Welcome to Midnight Madness 2016, our eighth year! Our theme this year is “Making a Difference Through Life Bible Study” and this is what we all want to do. It is our desire that it is more than a slogan to be a differencemaker so we urge every member to find their place in ministry where you can serve. For those attending, you have felt God’s direction to serve in Life Bible Study and make a difference and we thank God for each of you in all age divisions.

You being here tonight indicates that either you are already a committed Life Bible Study leader or you are here to check out the possibilities of serving in Life Bible Study. Either way, we pray you will be blessed through the events and sessions tonight.

If we want our Life Bible Study to make a difference in the church body and in each individual, then every leader must be at their best. As I always remind those who attend, it is important that you look for that special “nugget” of truth for you. It could be that special Word that God has for you in this training or He may bless you with new insights in doing your job in Life Bible Study more effectively. Whatever it is, if you approach the night with an expectation that God will bless you through the opening session, seminars, or even in a one-on-one conversation, it will make a difference for you.

Thank you for being faithful throughout the year and for giving the time for this one major training event each year. May God bless you in your service to Him and Houston’s First Baptist Church!

In Christ,
Ben Pritchett, Minister of Education

Meet our Keynote Speaker, Jeff Young

Jeff is Minister of Spiritual Development at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. He is a native of Tennessee and is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned his Master of Religious Education in 1990. He has been in full-time ministry since 1989 and has served in some of Southern Baptist premier churches including First Baptist Church, Springdale, Arkansas, First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, and North Richland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

As an author, Jeff has written web articles for ministers and pastors, and Bible study lessons for LifeWay Christian Resources. He is the author of My Daily Journey and the book Need a New Hook? (LifeWay, 1996) As a frequent conference speaker and church consultant, Jeff helps to equip and train laymen and ministers for spiritual leadership and church growth.
MEET THE GROW TEAM

THE LOOP

TONY BIANCO
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTER

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NEXT GENERATIONS MINISTER

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SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY DIRECTOR

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WHAT BETTER PLACE TO START!

Room Heartland FOR Teacher of Babies–2s

- Babies–2s are quickly developing attitudes about church and learning from God, Jesus, and the Bible.
- God has a plan for these little ones and we have a chance to significantly influence them spiritually.
- Come explore the joy of making a difference in the lives of our Babies, 1s, and 2s.

SPEAKER: Ann Edwards

Preschool Minister at Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, Tennessee
- Served at LifeWay Christian Resources for 25 years as a Preschool Specialist.
- Loves working with families of preschoolers and helping them know how to share the Bible at home.

HOW TO CONNECT WITH ALL CHILDREN

Room Choir Rehearsal Hall FOR Teacher of 3s–Ks

- Children come to our classes with many different backgrounds and personalities.
- As teachers we can make a difference in each child’s life by learning to reach him where he is.
- Learn how to connect with kids experiencing difficult homes, discipline challenges, or insecurity.

SPEAKER: Mark Jones

Children’s Pastor of Quail Springs Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Enjoys speaking all around the nation to train children’s ministry leaders and parents.
- Founded Mr. Mark’s Classroom: an online leadership development and teacher resource company.

CHILDREN

30 SECONDS: THE MOST CRITICAL WINDOW IN CONNECTING WITH THE FAMILY

Room 301 FOR Director, Support, Teachers

- Is it difficult to “rally” parents to inspire and teach them to become family spiritual leaders?
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- You will receive 10 practical tips to transform parents and guardians into disciple-makers.

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THE ART OF STORY

Room 305 FOR Director, Support, Teachers

- The best way to communicate a point to kids is by telling stories.
- This seminar explores different storytelling techniques to powerfully communicate with kids.
- If you speak to kids at any level, this seminar is a must!
- It will also help you develop your own stories to use while working with kids.

SPEAKER: Melissa J. MacDonald

Children’s Disciplemaking Ministries Specialist for the Christian & Missionary Alliance
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GETTING PAST THE EARBUDS: HELPING PARENTS WITH CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

• Most parents do not know how to connect with their kids; if this pattern continues the teenage years will become permanent earbud isolation.

• As teachers, you can help the parents of your kids understand the three levels of communication: sand castles, snorkel, and scuba.

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RM BUILDING RELATIONAL EQUITY

• Strategies to build relationships that last

• Including new students into existing groups.

STUDENTS COMMUNICATING TO THE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES IN YOUR GROUP

RM 364 FOR Grow

• Understanding the personalities in your group.

