

A RETREAT FOR CHILDREN'S LEADERS

SPARK 2023



LORD, MAKE ME
AN INSTRUMENT

“ WE ARE ONE TEAM FROM DIFFERENT CITIES AND DIFFERENT DISTRICTS BUT ALL CALLED TO SERVE GOD, CHILDREN, AND THEIR FAMILIES. ”



We are so glad that you are at SPARK 2023! Wow...this has been a year of much change in the life of our family and of Equip to Engage! It seems that God often asks his people to step without knowing what they are stepping on, and then we get the details. This has been true for us each step of the journey. Candice and I are excited about these new days for Equip to Engage and we are happy you are part of it. We know you will enjoy being with and getting to know Beth, the new SPARK Director, and her husband, Jeff! You can learn a little about Beth below.

Our prayer for you this weekend is that you will find time to rest and relax and that you go home recharged and ready to do what God has called you to do. We truly do believe what the statement says above...we are one team from different cities and on different district, but all called to serve God, children, and their families! Our hope is that this weekend you are reminded of this, that you reconnect with friends, and that you make some new ones as we sow into one another!

Serving together,
Trey and Candice Brooks



Beth Bidle-Rush has almost three decades of experience ministering and discipling children and their families. Beth is passionate about sharing God's Word with children of all ages (0-109). She is an Ordained Elder, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary. She is working on a doctorate at Trevecca Nazarene University. Currently, she serves as the North/East Texas Children's Ministries District Director and as SPARK Director. Her career as a Children's Pastor extends from Michigan to Texas (and several states in between), directing Children's Camps, speaking at Children's Camps, and leading workshops. Beth is excited about her new position with Equip to Engage to encourage, equip, and support the local children's leadership. In her free moments, Beth enjoys spending time with her husband, Jeff, laughing and telling stories, playing board games, and is an ice cream connoisseur.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

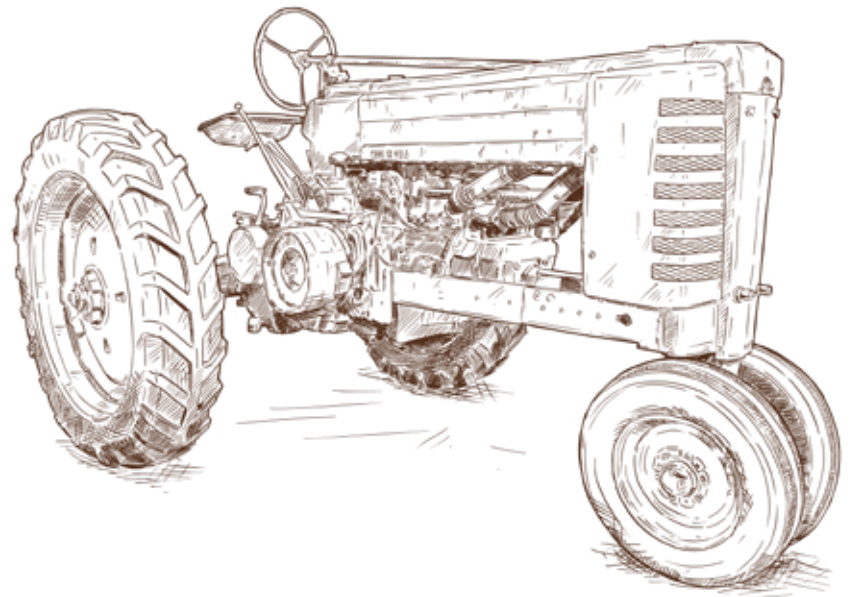
- 3:00** - Onsite Registration
- 6:00** - Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 7:00** - Down on the Farm Party (Chapel)
- 8:00** - Fellowship

FRIDAY

- 8:00** - Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 9:00** - Worship Session 1 (Chapel)
- 10:30** - Breakout Session 1
Trauma Informed Children's Ministry - Part 1
// Tami Andres
- 12:00** - Lunch (Dining Hall)
- 1:00** - Breakout Session 2
Hard Conversations // Cindy Slaymaker
- 2:30** - Breakout Session 3
Canva for Children's Ministry // Erinn Goodwin
- 4:00** - Free Time
- 6:00** - Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 7:00** - Team Building (Chapel)
- 8:00** - Fellowship

SATURDAY

- 8:00** - Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 8:45** - Breakout Session 4
Ministering Outside the Children's Ministry
Box // Connie Jo Kays & Missy Humber
- 10:15** - Breakout Session 5
Trauma Informed Children's Ministry - Part 2
// Tami Andres
- 11:30** - Worship Session 2 (Chapel)
- 1:00** - Lunch (Dining Hall)
- 1:30** - See you next year!!



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.**

**O DIVINE MASTER,
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE;
TO BE UNDERSTOOD, AS TO UNDERSTAND;
TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE;
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED,
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN
TO ETERNAL LIFE.
AMEN.**



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TRAUMA INFORMED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (PART 1)

Tami Andres - Chapel

Understanding Trauma and the Effect on Young Children

We will look at things like what is the stress. How does bad stress and adverse childhood experiences affect brain development. What is Trauma? How can we help prevent or lessen stress on children?

