



Workshop Descriptions 2024

Workshop Session I *Friday May 17 1:30-3:00pm*

Overcoming Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Don Caballero, Room 252 | Don will describe the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on a person's emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical well-being, the connection between ACEs and criminal justice involvement, and resiliency. Don Caballero is the Associate Director, Master Trainer, ACE Overcomers the Center for Resiliency, and Founder of The Clay Transitional Living Homes.

Christian Chaplain Education and Endorsement

James Kirkland, Room 132 | Chaplaincy has come under secular influences that leads away from Biblical Christian roots. James will discuss the need and methods for maintaining a Biblical worldview in a pluralistic environment, and education and board certification benefits and opportunities. James Kirkland is the Executive Director of Christian Chaplains and Coaches, a Board-Certified Chaplain, and CPE Supervisor Educator.

Guiding Stars: Effective Strategies in Christian Mentorship

David Phillips, Room 250 | Mentorship is vital for reintegration while incarcerated and after release. David will cover topics such as preparation for release, importance of mentorship, methods to prepare the mentor and mentee, and common pitfalls and successful techniques. David Phillips spent four years in Federal Prison, is a successful entrepreneur and Founder of Brand 316, a Christ-Centered ministry providing real world solutions for the formerly incarcerated and their families to succeed in life.

Using Data to Build Your Ministry

Will Riddle, Room 138 | This workshop will help you advance the Kingdom of God through your ministry's data. Learn the best questions to ask when looking for data, ways to collect data, the most common problems with data, and how to avoid them. Data collection tools and approaches applicable to various levels of organizational maturity will be presented. Will Riddle is the Sr. Vice President of Church Programs, Prison Fellowship.

Alternative Programming Instead of Incarceration

Nick Robins, Brenda Stringfellow, Room 134 | Nick shares how to gain a partnership with your local judicial system to become an alternative in sentencing. The Community Alternative Program (CAP), a transitional residential alternative program that prioritizes rehabilitation, education, and community integration will be presented. Nick Robbins is the Founder and CEO of Returning Home, in Springdale, AR. Brenda Stringfellow is the CAP Program Director.

Effective Support for Individuals who have Sexually Offended

Carey Sturgeon, Room 121 | Carey will debunk myths related to sex offending and examine biases that impede church outreach to and integration of individuals who have sexually offended. Theories, risk factors, and evidence-based support strategies relevant to sex offending will be presented. Dr. Carey Sturgeon is an international consultant forensic and clinical psychologist specializing in sexual violence and trauma.

Landmines Upon Release

John Thomas & Frank Eyerma, Room 140 | Frank, formerly incarcerated, and John, former warden, will equip attendees to detect, disarm, and defend against triggers which commonly surface prior to release and during reintegration into society. Hear about the deeper issues people have when returning home from incarceration, warning signs for recidivism, and program examples. John Thomas is the Global Prison Ministry Director for Every Man a Warrior and former warden. Frank Eyerma is the Founder of Metamorphosis Ministries.

A Biblical Cognitive Approach to Understanding and Addressing Addiction

Robert Vann, Room 136 | This workshop will provide participants with a biblical overview of what the Bible specifically says about the use of alcohol/drugs and relapse prevention. Participants will be introduced to the Biblical Cognitive Models of Addiction and Relapse Prevention. Spiritual transformation and restoration of the soul will be compared to therapeutic change (behavioral modification), and self-rehabilitation. This workshop will allow participants to compare the Biblical Cognitive Approach of addiction & relapse prevention to the more conventional approaches of addiction and relapse prevention. Bob is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of "A Strictly Biblical Perspective Ministries" (ASBPM) with his wife Maria. He has over 30 years of full time experience in ministry serving as Program Director for a 92 bed Christ Centered Transitional Housing Program, Fuqua Hall, a ministry of the Atlanta Mission, and as an Addiction's Counselor, Case Manager, Program Manager/Director at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Prison Fellowship Ministries, and the Atlanta Mission.

Workshop Session 2 Friday May 17 3:30-5:00pm

Reentry Simulation

Jerry Blassingame/Soteria, 4th Floor, Wilson Suite | The Reentry Simulation simulates the struggles and challenges faced by individuals who are transitioning from incarceration back into society. Participants will gain an understanding of the significant obstacles faced by men and women attempting to navigate the system upon their release from incarceration and returning home to their communities. Jerry Blassingame, Founder/CEO of Soteria Community Development Association and Chris Pritchard, Case Manager. This workshop begins 3:15pm.

