

## **UPPER EAST MMLC**

Saturday, July 31, 2021

First Baptist Church, Dandridge

### **Breakout Sessions #1**

11am-11:50am

#### **“12 Lessons Learned from COVID” – Dr. Vernon Whaley**

(Track: Worship Leaders/Ministers of Music)

The Body of Christ, and your local church ministry, experienced enormous upheaval, change, challenge and confusion during the COVID-19 pandemic. Join Dr. Vernon M. Whaley as he shares the 12 Lessons learned from COVID that forever changed his life and approach to ministry.

#### **“Worship Team Vocals” – Dr. Zeb Balentine**

(Track: Worship Bands/Worship Teams)

This session focuses on vocal warm-up exercises, vocal care, blending, and expressiveness. The session is designed to equip you to use the voice that God has given you to be the best leader of worship that He has called you to be.

#### **“We Never Did It That Way Before” – Dennis Allen**

(Track: Choirs)

Contemporary or Traditional? Worship songs or Hymns? Choirs or Congregational focus? Can't things go back to the way it was before? This session for choir members and directors will open up lively conversation about local church music ministry...where it has been, and where it is headed. For sure, especially post-Covid, choirs are changing...what can we do to help them survive?

#### **“34 Tips for Creating Powerful Worship Experiences” – Matt Tullos**

(Track: Creativity in Worship)

You'll receive 34 tips for worship leaders which will help you create experiences that sticks. If you want to lay the foundation for drama and worship in the church, you'll want to attend this workshop.

#### **“How to Underscore Effectively” – Craig Adams**

(Track: Pianists/Keyboardists)

Providing appropriate music to accompany spoken word moments (scripture reading, prayer, altar call, Lord's Supper, etc.) can be challenging. Discover helpful insights that will ease your struggle.

#### **“Children's Choir Reboot” – James and Andrea Barnard**

(Track: Children's Choir)

Discover ways to jump-start and reboot your children's music ministry. We'll have fun with instrumental play-alongs, energizers, steady-beat activities, and more! (PreK-5th grade)

#### **“Have You Heard? Good Sound Reproduction is Critical to Worship” – Dr. Chris Headley**

(Track: Audio-Visual)

For beginning and intermediate sound operators, we will discuss how to get the best possible sound beginning with mic selection, placement, and configuration in your sound board. We will learn basic EQ methods, how to maximize gain before feedback, and create sound that is full without being loud. There will be some crossover in this section with how to best provide a dedicated audio signal for your livestream. Both analog and digital boards will be discussed. Each AV session will have tricks and tips to make the best of your situation regardless of your equipment or budget.

## **Breakout Sessions #2**

12:40pm-1:30pm

### **“Leading Worship in the Midst of Storm” – Dr. Vernon Whaley**

(Track: Worship Leaders/Ministers of Music)

In the life of worship ministry, Satan confronts every congregation and worship leader with unexpected storms. Sometimes these storms take the form of personality conflict. At other time these periods of uncertainty come during personnel change or the worship dynamic is compelled to change. Often the storms are subtle and only a limited number of people are affected. At other times, these storms impact scores of communities and injure hundreds, leaving people spiritually and emotionally wounded. No matter the circumstances or the venue for the storm, God's word provides a solution. Join Dr. Vernon M. Whaley as he explains how worship leaders can leads during (and through) the storm.

### **“Worship Team Excellence” – Dr. Zeb Balentine**

(Track: Worship Bands/Worship Teams)

This session discusses the Biblical mandate for worship teams to pursue musical excellence. We will discuss what excellence is, what it is not, and some practical steps that you and your team can make to make it to the next level of your musical leadership.

### **“With A Little Help from My Friends” – Dennis Allen**

(Track: Choirs)

One of the most wonderful parts of being in a choir is the teamwork required. It has been sad to recently see Sunday services limited to only a few people involved in the playing/singing. So, choir members and directors, let's brainstorm some creative ways to “team up” to make them strong once again. “Inter-generational” is a word often used in describing music ministries. What does it mean, and what can we learn from both younger and older musicians? Besides singing and playing, are there other art forms that can effectively communicate the Gospel?

