

1 Breakout Session 1

Tuesday, November 6 | 3:45-5:15pm

Leadership

Biblical Foundations of Leadership

Discover what the Bible has to say about your role of leading the local church and how God has uniquely equipped you for such a time as this.

Chris Irving – Room 205

The Four Game Changers

If you want to lead your church to a healthy growth, here are four game changers that you can implement. Each one gets at the core reason many stuck churches plateau too soon or stay under 200 in attendance.

Steve Smith – Room 226

Begin with the End in Mind

What is the “end game” for Christian leaders? Have you ever asked yourself the question, “Where do I go from here?” Whether you are a pastor, wife of a pastor, church staffer, or a lay leader, overcoming obstacles in church growth as well as in life can sometimes be overwhelming. After all is said and done, what are we really striving for when God tells us to cease striving? Are we focused on success or God? Have you stopped to consider what true success really is in the life of a minister? It can be summed up in one word. Come and discover what that word is, regain your focus, and be encouraged to complete the task that God has set before you.

Estelle Myers – Room 227

Beginning at the Beginning

Learn the basics of the “who” in church revitalization with an emphasis on leadership skills, spiritual condition and readiness for embarking on a revitalization project. This session will give information about expectations and self-assessment of the revitalizer by answering three questions. Does my church need to be revitalized; what is the real problem? Am I the person best qualified to lead the work of revitalization? What is the work that needs to be done for the church to be revitalized?

Jim Grant – Room 233

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Steve Sells – Room 241

Lessons Learned From the Trenches of Transitioning a Church

In 2011 Bethlehem Church was a church in the midst of a steady decline in attendance and influence. The church believed God wanted more for their future and their story was unfinished. A small group of leaders believed their best days were ahead and embarked on the process of change. From a little over 300 people a weekend to 7 years later now two campuses and 3500 in attendance many lessons have been learned. Come hear first hand accounts of leadership lessons learned through the process and be encouraged that God has way bigger dreams for your church than you can imagine!

Jason Britt – Worship Center

Spiritual & Relational

The Spiritual Mechanics of Church Revitalization

The default tendency of many church leaders is to do certain activities associated with church growth, following the successful patterns of other leaders. However, there is another side of Church Revitalization that needs exploration. The Spiritual Mechanics of Revitalization delves into topics that the church has avoided for far too long. These topics are at the heart of the problem, the cause of many churches' decline.

Terry Rials – Room 140

Dealing with Mean People Who Are in God's Way (And Yours)

When leading a church through revitalization, you run into some pretty mean people. As a leader, how you deal with them can make or break your credibility and your sanity. Get this right and you can make huge strides in the right direction.

Jason Cooper – Room 204

Foundations of Biblical Revitalization as Seen in Corinth

In this breakout, we will examine how the Apostle Paul approached revitalization in the church of Corinth. From our study, we will identify general principles of revitalization that will help the present day revitalizer in their quest to help strengthen God's Church and Grow God's Kingdom.

Mike Atherton – Room 220

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Decisions & Transitions

A New Church In One Year: The Power of 52 Quality Sundays

Discover the power of 52 quality Sundays that help form the vision, communicate the direction, and shape the culture of your church. Sunday is coming – get ready for it!

Ron Smith – Room 120

Saving First Baptist²

Phase One - Stopping Your Church's decline: How to want to do what you don't want to do for your church's decline.

Phase two - Restarting your churches growth.

Psalm 23 - Acts 2

Walter Jackson – Room 200

Surfing the Multicultural Wave Without a Wipeout!

Sixteen years ago, Rob arrived at a church that was a southern, white controlled Baptist church that was opposite to the growing multicultural community around it. He was able to navigate the church into a position, which mirrored the local community, by implementing a "Seamless Church" strategy. A few years after phenomenal initial growth, the church suffered a major split, which threatened the existence of the church and the destruction of Rob's career. With God's help, Rob learned how to revive a broken church body and find personal renewal. His seminar will help you navigate the missional opportunity of the "brown wave" of Latinos coming to our areas. Learn from him, the strategies and the pitfalls of this new type of work.

