



# 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21-22 / PHOENIX, AZ

## Breakout Schedule

### Friday (October 21) Schedule

#### **Breakout Session 1 (60 min)**

- Beginning the Adoption Journey (Laura Godwin, Nightlight Christian Adoptions)
- Foster Care and Adoption - Public/Private Partnerships (Herbie Newell, Lifeline Adoption)
- From Group Life to Family Life, Part 1 (Mark and Kristen Howerton)
- Funding Your Adoption (Dwain Gullion, The ABBA Fund)
- Gospel-Centered Family (Tim Chester, Author of *A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table*) [offered twice]
- HIV/AIDS and the Global Orphan Emergency (Dr. Susan Hillis, Center for Disease Control)
- Ideas for Becoming an Adoption-Friendly Church (Donna Thoennes, Ph.D. Biola University)
- Infertility: Grief & Loss in Adoption (Christian Family Care)
- Launching an Orphans Ministry in Your Church (Hope for Orphans) [offered twice]
- Missional Living and Orphan Care (Jason Kovacs, Together for Adoption/ABBA Fund)
- Mobilizing People and Dollars for Adoption and Orphan Care (David Wooten, Embraced by Grace)
- Orphans Overcoming Poverty (Wendy McMahan, Food for the Hungry)
- Rescue a Child, Raise a Leader, Rebuild a Nation (Marilyn Skinner, Co-Founder of Watoto Childcare Ministries)
- The Mega Issues: Breaking Down People's Perception of the Orphan (Part 1; World Orphans)
- The Needs of Foster Care Children (Saint Fults, The Journey, St. Louis)
- Transformation versus Transaction: Choosing Transformation (people) over Transaction (used stuff) by changing the Lives of Foster Youth (Jon Katov, Open Table: From Poverty to Wholeness)
- Why the Church? (Elizabeth Styffe; Part 1)

## **Breakout Session 2 (60 min)**

- All the Dirt on Foster Parenting and Why You Should Still Do It (Tim McMahan, <http://www.fosterpodcast.com>)
- Becoming an Orphan Advocate in Every Season of Life (Andy Lehman, Lifesong for Orphans)
- Caring for the (Un)Adopted millions of orphans worldwide (Herbie Newell, Lifeline Adoption)
- Creative Fundraising for Your Adoption (Julie Gumm, World Orphans)
- Domestic Adoption (David Wooten, Embraced by Grace)
- Foster to Adopt (Keith Howard, Arrow Child & Family Ministries)
- From Group Life to Family Life, Part 2 (Mark and Kristen Howerton)
- Gospel-Centered Family (Tim Chester, Author of *A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table*) [offered twice]
- How to help 100 orphans for the cost of 1 (Jim Ross, Vision Trust)
- Keeping Faith with Haiti's Orphans (Troy Leyse, Director of Business Development for Loving Shepherd Ministries)
- Launching an Orphans Ministry in Your Church (Hope for Orphans) [offered twice]
- Leading Your Family Through the Adoption Adventure (Tyler Johnson, Redemption Church)
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Haiti - Responding through the Church (Part 2; World Orphans)
- Poverty and the AIDS Crisis: Responding to the needs of orphans and vulnerable children in Africa (Amanda Cox, Faith to Action Initiative)
- Raising the Adopted Child (M. Dudley, Christian Family Care)
- Six Things Every Church Can Do Everywhere (Elizabeth Styffe; Part 2)
- Supporting Indigenous Adoption Movements (Johnny Carr, Bethany)

## **Saturday (October 22) Schedule**

### **Breakout Session 3 (60 min)**

- Attachment and Family Growth, Part 1 (Mark and Kristen Howerton)
- Conducting Matching Events for Children in Foster Care (David Wooten, Embraced by Grace)
- Getting Started in the Right Direction: Helping Pre-Adoptive Couples Make Sound Decisions (Kelly Leyse, Adoption Services Team Member at Loving Shepherd Ministries)
- Getting Teens Involved in an Orphan Ministry (Gary VanDyke, Food for Orphans)
- Grass Roots Brainstorming & Opportunities for Orphan Care (Chris Marlow)
- Home + Church + Community = World: When Your Heart Collides with the Heart of God (Dr. Rhonda Littleton, Simpsonville First Baptist, A Home for Me)
- Innovative Adoption Funding & Church Adoption Funds (Andy Lehman, Lifesong for Orphans)
- International Adoption (Herbie Newell, Lifeline Children's Services)

- Paving a Way Home: Learning More About HIV Adoption (Brianna Heldt, From HIV to Home)
- Persistent Passion: Weathering the Storms of Foster Care (Christie Erwin, author of “The Middle Mom: How to Grow Your Heart by Giving It Away . . . a foster mom’s journey)
- POSITIVELY Adopting Children with HIV/AIDS (Carolyn Twietmeyer, Project Hopeful)
- Raising Children with a Heart for Orphans (Dennae Pierre)
- The Orphan and Child Trafficking: Breaking the Chains (Part 3; World Orphans)
- The Power of Partnership: How to effectively engage the local church to provide orphan care in Africa (and beyond) (Amanda Cox, Faith to Action Initiative)
- The Status of Ethiopian Orphans (Dawit Kassaye, Food for the Hungry)
- Why Adoption is Not a Fad . . .or Why God Chose Us Before the Foundation of the World (Donna Theonnes, Ph.D., Biola University)
- You’re Not Alone: Drawing Help & Ideas for Local Church Orphan Ministry Connected to the Movement (Jedd Medefind, Christian Alliance for Orphans)

#### **Breakout Session 4 (60 min)**

- Adopting Children with Medical Needs (Mark Ottinger, Fellowship Memphis)
- Attachment and Family Life, Part 2 (Mark and Kristen Howerton)
- Becoming an Adoption-Friendly Church: Twenty Ways to Look After Orphans (Paul Golden)
- Embryo Adoption & the Protection of Life (Laura Godwin, Nightlight)
- Faith. Repair. Families. Resilience: Serving Poor Families (Jon Katov, Open Table: From Poverty to Wholeness)
- Hope for 100: A Holistic Church Campaign for the Fatherless (Dwain Gullion, ABBA Fund)
- How Small Churches Can Have a Big Impact in Orphan Care (Gary VanDyke, Food for Orphans)
- How to Find the Right Adoption Agency (David Wooten, Embraced by Grace)
- Men and the Fatherless (Jason Kovacs, ABBA Fund)
- Reforming the International Adoption Process: What You Can Do to Help (Panel): Moderator: Trey Ingram, Associate Attorney, Smith Moore Leatherwood; Panel: Jedd Medefind, Elizabeth Styffe, Carolyn Twietmeyer, Becky Weichhand (Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute) and Colene Lewis (Alliance Defense Fund).
- Sowing Your Oats: Developing an Advocacy Network (Part 4; World Orphans)
- The Church as an Alternative to the Foster Care System (Saint Fults, The Journey, St. Louis)
- The End of Childhood: The Sexualization of Children and Care for the Orphans (Matthew Anderson, Author of *Earthen Vessels: Why Our Bodies Matter to Our Faith*)
- The Long Reach of the Local Church (Matt Kouri, Food for the Hungry)
- The Plight of the Trafficked Orphan (Tom Davis, Children’s HopeChest)
- Transracial Adoption from a Gospel-Centered Perspective (Vernon Pierre)
- Youth Waiting to be Adopted (Stephen E. Browning, Christian Family Care)