### **“25 Easy Ideas for Worship and Ministry” – Matt Tullos**

(Track: Creativity in Worship)

This idea driven workshop will provide lots of ideas that lead to other big ideas. You will receive a thumb drive with lots of resources and a handout of the content. I love teaching this conference because these ideas allow me to hear your ideas also! So, if you've done something that worked great on Sunday, please share!

### **“Reading Lead Sheets and Chord Charts” – Craig Adams**

(Track: Pianists/Keyboardists)

Reading lead sheets and chord charts can be paralyzing- particularly for anyone who has been trained exclusively in the classical tradition. Gain insight that is aimed at making your chart reading journey less complicated.

### **“The Voice: Vocal Production for the Young Singer” – James and Andrea Barnard**

(Track: Children's Choir)

Ever wondered how to get that glorious tone from your young choir members? We will walk through the basics of vocal production, from the mechanics to the end product, using fun and inventive methods. (PreK-5th grade)

### **“Projecting a Positive Image: Projection System Design and Operation” – Dr. Chris Headley**

(Track: Audio-Visual)

Attendees will learn how to setup and program a typical projection control software, with preference given to ProPresenter 7. We will discuss design, backgrounds, providing additional graphics feeds such as bottom thirds, IMAG, and advanced control of outboard equipment such as lighting all within your projection software. There will be some crossover in this section with how to best provide images and bottom thirds for your broadcast or livestream. Each AV session will have tricks and tips to make the best of your situation regardless of your equipment or budget.

### **Breakout Session #3**

1:40pm-2:30pm

#### **“Leading People through Transition in Worship Ministry” – Dr. Vernon Whaley**

(Track: Worship Leaders/Ministers of Music)

Every church and ministry goes through times of transition. Some transition is healthy and a part of the "on-going" part of ministry. Other transition is destructive and can potentially damage the body of Christ. Join Dr. Vernon M. Whaley as he shares 14 ways worship leaders can develop a healthy dynamic during times of transition.

#### **“Worship Band Dynamics” – Dr. Zeb Balentine**

(Track: Worship Band/Worship Team)

This session focuses on the role of each instrument in a worship band and how musicians can complement each other, rather than compete with each other as you play.

#### **“Stop! In The Name of Love” – Dennis Allen**

(Track: Choirs)

Choir members and directors, lest we rush too quickly back into old patterns, just because they feel familiar and comfortable...let's have a sincere conversation about what we think God wants from us, and from our churches. Hopefully we will uncover our best future as we search for a "heart of worship."

#### **“The Artform of Technology” – Matt Tullos**

(Track: Creativity in Worship)

How to use video, the web, and other outlets to make a dramatic and artistic tool for your church in worship and outreach.

#### **“Using Electronic Keyboards/Synthesizers” – Craig Adams**

(Track: Pianists/Keyboardists)

The use of electronic keyboards is very common in worship services these days. meanwhile, the roles that these instruments are called upon to play are most often very different from a piano. Discover ways to become a more savvy keyboard player. Also, learn about how to select the right instrument for your church.

#### **“Rehearsal Plans That Work” – James and Andrea Barnard**

(Track: Children's Choir)

Explore how to craft effective children's choir rehearsals that accomplish your musical and spiritual goals with energy and excitement! (PreK-5th grade)

#### **“The New Front Door - Making the Most of Your Livestream Broadcast” – Dr. Chris Headley**

(Track: Audio-Visual)

The introduction to your church was once the Sunday School class before it became the worship service. The next major shift is that the front door of your church is now the livestream. Potential guests are now vetting churches via livestream even before they decide to make a first in-person visit. Learn how to get your church online in an easy and effective manner, how to configure your cameras, use video and audio mixing, and add graphics to your livestream. Each AV session will have tricks and tips to make the best of your situation regardless of your equipment or budget.