

Parent Summit Schedule February 4, 2023

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION & MARKETPLACE (COMMONS)

9:00 A.M. SESSION 1 (WORSHIP CENTER)

“The Key to Family is Connection”

Don & Suzanne Manning of Crazy Cool Family

Statistics show two-thirds of kids from Christian homes will not follow the Lord when they leave home. What a sad statistic that is! So how do you lead your Christian family so that they will be different from the norm? What can you do to raise kids who love Jesus, love their parents, and make wise decisions? Join Don and Suzanne Manning for a challenging, encouraging discussion of where you need to focus to create your best family in our ever-changing culture.

Don Manning is a business owner/investor, CFO of a real estate company and serves on the elder board of Valley Creek Church, a church he and Suzanne helped start over 30 years ago. He loves being a husband and father and loves exercise and outdoor activities. Suzanne has invested her time as a teacher, wife, mom, homemaker, mentor, Girl's Minister, speaker, writer, and most importantly an encourager to everyone she meets. Don and Suzanne are parents to seven children (four girls and three boys). They have three grandchildren to enjoy with more to come!

10:00 A.M. BREAKOUT SESSION 1

“How to Change the World: Raise a Godly Young Man”

Scott Kedersha (Room 131-134)

Raising a godly young son can be one of the most effective ways to help change the world! In this breakout, Scott will share practical guidance on the importance of raising godly young men as well as practical guidance any parents can use in this important task.

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“Let’s Talk About It? I Thought We Did!”

Lana and Ty Snear (*Music Suite*)

(Marriage and Communication)

Do you ever feel like you’re talking in circles, speaking different languages, not talking at all, or maybe you’re talking and no one’s listening? Welcome to marriage, and welcome to the Snear’s marriage. In this session, Ty and Lana will fumble over one another’s words as they share the most common mistakes couples make and give you some quick tips they have learned along the way.

Lana and Ty Snear have been married and perfecting their relationship for 32 years. Ty is a former Marine and works as a sales leader for Daltile. Lana is a psychologist with a private practice and is on staff at Legacy Christian Academy. The Snears have four adopted children and two grandchildren.

“Teaching Kids a Biblical Worldview”

Dr. Shelly Melia (*Room 124-125*)

Kids today are growing up in a unique culture. In this breakout, Dr. Melia will help parents understand the cultural context in which Generation Alpha is growing up. She will also give insight into how to impart a Biblical worldview to your kids amid these changing times.



Dr. Shelly Melia serves as the Program Director for the Master of Arts in Children's Ministry and the Master of Arts in Family Ministry at Dallas Baptist University. She is also a Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in grief and resilience. Dr. Melia is a frequent speaker at national conferences including the ETCH Family Ministry Conference and the Children's Pastor Conference.

"Siblings as Best Friends"

Don and Suzanne Manning (Room 136-137)

What if you could teach your kids to invest in one another instead of fight with each other? Sound crazy? It's possible! In this breakout, Don and Suzanne, will show you how they inspired their seven children to all be super connected and supportive of each other and how you can do the same in your family!

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"Raising Mentally Healthy Kids"

Michelle Nietert (Room 126)

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“Parenting in the Empty Nest: The Struggle is Real”

Trisha Sheffield (Room 129)

Parenting doesn't end when your child turns 18 and leaves home for college or a career. As a believer, you know the wisdom and truth behind placing your trust in God rather than yourself. However, when it comes to trusting God with your grown children, there's often tension there; and parents can often struggle with this. In this breakout, Trisha will share how you can learn to release your grip and surrender your fears.

Trisha Sheffield is a freelance writer, and in 2019, she launched the “Audience of One” blog to offer faith-focused encouragement and equip people for the empty nest season of life. She is active in her local church and community, leads a weekly Bible Study Fellowship discussion group, and enjoys speaking to groups about the transition from home to college. She and her husband have two adult children.

11:10 A.M. BREAKOUT SESSION 2

“Know your Kids - Learn to Speak their Language”

Christine Clark (Room 129)

In this breakout, parents will discover the connection between their child's communication style and their temperament. Using the communication framework found in the book “I Said This, You Heard That,” parents will explore how temperaments represent the way God uniquely made them and their children and will learn how to better communicate with each temperament. By learning to talk with your children in their “native” language, parents can communicate more effectively in their homes and grow in grace together.

