



& 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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL FOR KIDS



PDF VERSION



BREAKOUT SESSION 1

TEACH KIDS TO PRAY | MEETING ROOM 1

Mary Sims

Kids can be the prayer warriors in your church. They love to pray, and big things happen when they do! Get practical ideas you can easily implement to make praying with kids a priority in your ministry.



ENGAGING FAMILIES IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION | MEETING ROOM 1

Matt Gorman

This session aims to explore the vital role parents play in their child's spiritual formation and how the Church can best support them. We'll delve into recent research from OneHope to understand the state of today's parents holistically. You'll gain insights into parents' pivotal role in their children's spiritual journey and learn how to advocate for and partner with them in nurturing their child's faith.



BREAKOUT SESSION 2

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Santa



BREAKOUT SESSION 3

NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S VBS | MEETING ROOM 1

Dorothy Whipp

In this session, Pastor Dorothy will present different ways and variations to turn VBS into a discipleship opportunity. She will also share some elements from the free "River Rafting Adventure" that Global NDI is offering.



CHURCH CONNECT: STRATEGIES FOR KEEPING PRETEENS ENGAGED | MEETING ROOM 1

Kori Hooper

This session will give you tangible ideas to take back to implement in your church to help 4-6 graders grow and stick in their faith.



BREAKOUT SESSION 4

BREAKOUT SESSION 5

CREATING AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH | MEETING ROOM 1

Rachel McClintock

What does it look like to have an intergenerational church and why is it important? Let's answer those questions and explore some practical ways to help develop meaningful connections between generations that can deeply impact the faith of our church.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Brian Wiesinger

Pastor Brian currently serves as the District Superintendent of the Southwest Oklahoma District Church of the Nazarene. Prior to this ministry role, he was the Lead Pastor of The Crossing Church of the Nazarene in Westminster, CO. He has also served at Lake Overholser Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, OK, and Grace Church of the Nazarene in Columbia, TN.

Pastor Brian is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and is married to Kimberly.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Arizona

Toni Henry

Canada West

Sheri Lynne Martin

Eastern Michigan

Linda Loudermilk

Florida

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Jill Farmer

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Connie Blastock

Louisiana

David Craig

Michigan

Kelly Downs

MidSouth

Shaun Stevenson

North Arkansas

Elizabeth Karlowski

North/East Texas

Beth Bidle Rush

Northeast Indiana

Cortney Coombs

Northwest

Cindy Reynolds

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Shane Guldi

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Tonya Hockenberry

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Cathy Scharf

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Tracey Gosnell

Southern Florida

Robin Campbell

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Kym Drabenstot

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Northwest Indiana

Northwest Ohio

Northwest Oklahoma

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SPECIAL THANKS

1230Kids

Adrian Camp

Arrowhead Camp

Bible Story Maps

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David C. Cook

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