

# SPARK

A RETREAT FOR LOCAL  
CHILDRENS LEADERS

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Northwest | Intermountain | Canada | Ohio  
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ONE TEAM

# “We are one team

*from different cities and on different districts but all called*  
**to serve God, children and their families.”**



## WELCOME

Welcome to SPARK! We are so glad you are here. Wow! What a crazy past 2 years we have all been through! It's not uncommon for some people to have a crazy year. It's just not normal for it to happen to the whole world at once. But here we are. We have learned some things, changed some things, and gotten rid of some things. The fire of the past 2 years has made us strong. Are we at the strongest we will become? No, but we are being made stronger.

As Candice and I began to prepare for this wonderful time of being together, we sensed that while many of us are celebrating that we can be together, there are also those among us who are grieving loss from the past 2 years. Maybe it's grieving a way life, or things we did that are different, or a job, or perhaps it's the loss of a friend or family member. Maybe it's loss from COVID or maybe it's loss from something else. So, in the midst of our celebrating and fun, we are going to give space this weekend to grieve. Psalm 23 says:

1The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

2He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

4Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

5You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

6Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

While you're here, we pray that you will allow these words to wash over you and be rest, peace, strength, protection, comfort, anointing, blessing, goodness, and love for your Shepherd.

Serving together,



Trey Brooks,  
Equip to Engage Co-Director  
[trey@equiptoengage.org](mailto:trey@equiptoengage.org)

# Retreat Schedule

## Thursday

- 3:00** – Registration
- 6:00** – Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 7:00** – Tailgate Party
- 9:00** – Fellowship

## Friday

- 8:00** – Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 9:00** – Worship Session 1
- 10:30 – Breakout Session 1**  
Partnering with Parents  
– Darcy Bell
- 12:00** – Lunch (Dining Hall)
- 1:00 – Breakout Session 2**  
Rhythm, Retail, and the Church  
– Trey Brooks
- 2:30 – Breakout Session 3**  
Leading into the Future  
– Beth Bidle Rush
- 4:00** – Free Time
- 6:00** – Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 7:00** – Team Building
- 9:00** – Fellowship

# Keynote Speaker



## Rev. Tonya Hockenberry

Tonya serves as the pastor at Hawthorn Church of the Nazarene in Hawthorn, PA. She is leading the great people of this congregation to

exist to show people the love of Jesus.

She also has the privilege of serving the Pittsburg District Church of the Nazarene as the District Children's Ministry Director.

## Saturday

- 8:00** – Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 8:45 – Breakout Session 4**  
Object Lesson Explosion  
– Millie Martsolf
- 10:00 – Breakout Session 5**  
Helping Kids Have Daily Devotions  
– William Strobe
- 11:30** – Worship Session 2
- 1:00** – Lunch (Dining Hall)
- 1:30** – See you next year!



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# Breakout | Session

## Partnering with Parents

Darcy Bell

In this session, we will discuss practical tips for supporting parents as they disciple their children at home. What to expect: Parent resources for quick God moments, Devotional ideas, and Communication ideas



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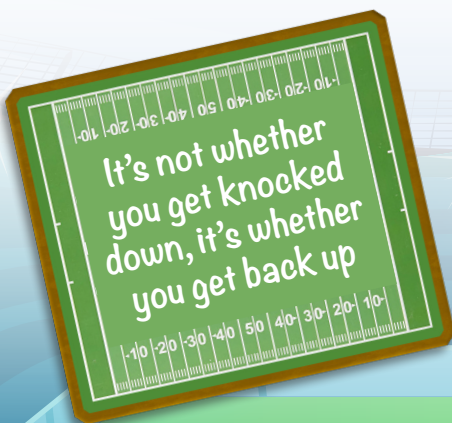
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# Breakout<sup>2</sup> Session

## Rhythm, Retail, and the Church

Trey Brooks

Retailers spend millions of dollars to develop strategies that engage new customers and retain customer loyalty. Every detail is intentional to best serve the customer the right product at the right time. As ministry leaders, we have the job of offering the best “product” in the same fashion: (The Gospel). What can we learn from the retail world that will make our ministries more effective?



