

## District Council 2017 Tuesday Morning Breakout Sessions

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**Bishop Aaron Blake**

### How to Build a Multicultural Ministry

9 or 10:40

**Bridges Hall Meeting Room**

How does a pastor lead a church made up of people from every tribe and nation? This breakout session will help you with a few practical lessons I have learned while planting and pastoring a multicultural church.

**Bishop Blake** brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the ministry. In 2000, he was a bi-vocational pastor serving as a guidance counselor at Brownwood High School.

The Blake's experience and leadership ignited a call within *Greater Faith Community Church* to care for US orphans. Over the next decade, this faithful church of less than 200 members became family to scores of children previously living in the foster care system. As the movement grew stronger, other ministry leaders and state leaders took note.

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**Dr. Chris Railey**

### Leading Change

9 or 10:40

**Foster Center Room 130**

Growth requires change, and let's face it, change is hard. How we deal with change though, both personally and organizationally, goes a long way in determining our success. Understanding some basics about the art of leading change will help us lead effectively without losing our soul.

**Dr. Chris Railey** is the Senior Director of Leadership and Church Development for the Assemblies of God USA. Before his current position, Chris and his wife, Cara, pastored New Community Church, a rapidly growing church in Mesquite, TX. He has also served as the Director of the Oaks School of Leadership, a member of the teaching team at the Oaks Fellowship, and as an adjunct professor at SAGU. Chris graduated from Evangel University with a BA in Biblical Studies, and went on to receive his MA in Counseling, MDIV, and D.Min from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary.

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**Cody Cochran**

### Creative Preaching

9 or 10:40

**Sheaffer Auditorium**

God created! Therefore, He is creative. We live in a creative society. Why should we be dry and boring in our presentation of the Gospel? Come and learn to tap into our God-given creativity and be challenged to present the Gospel in new and great ways."

**Cody** is a Husband, Father, Pastor! Sinner saved by grace! Loves having fun while serving God and others!

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**Darius Johnston**

### Can I Start a PAC?

9 or 10:40

**Hagee Center Room 1050**

We will discuss the reasons to mother a new church and reasons why someone doesn't need to. By looking at some of the landmines of mothering another church, we find some crucial considerations that need to be addressed before mothering or starting another church site.

**Darius** became Senior Pastor of Christ Church Assembly of God Church in Fort Worth, Texas in 1986. He recently celebrated 31 years as pastor of Christ Church. In addition to his pastoral duties, Darius serves on the General Presbytery of the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God; is a member of the Board of Regents for Southwestern Assemblies of God University; and serves on a variety of boards and committees of missionary organizations around the world. He has traveled extensively around the world teaching, preaching and working with church planters.

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Dr. Wayne Lee

### Harvest Multiplication

9 or 10:40

Teeter Hall Meeting Room

The American Church’s perspective of the harvest does not square with the New Testament. America has created its own version and lens of the harvest which prevents rapid expansion. By 300 A.D. half the people of the world were Christians. No senior leader of the New Testament pastored one harvest group, one ethnic group, in one location, from one facility. This session will probe the radical harvest approach of the leaders of the New Testament and link it with contemporary growth implications.

Dr. Wayne Lee has invested his life and ministry into church pastors and leaders. His personal mission to build spiritual leaders led him through twenty-eight years of pastoral ministry and sixteen years in higher education.

Since 2005, Dr. Lee has devoted himself to training, coaching, and consulting leaders of local churches. He, along with his wife Sherry, co-founded Church Life Resources, a ministry that partners with Spirit-filled denominations and numerous Assemblies of God Districts for local church health, transformation, and multiplication.



Jeremy Mount

### Your Ministry Can Thrive - The Power of Partnership

9 or 10:40

Hagee Center Room 1050

What if your ministry could thrive instead of survive? What if it was all about we not me? Strategic living and strategic leading are founded upon the bedrock of the practice of partnership! This session is designed for every type of staff pastor/lay leaders within the local church. Are you ready to release the POWER OF THE OTHER?

