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YOUTH PASTOR SUMMIT

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ORLANDO

EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Main Worship Center Building of First Orlando: [Building Map](#)

MONDAY- April 15, 2024

Event Times: 8:00 AM to 2:15 PM (Eastern Standard Time Zone)

- 8:00 AM – Registration
- 8:30 AM – Doors Open
- 9:00 AM – Mainstage Session Block One
 - Worship with **Quay Worship**
 - [Shane Pruitt](#), *National Next Gen Director for NAMB*
 - [Megan Fate Marshman](#), *Director of Women's Ministries at Hume Lake Christian Camps*
 - [Levi Lusko](#), *Author, Speaker, Pastor of Fresh Life Church*
 - [Shama Mrema](#)
 - [Dr. Bill Brown](#), *SLU Scholar in Residence*
- 12:00 PM – Chick-fil-A Lunch
- 12:45 PM – Mainstage Session Block Two
 - [Shama Mrema](#)
 - [Brent Crowe](#), *Vice President of SLU*
- 2:15 PM – Conference Dismissed
- Free Time at Universal Studios (Tickets have already been assigned to first 1250 registered attendees, limited to 5 per group, and notifications will be sent via email March 15, 2024).

TUESDAY- April 16, 2024

Event Times: 8:00 AM to 3:15 PM (Eastern Standard Time Zone)

- 8:00 AM – [Youth Ministry Booster](#) Coffee Fellowship for Early Risers
- 8:15 AM – Registration/ Doors Open
- 8:50 AM – Mainstage Session Block Three
 - [Shama Mrema](#)
 - Worship with **Quay Worship**
 - [Rebekah Lyons](#), *Author, Speaker, Podcast and Retreat Host*
- 10:25 AM – Lab Session A (see page 3)
- 11:30 AM – Lab Session B (see page 3 & 4)
- 12:30 PM – Lunch provided by event sponsors
- 1:15 PM – Mainstage Session Block Four
 - Worship with **Quay Worship**
 - [David Nasser](#), *Pastor, Author, Speaker*
 - [Dr. Jay Strack](#), *President & Founder of SLU*
 - [Derwin Gray](#), *Lead Pastor of Transformation Church*
- 3:30 PM – Conference Dismissed

EVENT THEME

Inverse: The Counter Cultural Teachings of Jesus

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, the theme for **YPS 2024** is **I N V E R S E**. *Inverse simply means, "something that is the opposite or reverse of something else."* When Jesus spoke, His teachings were the inverse of what culture was and is saying. It was the opposite of what we would assume to be true. **This year we will explore some of the most challenging and controversial teachings of Jesus.** One of the most common truths that have regularly been applied to the person of Jesus is the fact that **He comforted the afflicted and afflicted the comfortable**. Yes, Jesus said and demonstrated the most loving, accepting, and grace-filled things. However, He also taught complicated truths that even perplexed the people who knew Him best. Why? Because **Jesus taught both grace AND truth!** So, if we want to have the power to truly change our lives and this world, learning how to navigate the tensions between Jesus' teachings on grace and truth is essential. Therefore, during **YPS 2024**, we will highlight four counter cultural claims made by Jesus, as it relates to **Unity, Love, Compassion, and Submit to the Calling** **WELCOME to the INVERSE!!!!**



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue & Parking Notes: **BUILDING MAP**

First Baptist Church Orlando – Worship Center

3000 S John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32805

Please plan on parking in the blue lots to access welcome center A or the gold lots for welcome center B.

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

Meals: Through the generosity of our event sponsors, lunch is being provided. Make sure to stop by our sponsor tables and say thanks!

Event Format: 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 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 Orlando Listed – you can access this from here:

<https://events.circuitree.com/studentleadership/Account/Login/?returnUrl=%2Fstudentleadership&skip=False>

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 into all sessions and meals.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES AT YPS

SLU All Access Lunch & Learn on Tuesday for Educators: Student Leadership University's mission is to partner with local churches, schools, and organizations to aid in the development and equipping of a generation of student leaders to think, dream, and lead. We are excited to welcome you to YPS. As part of our dedication to supporting **Christian school educators**, we invite you to join us for lunch, fellowship, and a discussion on the theme of "Being Intentional to Develop Godly Leaders." This gathering will also give you the chance to meet [Dr. Dana Dionne](#), SLU's Chief Programs Officer, who will facilitate the discussion. Additionally, we will share information on how you can earn CEUs by attending YPS! Grab your Chick-fil-A and meet us in WC118 (behind the stage). [Click here](#) to let us know you are coming. Anyone who pre-registers will be entered to win a SLU Giveaway!

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. Breakout Descriptions will be updated in this document and send in the pre-event email two weeks prior to the event.

10:40 AM BREAKOUT LABS

Lab 1 in Main Worship Center

[Ryan McDermott](#), *Director of Students and Young Adults, Christ Fellowship Church*

Decoding Gen Alpha – A new generation is upon us! Gen Alpha is the generation born since 2010, now as old as 14, and they are beginning to shift the way that marketers, educators, church leaders and others think about their work. What do we know about these digital natives who are knocking on the doors of our student ministries? As Pastors who care deeply about the "next" generation, let's talk about how we can engage them right now!