Rob Myers – Room 210

Why Revitalization is Vital

First, if we love the Great Commission, we ought to consider the hard, patient work of revitalizing existing local churches. Second, if we value long-term gospel witnessing to a community, we ought to consider the hard, patient work of church revitalization.

Ronjour Locke – Room 216

How Can the Church (and Me) Move Forward When They Can't Overcome Their Past?

This session will address the "how tos" of dealing with a churches history of bad decisions, debacles, debt, and infectious diseases that will hinder the vision and values of Renovation. Participants should come with ONE OBSTACLE written down to discuss within the context of their Church.

Paul Smith – Room 244

Children and Youth

How to Stay Sane and Centered in Youth Ministry

Every one of us wants to lead the kind of change in Youth Ministry that matters. We want to lead people to Jesus, see relationships thrive, and raise up leaders in the process. However, what tends to happen in the process of working for these really great things, we compromise ourselves along the way. Come and learn what it takes to find balance.

Drew Cheyney – Room 119

Renovating Your Children's Ministry

One of the fast ways to grow a church is through reaching families. Unlock the potential in the children of the church through strategic and intentional ministry to children. Learn keys to evaluating and creating a growing and thriving children's ministry. Explore new ways to teach kids how to apply biblical truth in a way that is relevant to their everyday life.

Bill Hegedus – Room 238

Renovate en Español

Como Alcanzar y Mantener a los Jóvenes Mileniales en la Iglesia. (How to Reach and Maintain Young Millennials in Church)

Un análisis de las características y necesidades de los jóvenes pertenecientes a la generación milenial. Se presentaran estrategias efectivas para alcanzar a tal generación y maneras de mantenerlos envueltos en los ministerios de la iglesia. Se estudiara como ministrar de mejor manera a esta generación con el objetivo de lograr resultados positivos.

David Lema – Room 206

Breakout Session 2

Wednesday, November 7 | 8:30-10:00am

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Leadership

Leadership Development in the Rural Church

Finding leadership is not easy in any setting especially if there are more cows than people in your community. But God has provided unique ways for you to equip your people to serve in the local church. Discover what these tools are and how you can best use them to disciple leaders in your context.

Chris Irving – Room 205

Preaching for Revitalization

The greatest tool in revitalization is God's word and the greatest opportunities for revitalization is during the preaching event. In this breakout, we will examine the foundations of revitalization preaching and how God intends to use the pulpit for revitalization.

Mike Atherton – Room 220

How can I Confront the REAL Problem in This Church and Still Remain the Pastor/Renovator?

This session will discuss the Pastor's motivation, mandate, and ministry in Renovation. The session is not designed for a renovator who is in need of touchy, feely, emotionally needy people. This session is designed for pastors, workers, Renovators, who desire ONLY to SEE the CHURCH SURVIVE and be positioned to THRIVE once again NO MATTER THE COST!

Paul Smith – Room 244

Don't Just Speak It, Write It! Why Every Pastor Should Write and Publish a Book

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Don Newman (Xulon Press) – Room 223

Spiritual & Relational

The Stained Glass of Revitalization: New Light Through Existing Windows

Learn how your church can be the hope of the community. You will learn how to invite and engage your community to be a part of your missional community. Come learn recent statistics and hear proven testimonies that will work in any situation.

Ron Smith – Room 120

Revitalization from a Core Values Perspective

The core values of the church and its pastor drive the life, mission, and ministry of the church. However, the core values of the church and those of the pastor may not be the same, in fact, they rarely are. In this breakout session, we will explore the dynamics of core values and then we'll actually take a Core Values Assessment, which will aid the pastor in leading the adoption of corrected core values so revitalization can take place.