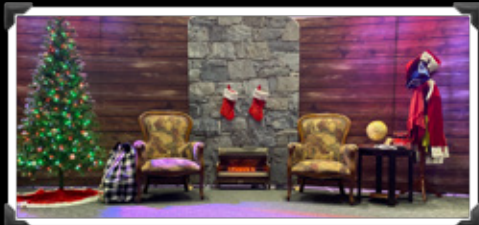
HARD CONVERSATIONS

Cindy Slaymaker - Chapel

Pastor Cindy will be talking to us about hard conversations and raising awareness of bullying in Children's Ministry.



THE JOURNEY FROM Saint TO Santa



Available
December 1 - 23, 2023

A journey of the historical Saint Nicholas as he transforms through centuries of legend and folklore into today's Santa Claus. An interactive event for all ages that shares about Saint Nicholas' dedication to God, generosity, and love for others, and that we can be inspired to do the same.

Equip to Engage can help...

Gingerbread BASH

Celebrating the birth
of baby Jesus

...you host a Gingerbread Bash





Second SPARK Day

On the **Second Day** of camp...wear your favorite **SPARK** shirt!
Take a picture and tag it on social media as #seconddaySPARKday!



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

East Central - Evan Offutt Boesiger
IN, MI, OH



Nazarene Kidmin Meet-Ups

Hosted by Equip to Engage

D6 Conference

April 10-12, 2023 | Orlando, FL
d6conference.com

Child Discipleship Forum

September 21-22, 2023 | Nashville, TN
childdiscipleshipforum.com

The KidzMatter Conference

September 12-14, 2023 | Nashville, TN
thekidzmatterconference.com

Children's Pastors Conference

January 9-11, 2024 | Orlando, FL
childrenspastorsconference.com

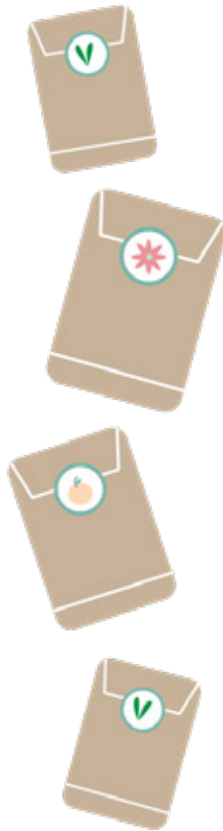


BREAKOUT SESSION 3

CANVA FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Erinn Goodwin - Chapel

Learn how to create posters, media posts, graphics and more using Canva. Canva can be used as a promotional tool but also to create resources for families and help you stay organized. Join Pastor Erinn as she walks us through how to make all things from a basic design to things more complex.



MINISTERING OUTSIDE THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BOX

Connie Jo Kays and Missy Humber - Chapel

Short on volunteers? Struggling with curriculum? Or looking for new ideas? Let's talk about ways to find volunteers in unlikely places, creative ways to utilize or write your own curriculum, and brainstorm new out-of-the-box ideas for Kid Min.

BREAKOUT SESSION 4





GA Kids

An intentional ministry for kids and families...includes age-specific services for early childhood and elementary, an intergenerational service, and engaging opportunities for the entire family to connect with the Global Nazarene Family.

June 9-11, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN

Register your family at ga2023.nazarene.org

**There are many volunteer opportunities available.
For more information, email trey@equiptoengage.org.**



BREAKOUT SESSION 5

TRAUMA INFORMED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (PART 1)

Tami Andres - Chapel

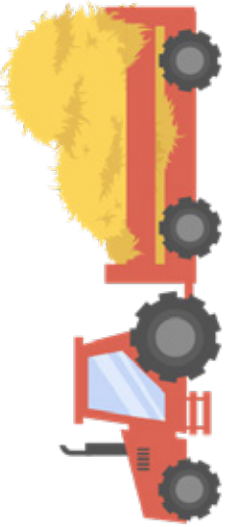
How we can Create a Trauma Informed Environment

We will explore the idea of resilience and how to be self-aware and develop that skill in others. What it means to have a trauma informed ministry. We will have time to brainstorm ways to implement in our own ministry systems.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Josh Brickey
Lead Pastor
Church on the Rise



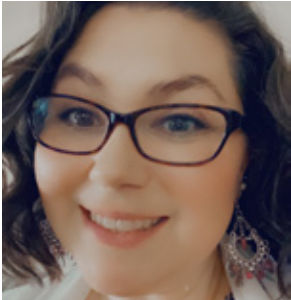
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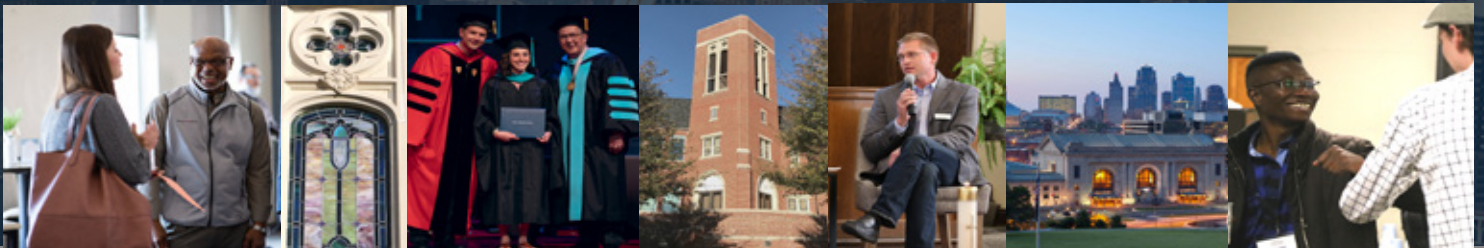
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D6 Family
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