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RM BREAKOUT SESSIONS (8-9P)

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RM BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9:15-10:15P)

RM SESSION 2

IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN: BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

RM 330 FOR Preschool Teachers

• We are teaching to make a difference in how a child will feel about God, Jesus, and the Bible.

• Come gather some ideas that will enhance their learning and your relationship to them.

• Learn to build your strategy for making the curriculum meet your needs.

RM COMMUNITY TEACHERS ARE DIFFERENCMAKERS

• There is more to being a teacher than showing up on Sunday mornings.

• There is great value in building relationships with parents.

• Get resources for being the best teacher you can be.

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PRESCHOOL

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LEARNING TO LOVE YOUR CALLING

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**NEXTGEN BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9:15-10:15P)**

**RM 210C** FOR Preschool Teachers

- Are you feeling burnt-out or tired of serving? Do you feel like you’re not making a difference?
- As teachers we have a higher calling to share the Word and love of God with these little ones.
- Let’s look at why we do what we do and get some ideas for developing a passion for teaching the Bible!

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**CALLING THE NEXT GENERATION TO BE WORLD-CHANGERS**

**RM 305** FOR Director, Support, Teachers

- This generation of kids can indeed be world-changers.
- This seminar gives practical ideas and biblical truth to equip you to inspire this generation.
- You will be motivated to help kids be world-changers through inspirational stories that are shared.

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**STUDENTS**

**SESSION 3**

**NEXTGEN BREAKOUT SESSIONS (10:30-11:30P)**

**RM 334** FOR Teachers

- The importance of involving parents in your class.
- Communicating with parents.
- Using parents in your class.

**COMMUNICATING TO THE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES IN YOUR GROUP**

**RM 362** FOR Grow

- Understanding the personalities in your group.
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**BUILDING RELATIONAL EQUITY**

**RM 363** FOR Grow

- Strategies to build relationships that last.
- Including new students into existing groups.

**ALL AUDIENCES**

**FIGHTING FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THE FAMILIES YOU SERVE**

**RM 250** FOR NextGen – All audiences

- Helping make our kids unsinkable.
- Focus on parents as primary disciple-makers.

**SPEAKERS**

**Ron Hunter**

Executive Director/CEO of Randall House
- Author of *The DNA of D6*
- Husband and father of two

**Kraig Kelsey**

Pastor of Member Involvement at Alpharetta First Baptist, Alpharetta, Georgia
- Place Ministries Coach & Director for 12 years in the Student Ministry.
- Married to wife, Missy and father of three.

**Brian Mills**

ExecMinistries & Teaching Pastor, Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee
- 14 years experience in the Student Ministry.
- Married to wife, Jennifer and father of McKenna and Parker.

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**PURPOSE / VISION STATEMENT**
The Life Bible Study is the church organized and dedicated to gathering those who haven’t discovered Christ while growing believers through life-changing Bible study to become Great Commission Christians, reflecting His love through giving ministry to others.

**CORE LIFE BIBLE STUDY STRUCTURE**

- **Class Director**
- **Teacher**
- **Support Coordinator**
- **Assistant Director**
- **Teacher in Training**
- **Gather Leader (Outreach)**
- **Grow Leader (Inreach)**
- **Give Leader (Missions/Service)**
- **Care Group Coordinator (Departmental Discretion)**
- **Grow Group Coordinator (Departmental Discretion)**
- **Social Events/Activities Coordinator (Departmental Discretion)**
- **Intramurals Coordinator (Departmental Discretion)**

**ROLES & FUNCTIONS WITHIN EACH ADULT DIVISION**

**CLASS DIRECTOR**
Primary Leader and Developer of the Life Bible Study class

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**
To assist the Director in overseeing and shepherding the Life Bible Study class

**TEACHER**
Primary Bible instructor of the Life Bible Study class

**TEACHER IN TRAINING**
Apprentice Bible instructor of the Life Bible Study class

**SUPPORT COORDINATOR**
Primary administration, communication, and technology coordinator to assist the whole function of the class

**GATHER LEADER (OUTREACH)**
Focuses on GATHERing prospects and guests into the Life Bible Study class

**SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR**
Promotes and organizes social events and activities that GATHER the class, guests, and prospects

**COORDINATOR**
Promotes and organizes sporting events and activities that GATHER the class, guests, and prospects

**GROW LEADER (INREACH)**
Focuses on GROWing members through life-changing Bible Study to become Great Commission Christians

**GROW GROUP COORDINATOR**
Strategically organizes Grow Groups that focus on connecting committed members for growth (individually and corporately)

**CARE GROUP COORDINATOR**
Strategically organizes Care Groups that focus on connecting and caring for every class member and guest

**MISSIONS/SERVE COORDINATOR**
Partners with Houston’s First’s Missions Office to promote and organize service projects, Houston1:8, Adopt A Missionary, etc...