# Breakout<sup>3</sup>Session

## Leading into the Future

Beth Bidle Rush

In a post-Christian world, how do we effectively reach kids and their families to impact today and prepare them for the future? In this session, we will explore how we can make a difference in the lives of children, their families, and their community through discipleship to build a solid foundation for the future.





# EQUIP TO ENGAGE

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- Regional Gathering
- Leadership Development
- Connect With Others
- Learn Together



## SYNERGY

- National Gathering
- District Leaders
- Ministry Collaboration
- Focused Discussion

## Tell THE Story

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### NazaZoom

January, March, September,  
November

### Coaching for Children's Leaders

January, October

### Equipping Conversation

February, April, August, October

### District Children's Director

January, March, May, September,  
November

NazaZoom, Equipping Conversations, & District Children's Director - **FREE**



### Equip to Engage Regional Connectors

**Southeast - Shaun Stevenson**  
AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN

**South Central - Diane Solberg**  
AR, LA, OK, TX

**West - Beth Rush**  
AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT,  
NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**East Central - Evan Offutt Boesiger**  
IN, MI, OH

**North Central - Mary Sims**  
IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI

**Northeast - Nathan McCarthy**  
CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH,  
NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV

**North - Sheri Lynne Martin**  
AB, BC, MB, NB, NS, NL,  
ON, PE, QC, SK, YT

### Nazarene Kidmin Meet-Ups

Hosted by Equip to Engage

*Northwest Ministry Conference*  
March 18-19, 2022 | Bellevue, WA  
nwmincon.com

*D6 Conference*  
April 20-22, 2022 | Orlando, FL  
d6conference.com

*Child Discipleship Forum*  
September 22-23, 2022 | Nashville, TN  
childdiscipleshipforum.com

*Children's Pastors Conference*  
January 10-12, 2023 | Orlando, FL  
childrenspastorsconference.com



# Breakout<sup>4</sup>Session

## Object Lesson Explosion

Millie Martsorf

This is a fun, interactive, objects-in-hand session. You will learn how to instantly create a biblical lesson from any object. Discover why teaching with you objects is effective and why Jesus used object lessons when He taught. You will learn how to take an object and form a lesson from it, or how to start with a topic and determine what object or visual will best teach it. The goal by the end of the session is to make an object lesson from ANY object INSTANTLY.