Terry Rials – Room 140

10 Keys for Doing Revitalization Alone

If you are a pastor or church leader and you're the only one fighting for the health and effectiveness of your church, what do you do? Consider these 10 keys as must-dos from a revitalization practitioner to keep you on track in the journey.

Jason Cooper – Room 204

When Church Hurts

When you're hurt by people in the church, its tempting to react impulsively out of the pain your feeling. The fight or flight mentality kicks in and relationships are damaged further. Surely this can't be God's desire for his people! As we explore God's design for relationships in the church, even in the midst of conflict and differing opinions, we'll come away with practical ideas about how to handle our relationships within our churches and how to renew our perspectives.

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Generational Issues in Revitalization

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Decisions & Transitions

How to Get A New Church Without Leaving Yours; Structuring Your Church To Grow

For many pastors, growing the church past where they are right now seems impossible. There is no magic wand to church re-growth, but there are systems that can help you assess what you are doing and not doing and give you new life, new hope and momentum. Let me build you up to become a forward-thinking leader with a plan for future growth.

Rob Myers – Room 210

10 Proven Laws for Small Groups

You will learn 10 principles that when followed in a spirit of victory have always brought good results. When these laws are ignored, results are limited and partial.

Fred Boone – Room 216

What Got You Here Will Not Get You There

You want to lead your church to growth and spiritual health. Perhaps you have experienced initial success in these areas, but cannot seem to get past the next barrier to growth. This seminar exposes the reasons why what you did well to get where you are will not help you to get where you want to go. I will discuss the five church categories, the trap that awaits you at each and what you need to become and do to continue growing your church.

Steve Smith-Room 226

Revitalize the Church's Finances! Fund Your Revitaliation Effort

Landmark Dividend is a lease acquisition company that buys existing cellular and billboard leases that are currently generating rent for churches. The company pays a cash lump sum in exchange for the lease, which provides capital for churches without debt. Landmark Dividend offers several types of transactions that will provide funds to your church in the best way to meet your needs.

Jared White– Room 230

Diagnosing the Dying Church

The stark reality is that most churches don't have a clue about their need for revitalization until they come to a point of no return and a restart is the only option. How do you identify such a church? What are the tell tail signs that a church is dying for a restart? We will explore and hopefully discover answers together to these and other questions as we discuss diagnosing the dying church

Steve Sells – Room 241

Children and Youth

4 Areas of Focus That Will Produce Greater Results in Youth Ministry

When it comes to leading Youth Ministry there are many areas on which we can focus our attention, but when it comes to having time to do them all well, that is a different story. Join me as we talk about the four things in youth ministry that matter most and will get you the greatest return of investment with your time.

Drew Cheyney – Room 119

Re-imagining Volunteers

Learn keys on recruiting and retaining high capacity volunteers. Rethink the way you train and equip them with processes that are guaranteed to reinvigorate your volunteer base. Learn how to move from filling holes to investing in lives.

Bill Hegedus – Room 238

Renovate en Español

Maneras Efectivas de Recaudar Fondos en la Iglesia. (Effective Ways to Increase Funding in Church)

Una conferencia centrada en maneras practicas de incrementar el presupuesto de la iglesia. Se verán diferentes ejemplos de la actualidad de iglesias que están logrando un éxito marcado en el área de la mayordomía y finanzas. Diferentes metodologías serán presentadas como vías practicas de desarrollo financiero de la iglesia.

David Lema – Room 206

Breakout Session 3

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Leadership

Preaching That Connects

Effective preaching is one of the keys to a growing church. In this session, we will talk about the process of developing messages that connect with people while staying biblically faithful.

Michael Duduit – Room 119

Leadership and the Seven Churches of Revelation

Five of the seven churches in Revelation are in trouble. What got them to that point and how can you lead your church to avoid these same mistakes? Discover how to serve your people to overcome and endure the race set before them for God's glory.