**PRAYER COORDINATOR**
Partners with Houston’s First’s Prayer Ministry to organize and train the class in the area of prayer

**KEY DEFINITIONS**

**OUTREACH**
Ministry that focuses on any individual who is NOT a member of a Life Bible Study class

**INREACH**
Ministry that focuses on any individual who IS a member of a Life Bible Study class

**PROSPECT**
A person who has visited a Houston’s First on-site or an off-site event but has NEVER visited a Life Bible Study class

**GUEST**
A person who HAS visited a Life Bible Study class
THE PLACE OF EVANGELISM IN LIFE BIBLE STUDY

**BEST DIRECTOR: LEARNING TO BALANCE LEADERSHIP AND LIFE**

- **Dr. David Self**
  - Current Executive Pastor at Houston’s First Baptist Church
  - Recently celebrated 20 year anniversary of service at Houston’s First Baptist Church
  - He and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for 42 years

**HELLO, MY NAME IS...LEARNING THE ART OF INTEGRATING FOLKS INTO YOUR LIFE BIBLE STUDY**

- **Jack Terry**
  - Former dean of Jack D. Terry School of Church and Family Ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Has also served as Professor of Foundations in Christian education and teaches an adult Sunday School for mature adults

**BUILDING A BRIDGE, ONE STEP AT A TIME THROUGH SOCIAL EVENTS**

- **Edd & Nina Hendee**
  - Owners and Operators of Taste of Texas, which is in its 36th year
  - Enjoy traveling and cycling

**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS: DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

- **Blenda Cox**
  - Membership Director at Houston’s First Baptist Church
  - Manages Arena database and reports
  - Married 32 years with 2 children and 3 grandchildren
  - Assistant Director of Bridging the Gap Life Bible Study

**USING TECHNOLOGY—MULTIMEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE**

- **Bryan Butler**
  - Discipleship Pastor of The Woodlands First Baptist Church
  - Has served two churches in the Ft. Worth area for 11 years
  - Married to wife, Meta and has two grown children

**SPEAKER:**

- **Sally Hinzie**
  - Works for Union Baptist Association
  - Has experience in development/implementation of learning opportunities
  - Has experience in key mobilization and mission trip planning

**SPEAKER:**

- **David Lorenz**
  - Executive Pastor at First Baptist Conroe
  - Has served various churches in Texas and Florida
  - Enjoys helping people use their gifts to make a tremendous impact for Christ
  - Enjoys spending hours at one of his three boys’ many youth sporting events

**SPEAKER:**

- **Andy Jennings**
  - Minister to Single Adults at First Baptist Dallas since 2013
  - Earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - He and his wife, Lauren have been married for six years, and they have a 2 year-old daughter

**SPEAKER:**

- **Brady Holt**
  - Member of Houston’s First since 2005
  - Member of The Oaks Life Bible Study and maintains their website and podcast
  - 14 years experience with software, currently working for YNAB (You Need A Budget)
  - Married to Karen (10 years) with two children (Kapel (4) and Austin (one year))

**SPEAKER:**

- **Denny Autrey**
  - Dean of the J. Dalton Havard School for Theological Studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Third generation pastor
  - 3rd generation pastor
  - 40 years in faithful church/academic service

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ADULT
BREAKOUT SESSIONS (8-9P)

FINDING THE RIGHT RESOURCES FOR THE BEST MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS
RM 254 FOR Mentoring, Grow
• Choosing the right resource for your mentoring relationship
• Motivating your disciple to disciple others
• Hands-on exposure to key mentoring resources

THE BEST MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS
FINDING THE RIGHT RESOURCES FOR
RM 257 FOR Grow Group Leader, Grow
• Creating a safe environment for everyone
• Redirecting conversations with tact and love
• Fostering equal dialogue (progressive transparency)

GROW GROUPS 202: UNDERSTANDING/HELPING THE DIFFICULT PERSON IN YOUR GROW GROUP
RM 258 FOR Grow Group Leader, New/Potential Leader
• Learn where Grow Groups fit in the discipleship process
• Learn the non-negotiables of effective Grow Groups
• Discover the essential elements for life change