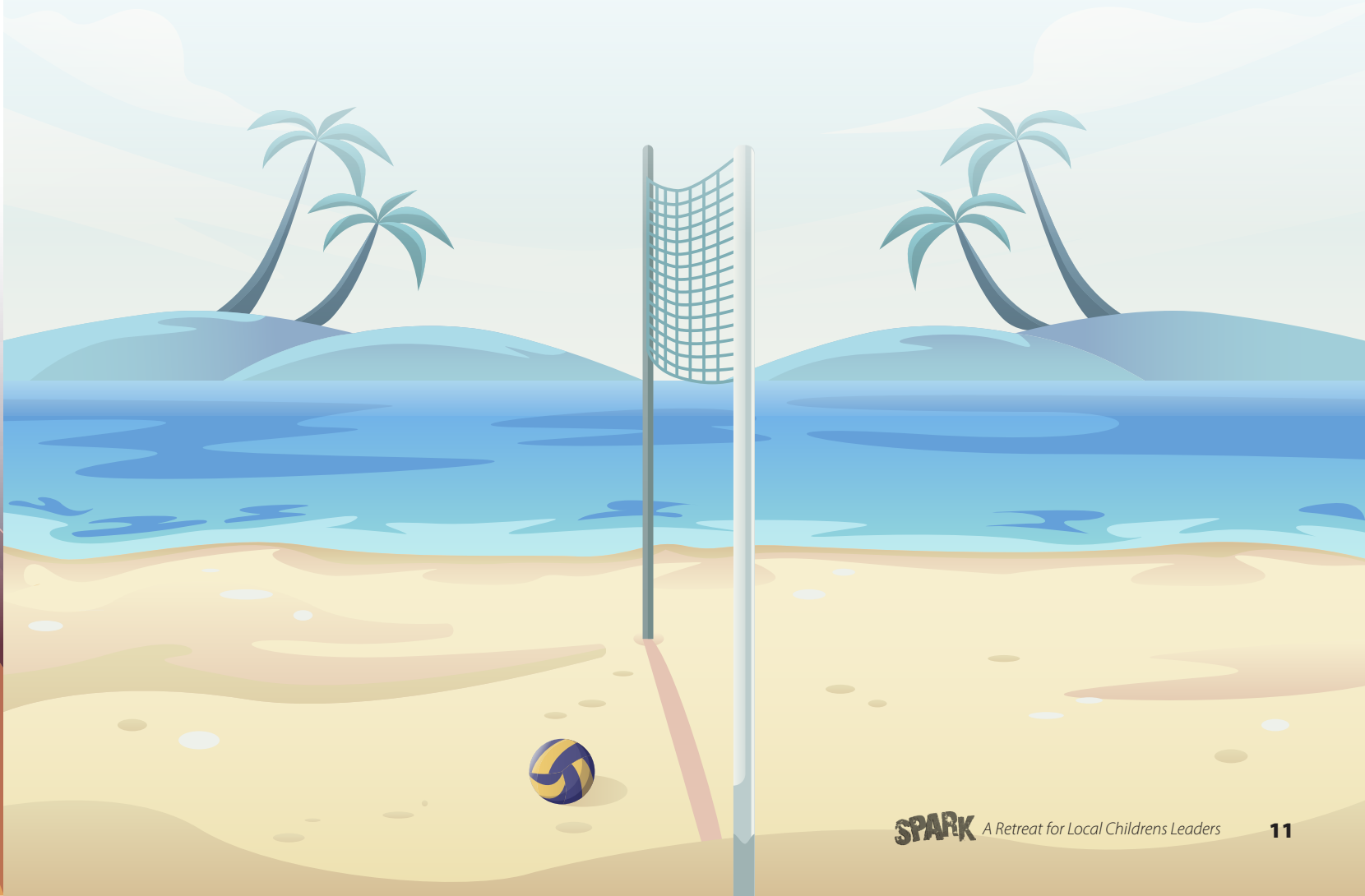


# Breakout<sup>5</sup>Session

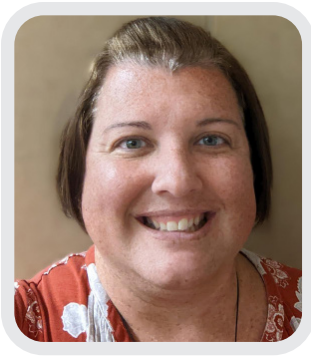
## Helping Kids Have Daily Devotions

William Strope

In this session, we will discuss helping parents take the lead in establishing fresh devotional habits for the young hearts in their care.