Faithful Friendship: Fundraising from the Heart

Kevin Eastway, Room 121 | Discover how to align your mission inside the jail with fundraising thinking and practice outside the jail by emphasizing community and spiritual formation over a commercialized form of transactional fundraising. Dr. Kevin Eastway is a Sr. Consultant with Design Group International, with more than 25 years of global experience.

Embracing Family Members in Recovery: Keeping Your Sanity through your Loved One's Incarceration and Return

Tammy Fisher, Lindsey Horvatich, Jenny Brodnax, Room 134 | Addiction and incarceration have ripple effects deep within the family system. This workshop elaborates on the challenges addiction/incarceration has on the family and how to equip family members to resist enabling, recognize manipulative behaviors, set boundaries, how/when to forgive and rebuild trust, and self-care. Rev. Chaplain Tammy Fisher is the Founder/CEO of Inside Out Jail Ministries with a MA in Christian Counseling for Substance Use and Addictive Behaviors. Lindsey Horvatich is a FL Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Jenny Brodnax is the ISO Transition Team Coordinator. Lindsey and Jenny also serve on the ISO Board of Directors.

Facilitating Multi-Faith Ministry

Ilinda Jackson & Dan Odean, Room 140 | Chaplains Ilinda and Dan offer wisdom and practical ways to provide pastoral and religious care with multiple faiths that individuals have in jails and prisons. Ilinda Jackson is the Chaplain for Oklahoma's Mabel Basset Women's Correctional Center. Dan Odean is a former Federal Bureau of Prison Chaplain.

Strategic Planning for Organizational Effectiveness

Kimberly MacKall & Violet Ford, Room 138 | This interactive workshop offers activities for preparing the framework for a data-driven and actionable strategic plan. Learn how to leverage collaborations and relationships to achieve your organization's mission and goals. Kimberly Mackall is Chief Efficiency Officer of KLM Consulting Group, LLC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dr. Violet Ford is Owner, Intertwined Consulting Group.

Preaching Behind Bars

Paul Nielsen, Room 132 | Some sermons work well in a local church but struggle in the prison setting. Paul shares methods and techniques for developing sermons that will connect with those in prison, are from your heart, and are rich in both truth and application. Paul Nielsen is a Chaplain in a Colorado prison.

Reintegration Support for People with Cultural Appropriateness

Raymond Robyn, Room 136 | This workshop will explore culturally appropriate ways to provide reintegration support to incarcerated individuals by working within current structures and prison systems to bring Christ's hope. Raymond Robyn is Executive Director of M2W2 Association-Mentoring Toward Wholeness Together.

Workshop Session 3 Saturday May 18 10:45am-12:15pm

Transitioning from Prison to a Life of Purpose

Jason & Joya Calloway, Room 121 | Jason and Joya share their program and experiences of working with those transitioning from incarceration to the community and who struggle with addiction. Jason and Joya Calloway are Founders and Directors of *I'm in Transition Ministries*: a residential reentry and recovery program in Ohio.

Leading from the Bottom Up: Empowering the Incarcerated to Change their Culture

Howie Close, Room 250 | Howie, formerly incarcerated, will share the relevance and effectiveness of how Christian lead teams behind the walls can have real power and impact on the prison culture. Learn training principles for developing indigenous leaders and how chaplains and volunteers can be of support. Pastor Howie Close is a Colorado State DOC and Federal BOP Chaplain and oversees the prison ministry at Woodman Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs.

Mentoring for Successful Reentry in a Challenging Time

Vance Drum & Johnny Frambo, Room 132 | This workshop will highlight today's cultural and spiritual challenges facing formerly incarcerated persons and provide a roadmap for cognitive restructuring that mentoring can provide for successful reentry. Dr. Vance Drum is a former Texas Director of Chaplains and a Peer Ministry Consultant with Prison Seminaries Foundation. Johnny Frambo is the Florida DOC's Chaplaincy Services Administrator.

Understanding Trauma's Role for the Incarcerated

Meagan Gillian, Room 138 | Hear how to identify trauma-related behaviors and be equipped with strategies to mitigate the negative impact of trauma in the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated and yourself. Meagan Gillan serves with Community Freedom co-leading a support group for formerly incarcerated people in Aurora, IL.