Chris Irving-Room 205

The Power of Multiplying Groups

We will explore the steps to starting new groups and how to recruit the leaders needed and the training required. New groups grow faster, win more people to Christ, and provide more workers.

Fred Boone – Room 216

Revitalization Leadership

It has been suggested that everything rises and falls on leadership. Indeed, we can't underestimate the need for and value of strong revitalization leadership. In this breakout, Mike Atherton will share principles of leadership that will help unlock your full potential as a leader.

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Spiritual & Relational

Unfinished Business: Why Churches Stay Stuck

Change brings conflict and conflict exposes the heart. The key reason your leaders, attenders and possibly even you could blow up your church's revitalization progress is inside their heart and yours. Believers often feel hopeless to change and will fight you because of what is many times un-addressed. This sessions will expose you to how to bring revitalization to people's lives as you lead revitalization in the church.

Steve Smith – Room 226

Perception is Reality

We have all heard this cliché many times, but is it true? How does perception help or hinder your ministry, your church, and your family? Are you living in fear or faith as you seek to move forward in your marriage, church, or ministry? Your perspective can either inspire you to accomplish your goals or lead you down a path of self destruction, taking everyone with you along the way. You may need a "Breakthrough" in your life today to change your perspective- if so this is the place to be! Let the Spirit of God inspire you today to change and maintain a winning perspective regardless of your situation.

Estelle Myers– Room 227

Revival and Revitalization Have Same Starting Place- Prayer

There are vast similarities between the work of revitalization and revival. The Dynamic Duo approach to renewal and revitalization; both spiritual practices and strategic principles must be applied for new life and ministry in the local church. Revival and revitalization are more than plug-in formulas. Prayer is the key to any work of God in His church.

Jim Grant-Room 233

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How Can I Do What It Takes to Renovate This Church When It Hurts Me and My Family EVERYDAY?

This session is designed to encourage and inspire Renovators to do whatever it takes to hear from God, protect their hope, and to guard their heart while enduring through and to the end of renovation!

Paul Smith – Room 244

Stop Hurting and Start Living

Don't let what someone has done to you stop you from living out God's plan for your life. This breakout will help you grasp the eye opening truth of the power of God's word found in Psalm 23: that in the valleys that are often filled with mistakes, pain, suffering and loss, You are destined for impact in this world and there's not a moment to lose.

Gerald Brown – Worship Center

Necessary Church Changes When the Neighborhood Changes

In increasingly mobile and transitory communities, it is vital for revitalizers to understand how to lead their churches to ebb and flow with the changes that take place. The gospel never changes, but your neighborhoods will...often. How you respond to these changes will determine your effectiveness for the kingdom.

Jason Cooper – Room 204

Children and Youth

Effective Ministry for the Next Generation

Generation Z is the largest demographic in the world today. Reaching the next generation doesn't have to be hard. Come and learn how to develop a strategy that disciples children and students through every phase of life. Discover proven practices that will help the next generation understand own and live out their faith.

Bill Hegedus & Drew Cheyney – Room 238

Renovate en Español

Modelos Efectivos de Revitalizacion de Iglesias. (Effective Church Revitalization Models)

Se presentaran una variedad de diferentes modelos de revitalizacion de iglesias. Diferentes tipos de iglesias necesitan diferentes procesos estratégicos de revitalizacion para ser retadas a cambiar y a crecer. Los diferentes modelos serán aplicados a diferentes situaciones predominantes para entender mejor su manera de operación en la practica.

David Lema – Room 206

Where Do You Start When Your Idea Plate Is Full?

When you have a plate full of things that need to be accomplished, one of the hardest things to figure out is what needs to be tackled first and the order of all the ideas that you need to implement. Every plate at the church is different. Return to the tow basic clarities: Purpose of man and purpose of the church.