# Breakout Session Presenters



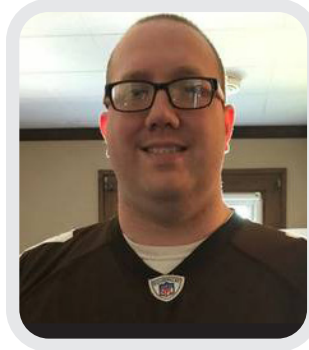
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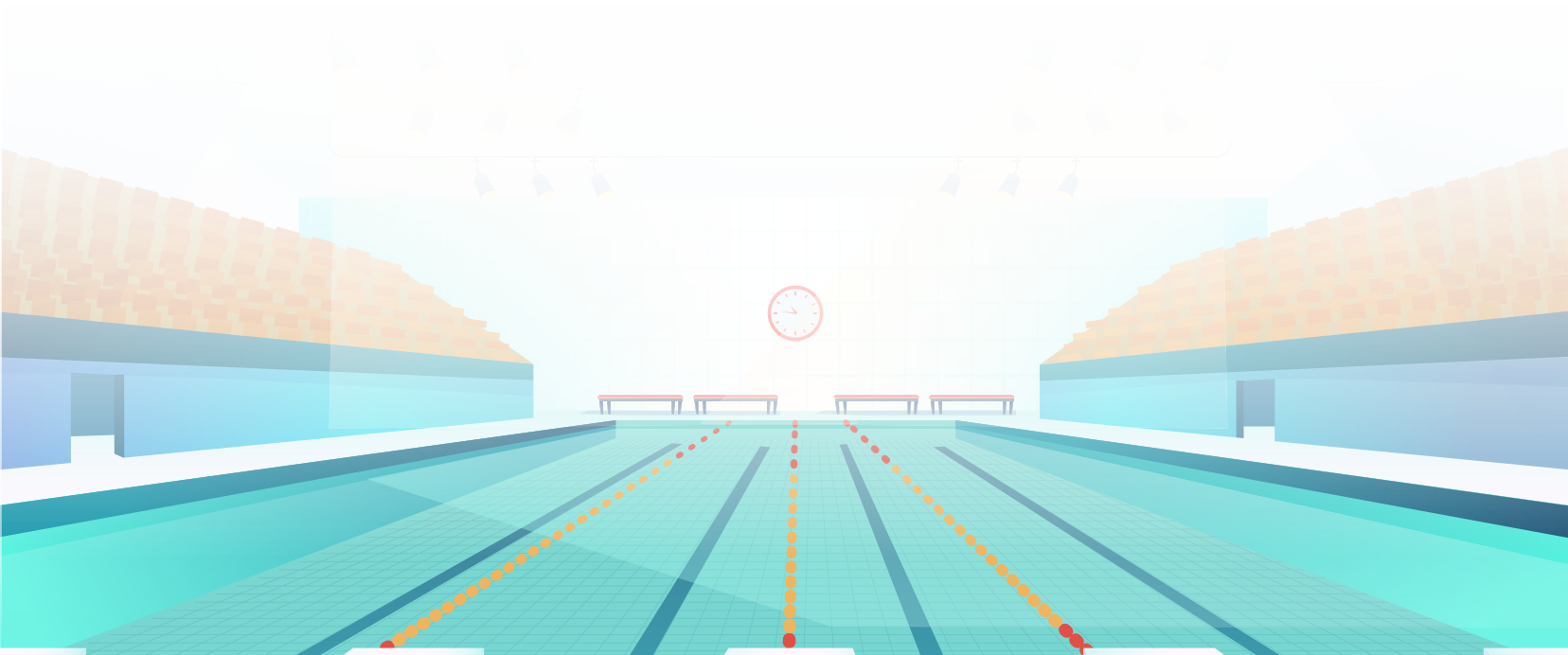
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**Millie Martsorf**  
Children's Pastor  
*Butler First Nazarene*



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Pat Garcia  
Dawn Vaught

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Tonya Hockenberry

SPARK::Ohio  
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Brittany Dooley

## Partnering Districts

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Northeast Indiana

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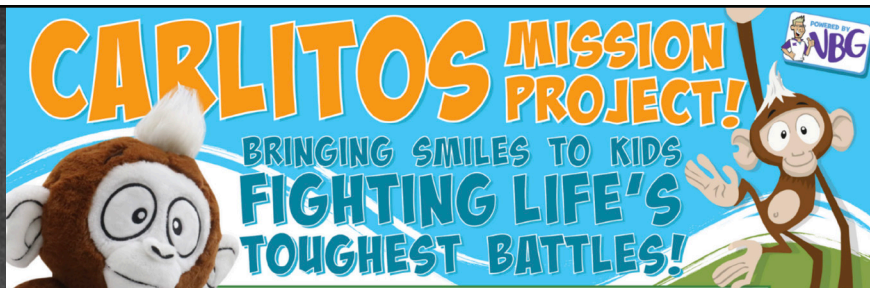
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