28 Pitfalls of a Man

Rodney & Tolliny Rankins, Room 140 | This insightful workshop will bring awareness and responsibility through accountability. Topics range from regret to pride as the authors share from their lived experience, incarceration and healthy reentry. Rodney Rankins is an author, co-founder of Redemption 100, a non-profit that provides essentials to returning citizens upon their release. Dr. Tolliny Rankins is an author and co-founder of Redemption 100.

Prison: A Place the Entire Church can Serve

Gabby Reed, Room 136 | Gabby shares how to work with congregants who find prison ministry intimidating and how churches with limited resources can create pathways for volunteer engagement and financial support. Attendees will be challenged to find synergy between the needs of those impacted by incarceration and the gifts and talents of the congregation. Gabby Reed is the Prison Ministry Leader at One Community Church in Texas.

How Normal Ordinary Responsible People (NORPs) can Connect with Justice-Involved People

Karen Swanson, Room 252 | Most correctional ministry workers are middle-class, Normal Ordinary Responsible People (NORP), who think and make decisions differently than most justice-involved people. Increase your awareness of these differences and ways to strengthen your connections and ministry effectiveness with those you serve. Dr. Karen Swanson is the Director for the Correctional Ministries Institute, Wheaton College Billy Graham Center.

How to Fight Stigma and Restore Returning Citizens

Mark Vander Meer & Greg Chandler, Room 134 | For decades, the church has stigmatized returning citizens. Mark will present original research and proven strategies to help your church reduce stigma, provide healing spaces, and restore returning citizens. Dr. Mark Vander Meer is the Executive Director of Community Recovery International, Grand Rapids, MI. Greg Chandler is a 34 year "returning citizen", Licensed/Ordained Minister, Certified Recovery Coach, and Operations Director, Community Recovery International.

Workshop Session 4 Saturday May 18 1:30-3:00pm

A Holistic Approach for Returning Citizens

Charles Anderson, Room 121 | Charles will cover the essential components of correctional ministry, explain the difference between redemptive versus restorative ministry, and describe a holistic ministry with returning citizens and their journey to being made whole. Pastor Charles Anderson is the Founder and CEO of Epiphany Life Change Ministries, in Houston, TX a Christian reentry ministry.

Ministry with Correctional Officers

Dwight Anderson, Room 136 | Dwight will describe corrections fatigue and discuss how your ministry can help alleviate or mitigate some of the issues corrections officers face due to the daily high stress and violence they experience. Resources and practical solutions will be provided. Pastor Dwight Anderson, Director of Prison Mission Association (PMA), develops leaders in prison to plant micro-churches behind bars.

Nuts and Bolts of Running a Non-Profit

Jerry Blassingame, Room 132 | Jerry will share from more than 20 years-experience of leading a successful non-profit. Hear the basic components, tools, pitfalls and strategies for an organization trying to survive and thrive. Jerry Blassingame is the Founder/CEO of Soteria Community Development Association, SC.

Levers of Change for Justice that Restores

Chelsea Friske, Room 134 | This interactive workshop will highlight different levers utilized for policy and culture change, and discuss recent policy efforts at the state and federal levels. Chelsea Friske serves as the Director of Policy & Research, Prison Fellowship.

How to Process Childhood Trauma

Rick Johnson, Room 252 | Learn how to process trauma Biblically, identify fantasies, accept reality, and improve relationships where painful memories are replaced with good ones. Rick Johnson is the Supervising Chaplain with Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries for Orange County, CA.

The Journey: Trauma, Addiction, Recovery, and the Bible

Erika Mariglia, Patrick Nelson, Heather Bunting, Room 138 | Many incarcerated come from a past full of trauma and addiction, in need of recovery. Erika will discuss recovery models, best practices, and Biblically-informed recovery. Tools and resources from professionals and pastors who treat and counsel people in recovery will be shared. Erika Mariglia is the Director of Programs and Outreach for Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry. Patrick Nelson is an addictions counselor. Heather Bunting, MD, Family Medicine, provides medical care to those overcoming addiction.

Reentry Ready: Preparing Those Returning Home and Volunteers for Success

Tina Washington, Room 140 | Tina will share from her own experiences how to have open conversations with current and formerly incarcerated individuals that create safe, successful and scripture-based reentry. Tina Washington is the Founder of Life After the X, in Texas.