

Middle MMLC

Saturday, August 14, 2021

First Baptist Church, Columbia

Breakout Session #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.

“Foundational, Functional, and Fun: Tips, Tricks, and Freebies for Choir Leaders “

Allison Blumenthal and Carol Dickerson

(Track: Children's Choir)

Explore where practical meets playful while walking through foundational considerations for all age-groups, functional skills for the classroom, and fun music activities to engage your students with movement and instrument-playing.

“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 insight that will ease your struggle.

“WOW, it sounds amazing today!” ~ Nobody – Nathan Tomberlin

Have you ever wondered why your systems sounds...well, not so awesome? Or maybe you've been chasing your tail about wireless microphone issues. In this breakout session, we will build the foundation for an optimized PA system, discuss RF coordination, and work through best practices and techniques for live mixing and broadcast mixing.

Breakout Session #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!

“Keep on Singing: Short Stories, Tall Truths (Preschool)” – Carol Dickerson

(Track: Children's Choir)

Growing in Grace is pleased to present its latest Preschool curriculum with all new songs and content. Learn about this theme year, Short Stories, Tall Truths—Life Lessons from the Parables of Jesus, that offers digital/video resources adaptable for distance learning, all essential print materials for in-person teaching, and professionally printed poster kits.

“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.

“Bridging the Gap with Creative Elements” – Nathan Tomberlin

(Track: Audio-Visual)

COVID changed the world in many ways. One of the good things that came from COVID, is innovation and creativity. It helped us take a step back and rethink the way we do things. For the longest time, we have used creative elements such as projection and LED walls only with the live audience in mind. In this breakout session, we will get creative with visual elements to improve the online engagement.

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.

“Keep on Singing: Short Stories, Tall Truths (Elementary)” – Allison Blumenthal

(Track: Children's Choirs)

Growing in Grace is pleased to present its latest Elementary curriculum with all new songs and content. Learn about this theme year, Short Stories, Tall Truths—Life Lessons from the Parables of Jesus, that offers digital/video resources adaptable for distance learning, all essential print materials for in-person teaching, and professionally printed poster kits.

“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.

“Lighting: Creating Dynamic Moments and Eliminating Distraction” – Nathan Tomberlin

(Track: Audio-Visual)

Lighting tends to be one of the most controversial production tools used in church. This is usually because most people have seen lighting used...well, lets just say "not so tastefully". In this breakout session, we are going to talk through lighting design and complementing the worship service, rather than creating distraction.