

Breakout Leaders

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Caroline Saunders is a writer, pastor's wife, and mother of three who believes in taking Jesus seriously and being un-serious about nearly everything else. She loves serving women through writing, through her church, and through a parachurch women's ministry she started with her best friends (StoryandSoulWeekend.com). Her LifeWay Girls study *Better Than Life: How to Study the Bible and Like It* released this fall. Find her writing, resources, and ridiculousness at WriterCaroline.com and on Instagram @writercaroline.

Mike Glenn

Dr. Mike Glenn is the Senior Pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee. Under his leadership since 1991, the church has grown to a church with eight campuses and a membership of over 11,000. He graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Mike has written three books - *In Real Time*, *The Gospel of Yes* and *Coffee with Mom* - and writes a weekly blog for ChristianityToday.com. Mike is married to Jeannie, his wife and best friend of 40 years. They have twin sons, Chris (Deb) and Craig (Nan), and three granddaughters, Mackenzie, Rowen and Brooklyn.

Tara Dew

Tara Dew is the wife of Dr. Jamie Dew, President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, LA. They have been blessed with two sets of twins: Natalie and Nathan and Samuel and Samantha. Her primary ministry is to her family--homeschooling, training and discipling their four children. Tara holds a Doctorate in Education from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her dissertation was entitled *Survive or Thrive: An Exploration of the Preparedness of Southern Baptist Pastors' Wives*. Training, equipping and supporting ministry wives has become one of her passions and she is honored to direct and teach in THRIVE, a Ministry Wives Certificate Program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mary DeMuth

Mary DeMuth is an international speaker and podcaster, and she's the novelist and nonfiction author of over forty books, including *We Too: How the Church Can Respond Redemptively to the Sexual Abuse Crisis* (Harvest House Publishers 2019) and the new LifeWay study, *Into the Light*. She loves to help

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Dorena Williamson

Dorena Williamson is a Preacher's kid, First Lady, and veteran of cross-cultural ministry. In 1995 she and her husband planted Strong Tower Bible Church, a faith community in Nashville that celebrates the beauty of God's diverse kingdom. Whether it's in the Bible, books, or on the big screen, Dorena loves the power of a good story. Her children's books feature diverse ethnicity and helps shape perspective on race, disability and homelessness. She has four teenage and adult children. Visit her at dorenawilliamson.com.

Donna Gaines

Donna Gaines is the wife of Dr. Steve Gaines, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church and he formerly served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 2016 to 2018. Donna is a graduate of Union University (B.S.) and Texas Woman's University, (M.Ed.). Donna is a devoted student of God's Word and has written and taught Bible Studies for over 36 years. She is the author of four books and the Founder and President of *ARISE2Read*. Steve and Donna have been married for 40 years and have four children and fifteen grandchildren!

Scarlet Hiltibidal

Scarlet Hiltibidal is the author of *Afraid of All the Things* and *He Numbered the Pores on My Face*. She writes monthly columns for *ParentLife Magazine* and *LifeWay Voices*, and enjoys speaking to women around the country about the freedom and rest available in Jesus. Scarlet has a degree in biblical counseling and taught elementary school before she started writing. She and her husband live in Nashville, where she loves signing with her three daughters, eating nachos by herself, writing for her friends, and studying stand-up comedy with a passion that should be reserved for more important pursuits.

Katie McCoy

Katie McCoy serves as an assistant professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Minister to Women at Travis Avenue Baptist Church (Fort Worth, TX). Her doctoral research focused on Old Testament laws about women and what they teach us about the dignity and value of women, as well as our responsibility to the vulnerable. When she's not teaching, you can usually find Katie baking - her most recent culinary adventure is cheesecake!

Elizabeth Woodson

Elizabeth is a passionate Bible teacher whose deepest desire is to know Christ and to make Him known! Engaging both the heart and mind, she loves to teach the truth of Scripture, empowering believers to experience abundant life with Jesus! On most days you can find her hanging out at The Village Church, where she has the joy to work as a Minister in the Institute doing what she loves – writing, teaching, and developing leaders.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in Christian Education, and formerly served as the Single Life Ministry Coordinator at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship under the leadership of Senior Pastor, Dr. Tony Evans.

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Beth McCord

Enneagram author, speaker, and coach Beth McCord is passionate about coming alongside individuals and helping them understand and interpret their story, allowing them to see that lasting change, meaningful relationships, and a life of deep purpose is possible. This passion is what drove her to create Your Enneagram Coach, a community designed to be a safe place for individuals to explore the Enneagram. Spending years training under the top Enneagram experts and pouring hundreds of hours into advanced certifications, Beth is now leading the way in simplifying the deep truths of the Enneagram from a Biblical perspective. Beth lives in Nashville, Tennessee with her husband, Jeff, and her kids, Nate and Libby.

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Cyndi is a pastor's wife and missions leader. She and her family served in Central Asia for 12 years. She currently works for the International Mission Board in Global Engagement. She helps lead the IMB's Global Cities Emphasis and Global Women's Network. She is excited about discipleship, women's ministry and serving in her local church.

Julie Woodruff

Julie Woodruff realized God's call to ministry as a college sophomore. Over the years that calling has taken the shape of youth ministry, pastor's wife, women's ministry, writing, Bible study, and conference leadership. Julie is a graduate of Louisiana College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is currently the Women's Minister at Long Hollow Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tn where she has served for 14 years. In addition to writing Bible study curriculum and contributing numerous articles to ministry leadership magazines, Julie has authored leader material and learning activities for discipleship resources. Julie is married to Sid. They have two grown children. Both are married and she has six grandchildren.

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Whitney Capps is a national speaker and author of the book, "Sick of Me" (B&H Publishing) In it she calls women to move from shallow transparency to sanctifying transformation. Whitney also released her first 9-week bible study, "We Over Me: Letters of Hope from Revelation" with LifeWay. Whitney is also the Founder of Simple Seminary, an online learning community that teaches women biblical theology in a simple, conversational style. As a bible study geek, Whitney's delight is to dig into God's Word for profound yet practical truth. A communicator at heart, Whitney comes alive sharing those truths with any gal who will give her even a few minutes. In her former life she served as Talent Acquisitions professional for the corporate office of Chick-fil-A. This invaluable (and AMAZING) experience gave Whitney her love for helping women connect their passion with their purpose for the glory of God.

A girly-girl living among all boys, Whitney and Chad are raising their four sons, Cooper, Dylan, Ryder and Tate, just outside Atlanta, Georgia. Her house is wild, loud and littered with smelly shoes and sports equipment. Whitney is addicted to shoes, jewelry and guacamole. Additionally, Whitney served her community as her local Bible Study Fellowship Teaching Leader for several years.