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“Raising Kids in a Gender-Confused World”

Shelly Melia (Room 124-125)

Gender identity issues have become a topic discussed among many parents and their kids, as kids and teens may experience gender confusion or have friends who are experiencing this confusion. This breakout will provide parents with information to help navigate the gender confusion conversations with your kids. Terminology, ideology, and age specific concerns will be discussed.

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“Spiritually Leading in the Preschool Years”

Karen and Rob Tayne (Room 126)

How do you lead when a preschooler’s attention span is short, and their spiritual comprehension isn’t fully developed? Karen and Rob will share how to grow in your leadership as parents in these formative years and lay a foundation for guiding your children in the years to come.



Karen and Rob Tayne serve at MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church in Irving. Karen serves full-time as the Minister for Women and Preschool while Rob serves in a non-staff role as Pastor for Men. On a full-time basis, Rob works as a Sr. Project Manager in the auto industry. The Taynes have enjoyed walking alongside parents helping them develop in their roles as the spiritual leaders of their homes. Karen and Rob have been married 38 years and are parents to three adult children and grandparents to four.

“Being an ‘Uncommon’ Dad: What Every Dad Can Do to be Uncommon”

Scott Kedersha (Room 131-134)

In this breakout, Scott will talk about the very important role that Dads have and how to be uncommon in this role. Learn how to encourage, comfort, and urge your children to become more like Christ in an uncommon way. And while geared towards dads, everything Scott shares in this session applies to moms as well!

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“Grandparenting: Keeping It Basic as You Invest in the Next Generation”

Robbie Sutton (Room 131-134)

How fun to have grandchildren and to play a part in their lives! How do you play that part without overstepping your role while you invest in those formative years of your grandkids’ lives? In this breakout, Robbie will talk about the “basics” of grandparenting - the what, the how, the to-do, and the not to-do!

Robbie Sutton has served for 45 years in multiple capacities at The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson. She and her husband are the parents of four sons. Her greatest joy now is being GiGi with Grandad (Terry) and spending time with their twelve grandkids, investing in the next generation of their family.



“Competing for Time: The Role of Sports and Activities in Family Life”

Wes Butler (The Crossing)

In today’s parenting environment, there is no lack of opportunity when it comes to filling your kids’ weekly calendars. Sports leagues, private instructors, dance studios, and after-school activities abound and demand your attention, all appealing to your dreams of “what-could-be” or at least your desire to give your kids the very best. How then do you navigate this cultural moment and lead your family to honor God and one another with the way you invest your time? In this breakout, Wes will share ideas on how to steward your most valuable family asset purposefully and thoughtfully - TIME.

Wes Butler serves as one of the Pastors at Watermark Community Church in Dallas. He and his wife are the parents of four children. Was placed his trust in Jesus as a young child, thanks to the loving discipleship of his parents in tandem with the teaching and encouragement of faithful servants at his home church and has been following Jesus ever since thanks to their ongoing influence. Because of this, he is passionate to see the church partnering with parents to encourage, equip, and resource them to be the primary faith trainers in the lives of their children.

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How can you make the most of the moments you have together with your grandchildren or great-grandchildren? How can you make sure they know about their heritage? How can you pray with them and for them? In this breakout, you will learn how to incorporate storytelling, prayer, and play into your time with your grandkids!

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“How to Help Your Child Discover Their Passions”

Kate Stevens (Music Suite)

Parents want their children to be energized and passionate about *something*, but how do you help your child get to that point and what do you do with your child if they *are* passionate about something? The way parents approach their own interests and desires will directly affect their kids’ views. In this breakout, Kate will share wisdom on how to biblically lead your kids with the things in which they are passionate.

Kate Stevens is a Worshipper, Wife, and Mom. She is on staff at Crosspoint Community Church in Rockwall. In her free time Kate maintains a blog and freelance edits for a parenting magazine. She is married to Clint and has three daughters.

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"The Heart of Discipline in the Preschool Years"

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The preschool years are exciting and precious, but they can also be challenging and frustrating. Little minds and bodies are developing at a fast pace as they move from stage to stage. We will discuss foundational truths as well as practical approaches for helping preschoolers understand the importance of authority, responsibility, and seeing beyond their desires.

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Pastor Josh Allen

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