



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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BREAKOUT #1

10:45-11:45

CHAPEL

Jason Johnson

For Those with Questions - An Open and Honest Conversation

You probably have questions, thoughts, fears or struggles - or all of the above. Perhaps you're not sure if you're allowed to ask them, or whether there is a safe and understanding place to take them. Now there is. Join this unscripted conversation to publicly process what has been personal and private in a supportive place. Come with your questions, hopes, fears and dreams. Leave encouraged.

ROOM 108/109

Andy Nelson | Eagle Ranch

Lies We Believe and Spiritual Practices That Help Remind Us of the Truth

Foster and adoptive parents sometimes believe things like, 'I am alone in this' or 'I shouldn't feel this way.' The gospel reminds us of the truth of who we are in Christ. This breakout will challenge common beliefs and point to spiritual practices and postures that help combat those lies.

ROOM 133

Ingrid Burnell | GCAC of GA

The First 90 Days: Building Safety, Trust, and Connection with a New Placement

The first 90 days after a child enters your home can set the foundation for healing and stability. Learn what behaviors to expect during transition, how trauma may affect a child's responses, and practical trauma-informed techniques that support emotional regulation, attachment, routines, trust and connection. Whether this is your first placement or your fifteenth, leave with tools to navigate those critical days with confidence and compassion.

ROOM 113/114

Mark Andrews | Adoptive Family Resources

The Invisible Disability: Important Information for Parents on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

FASD is the leading cause of preventable learning disabilities and birth defects in the U.S. Current studies indicate that many children in foster care are affected. This hidden disorder may be misdiagnosed as other conditions. Learn to recognize physical and behavioral signs of FASD and receive practical parenting approaches, interventions and resources.

BREAKOUT #2

12:45-1:45

ROOM 108/109

Jason Johnson

For Dads Only - A Unique Conversation for Men

Guys, you are pouring yourselves out to love and lead your families well through foster care or adoption. It is amazing, beautiful and exhausting. This workshop is for men, husbands and dads living through shared experiences. Be encouraged in the gospel, inspired in your calling and challenged to take your next best steps forward in a healthy, sustainable way.

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Adult Adoptee Panel | Moderated by Chaunda Brooks

Adult Adoptee Panel

A guided discussion among people who were adopted as children and are now adults. This is a safe, validating space to share lived experiences, unpack lifelong identity questions and learn from those who understand the complexities of being adopted. Time for questions and answers will follow.

ROOM 133

Marissa Lavender | Nightlight Christian Adoptions; Amanda Gibbs & Gabbi O'Brian

Beyond the Behavior: What Trauma Is Trying to Tell Us

Understand the roots of behavior and learn to respond with connection, compassion and trauma-informed care.

ROOM 113/114

Johnna Stein | Promise 686

Reunification and Reframing Foster Care

The goal of foster care is reunification, and a good relationship with the biological family can improve outcomes for children. It is often messy and there is no magic bullet. Learn ways to connect with the biological family from day one through permanency, whether the outcome is reunification or adoption.



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BREAKOUT #3

2:00-3:00

CHAPEL

Jason Johnson

Staying Connected - Making Your Marriage a Priority Along the Way

In the foster and adoptive journey, marriage is often one of the first things to take a back seat. This workshop will help bring marriage back to its rightful place as one of the most important relationships to nurture. The goal is not merely for marriages to survive the journey, but to thrive and grow because of it.

ROOM 108/109

Ari Mathe | Child welfare law specialist;
April Breeden | Former SAAG DFCS attorney

Foster Care in the Courts: What Foster Parents Need to Know About the Law, the Timelines and the Process

A practical overview of foster care in the courts, including what foster parents need to understand about the law, legal timelines and the court process.

ROOM 133

Wayne Naugle | Families 4 Families

Partnering Well with DFCS

Learn how to build a good working relationship with DFCS while faithfully advocating for the children in your care.

ROOM 113/114

Megan Ward | The Five Hive

The Teen Task List: Navigating the Requirements and Resources Specific to Teens in Care

DFCS policy for teens in care is extensive, and requirements and resources for ILP-eligible youth can be confusing. The Teen Task List supports families and youth as they navigate driving, college support, funding opportunities, exiting care and more. This session makes policy more transparent and accessible so we can better care for teens as they transition into adulthood.

ROOMS AT A GLANCE

Use this quick guide to follow a topic or find your next room.

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