

IOWA WORKSHOPS AND SPEAKERS 2019

The Ministry of Presence: Following Jesus Into My Neighborhood Bill Thornton

We'll look at how we can be neighbors like Jesus and consider principles that we see in His life that will guide us wherever we live. The Second Half of Life: Moving from Success to Significance.

A Healthy Relationship Between Pastors and Elders Dave Fremstad

A healthy relationship between a pastor and elders contributes to a vital, healthy church body. This workshop will explore what that relationship looks like, identify some pitfalls to avoid and lay a foundation that enables an impactful ministry. Since there is no one-size-fits all method when it comes to pastor/elder relationships we will leave plenty of time for discussion and questions around your unique set of challenges.

Low Budget/High Impact: Five Priorities for Every Children's Ministry Dawn Gentry

Your ministry to children and families should help them grow to be more like Jesus, as they live into the kingdom priorities established by Jesus. But where should you begin? No matter what your resources, your training, or your experience, God can use you to build a great children's ministry as long as you're willing to invest some time and effort into building a strong foundation. We'll look at five priorities every church should invest money, energy, and time into for the best return on their investment.

Women in Ministry – A Panel Discussion – Jane Jech / Karen Perry, Hannah May, Dawn Gentry

Jesus elevated the status of women, empowered them to do ministry with Him, and encouraged them to fulfill their God-given roles. What are the expectations and limitations of women in the Church today? Does it differ in the rural church? What authority is given to women as volunteers? As paid employees/staff? How does age affect our view of women in Ministry? We'll hear from several women what they consider to be both the blessings and challenges they face in ministry.

Worship with Jesus at the Center Josh Weece

"Jesus is the center of our worship - plain and simple. Whether your church leads worship with a modern band or sings out of a hymnal, it is vital that Jesus remains the foundation of our Sunday morning services. This workshop will provide a discussion on using all of the tools (music, technology, creativity) at our disposal to help create the best atmosphere for worship in your congregation, while keeping Christ as the central purpose for our worship.

What Do You Do When . . . ? Mike Cahill

Come with questions about difficult situations you face in ministry. We'll discuss how to converse with people in these situations and hear suggestions from ministers who have had healthy long-term ministries.

The Church Doing Ministry Through Adoption and Foster Care Robin Runge

When you hear Foster/Adoption have you ever said, "I could never do that" or it would break my heart", "I would get too attached". If you have a heart for the hurting and a passion to stand in the gap, come and learn how God can use you and your talents for his children.

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus in Our Communities John Erickson