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EVENT GUIDE

EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

All events take place in Refinery Building of Saddleback Church

MONDAY- March 27, 2023

Event Times: 2:15 pm to 8:45 PM (Pacific Standard Time Zone)

- 11 AM to 2 PM – New 2 Ministry Pre-Conference
 - 50 Spots Available, Lunch and resources provided. Click [here](#) to register.
- 2:15 PM – Registration
- 2:30 PM – Doors Open
- 3:00 PM – Mainstage Session Block One
 - Worship with **Love & Life Worship**
 - [Shane Pruitt](#), *National Nex Gen Director for North American Mission Board*, “Salvation”
 - [Ben Trueblood](#), *Director of Student Ministries, LifeWay Christian Resources*, “Community”
 - **Speaker Panel Q & A**
- 5:30 PM – Dinner break on your own
- 6:55 PM – Mainstage Session Block Two
 - [David Nasser](#), *Pastor, Author, Speaker*, “Community”
- 8:45 PM – Conference Dismissed

TUESDAY- March 28, 2023

Event Times: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Pacific Standard Time Zone)

- 8:00 AM – [Youth Ministry Booster](#) Coffee Fellowship for Early Risers
- 8:30 AM – Doors Open
- 9:00 AM – Mainstage Session Block Three
 - Worship with **Love & Life Worship**
 - [Drew Worsham](#), *Lead Pastor The Rim Church*, “Freedom”
- 10:40 AM – Lab Session A: see page 3
- 11:40 AM – Lab Session B: see page 3/4
- 12:30 PM – Chick-fil-A Lunch provided by event sponsors
- 1:15 PM – Mainstage Session Block Four
 - Worship with **Love & Life Worship**
 - [KB & Ameen Hudson](#), *Southside Rabbi Podcast*, “Salvation”
 - [Ryan McDermott](#), *Director of Students & Young Adults at Christ Fellowship Church*, “Mission”
- 3:30 PM – Conference Dismissed

EVENT THEME

AWAKEN: *The Remarkable is a leader and influencer of this generation.*

Youth Pastor Summit (YPS) is a conference designed to motivate, inspire, and equip every leader who invests in the lives of the next generation. YPS is a unique experience where there is an intentionality towards creating and cultivating an environment that **fosters collaboration, community, and soul-care**. YPS is a great opportunity for leaders to be refueled, recharged, and refreshed!

This year at YPS, we want to highlight 4-Central ideas and challenge leaders to discover what it means to **AWAKEN** their leadership so that they can **AWAKEN** others:

1. **SALVATION: The Gospel is Still Enough** - Rules, tools, & ideas (and the importance) to help youth pastors and leaders communicate the gospel to Gen Z. When there is so much ambiguity and tension in our culture, we need to go back to the basics and focus on the importance of clearly articulating the gospel...it's still enough.
2. **FREEDOM: Learning How to Let Go** - How to handle challenging topics, tensions, and situations in life and ministry. Leaders and this generation are dealing with so much as it relates to identity, ethics, morality, and the polarization of our culture and politics. Freedom is about helping others learn how to let go of the past, navigate difficult moments, and experience God's sovereignty.
3. **COMMUNITY: Life in the Company of Accountability** - Ministry was never meant to be done in silos. We are only as good as the people around us. Community is a topic that speaks to soul care, the importance of teamwork or getting counseling if you're in crisis.
4. **MISSION: That You May AWAKEN Others**— Jesus makes the assignment clear in Matthew 28:18-20 when he shared the great commission. Today, this mission is still relevant, and it still matters. This idea of "Missions" is about teaching leaders how to mobilize a generation to be salt & light in the current culture.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue & Parking Notes:

Saddleback Church (Lake Forest Campus) – *The Refinery Building*

1 Saddleback Parkway, Lake Forest, CA 92630

*Saddleback has multiple campuses in the area so make sure to arrive at the Lake Forest Campus. If heading south on the 241 toll road, be sure to get off at the 2nd Portola exit. **YPS will be located in their Refinery building in the Auditorium at the Saddleback Lake Forest Campus.***

What to Pack: Make sure to pack a pen, notebook & a bottle of water for you to have during the conference.

Meals: Dinner on Monday is on your own. Take advantage of restaurants close to the church because traffic could get bad around the church at 5:30 PM and you will want to make it back in time for our evening sessions. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday. Make sure to stop by our sponsor tables and say thanks!

Event Format: We are excited to host a LIVE, in person event! Through a mix of inspiring, equipping, and educational segments, attendees will get to walk away encouraged and resourced with practical tips, tools, and

approaches on how to effectively do ministry in this season. YPS is a unique experience where there is an intentionality towards creating and cultivating an environment that fosters **collaboration, community, and soul-care**.

