture of connection paves the foundation to life change.

SESSION 3

Who am I? Why We Have to Lead Kids to Discover and Define Their Identity in Christ

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Kids today are seeking to understand their identity while being bombarded with the messages of who the world wants them to be and become, but do they know who God says they are? Come discover key biblical identity truths every kid needs to know.

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Audrey Henley | Craft Room (607)

This session will cover the importance of early discipleship and how the church can partner with parents to see this practice flourish.

SESSION 3

Teaching Preschoolers in a Large Group Setting: How to Keep Them Engaged

Riley Anderson | Craft Room (607)

This session aims to address teaching children and preschoolers in a large group setting with practical tips and activities to guide behavior and keep them focused.

Guest Speakers



Ken Braddy

Ken currently serves as the Director of Sunday School & Network Partnerships for Lifeway Christian Resources. From 2010 through 2021 he was the managing director of Lifeway's adult ongoing Bible studies such as Bible Studies For Life, Explore The Bible, MasterWork, The Gospel Project, YOU, and more.



Riley Anderson

Riley is the Children's Minister at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. He received a Bachelor of Science from Liberty University and is currently working on his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Riley has experience teaching large and small group settings in the church. He also has experience in leading Marketplace: an age appropriate, hands-on event that involves biblical dramas, sensory activities, and interactive components on a Sunday morning. Both he and his wife, Bri Anderson, serve in full-time ministry together and enjoy walks with their mini doodle Birdie.

Guest Speakers



Audrey Henley

Audrey is a sinner, by virtue of being in Adam's race; a sufferer, by virtue of living in a fallen world; and a saint, by virtue of her union with Jesus Christ. Her pre-occupation is Jesus Christ and His Word, which is the driving force behind her occupation as a Biblical Counselor, instructor and trainer. She desires to make Christ known and His name glorious! She loves reading (come visit her personal library and borrow a book! Her children would ask you to take several and "keep" them!), studying, teaching and counseling the Word of God. She is married to Jerry Henley, an engineer by trade and a lover of God and family by heart. Together, they enjoy the blessing of six adult children and two grandchildren.



Chuck Peters

Chuck is Director of Lifeway NextGen, overseeing Lifeway Kids and Lifeway Students. A graduate of Columbia Bible College, Chuck and his wife, Cris, have served in preschool, kids, student and groups ministry for many years in New Jersey, California, Florida and Tennessee. Before joining Lifeway, Chuck had a prolific career in television and video production. He is a 3-time Emmy Award Winning producer, director, writer and on-screen host. Chuck is driven by a passion to equip and inspire ministry leaders.



Gary Maze

Gary has invested over 45 years in ministry. He has served as Minister of Youth & Singles, Church Planter, Senior Pastor and Executive Director at Jackson Youth for Christ. For more than ten years, Gary served as the Associate Pastor/Executive Pastor of Broadmoor Baptist in Madison, Mississippi. He is currently serving his fourth church as Interim Pastor. In addition to speaking, coaching and consulting, he currently serves as a Vice President at French Camp Academy. Gary is married to Kathy, a middle school teacher and active member of the Worship Team at Pinelake Church. Gary and Kathy have two adult children, Josh and Karleigh, and two beautiful grandchildren. Gary is passionate about encouraging and equipping leaders and the people they serve.



Mitch Tidwell

Since 2011, Mitch has served as the Collegiate Mobilization Director for the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention, as well as being an active servant in his local church. He lives in Fort Worth, TX, with his wife, Olivia, and their two sons, William and Harrison. He has had the privilege of helping hundreds of churches and leaders to leverage their resources to reach, develop and mobilize the next generation. He is gifted in facilitating collaborative environments, speaking, coaching and consulting.

Guest Speakers



Brad Hodges

Brad is the Discipleship Pastor at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, MS, and an M.Div graduate with 20+ years of ministry experience. With expertise in groups ministry, he is a creative problem solver motivated by a passion for sharing the transformational message of Jesus in order to make disciples.



Mark Willard

Mark graduated from Samford University in 1997 with a Bachelor's degree in Music Theory & Composition. He completed his Master's degree in Worship Leadership & Theology at the University of Mobile. He has been involved in a number of projects over the years, including recording and scoring five films (*Flywheel*, *Facing the Giants*, *Fireproof*, *Courageous*, *New Life*) and nearly twenty albums, including Dove nominated *Jesus*, *Hope of the World*, published by Lifeway Worship.

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