Jeremy Mount is the Lead Executive Pastor at Calvary Church in Irving Texas. He oversees the staff & strategic development of all ministries at the Irving Campus. For over 17 years Jeremy has served in full time Pastoral ministry in both the states of Florida & Texas. Jeremy has been a Church Planter, Children’s Pastor, Students & Young Adults Pastor, Family Pastor, Assimilation Pastor, Ministry Development Executive Pastor, Ministry Consultant, and Teaching Pastor. Jeremy is known for his creative style of communication and passion for non-conventional ministry. Jeremy has a unique ministry approach believing in the Power of Partnership in the “Second Chair” and lives to resource & release leaders in the local church to fulfill their divine design! Jeremy is so lucky to have married the love of his life Amy and together they are the adoring parents of 2 great kids – Chloe and Ethan.



John Cruz

### A Hispanic Ministry Model

9 am only

Marketplace Ministry - Why Work Matters

10:40 am only

Foster Center Room 113

By 2020, 51% of the population in Texas will be Hispanic. This explosive growth offers the church an opportunity to be missional in its own community by providing a vehicle of assimilation, upward mobility, and spiritual growth. Learn from life experience what makes a Hispanic ministry thrive in an English speaking Church. Together let’s demystify how to reach this people group in our own backyard!

Most people see their work as insignificant to God. However, your congregation walks into the most strategic mission field in the world without even realizing it. Equip your people to be effective where they spend the majority of their time. You will be given strategic ways of integrating Faith and Work into healthy whole-life discipleship

John is the executive pastor at Northplace Church, a multisite church in the North Dallas area. John has a heart for equipping, connecting and developing pastors. He initiated the Hispanic Ministries at Northplace Church and has worked in the USA, Mexico, Belize, Nicaragua, and India helping pastors develop healthy churches.

John is also the founder of Mosaic International, an organization dedicated to supporting pastors achieve their dreams in life and in ministry. He is committed to seeing faith and work integrated into the way we do church and impact our communities.

John and his wife Nahir have two college-age students, Claudia and Juan Carlos. He loves to travel, hike, read, and eat good food.



Kendall Bridges

### Reproducing Yourself in Others

9 or 10:40

Hagee Center Auditorium

Every man or woman of God has the responsibility to reproduce themselves in others. In this session I will share three keys to raising up Sons and Daughters of the faith, who will then do the same with others.

Kendall and Starla Bridges are the Lead Pastors of Freedom Church in Carrollton, Texas, which over 2000 people call their church home. Together, with their four children, two daughter-in-laws, son-in-law and seven grandchildren, (at this time) serve and minister together in this North Dallas community. Freedom Church is a multi-cultural, multi-site church with international congregations of English, Spanish, Bulgarian, Portuguese, Korean and Russian. They have campuses in Dallas and Denver.



**Kent Anderson**

### Being an Externally Focused Rural Church

9 am only

**Hagee Center  
Room 1012**

In this session, we will be sharing ways for the rural church to connect with their community outside the four walls of the church. This session will feature a couple of rural pastors that will be sharing what they are currently doing outreach-wise in their own towns.

Kent and Judy Anderson are US missionaries with Rural Compassion, an Assemblies of God US missions organization that is now under the ministry umbrella of Convoy of Hope. The Anderson's had been in pastoral ministry for 27 years before joining Rural Compassion in 2004. God dramatically changed the direction of their ministry in the summer of 2003 when Kent and Judy attended a short-term mission's trip in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee. During that missions trip God placed on their hearts a desire and call to work in rural America.

Kent and Judy's passion is to partner with rural pastors and rural churches to equip, train, and resource them to be more intentional and effective in their outreach efforts in their community. They also address poverty issues in rural America and do disaster relief in rural areas. Kent and Judy's two decades of service in rural America has enabled them to better serve the needs of rural pastors, churches, and communities. The Anderson's believe that rural America is an overlooked and underserved segment of the American population.



