



8:30 AM	Check-in
9:00 AM	Main Session
10:00 AM	Breakout 1
11:00 AM	Breakout 2
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Main Session
2:45 PM	Closing

*LEADERSHIP LUNCH

Children's pastors and directors, join us during lunch in D 201/202 for a Q&A with Jason Smith.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Leveraging Social Media in Ministry

ALEX EHLY

The Church can't simply ignore the impact of our digital landscape. We are digital immigrants trying to minister to digital natives. The door to the church is no longer attached to our buildings. This workshop is designed to explore what we can learn from studying students and social media and how we can leverage it to build relationships and advance the Gospel.

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Alex serves as Middle School & Teaching Pastor at Christ Community Church in Omaha, NE. He is also husband to one awesome wife and daddy to three great kids. You can find him on most social platforms at @AlexEhly.

In the KidMin Trenches

Panel Discussion

LIBBY ROSENGREN, JEN SAUBERAN,
JESSICA SCHMIDT, PAUL WELCH

Every Sunday in kids ministry brings its unique set of challenges and crises. Hear from a panel of seasoned kids ministry leaders about situations they have encountered and glean from their experience and knowledge. There will be a time for panelists to take questions from participants.

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The panelists are leaders of children's ministry in churches in Lincoln, NE. Libby Rosengren is Kids Director at Mosaic Church. Jen Sauberan is Children's Ministry Director at Faith Bible Church. Jessica Schmidt is Preschool Director and Large Events Coordinator at Lincoln Berean Church. Paul Welch is Kids Pastor at Christ Place Church.

Building a Leadership Culture

JASON SMITH

One of the keys to growing an effective children's ministry is to develop a leadership culture. If we want our ministries to grow, we have to establish a team that is inspired and empowered to do the work God has called them to do. We'll talk about practical ways to inspire potential volunteers, ignite a passionate vision for the children's ministry in your church, and build an effective team that will grow along with your ministry.

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Jason has been working in kids and youth ministry for 24 years. He currently serves as Family Pastor at Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington, IL, where he oversees the children's ministry. He and his wife, Kim, have three kids and a trouble-making dog.

Are You Tired of Losing Your Workers?

BARB HARMS

Stop the revolving door of worker turnover and discover how to keep your workers for the long-haul. It has nothing to do with resources, budget or space, but rather with connection, investment, and inspiration. The solution is powerful and successful because it's God's design and plan!

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Barb Harms is on staff at Smith Counseling in Lincoln, NE as their Client Care Coordinator and as a Life Coach. She loves meeting people, hearing their stories, and developing their skills, abilities, and dreams. Satisfaction for her is seeing an individual flourish at capacity within his/her God-given design.



BREAKOUT SESSION 2

A Smarter Strategy for Kids Ministry

Building a Partnership Between Church & Home

JASON SMITH

As children's ministry leaders, we recognize that we have such a limited time with the kids in our ministry in any given week. We'll discuss how to build a strategy to impact kids all week long. Leveraging the biblical mandates for parents, we'll cover practical ways to inspire and resource our parents to disciple their kids at home.

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Small Group Leadership

How Investing in a Few Leads to Big Results

EMILY LITTLE, ROD ZACH

In the limited time we have with kids in our ministry and our efforts to help them build an authentic faith, we will do better not to focus on how to widen our impact, but how to *deepen* it. Using Orange's *Lead Small* as our guide, we'll look at how investing strategically in a few lives over time can lead to big results, both in the kids' lives and God's Kingdom.

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Emily is the Elementary Coordinator at Lincoln Berean Church and works with recruiting and onboarding new team members. Rod Zach serves as Kids Pastor at Lincoln Berean Church.

Keys to an Effective Special Needs Ministry

DANELLE MILLS

Sundays can be the hardest day of the week for families with special needs. Many churches are aware of the challenges these families face but aren't sure how to provide the necessary support. As Danelle shares her own story, outlining the challenges and successes, learn how your church can grow a special needs ministry – and be ready to welcome everyone.

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Danelle and her husband helped launch the special needs ministry at First Free Church in Lincoln, NE, where she now serves as Director of Masterpiece Ministry. In addition, Danelle is the Special Education Coordinator at Lincoln Christian School. She is passionate about helping churches create inclusive, accessible, and welcoming environments for families with special needs.

Ministry Team Blind Spots

5 Mistakes that Could be Limiting Your Team's Effectiveness

JEFF KEISER

What if we could do kids ministry with a group of people who are all excited, committed, and inspiring to serve with? This session will explore common blind-spots that could be limiting your team's growth and impact. Take home practical tools and strategies for building a team that will last.

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Jeff has been involved in kids ministry locally and abroad for nearly 20 years. He and his wife Trisha are the founding directors of Camp Sonshine, where they currently live, work, and raise 3 children of their own.



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