

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**  
7:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
DUNWOODY BAPTIST CHURCH

LOOK CAREFULLY THEN HOW YOU WALK, NOT AS UNWISE  
BUT AS WISE, MAKING THE BEST USE OF THE TIME, BECAUSE  
THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

EPHESIANS 5:15-16

# **WELCOME** to the Make a Difference Conference 2019!

We are so glad you chose to spend your Saturday morning with us as we consider how we can and will make a difference in people's lives in this church, throughout our surrounding communities, and across the globe! At DBC, we believe that every person has a unique part to play in impacting lives for God's kingdom. When His followers are willing to surrender their time, talents and treasures to His purposes, God works through them in amazing ways. That is why we have gathered here today. This morning, we want to focus on organizing, training and inspiring one another for the specific roles and tasks to which God has called us. After all, we are nothing less than Christ's ambassadors, commissioned to sow the seeds of the Gospel in every interaction, every conversation, every worship service, classroom and small group gathering.

There are 15 specialized training sessions to choose from. Most are offered two different times during the morning. Prioritize your day with the sessions designed explicitly for the ministry or program you serve and then fill any remaining time with the sessions that most interest you.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **DINING ROOM**

7:30 – 8:00 am	Check-In & Breakfast
8:00 – 8:50 am	Keynote Message Blake Cotter, Small Groups Pastor Church of the Highlands, Birmingham, AL

### **G, D & I BUILDINGS**

9:00 am	Session 1
10:00 am	Session 2
11:00 am	Session 3

### **DINING ROOM**

12:00 – 12:30 pm	Closing Thoughts from Allen Jackson
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## REFRESH, RENOVATE OR RELEASE YOUR LIFE GROUP

ALLEN TALIAFERRO, PASTORAL CARE & SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

ROOM: D-300 | SESSIONS: 1, 2

Small groups (Life Groups) support an important component of spiritual growth in the life of our congregation. In these small gatherings we tend to be more transparent, honest and accountable in a way that is difficult to accomplish in larger settings. Yet every small group goes through normal cycles of growth and stagnation before reaching a natural endpoint. In this discussion we will tackle challenging questions about the status, purpose and prospects for your small group. We will discuss traits of healthy groups and how to end things gracefully when that time comes. Is your group in need of a minor refresh, some major renovations, or release in preparation for something new?

*Recommended for current Life Group leaders, hosts, small group facilitators and those looking to organize or lead new groups*

## HOW TO TALK ABOUT JESUS WITHOUT BEING WEIRD

BRIAN SMITH, STUDENT PASTOR

ROOM: D-306 | SESSIONS: 1, 3

In Acts 4:1-31 we read about a moment where Peter went from denying that he ever knew Jesus to standing before the very people who had Jesus crucified and saying, "nothing will stop me from talking about what I've seen and heard." How can we share Jesus with this kind of boldness? How can we share Jesus without being too awkward?

*Recommended for everyone*

## WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY 101: INTRODUCTION TO DBC WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY AND PRODUCTION TEAM

ROBERT COMEAUX, WORSHIP & ARTS PASTOR

WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORSHIP & ARTS TEAM

ROOM: WORSHIP CENTER | SESSIONS: 1, 2

This session is designed to help church members and regular attendees learn more about our Worship & Arts Ministry and Production Team, and how they might get involved. Topics will include choirs, orchestra, band, congregational singing, and basics of sound, lights and camera. This is also a good introduction to the "why" behind our worship ministry for those who may not be interested in getting involved, but would like to know more about why we worship the way we do.

*Recommended for anyone wanting to become a part of DBC's Worship & Arts or Production ministries, including choir, orchestra, worship band, sound, lights or camera as well as anyone interested in learning more about how DBC's Worship & Arts Ministry functions*

## **WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY 201: ALL ABOUT PLANNING CENTER**

ROBERT COMEAUX, WORSHIP & ARTS PASTOR

HEATHER FROST, WORSHIP & ARTS ASSOCIATE

ROOM: WORSHIP CENTER CHOIR ROOM I-104 | SESSIONS: 2, 3

This is a class for current members of the Worship & Arts Ministry. In this class you will learn all about using Planning Center, the app and website that helps us plan and prepare for worship services at DBC.

*Recommended for current members of the Worship & Arts Ministry*

## **DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE LAB: TAKING THE ASSESSMENTS & DISCOVERING YOUR CALLING**

BARB NEWMAN, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

SABRINA GODFREY, MINISTRY INTERN

ROOM: DINING ROOM | SESSIONS: 1, 2, 3

Understand your unique design so that you can identify your calling and do something that matters for God! At this session you will take spiritual gifts and personality assessments and consider your interests, passions, talents and life experiences. Then you will identify ideal Serve Teams that match your design.

*Recommended for everyone*

## **WOMEN LEADING WOMEN: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

DR. JUDI JACKSON, DBC SENIOR PASTOR'S WIFE & DISCIPLEU TEACHER; NOBTS STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR & ADJUNCT FACULTY

ROOM: D-208/209 | SESSIONS: 2, 3

In this session, we will explore the various ways we are engaging women to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and live their lives in obedience to His Word. We'll review this past year in light of these objectives and consider plans for the upcoming year in Women's Ministry at DBC.

*Recommended for anyone interested in getting more involved in Women's Ministry at DBC, Women's Ministry Council members, DiscipleU group facilitators and women's Bible study group leaders*



## PREPARING & TEACHING A GREAT BIBLE STUDY

ALLEN JACKSON, SENIOR PASTOR

ROOM: D-311/312/313 | SESSIONS: 1, 2

Many occasions call for you to lead a quality Bible study or devotion. Preparation of a great Bible study requires “planning on purpose,” whether you have a year or a week to get ready. Like a dinner party, the key to a great delivery is to “begin with the end in mind” as you prepare. Who is coming to dinner? What do they prefer to eat? What will be served for the appetizer, the main course and the dessert? Any great chef will tell you that preparation is part of the magic. After careful preparation, you combine humor, storytelling, eye contact and confidence to serve up a great Bible study.