GROW GROUP 101: FOUNDATIONS FOR DISCIPLESHIP
RM 259 FOR Director, Teacher, New/Potential Leader
• Discover an inspiring vision for starting a new Life Bible Study class
• Learn best practices for inculturating a vision for multiplication
• Walk through healthy and unhealthy attitudes for starting new classes and reaching new people

THE WHY AND HOW OF MINISTERING TO A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY
RM 263 FOR Targeted Group
• Learn why single parent ministry in a church is so important and how to be effective through Life Bible Study
• Learn to connect, embrace, and empower Single Parent Family ministry leaders
• Understand the unchurched single parents and how to establish a strong pathway into the church

HANDLING MINISTRY NEEDS IN YOUR CLASS
RM 270 FOR Give
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RM Harbor (176) FOR Director, General, New Leader
• Discover the most common problem within Bible Study ministries
• Know the purpose of Life Bible Study and how your class fits into it
• Learning the importance of teaching this to our members and keeping the purpose before your class

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• Sharpening your focus on discipleship in your class
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CULTIVATING A VISION FOR MULTIPLICATION OF YOUR LIFE BIBLE STUDY CLASS
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ADULT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9:15-10:15P)

ADULT BIBLE TEACHER 101: TEACHER TRAINING BASICS

• Learning the mission and purpose of teaching
• Discovering the basic skills needed for teaching Life Bible Study
• Understanding the importance of engaging members in a personal way

ORGANIZING YOUR CLASS TO MINISTER

• How to make the class effective in ministry to each other
• What are effective tasks that all members can participate in?

LIFE BIBLE STUDY

TEACHER TRAINING BASICS

• Accountability equals leading by example
• Making sure you are growing and maturing as a disciple

BECOMING A LEADER OF INFLUENCE

• Making sure you are growing and maturing as a disciple
• Inspiring those you lead to become leaders
• Accountability equals leading by example

WELCOMING CLASS

HOSPITALITY 101: BECOMING A WARM AND WELCOMING CLASS

• Creating a welcoming environment
• Being a good host
• Retaining new visitors

EFFECTIVELY USING ARENA (ROLLS/ROSTERS)

• What is Group Leader Access?
• Use the Online Member/Visitor Form
• Learn to post Attendance

HOW TO MAKE YOUR LIFE BIBLE STUDY MEMBER FROM A TAKER TO A GIVER

• Seeing the whole picture and understanding our spiritual gifts and the heart of ministry
• Understanding the differences/needs of a Life Bible Study organizational structure and the life of the Life Bible Study class
• The healthy versus unhealthy Life Bible Study body

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLASS INVOLVEMENT IN TEACHING

• Ways to involve the class member
• The values of discussion and interaction in learning
• Avoid getting into a rut with your teaching

HOW TO SAVE A LIFE (YOURS): PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

• Learn the habits that help us thrive in ministry
• Living out James 1:2–5 and other key passages
• How to receive and give out appropriately; give more without giving up

TEACH, DON’T PREACH: DEVELOPING TEACHING SKILLS THAT EMPOWER AND CHANGE LIVES

• Teaching rather than lecturing
• Using media effectively
• Chasing down rabbits to keep discussion productive

EVERYONE MAKES A DIFFERENCE: HOW TO MOVE YOUR LIFE BIBLE STUDY MEMBER FROM A TAKER TO A GIVER

• The healthy versus unhealthy Life Bible Study body

USING TECHNOLOGY – MULTIMEDIA/SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

• Keep leadership organized and focused on ministry while keeping the members and guests connected
• Examine different technology options and uses like podcasts, online signups, social media, and email
• Walk through some online tools such as website builders, Google sheets, podcast generators, etc.
# Session 2

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  - Why do I need a mentor anyway?
  - What is the key question in selecting a mentor?
  - What must I do in the mentoring process?
- **RM 254** FOR General
  - Biblical basis for practicing Sabbath
  - Practical methods to actually practice Sabbath
  - Values and benefits of Sabbath
- **RM 255** FOR Grow Group Leader, Grow Group Leader
  - When and how do I refer for help?
  - How to love hurting members well?
- **RM 256** FOR Grow Group Leader, Grow Group Leader
  - Why the Grow Leader is vital for discipleship
  - Learn to build bridges between ministries and life
  - Strategies for connecting men and women with service and scripture
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DEVELOPING A LIFE-CHANGING LIFE BIBLE STUDY

