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THE PREMIERE EVENT

FOR FAMILY MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

THE GATHERING | COSTA MESA, CA | **MAY 9-11, 2012**





The Gathering is not just another event. It is an experience with like-minded ministry leaders, like yourself, pursuing God's heart for this generation. You and your team will be inspired, equipped, and supported in your pursuit of family ministry and spiritual formation within the context of the local church.

The Gathering is your chance to be collaborative, focus on philosophy with experiential learning opportunities, hear from professional ministry leaders in the areas of family ministry and spiritual formation, while being invited into a transformative ministry time to spiritually nourish you and your team.

This is the perfect opportunity for you to experience what ministry can be and not just talk about it, while being refreshed for the next season ahead of you.

So please join us! We can't wait to see where God leads us as we fellowship together at The Gathering 2012!

Pursuing More of Him,
Michelle Anthony

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- senior pastors
- children's and family ministry pastors
- children's and family ministry directors
- volunteers

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

The Gathering is the premiere event focusing on spiritual formation and family ministry. With limited seating to allow for great conversations, you won't want to miss this exciting opportunity to network and collaborate with other ministry leaders and gain practical insights for your church.

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JOIN US!

The Gathering 2012: What's Your Story?
May 9-11, 2012

LOCATION

ROCKHARBOR Church
345 Fischer Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626



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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE



WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

- 2:00 pm Registration Opens
- 3:00 pm Worship
- 3:30 pm The Gospel and the Redemptive Story
- 5:00 pm Dinner (on your own)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Experience

THURSDAY, MAY 10

- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:30 am The Power Behind the Story and the Storytellers
- 11:00 am BREAKOUT 1 (choose one)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm BREAKOUT 2 (choose one)
- 2:15 pm Remember and Celebrate!
- 4:00 pm Coaching Opportunity (round table)
- 6:00 pm Dinner (on your own)
- 7:30 pm Night on the Town (on your own)

FRIDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:30 am The Story in the Home, Church, and World
- 11:00 am The Time is Now!
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm TruBlessings, TruWonder, TruStory, Rio, or HomeFront
- 2:00 pm TruBlessings, TruWonder, TruStory, Rio, or HomeFront

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COST

GENERAL ADMISSION

Individual \$125
Groups of 6 or more \$115 each

EARLY BIRD (by March 15th)

Individual \$99
Groups of 6 or more \$90 each

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GATHERINGS

- The Gospel and the Redemptive Story - Chris Brown
- The Power Behind the Story and the Storytellers - Dr. Michelle Anthony
- The Story in the Home, Church, and World - Dr. Gregg Jantz
- The Time is Now!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Chris Brown is a Senior Pastor and a Teaching Pastor at North Coast Church in Vista, CA, and co-teaches at Bethel Seminary. Chris loves bringing the Bible to life with his gifts as a communicator and storyteller, but most evident in his teaching is his passion for sharing a real and authentic journey with Jesus.

Dr. Michelle Anthony is the Family Ministry Architect at David C Cook. Michelle is the author of *The Big God Story*, *Spiritual Parenting* book and DVD curriculum, the co-author of *A Theology of Family Ministry*. She has over 20 years of practical church ministry/leadership experience as a Children's and Family Pastor and is currently serving as an Ambassador for ROCKHARBOR church.

Dr. Gregg Jantz is the best-selling author of 21 books, including the newly released, *The Stranger in Your House*, a valuable resource for parents as they see beyond the closed-room years of adolescence and open the door to hope. He is the founder of The Center for Counseling and Health Resources, and a nationally known speaker.

GATHERING SESSIONS

A perfect time to hit "pause" for a moment, to worship God, hear His voice, and be inspired for the next season of ministry.



Chris Brown



Dr. Michelle Anthony



Dr. Gregg Jantz

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BREAKOUTS

Be inspired, equipped, and supported with practical ideas and insights designed to hit the main focus of children's and family ministry today.



THURSDAY, MAY 10, 11AM -----

SPIRITUAL PARENTING: EQUIPPING PARENTS TO BE PRIMARY

DAWN HECKERT

It's hard enough to train kids to behave, but good behavior isn't what Jesus calls for in the Bible. God wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward Himself and others. This is the responsibility God has given to parents. Come and hear about how the *Spiritual Parenting* curriculum can help you inspire, equip, and support your parents for the greatest job they'll ever have!

LEADING LARGE GROUP: THE PATH TO WORSHIP AS A RESPONSE

TOMMY LARSON

Worship is so much more than just singing at a particular point in a service. Worship is our response to a powerful and loving God. How can we provide our kids with opportunities to encounter and respond to God on a regular basis? This session will give an overview of setting up responsive worship and will provide practical examples.

STORYTELLING AND CREATIVE TECHNIQUES

MATT GUEVARA

Effective storytelling is much more than simply communicating information in an entertaining way. It's an opportunity to bring kids into the narrative of The Big God Story so they can better understand who God is, respond to Him, and begin to see their place in God's story. This session will equip you with simple and practical tips for both becoming a more effective storyteller and developing teams of them.

ARCHITECTING YOUR MINISTRY: 7 PILLARS TO BUILD UPON
MICHELLE ANTHONY

Maybe you know that God is calling you into family ministry, but you're just not sure what that looks like. Or, perhaps you're in the middle of navigating the possibilities of family ministry. Wouldn't it be great to have a guide to building the foundations of your ministry? This session will take you through 7 philosophical pillars to build your ministry upon, while providing practical examples for each.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS: Q&A FOR LEADING THE CHARGE
PATTI FENTON & MINISTRY PARTNERS

Real life conversations and advice from those walking the same path as you! Hear from leaders and other practitioners who are navigating the uncharted territories of family ministry and spiritual formation, and share your thoughts and questions in this roundtable-style Q&A.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1PM -----

HOMEFRONT: A FAMILY RESOURCE FOR INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH
DEBBIE GUINN & KWAN PORTER

When parents are awakened to their role as the primary nurturer of their kids' faith, they are often overwhelmed by the responsibility and feel like they don't have the tools to create environments for spiritual growth. HomeFront Monthly is a FREE resource created to help parents simply and intentionally create environments for their family to experience the Holy Spirit in their home. This session will introduce you to HomeFront and give you practical examples of how God can use this resource to impact the lives of the families in your ministry.