*Recommended for Bible study teachers*

## CONSTRUCTING A TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY

SEBASTIAN SUMA, MDIV & SEMINARY PHD STUDENT

ROOM: D-303/304 | SESSIONS: 2, 3

Learn strategies for preparing a Bible study which “tracks” a concept throughout Scripture, for example a study on faith, grace or the law. Explore resources including systematic theologies, concordances and theology books. This class will complement last year’s session on preparing exegetical studies.

*Recommended for all Sunday Bible study teachers, small group Bible study teachers, anyone interested in starting a Bible study, anyone interested in enriching their own devotional time*

## THE MINISTRY OF PRESENCE: HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITATION TIPS

BRENT BOND, DMIN, BCC, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF CHAPLAINCY, NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD & FORMER NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL LEAD CHAPLAIN AT THE ATLANTA CAMPUS

ROOM: CHAPEL | SESSIONS: 1, 2

Using Job and his friends as a biblical case study (Job 2), participants will discuss the challenges of homebound and hospital visitation, followed by how we can help through a ministry of presence. Specific guidelines and tips will be provided for both hospital and home visitation. By the end of the class, participants should understand that the very best gift you can offer a suffering person is a heart full of understanding, eyes filled with tears and ears ready to listen.

*Recommended for everyone*



## HOW TO CREATE A SERVICE PROJECT FOR YOUR CLASS OR LIFE GROUP

JEFF REAMS, MISSIONS PASTOR

ROOM: D-204 | SESSIONS: 2, 3

How can your class or small group work with DBC Missions to serve together in the coming year? This session will answer that question and provide information on DBC missions partnerships, opportunities for service and how you can get your group serving. You can do it! DBC Missions is here to help.

*Recommended for Life Group leaders, Sunday Bible study missions coordinators and/or directors, and other age/life stage group leaders (Men's Ministry, DiscipleU, etc.)*

## GREETER TEAM TRAINING

KATY SWILLEY, ASSIMILATION COORDINATOR

ALEX SESSIONS, TEAM LEADER

ROOM: D-211 | SESSIONS: 1, 3

Help us create an unforgettable and positive experience for everyone traveling on our campus. It's easy and fun to make a difference as a greeter! Join Katy and Alex as they discuss how to engage a newcomer and offer helpful guidance to visitors and regular attendees at DBC. All members make a difference in how visitors and regular attendees experience becoming part of the DBC community. Learn how you can make the worship experience welcoming for all.

*Recommended for everyone, especially for current or prospective greeters*

## PROPRESENTER 101: HOW TO HELP WITH COMPUTER GRAPHICS ON THE SCREENS DURING WORSHIP

JEREMY NOA, VIDEO DIRECTOR

ROSS STEVENS, TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

ROOM: WORSHIP & ARTS OFFICE | SESSIONS: 1, 3

Learn the necessary techniques and operating instructions that go into properly displaying graphics on Sunday morning. Take a close look at what works and what doesn't when it comes to effectively operating a ProPresenter station. Additionally, you will be properly oriented with the basics of ProPresenter, including commonly used terminology, quick editing and importing files.

*Recommended for anyone with technical/computer interest who might enjoy helping with computer graphics on screens during worship*

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: BUILDING A DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE**

BRIDGETTE POAG, CHILDREN'S PASTOR

ROOM: RALLY ROOM | SESSIONS: 1, 2

Using DBC's four priorities, we will discover the basic disciplines to lead children toward Christ and the discipline of discipleship.

*Recommended for all Children's and Preschool Ministry workers, including Sunday teachers, volunteers and anyone interested in learning more about what our kids are learning and doing at DBC*

## **BLANK MOMENTS: TRANSFORMING OUR MINDS THROUGH SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

KINSEE CREW, SPEAKER/WRITER, JOHNSON FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

ROOM: D-207/210 | SESSIONS: 1, 3

Where does your mind go when the world gets quiet? Do you worry, plan, reminisce? I have learned the importance of reclaiming these moments and filling them with the truth of God's Word. Romans 12:2 challenges us, "Do not conform to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind; then you will be able to test and approve God's will; His good, pleasing and perfect will." Let's dig in together and harness the supernatural power of Scripture memory to transform our minds and change our lives.

*Recommended for everyone*

## **DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY TRAINING & ORIENTATION**

STEVE PETERS, DBC DEACON & DISASTER RELIEF TEAM CO-LEADER

ROOM: D-205 | SESSIONS: 2, 3

Learn more about the DBC Disaster Relief Team's proactive efforts regarding disaster preparation, response, rescue and relief ministry. Learn how to collect vital resources and engage in providing the highest level of relief in the event of disaster—man-made or natural—within our community, state, region, nation and world.

*Recommended for everyone*



# PRESENTERS



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COTTER**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**ALEX  
SESSIONS**



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SMITH**



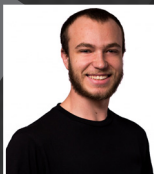
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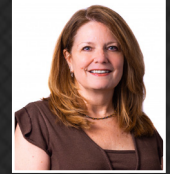
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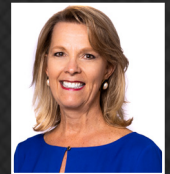
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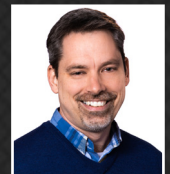
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