Registration: In order to expedite your registration and in order to minimize gathering in the lobby, please bring a copy/screen shot of your registration in one of the forms below. Having one of the options above will ensure a smooth check-in for you and your team the morning of the event. **Registration Proof (any of the options below will work):**

- Printed Copy or Screen Shot of your Registration Email
- Printed out or/Screen Shot of your registration account with YPS West Coast Listed – you can access this from here: <https://register.studentleadership.net/Login/Login.aspx>

Wristbands: You will receive a #YPS wristband when you check in. You must wear this for the duration of the event as it is your access for all sessions and meals.

TUESDAY BREAKOUT DESCRIPTIONS

Labs are designed to inspire and equip you and your team. We encourage every participant to take full advantage of the practical and relevant training sessions the labs will provide. Make sure your group splits up and attends as many breakout sessions as possible on Tuesday.

10:40 AM Break Out Labs

Lab 1 in The Refinery Main Auditorium

Kurt Johnston, *NextGen Pastor at Saddleback Church*
The Art and Science of Communicating to Teenagers

Lab 2 in The Gym

Dr. Jay Strack, *President & Founder of SLU* and **Dr. Jonathan Denton**, *Assistant Professor of Christian Studies/Student Ministry at CSU*

Taking Flight: The wind of the Spirit is blowing among students as revival breaks out. You don't want to be grounded – you want to take flight and fill the plane. Dr. Strack and Dr. Denton together have 60 years of experience in how to stay fueled up, on course, and navigate storms as you strategically lead students into a life-long walk with God.

Lab 3 in The 2nd Floor Classroom

Catherine Renfro, *Director of Evangelism at the North American Mission Board*

Creating a Culture of Evangelism: Purpose and Influence. These two words resonate in the minds of students as they desire to live with purpose and have influence. Creating a culture of evangelism in your ministry will not only equip them to live out their purpose of knowing Jesus and making Him known, but leverage their life for maximum influence as they do things today that will matter for eternity. Join Catherine Renfro, Director of Evangelism at the North American Mission Board, to discuss creating a culture of evangelism in your ministry and mobilizing your students to live a life of purpose and influence as they share the hope of the gospel.

Lab 4 in The Diner

Zac Worhun, *Youth Ministry Booster Co-Founder and Student Ministry Specialist, LifeWay Students*
ParaSocial Normal: Revisiting relational youth ministry in 2023

11:40 AM Break Out Labs

Lab 1 in The Refinery Main Auditorium

Chad Higgins, *Youth Ministry Booster Co-Founder and Parent Ministry Specialist, LifeWay Students*
Choppy Waters: Helping families navigate the rough waters of our culture.

Lab 2 in The Gym

[Jose Rodriguez](#), CEO and Founder of Rescue a Generation

New Fish Same Bait? God has called all of us to be fishers of men. If you study fish, you know they all travel in school. If we are going to be a fisher of men for Gen Z or Gen Alpha, we need to be in schools. Let's talk about a different approach to campus ministry. Could other strategies for campus ministry help you catch more fish? Will the same bait work for a new fish? How do we reach students uninterested in God, Christian clubs, and church?

Lab 3 in The 2nd Floor Classroom

[RJ McCauley](#), CSBC Youth and Student Pastor, Magnolia Church

Best Evangelism Practices to Awaken Generation-Z: In this breakout session, you will explore some of the best evangelism practices and gain confidence in your faith to awaken a Jesus revolution among your students and leaders in your youth ministry.

Lab 4 in The Diner

[Bethany Barr Phillips](#), Worship Leader

Protecting the Purity of Worship with an Inside Out Approach: Have you ever felt like your corporate worship times are based on preference or performance? Have you ever questioned what you could do about it, or if it really even matters? Well, the answer is yes, it matters, and in this session, we'll challenge the honorable lies of "successful" corporate worship and how we pursue & protect its purity in our own ministries.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is YPS really only \$15?

Yes! Through the generosity of Lifeway Students and other sponsors, this conference is being provided for only \$15 to all advanced registration attendees, \$20 for onsite walk-up attendees. Walk up registration must be paid in cash. Lunch is provided on Tuesday, but you are on your own for the rest of your meals as well as lodging if needed.

Who should attend YPS?

Youth Pastor Summit is geared to all youth pastors and key youth leaders (staff or volunteers). It is also open to Christian educators. **All attendees must be 18 years or older.**

Can my spouse attend?

Of course! We love when couples do ministry together. Make sure you register them, so they are guaranteed a spot. Each attendee of YPS must be registered for the event and each attendee must register with their unique email address.

I have a small child; can they attend with me?

We think families are great and time together is important. However, this event is **only for those who are 18 and older** and who have graduated high school. We want everyone to have the best experience possible at this event, so please make arrangements to leave your children at home or arrange childcare outside of the conference.

Can I transfer my ticket to someone else?

If you are registered as a group, we will do a one-time transfer of any of your participants, without penalty. Transfers are not available on individual registrations. This one-time transfer must occur a minimum of ten business days before the event. To make a transfer on your account, email us at yps@studentleadership.net from your group leader's email indicating the individual(s) you are canceling and the name, email, and DOB of the new registration(s). We will only make a transfer(s) on each group registration one time, and once you have made a transfer, your group is then finalized.