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LEADING SMALL GROUP: HELPING KIDS UNPACK THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH GOD
MATT BARNES, STACY IGARASHI, & ANGELINA PAVONE

Small group is a time for kids to connect with one another and with their leaders on a more personal level. More importantly, small groups provide an opportunity for kids to respond to God in unique ways. This session will give you a greater understanding of the importance of the small group portion of a lesson and will offer some insights into how you might prepare your volunteers to lead this time.

GETTING THEM ON BOARD: TRAINING AND ORIENTATION FOR
THE PARENTS IN YOUR MINISTRY
KIT RAE

One of the most difficult tasks of transitioning to a family ministry model can be getting parents to understand their role as the primary nurturer of their kids' faith. However, there are some great practical steps you can take to bring parents into this understanding by sharing how you (the church) want to come alongside them in their journey. This session will equip you with the tools to put on an effective orientation for your parents that will bring them into the journey of family ministry that God has you on.

BUILDING YOUR SUPPORT TEAM: TRAINING VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERS
RANDY ISOLA & GARY WEBB

Choosing a new philosophy means choosing a paradigm shift in the way we approach ministry. We all know that change can be messy and difficult, but it doesn't have to be. This breakout session will provide some insight into bringing your volunteers and leaders along as you embark on this new adventure in family ministry.

SHEPHERDING CHILDREN IN A CLASSROOM-STYLE MINISTRY
JILL LEWOLT

The classroom approach to ministry is still alive and well! The challenge we face is in keeping our approach relevant and intentional as we disciple this next generation of kids. We will explore the benefits to a classroom - style ministry as well as proven practices for bringing about transformation within this approach.



Matt Barnes is the Director of Teaching for Family Ministries at ROCKHARBOR Church and the Director of Creative Development and Production for David C Cook. Matt helped solidify the philosophy of “Family Ministry for the Sake of Spiritual Formation” that has defined both ROCKHARBOR families and Tru. Matt regularly speaks at churches and conferences on family ministry, spiritual formation, teaching, and leadership development.



Patti Fenton is the Pastor to Families at The Beacon in Orange, CA, and has been involved in ministry to children and their families for more than 23 years. She is passionate about creating a community where parents and grandparents partner with the church to raise spiritually vibrant kids.



Matt Guevara is a digital explorer, pastor, and kidmin thought leader. Serving in children’s ministry for nearly a decade at Christ Community Church, Matt has been named one of the “20 to Watch” by Children’s Ministry Magazine.



Debbie Guinn, managing editor of HomeFront for David C Cook, has over 25 years experience working in children’s and family ministries. She is passionate about equipping parents to become leaders of God’s truths in their own households and seeing families model biblical principles of spiritual health.

SPEAKERS

Sixteen dynamic speakers in ministry today are here to guide you into this foundational week of conversation, training, and networking.



Dawn Heckert is the Director of Children and Family Life Ministries at Christ Church Anglican in Overland Park, KS. She began in ministry in 1997 and over the past 14 years, God has used her passion, enthusiasm, and creativity to revolutionize the children’s and youth ministry at her church.



Stacy Igarashi has served as the Elementary Director for RH//kids at ROCKHARBOR church in Costa Mesa, CA for 5 years. She earned a degree in Christian Education from Biola University. Stacy is currently an active part of the brainstorming and development of the Tru project with David C Cook.



Randy Isola is the Children’s Pastor at Christ Community Church. He has been serving in children’s ministry for 20 years and is a graduate of Wheaton College. Randy feels that to lead or join endeavors that impact children for Jesus is one of the greatest eternal investments anyone can make.

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Tommy Larson is the Families Pastor at ROCKHARBOR Church in Costa Mesa, CA. With over 10 years of ministry experience working with children and families, Tommy has a passion for empowering parents and seeing kids' lives transformed.



Jill Lewolt is the Children's Pastor at Journey of Faith Church in Manhattan Beach, CA. She earned her M.A. degree in Educational Leadership from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Jill is passionate about children's and family ministry and she has a strong desire to teach children about God and His mighty love for us.



Angelina Pavone is the Early Childhood Director at ROCKHARBOR Church in Costa Mesa, CA. She is passionate about partnering with parents and volunteers to create space for God to work in even the youngest of children.



Kwan Porter is the Children's Pastor at Life Church in Olathe, KS. He is a graduate of Calvary Bible College with a degree in Biblical Counseling. He believes in families and the role God has placed on them to display His glory. He also champions moms and dads to live out their faith authentically before their kids.



Kit Rae is the Co-Campus Pastor at ROCKHARBOR Church in Costa Mesa, CA. He has over 13 years of ministry experience and is increasingly passionate about what the future of family ministry holds with integration of spiritual formation. He earned his B.A. in Christian Education, and his M.A. in Spiritual Formation and Soul Care.



Gary Webb, a nationally known speaker, is the Ministry Executive Pastor at Northwoods Community Church. Gary joined the Northwoods staff in 1999 and was the Children's Ministry Director for 11 years before assuming his pastoral role. Gary has experience in building teams of leaders, volunteers, and paid staff to include multi-site development.



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