Tell your stories; the power of our testimonies

Preparing to go beyond the basics to life transformation

Go beyond teaching to equipping members to be disciple-makers

Engaging the class and taking them beyond being just listeners

TEACHING BEYOND SUNDAY: WHY RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLASS INVOLVEMENT IN TEACHING

Let’s talk: transforming lives through discussion: It’s more than information

Prayerfully powerful: connecting private prayer life to your life Bible study

Connecting and reaching millennials

Preparing your heart to teach

Foundational: the why/purpose of life Bible study

Teaching beyond Sunday: why relationships matter

• Seeing the teacher as “Shepherd” and more than just teacher
• Working with the class leaders to effectively fulfill the task of Life Bible Studies
• Learn ways to lead by example

Speaker: Jeff Young
Education Minister at Prestonwood Baptist in Dallas, Texas
• Author of My Daily Journal and Need a New Hoot?
• Has written web articles for ministers and pastors

Speaker: Jack Terry
Former dean of Jack D. Terry School of Church and Family Ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
• Has also served as Professor of Foundations in Christian education and teaches an adult Sunday School for mature adults

Speaker: Steven Murray
Director of Communications at Houston’s First Baptist Church
• Married with three children

Speaker: Jonathan Huegel
Evangelism Associate at Houston’s First Baptist Church
• Headed up the Houston 111 summer outreach
• Is an experienced evangelist, teacher and visionary

Speaker: Bryan Butler
Discipleship Pastor at The Woodlands First
• Has served two churches in the Ft. Worth area for 11 years
• Married to wife, Mara and has two grown children

Speaker: Dr. Bruce Fong
Dean of DTS-Houston and Professor of Pastoral Ministries
• Ministering at the intersection of parachurch, pastoral, and academic ministry he is committed to reaching God’s Word “to everyone and anyone who will hear him as an evangelist.”
• He and his wife, Yvonne have three children (3 children plus 2 in law children). He enjoys the outdoors, and spending time with his family

Speaker: David Lorenz
Executive Pastor at First Baptist Conroe
• Has served various churches in Texas and Florida
• Enjoys helping people use their gifts to make a tremendous impact for Christ
• Enjoys spending hours at one of his three boys’ many youth sporting events

Speaker: Andy Jennings
Minister to Single Adults at First Baptist Dallas since 2013
• Earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
• He and his wife, Lauren have been married for six years, and they have a 2-year-old daughter

Speaker: Randy Davis
Adult Pastor at Oak Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
• Known as the “Forrest Gump” of Pastors, meaning if God can use him, God can and will use anyone!
• Priorities are: God family, (Amy, Jax, Cameron, and Braden), and the family of God
• Enjoys reading, golf, and spending time with people and with his amazing family

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- Why is there a disconnect in the church today?
- What strategy is most effective?

THE WORD HAS IT: USING SCRIPTURE IN MENTORING

- Making the Bible the basis of your mentoring
- Discovering where your disciple is spiritually and aligning your discipling target with the Bible
- “Time with God” — a reproducible model

GROW GROUPS 202: UNDERSTANDING/HELPING THE DIFFICULT PERSON IN YOUR GROW GROUP

- Creating a safe environment for everyone
- Redirecting conversations with tact and love
- Fostering equal dialogue (progressive transparency)

GROW GROUP 101: FOUNDATIONS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- Learn where Grow Groups fit in the discipleship process
- Learn the non-negotiables of effective Grow Groups
- Discover the essential elements for life change

STAYING HEALTHY IN THE MINISTRY FIGHT

- Are you exhausted and overwhelmed in ministry? Do you struggle to find life balance?
- Learn the best practices on staying spiritually healthy while in a leadership role
- Learn to establish strong boundaries in your ministry and stick to them!

GIVE LEADERS 101: HELPING YOUR CLASS GIVE LIFE AWAY

- Finding opportunities for Missions
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THE OUTREACH CONTINUUM – OUTREACH AND INREACH IN ADULT LIFE BIBLE STUDIES

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Chris has a heart for the nations and has travelled to Haiti, Africa, Turkey and Pakistan. He also loves to serve locally in Houston with his family.

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Cypress Campus (10300 Warner Smith Blvd)
Downtown Campus (1010 Lamar @ Fannin – Tunnel Level)

Sienna Campus (4309 Sienna Parkway)
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