Lab 2 in Henry Chapel

[Dr. Bill Brown](#), *SLU Scholar in Residence*

Hot Topics – Dr. Bill Brown will coordinate a Q&A session and discussion about complex topics for today's Youth Pastors: LGBTQ+ issues, apologetics, and teens' most asked questions. Also, he will ask YOU questions about your programs: what's working and what's not.

Lab 3 in LMC

[Luke Lezon](#), *Author and Lead Pastor of Lifebridge Church*

The Countercultural Next Gen Ministry – One of the most challenging question church leaders face today is knowing how to effectively engage, structure, and manage a life-giving Next Gen ministry. In this lab, we will discuss best practices for Next Gen ministry, and how to speak open and honestly to a generation that desires to live countercultural in the midst of a very polarize society.

Lab 4 in Back Stage (WC 124)

[Amanda Mejias](#), *Lifeway Girls Brand Specialist*

Your Role in Stewarding Her Growth – How do you help girls love Jesus even after they're no longer in your ministry? You are here because you have been entrusted to disciple and minister to teen girls. We all desire to see a healthy and vibrant ministry full of students walking with Jesus! Let's talk about how to not grow weary or complacent in stewarding this time with your girls.

Lab 5 in Back Stage (WC 132/134)

[Nathan Schneider](#), *Next Gen Ministry Leader in the Florida Baptist Convention*

Mobilizing Students for Evangelism and Mission – Today’s teenagers are already the most connected generation in history. Equip them with gospel sharing tools and release them to influence their friends and the world for the glory of God. Equipping and mobilizing students for effective outreach to nonbelievers will be the greatest catalyst for ministry growth and world impact. Challenge this generation and change the world!

11:40 AM BREAKOUT LABS

Lab 1 in Main Worship Center

Ben Trueblood, *Director of Student Ministry at Lifeway Christian Resources*

DiscipleWORKS – Every student ministry needs a pathway to help teenagers grow in discipleship. Join in this interactive workshop to discover the key elements of a disciple making pathway and learn how to apply them to your specific ministry context.

Lab 2 in Henry Chapel

Brad Lomenick, *Leadership Consultant, Author and Speaker*

Leading Well Today: How to Be a Counter Cultural Leader In Today’s Landscape – Discussing the leadership trends, traits, and perspectives that every leader needs to be aware of. What are things we’ve been doing that we no longer need to, and what are things we’re not doing that we should be.

Lab 3 in LMC

Kurt Johnston, *NextGen Pastor, Saddleback Church*

The Leadership Lab – Part workshop, part laboratory...in our time together we will talk about all sorts of leadership ideas, theories and principles and provide the opportunity for you to creatively piece together your own, unique, leadership model.

Lab 4 in Back Stage (WC 124)

Catherine Renfro, *National Director of Women’s Evangelism for NAMB*

Helping Students Pray, Prepare and Share the Gospel – Jesus says, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel.” The idea of proclaiming the gospel, particularly outside the walls of the church, is intimidating for many followers of Jesus, including students. There are many reasons for this, but there are also many ways to help overcome these barriers. Join Catherine Renfro, National Director of Women’s Evangelism for the North American Mission Board, as we discuss praying, preparing, and helping students share the hope of the gospel. Not only will sharing the hope they have in Jesus transform your students’ lives, they can be used by God as He transforms the lives of others.

Lab 5 in Back Stage (WC 132/134)

Dr. Jonathan Denton, *Assistant Professor of Christian Studies/Student Ministry at CSU*

Investing in Inverse Families: Casting a Vision for Family-Equipping Ministries – Parenting in today’s culture is tough. Equipping families to live Inverse lives is equally as tough. In this breakout, we will discuss one of the great themes of Scripture: every generation is to reach the next generation with the gospel and prepare the next gen to live inversely to the culture. Looking at Psalm 78, we will prepare you to shape parents, families and volunteers to make disciples of the next generation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I hear the SLU Scholar in Residence at YPS?

SLU’s Scholar in Residence, Dr. Bill Brown, will speak during the mainstage from YPS as well as answer questions you have submitted (both through registration as well as texted in during the event) in an exclusive breakout session crafted uniquely for YPS attendees in attendance. **Vision for Scholar in Residence Program:** It is SLU’s desire to give you, our audience of student ministry practitioners and educators, space to wrestle with worldview type questions that relate to the fast-changing landscape of your student ministries and communities. The vision for this space is that the discussions are crafted and cultivated under the wisdom and guidance of a thought

leader. We can think of no better voice to launch this initiative and shepherd these discussions in their inaugural year than Dr. Bill Brown.

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. 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.

How do I know if I received a ticket for Universal Studios?

This year, our partners Universal Orlando provided a limited number of Universal/ Island of Adventures tickets for Monday, April 15th as an optional experience after the conference concludes at 2:15 PM. Ticket confirmation emails will be sent on March 15th with instructions on where to pick them up the afternoon of April 15th. For attendees who do not register in time for a ticket or who are part of groups larger than five, but still want to go to the park, discounted tickets can be purchased now directly through Universal. If you registered after this date, you would not have qualified for a ticket.

How do I get the Universal Ticket if I qualified for one?

Instructions for picking up tickets on Monday after the event concludes will be emailed directly to attendees and group leaders on March 15th. Tickets will not be available for pick-up prior to that time and are only valid for Monday, April 15th.

