

Reaching and Teaching the Next Generation

August 18, 2024

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Westwood Baptist Church

1155 Alabaster Boulevard

Alabaster, AL 35007



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Registration

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. General Session - Jana Magruder

3:40 – 4:25 p.m. Breakout Session 1

Every Age, Every Stage Worship Center

NextGen Worship Room 204 A and B

Teaching Preschoolers Is More Than Telling Them a Bible Story Room 204 C

Teaching the Next Generation of Children Room 12

Why Are the Kids We Minister to So Anxious? Room 206

4:25 – 4:40 p.m. Snack Break Atrium

4:40 – 5:30 p.m. Breakout Session 2

Do You Know Gen Alpha? Room 204 C

Equipping Preteens to Enter the Student Ministry Room 206

Passing Along Bible Skills to the Next Generation Room 12

Recognizing and Leveraging Your Influence with NextGen Room 204 A and B

Serving Kids with Special Needs Worship Center

REACHING AND TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Keynote Speaker – Jana Magruder



Jana serves as the Strategic Initiatives Director of Lifeway NextGen. With a background in education, publishing, and ministry, she loves championing the local church to help families disciple kids of all ages. She is the author of *Nothing Less* and *Kids Ministry that Nourishes* as well as the co-author of *Every Age, Every Stage* and *Flip the Script*. Jana and her husband, Michael, are native Texans planted in Tennessee and love to explore both states with their three kids.

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Trish Jackson – Recognizing and Leveraging Your Influence with NextGen

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Jana Magruder – Every Age, Every Stage: How to Develop a Discipleship Plan for all Ages of NextGen Ministry; Serving Kids with Special Needs

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Cindy Thomas – Helping the Next Generation How to Know God's Word; Teaching the Next Generation of Children

Interim Director of Preschool Ministries
Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Dothan

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Do You Know Gen Alpha? Session 2, Room 204 C

Gen Alpha walks the halls of your church each week. They sleep in your cribs and sit in your pews. Come learn their unique characteristics and explore how we can reach them with the Gospel.

Equipping Preteens to Enter Session 2, Room 206 the Student Ministry

How to incorporate intentional practices to make the bridge from children's ministry to student ministry seamless in your church.

Every Age, Every Stage: Session 1, Worship Center How to Develop a Discipleship Plan for All Ages of NextGen Ministry

If you are a leader in preschool, children, preteen, or youth ministry, you know that a critical part of your role is age-appropriate discipleship planning. Having a wise plan in place anchors everything else in your ministry and sets up families to partner with you in a successful church and home model. Learn how to set a discipleship plan in place that works for every age and every state in your ministry.

NextGen Worship Session 1, Room 204 A and B

Opportunity to explore how to lead NextGen Worship and what that means.

Passing Along Bible Skills to the Session 2, Room 12 Next Generation

Fun and engaging ways to teach children how to navigate and learn God's Word and how to use it in their lives. How to make the next generation Biblically literate.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Recognizing and Leveraging Your Influence with the Next Generation **Session 2, Room 204 A and B**

Influence is investing in others and inviting them to come along. Discover what scripture says about the power of our influence and begin living life as a disciple of Jesus making disciples who live on mission.

Serving Kids with Special Needs **Session 2, Worship Center**

If we want our churches to reflect our communities, then we need to be prepared to serve kids with a variety of disabilities. Over 80% of special needs families do not attend church because they do not feel like their child can be accommodated. Learn about the strategies and tools that we as Kids Ministry leaders can implement immediately to better serve and welcome these families.

Teaching Preschoolers Is More Than Telling Them a Bible Story **Session 1, Room 204 C**

Learn the four parts of a successful preschool teaching time: The Child, The Teacher, The Room, and The Bible Story.

Teaching the Next Generation of Children **Session 1, Room 12**

Practical strategies to help children of this generation learn about the Bible, about God, and how to have a Biblical worldview.

Why Are the Kids We Minister to So Anxious? **Session 1, Room 206**

Anxiety among GenZ rose 134% between 2010 and 2020. This session will explore some of the factors that have contributed to creating the most anxious generation.

UPCOMING EVENTS



KIDZLINKAL.ORG

This site is where to find all ALSBOM Kids Ministry events and helps including Sunday School, Bible Drill, Childhood Discipleship, Music, Missions, and Vacation Bible School.

TREASURE GOD'S WORD **Bible Skills and Drills Event**

January 25, 2025; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Shades Crest Baptist Church
452 Park Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35226



This year's theme is *Treasure God's Word*. The focus verse is Psalm 119:11. This event is for children, youth, high schoolers, and leaders. Come join us for a morning of fun activities that will help you learn God's Word and how to use it in your lives! The cost is \$20 per person, and lunch will be provided.

FAMILIES IN THE WORD

Families in the Word is a resource to help families:

- Locate, read, and learn Bible verses
- Read and discuss Key Biblical passages
- Read through a book of the Bible as a family
- Learn and locate the books of the Bible
- Learn to share the plan of salvation through Bible verses



UPCOMING EVENTS



VBS LIVE is designed to help equip and encourage Associational and Church VBS Directors and Leaders in preparation for Vacation Bible School in their churches and associations. There is a \$10 registration fee for each attendee and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.kidzlinkal.org/events.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

VBS Live – Montgomery

March 1, 2025; 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Taylor Road Baptist Church
1685 Taylor Road,
Montgomery, AL 36117

VBS Live – Enterprise

March 8, 2025; 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Hillcrest Baptist Church
500 Alberta Street
Enterprise, AL 36330

VBS Live – Huntsville

March 22, 2025; 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
101 Mt. Zion Church Road
Alexandria, AL 36250

UPCOMING EVENTS

FORTIFY

August 24, 2024; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Westwood Baptist Church
1155 Alabaster Boulevard
Alabaster, AL 35007
Speaker, Andy Blanks

FORTIFY **24**

Fortify is an event for teen guys, 7th thru 12th grades. We help to build them up and show them

how to find Christ-centered character. The goal is to rise above society's confusing messages about "masculinity" and equip young men with a biblical approach to their identity.

