

YOU LEAD

Growing Every Woman's Leadership Potential

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Lesley is the Women's Discipleship Director for the Summit Church in Durham, North Carolina. She is responsible for the discipleship of over 6,000 women spread over ten campuses and spends the majority of her time developing and equipping leaders who share the task of making disciples. Before this role, Lesley was the Assistant Director of Women's Life at Southeastern Seminary where she received her MA in Christian Studies. She also served eight years with her family with the International Mission Board in Western Europe and Central Asia. She has a passion to see all women participating in God's mission, using their gifts to serve the church, further his kingdom, and bring God glory. She is married and has two adult children and two grandsons.

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Brenda Croston, a former educator in the public school system, serves as the Women's Ministry leader at Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, TN, and is the founder of Simple Truth Publishing. She is on the cusp of releasing her first book, *The Strange Language of Ducks: A Biographical Journey Through the Female Experience*. Brenda holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and a Master of Education, both from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Blessed to have met and married the love of her life, Mark, they have the pleasure of parenting four children with the added bonus of two granddaughters, London and Phenix. On a lazy day, you can find Brenda wrapped in a fuzzy blanket feeling grateful for every aspect of the life God has allowed her to live.

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Amanda Mejias serves as the Lifeway Girls Brand Specialist, which is just a super fun way of saying that she serves the parents and leaders of teen girls. After serving on church staff for many years, she is passionate about building relationships and creating resources that equip the local church. Amanda is wife to her wonderful husband, Brandon, and lives out her dream of being a working mom. If you ever want to find a way to her heart, ask to meet for coffee or send her a TikTok of a golden retriever.

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Diane is the director and founder of Contagious Joy 4 Him, a network of encouragement to ministry wives around the globe. Offering “Free Refresh Retreats” and a safe place for ministry wives to share their hearts with other like-minded women. A speaker and author of the book, *When God’s Woman Wants to Give Up!* Diane sheds light on “never giving up” in the midst of trials. She is also a contributing author to LifeWay’s Ministry to Women blog, and most recently Broadman and Holman’s *Daily Devotional for Women* and *The Psalms and Proverbs Devotional for Women*. She is an author, speaker, vlogger, and blogger. Connect with her on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

DONNA PAULK

Donna Paulk has a passion to help women pursue their passions and live a gospel-driven life. Her greatest desire is to help women overcome obstacles that keep them from pursuing their God-given gifts and talents. Donna is a certified personal coach with 30 years’ experience. She has worked in the corporate world in sales and training. She currently serves in multiple roles, including: Women’s Ministry team leader for the SBC of Virginia, Director of Assimilation and Women’s Ministry on the Executive team at London Bridge Baptist Church, and as a Lifeway trustee.

MONICA ROSE BRENNAN

Monica Rose Brennan teaches in the School of Divinity at Liberty University as an Associate Professor of Women’s Leadership. She is the founder of the University’s Academic Program for Women’s Leadership. Monica is the author of *Marvelously Made: Unveil Your True Identity and Purpose as a Woman*, and co-author of *Talking is a Gift: Communication Skills for Women*. She has also contributed to other publications such as: *The Devotional for Women* edited by Dorothy Patterson and Rhonda Kelley, *The Psalms and Proverbs Devotional for Women* edited by Dorothy Patterson and Rhonda Kelley, and *Women in the Church* (third edition): An Interpretation and Application of 1 Timothy 2:9-15 by Andreas J. Kostenberger. Monica also serves as the Director of Children’s and Women’s Ministries at Oasis Church in Monroe, Va. With a passion for God’s Word, Monica’s desire is for teenage girls and women to discover more fully who they are in Christ in order to effectively evangelize and disciple others. Monica’s more specific burden is for women to be educated, encouraged and edified by the principles found in God’s Word and to become women of influence in today’s secular culture by impacting their homes, church, and society. She is a frequent speaker to teenage girls and women at youth camps and women’s conferences in the US and abroad. Monica holds an Education degree from Wingate University, an Advanced Women’s Studies Certificate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts in Religion degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Monica and her husband, Michael reside in Madison Heights, Virginia, with their daughter, Elizabeth Rose (11 years old) and son, Johnluke Christian (7 years old)