

WEST TN MMLC

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson

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.

“Sticky Fingers: How to Handle Transitions, Modulations, and Vamps” – Dawson Hull

(Track: Pianists/Keyboardists)

Church keyboardists are often called on to “glue” songs and elements together in a worship service. This may include transitioning from one song to another, modulating from one key to another, or simply providing unwritten underscore. In this session, you'll learn some ways to handle these often unscripted elements in a way that is not disruptive to the flow of the service.

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

Allison Blumenthal / 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.

“Church Streaming: Switching & Encoding” – Austin Gray (Internally Sound)

(Track: Audio-Visual)

In this session we will discuss the methods, systems, and strategies for getting your church stream on the internet. Attendees will learn the basics of setting up a stream, get acquainted with advanced systems, and have opportunity to examine and review the needs of their own local church. Session will be conducted by Austin Gray from Internally Sound.

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!

“Technology and the Church Keyboardist” – Dawson Hull

(Track: Pianists/Keyboardists)

Technology has come a long way over the past several years, and there are many tools that can be very useful for church keyboardists. Dawson will share how he uses iPads, Bluetooth pedals, click tracks, Planning Center Online, and more to aid in worship leadership from the piano.

“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.

Church Streaming: Lighting for Video – Austin Gray (Internally Sound)

(Track: Audio-Visual)

In this session we will learn the basic principles of lighting and how to utilize lighting techniques to improve your church stream. Participants will discuss the foundations of DMX lighting control and design. Session will be taught by Austin Gray from Internally Sound.

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.

“Staying in Shape!” – Dawson Hull

(Track: Pianists/Keyboardists)

Your years of taking piano lessons may be over, but all church musicians need to keep their skills sharp and find ways to continue to grow in their skill. In this session, Dawson will share ways to stay in shape as a keyboardist and discuss why this is important.

“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.

Church Streaming: Mixing for Broadcast” – Phil Jenkins and Internally Sound

(Track: Audio-Visual)

This session will feature the opportunity to get hands on with multiple models and sizes of digital audio consoles. Participants will be able to compare and contrast different tools and tricks available to meet their broadcast audio demands. Attendees will also get the opportunity to discuss and strategize about what broadcast mixing solutions best fit their needs.