**Tommy Hayes and  
the NTD Rural Team**

### Rural Ministries - Who is standing beside you?

10:40 am only

**Hagee Center  
Room 1012**

As rural pastors, we all face the challenge of bridging the gap between our church and the community. We all struggle with a lack of resources and intentional opportunities to impact those outside our four walls. Who is helping you make a lasting impact on your community?

**Tommy Hayes** works alongside Church Planting and Development to bring training to rural churches all across the North Texas District. He and his wife Diana have been married for 41 years with 22 years of pastoral experience in rural churches. This experience has given Tommy the knowledge of what rural pastors go through on a daily basis. God has opened the door for him to be able to bring a ministry team to the rural church to be their Aaron and Hur (Exodus 17:12).

This session will feature **Jonathan Lilley, Robert Montgomery, and Chris Wilson.**



**Kerry Clarensau**

### Thriving as a Ministry Wife

9 am only

**Hagee Center  
Black Box Theater**

As women who serve alongside our husbands in the church, we are faced with a myriad of ever-changing challenges. How do we respond to constant evaluation and undue criticism? Which expectations do we meet and which ones do we ignore? How do we transition well on the leadership team through the seasons of our life and family? What practices and boundaries keep our families healthy? How do we influence the atmosphere of our church to create an environment for healthy relationships? Join us as discuss strategies for thriving in ministry.

**Kerry Clarensau** is a mentor, speaker, author and inspiring leader for women. She and her husband, Mike were pastors of a culturally diverse church in Wichita, Kansas prior to Kerry becoming the Director of the National Women's Department of the Assemblies of God. Currently, she serves as the Director of Women's Ministries for the North Texas District. Kerry is passionate about helping women apply God's Word to their lives in practical ways. She is the author of *Fully His*, *The Selah Devotional*, *A Beautiful Life: Discovering the Freedom of Selfless Love*, *Redeemed! Embracing a Transformed Life*, *Love Revealed*, *The Love Revealed Challenge and Secrets: Transforming Your Life and Marriage*.



**Stephen Blandino**

### Developing a Thriving Small Group Ministry

9 or 10:40

**Hagee Center  
Burke Hall**

Small groups are essential to helping people connect with God and others in the local church. Discover how to create an effective small group model, recruit and develop leaders, maximize participation, and address the most common challenges with small groups.

**Stephen Blandino** is the founder and lead pastor of 7 City Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He's the author of four books including *Do Good Works* and *Creating Your Church's Culture*, a regular contributor to Influence Magazine, and blogs at StephenBlandino.com. He's also an adjunct professor at SAGU where he teaches "Small Group Ministry." Stephen and his wife Karen reside in the Fort Worth area.

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Counseling Services
- 2 Teeter Hall**  
Chapel Secretary // Nurse // Student Life
- 3 Garrison Wellness Center**  
Indoor Track // Pool // Athletic Courts
- 4 Sheaffer Center**  
Admissions // Athletics // Auditorium  
Cafeteria  
College of Bible & Church Ministries  
Southwestern Missions Association  
Gymnasium // Jeter Prayer Center  
Missions Department // Mundt Room  
Presidents Dining Room // Visitors Center
- 5 Regents Apartments**
- 6 Physical Plant**
- 7 Kendrick Hall**
- 8 Guynes Hall**
- 9 Security & Information Center**  
Lost and Found
- 10 Savell Hall**
- 11 Claxton Athletic Center**
- 12 Barnes Student Center**  
Career Services // Lions Den // Mail Center  
Student Congress // Student Development

- 13 Foster Center**  
Teacher Education Department
- 14 Davis Building**  
Academic Services // Business Services  
Cashier // Financial Aid // Human Resources  
Information Technology // Learning Center  
Media Services // Registrar Student Billing  
Copy Center // Adjunct Office Suite  
Institutional Effectiveness
- 15 Hagee Communication Center**  
Black Box Theatre  
College of Music & Communication Arts  
Einstein Bros® Bagels // Performance Hall
- 16 Farmer Administration Building**  
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College of Business and Education  
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