For more information and to register, go to:
alabamamen.org/fortify

ADVENTURE WEEKEND

March 21-22, 2025
Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center
1314 Shocco Springs Road
Talladega, AL 35160

Join us for a fun overnight experience for 1st thru 6th grade boys and their dads or leaders. Experience teaching, worship, games, and outdoor adventures that will challenge boys to serve the Lord and depend more fully on Him!



For more information and to register, go to:
alabamamen.org/event/adventure-weekend-4

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S MUSIC SUMMIT



Exciting hands-on training for Children's Choir Workers.

Experience the fun of

teaching music to any age preschooler or child. Discover new ways to make choir or music time a favorite for kids! Watch the love for worship come alive! Mingle with others in similar situations! Learn to use games and toys to add more excitement to your music time! Also, a great conference for daycare workers! Features clinicians from all over the Southeast and beyond.

CHILDREN'S HONOR CHOIR

This choir gathers children in grades 4-6 from across the state to grow in their leadership and service skills through the common love of worship through music. **This is**

an auditioned group that also uses dance, media, painting, and other worship arts to enhance the worship experience. Being selected for this choir produces a deeper love for music, the Word of God, and sets up a friend base for life!



For more information and to register, go to:
alabamaworship.org/childrens-honor-choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE VOICE HONOR CHOIR



This choir gathers children Grades 7-12 from across the state to grow in their leadership and service skills through the common love of worship through

music. **This is an auditioned group** that also uses dance, media, painting, and other worship arts to enhance the worship experience. Being selected for this choir produces a deeper love for music, the Word of God, and sets up a friend base for life!

For more information and to register, go to:

alabamaworship.org/event/onevoice-honor-choir-tour-2

MIX WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

July 7, 2025 @ 12:00 pm – July 11, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center

1314 Shocco Springs Road

Talladega, AL 35160

MIX Worship Arts Camp is more than just a music camp.

It's a place where students are disciplined. It's a place

where kids learn the true

meaning of worship. It's where students from across the state

come together to use their skills for the glory of God! This

camp takes place each July at Shocco Springs Baptist

Conference Center in Talladega, Alabama. It is for students in

2nd through 12th grades, and even provides opportunities for

college students to serve. Students will be divided into

Grades 2-5, Grade 6, and Grades 7-12. Three separate

camps at one location!



For more information and to register, go to:

mixmusiccamp.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL MISSIONS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN

October 11-12, 2024; October 18-19, 2024

WorldSong Missions Place
1200 WorldSong Road
Cook Springs, AL 35052



Fall Missions Festival for Children exposes your 1st through 6th graders to missions – both here and around the world – in an exciting and interactive way. Participants will experience the Central Asian culture through food, customs, crafts, along with other traditional camp

activities led by young adults who have a heart for children and missions.

For more information and to register, go to:

WorldSongRetreat.org/fmfchildren

STUDENT MISSIONS WEEKEND

January 17-18, 2025

WorldSong Missions Place
1200 WorldSong Road
Cook Springs, AL 35052

Student Missions Weekend is a great time for students in grades 7-12 and their leaders to bond while serving and learning about missions together. SMW includes Bible study, worship, and fun camp activities. Students will hear from summer missionaries and learn about missions opportunities available to them in their next phase of life.



For more information and to register, go to:

WorldSongRetreat.org/smw

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMPLETE

March 7-8, 2025
Bethel Baptist Church
8332 Moody Parkway
Odenville, AL 35120



Join other teen girls and their leaders for a life-changing, two-day event that helps young women find fulfillment through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You will be encouraged

and equipped to live on mission through dynamic worship, relevant teaching, and practical breakout sessions.

For more information and to register, go to:
alabamawmu.org/complete

MOM & ME SPRING FLING

April 24-25, 2025
WorldSong Missions Place
1200 WorldSong Road
Cook Springs, AL 35052

Spring Fling is a great weekend for mothers and daughters to make memories together and learn more about living a missional lifestyle. This action-packed camping experience will have you up close with missionaries while doing fun camp activities like hiking, archery, and roasting marshmallows around a campfire.

Spring Fling is a great way to introduce your daughter to camp.



For more information and to register, go to:
WorldSongRetreat.org/springfling

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS ADVENTURE CAMP (MAC)



WorldSong
MISSIONS PLACE

A ministry of Alabama WMU

June 2025

WorldSong Missions Place
1200 WorldSong Road
Cook Springs, AL 35052

Missions Adventure Camp, held each year in June, provides an environment for spiritual growth where campers are encouraged to live missions-focused lives, step outside their comfort zones, and follow the call God has for them. Campers interact with missionaries, learn about other cultures, and discover how they can use their gifts and abilities to be on mission, while experiencing all WorldSong has to offer. Our programming is Gospel focused, and our Bible study theme is woven throughout the camp experience.

For more information, 2025 dates, and to register, go to:
WorldSongRetreat.org/camp

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

sbcabuseprevention.com

**SBC Abuse Reform
Implementation
Task Force**



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