Rob Myers – Room 210

Breakout Session 4

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Thursday, November 8 | 8:30-10:00am

Leadership

All Things Renovate and Church Q&A

This Breakout is an open dialogue. Bring your questions and situations to this breakout and receive help and guidance as we discuss all things renovate. Always a group favorite as we encourage each other.

Ron Smith – Room 120

Why Publish Your Book With the Renovate Publishing Group

Anyone who has been in ministry for more than a week has been asked the question, "So what exactly do you do during the week?" What many people outside of ministry don't get is that pastors work harder than most in a job that doesn't easily have an off switch, while getting paid less than if they were doing the same level of work in any marketplace job. But if you have a desire to write it might not only be an opportunity to gain greater influence but to provide you and your family additional resources for your family. We believe that every pastor should write a book and tell his story. The Renovate Publishing Group wants to assist writer to tell their story. Stop by and the registration booth to reserve your free spot. Seating is limited.

Tom Cheyney – Room 122

Moving Toward Revitalization in Your Association or Network

This breakout describes how to begin the church revitalization process in your local network or association of churches. A tremendous value of this seminar is an exploration of how to get the conversation going in your network and how to make it safe for pastors to introduce and discuss church revitalization with their churches. We will also look at an example of how this works in a real-life, multi-church network of churches.

Terry Rials – Room 140

Rebuilding the People of God: The Leadership of Nehemiah

The times were desperate upon the Israelites return to Jerusalem, and only God's man with a clear vision for restoring Jerusalem would help them through. Come and discover the characteristics of revitalization leadership though the lens of Nehemiah.

Chris Irving – Room 205

Spiritual & Relational

Strengthening Weak Women

Your community is full of weak women. Your church likely is too. Paul's second letter to Timothy points to the weak woman as an entry point for evil to come into the home, which is no surprise since Satan has been using this approach since the garden. He knew that by capturing Eve, he could get to Adam. How can we make sure that no foothold for evil exists within the ranks of the women in our church? It's going to take a purposeful, intentional focus on strengthening weak women. If you have women in your church, this seminar is for you.

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Jim Grant – Room 233

Decisions & Transitions

8 Steps That Break Through All Barriers

Learn 8 Steps that will set your church on a path of break through. These steps have been proven across 100's of churches. Pastors – this is church growth and church revitalization in a breakout.

Ron Smith – Room 120

My Church Is Imploding, Now What?

When things go bad in the church, they get even worse as time goes by. In this breakout session, we'll look at the effects of the rapidly declining church with its effects on the pastor. Every pastor and denominational leader needs to know what to do when the church starts imploding. The good news is – there is hope for the imploding church and you can lead the turnaround!

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Phase two-Restarting your churches growth.

Psalm 23-Acts 2

Walter Jackson – Room 200

Decisions & Transitions

How To Use Social Media to Create Opportunities for Healthy Discipleship and Outreach

In a world dominated by digital technology, churches must be prepared to reach their members and culture in new ways. Learn the latest digital strategies to invite 1st time visitors and disciple your church community.

Michael Woods – Room 119

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Steve Sells – Room 241

Fully Engaging The Next Generation

Amplify Church in Pittsburgh was transformed from an aging, dying church of under 200 people to a healthy, growing church of over 2000 people with every generation well represented. The turnaround happened when church leaders and attendees prayerfully took action in order to reconnect with the next generation. This breakout will focus on three proven practices that are helping churches to fully engage the next generation in a rapidly changing world.

Lee Kricher – Worship Center

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Renovate en Español

Los Siete Pilares de la Renovación de Iglesias Revisados. (The Seven Pillars of Church Renovation Revised)

El proceso clásico de los Siete Pilares de la Renovación sera presentado con una actualización y revisión basada en la practica reciente. Este proceso ha sido una manera simple de comprender las realidades de la revitalizacion en la iglesia. El proceso sera presentado con claridad y aplicado a diferentes retos al crecimiento efectivo que existen en la mayoría de iglesias.

David Lema – Room 206