

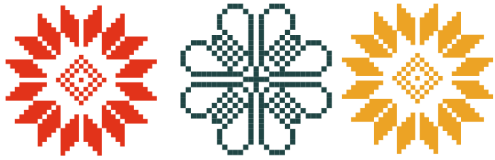
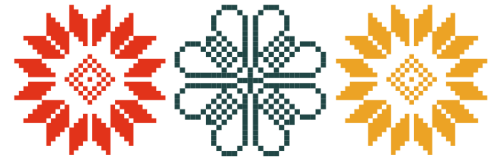


& PARK 2024

A RETREAT FOR CHILDREN'S LEADERS

WE ARE ONE TEAM

from different cities and different districts



BUT ALL CALLED

to serve God, children, and their families.

Here we are for another year of SPARK! Candice and I are so glad that you are at SPARK this year. We believe that this weekend is going to be an impactful time in your life. SPARK is always a time to get away and change the rhythm of your life. Often in that range of rhythm, we are able to hear God more clearly. Life is busy and it can be hard to slow down even for one hour a day to truly listen to what God is saying. Our prayer for you this weekend is that you will be able to slow down and truly listen to what God is saying to you and for you.



We are thankful to be on the team with you!

Serving Together,
Trey + 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
- 7:00** - Ugly Sweater Party
- 8:30** - Fellowship

FRIDAY

- 7:00** - Coffee + Fellowship
- 8:00** - Breakfast
- 9:00** - Worship
- 10:30** - Breakout Session 1
- 12:00** - Lunch
- 1:00** - Breakout Session 2
- 2:30** - Breakout Session 3
- 4:00** - Free Time
- 6:00** - Dinner
- 7:00** - Team Building
- 8:30** - Fellowship

SATURDAY

- 7:00** - Coffee + Fellowship
- 8:00** - Breakfast
- 8:45** - Breakout Session 4
- 10:00** - Breakout Session 5
- 11:15** - Worship
- 12:30** - Lunch
- 1:00** - See You Next Year!



LUKE 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **And everyone went to their own town to register.**

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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BREAKOUT SESSION 1

PRAYER AND PRAYER STATIONS WITH CHILDREN | MEETING ROOM 1

Gloria Hamilton

Have you ever wondered how we can teach children how to really connect with Jesus in prayer in a deeper and personal way? Well in this session Gloria will share how she has used prayer stations to help children pray in a deep way.



NAZARENESAFE | MEETING ROOM 1

Deven Swan

Are you struggling to get started or maintain your Nazarene safe system? Do you need help to get started or need guidance, well this session is for you. Deven will share how Naz/ministry safe works, how to get started and share updates.



BREAKOUT SESSION 2

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BREAKOUT SESSION 3

VISITORS AND FOLLOW-UP | MEETING ROOM 1

Cortney Coombs

Would you like to have visiting families return and would you like to have a great system to follow up with visitors? This session is for you. Cortney will share how she has grown her ministry and how she has created effective ways to keep visitors coming.



ONE DAY MINISTRY | MEETING ROOM 1

Beth Bidle Rush

Before we know it the children in our churches will be the leaders tomorrow. What can the Body of Christ do to help the children and their families establish a firm foundation in Christ to weather a changing culture? Together we will explore how to make an investment in the future we may never see but have a lasting impact for generations to come.



BREAKOUT SESSION 4

BREAKOUT SESSION 5

LOVE ABUNDANT | MEETING ROOM 1

Shawna Neueschwander

Would you like to help foster children but you are not sure how? This session is for you. Shawna has a church ministry called Love Abundant and she provides clothing and other things for foster children as a way to share Christ. She will share how she and her church got started and how you can help foster children in your area.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Pastor Michele Henry

Pastor Michele oversees all ministries relating to children ages 0 through 6th grade at Brookhaven Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN. She is passionate about prayer and equipping families to be the center for spiritual growth. Pastor Michele has been in her current position since 2010 and is ordained in The Wesleyan Church. Pastor Michele and her husband have eleven children and one grandson.



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