

2026 Missions Get-Together

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

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Breakout Schedule with Times and Rooms available March 18, 2026

Missionary Breakout Sessions

Life of a Missionary Wife and Mom, led by Elizabeth Ryder. Come here how God is at work on the most populous island in the world! From big-scale movements of the Holy Spirit to simple faithfulness in daily rhythms, God is using these things to change lives. How can you daily be intentional to join Him at work around you?

NYC – A Church that Serves, led by Mindy Jamison. Come and hear what God is doing in the lower east side of Manhattan!

Reaching University Students in Postmodern Europe, led by TC. Even in traditional religious countries in Eastern Europe, most young college students have adopted a postmodern worldview. Hear stories and strategies of how IMB missionaries are engaging university students in a culture where eastern religious tradition meets western postmodernism.

The Wild Wild West, led by Justin McKay. Journey through church planting in NW Arvada, where a church is growing despite a culture degrading and spirituality being dismissed. Discover how we pioneered west, found hungry hearts in dark places, and are building a permanent home. Leave inspired: don't lose hope in progressive cities.

When the Nations Become Our Neighbors: Ministry, Trauma, and God's Redemptive Presence, led by Evie Tucker. Many of our neighbors carry stories shaped by loss, displacement, and resilience. This breakout invites you to see diaspora communities through God's redemptive lens and to explore trauma-informed ways of offering presence, welcome, and hope.

Missions Awareness & Involvement Opportunities Breakout Sessions

Love Your Neighbor, led by Beth Moore. Are you looking for ways you can make a kingdom impact in Tennessee? Join me to learn about opportunities in your communities and around the state.

Where are the Younger Women and How Do We Engage Them in WMU Groups? led by Stephanie Newton. This is the number one question that Stephanie Newton, lead strategist for adult and multicultural audiences, WMU, SBC, gets asked. Let's talk about the characteristics of young women and some simple solutions to engage them.

Mental Health Breakout Sessions (Current WMU Critical Issue)

Defects and Brokenness: There is Hope, led by Tony Rankin. Finding joy in failures, mistakes, challenges, and shortcomings.

Negative Nancy, The Jitters, or The Noodle, led by Tony Rankin. Learn ways to handle your anxiety.

Personal Spiritual Development Breakout Sessions

Built for Belonging, led by Stacy Murphree. God has created each of us for authentic gospel community. But what does that actually look like for women in their 20's and 30's? In an "in between" season often marked by transition and independence, it's easy to drift toward a self-sufficient mindset.

Created for This...with No Retirement Plan! led by Brenda Harris. You've made it to 55+! What does God have in store next? NOT retirement! What can you do when your joints ache, your income is fixed, and you're tired from doing all the "stuff"? Find out how to make your senior years your most productive years of serving the Lord!

Develop the Discipline of Bible Study, led by Heather Johnson. In this session, we will do a quick overview of spiritual disciplines and focus on the discipline of the study of the Bible. We will look at translations, Bible types, and tools to help you study. You will leave with tools to create a 30-day plan to study God's Word.

Healthy Friendships, led by Leslie Hudson. Friendships should be a blessing, but that's not always the case. How do we handle the needy friend, the nosy friend, and the know-it-all? What do we do when we're lonely and friends don't help? Come join us for a biblical look at God-honoring friendships.

Hope, Hurt, and Healing, led by Catherine Renfro. On October 5, 2008, Catherine Renfro's world was turned upside down after receiving a phone call just moments before her brother ended his life. Tragedies of any kind leave us with more questions than answers, and grief leaves us searching for hope in the midst of hurt. Thankfully, there is light that can pierce our darkness and hope that can soothe our suffering. There is Someone who meets us in the depths of despair and promises to carry us when we can't put one foot in front of the other. Join Catherine Renfro as she discusses her journey based on her book, *Hope, Hurt and Healing: Experiencing Jesus in the Wake of Suicide*, and leave not remembering her story, but encouraged by the way Jesus will be faithful to show up in your story and use it for His glory.

She Did What She Could, led by Ann Davenport and Carolyn Outland. Do you sometimes feel to insignificant to fulfill God's plan for your life? No child of God is insignificant. God created, saved and gifted you to reflect His Glory. Learn how to do what you can to allow God to do what you can't.

She Leads Her Family, led by Leslie Hudson. This is for women whose life isn't picture perfect; for whatever reason, you find yourself leading your family spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially, or all of the above. Learn to follow Christ as you lead well, whether divorced, widowed, single, or married.

You're Not Crazy, led by Leslie Hudson. Midlife (35-55) is a tough time, and if you haven't been told that you may be crazy, you've probably thought it. Let's sit together and consider how God guides us through this surprisingly tough time of life. And come to find confidence that you're really not crazy!

Leading Well Breakout Sessions

Created to Communicate, led by Tiffany Roy. Ladies...we were created to communicate with one another! Now more than ever, there are so many different ways we can communicate - in person, through letters, emails, texts and social media! Come join us as we talk about communication & how you can use social media for God's glory!

Group Killers, led by Stephanie Newton. Every leader thinks their group is doing OK until they know it is not. Let's identify some predictors of group decline and solutions to implement now for group health. Join Stephanie Newton, lead strategist for adult and multicultural audiences, WMU, SBC, in her quest for healthy groups!

Living and Leading in Diversity, led by Tony Rankin. How to deal with discrimination, differences, and compassion. How is it like juggling chainsaws?

Top 10 Things Pastors Would Tell You If They Could and Other Thoughts About Talking to Church Leaders about WMU, led by Stephanie Newton. Need help talking to your pastor/church staff about WMU? Here with 10 tips is Stephanie Newton, currently the lead strategist for adult and multicultural audiences at national WMU and former church staff, has learned.

Touching Hearts, Meeting Needs: Called and Capable, led by Becky Sumrall. When God calls us to reach out those in need, we might feel overwhelmed when needs seem endless or exceed our abilities. Learn ministry skills and healthy boundaries to guide us to compassionately minister to those hurting. Explore ways to meet physical and spiritual needs and share the Gospel with others.

PRAYER ROOM

Do you need some time away with just you and the Lord? Has He worked in your heart this weekend and you need time to process? The prayer room is open and available for you to quietly pray during all session times. A prayer guide is available in the room for you to walk through, as well as a place to leave your prayer requests and take someone else's request.

NETWORK GATHERING DESCRIPTIONS

During lunch on Saturday, optional networking gatherings will be offered. These will be extremely interactive and discussion-based groups those leading/teaching specific ministries in their churches or communities. The purpose is to connect with others from across the state who are serving in a similar way, to encourage you to faithfully serve where God has you, and to discuss leadership topics according to the group's needs. The facilitators will be guiding discussion, assisting with answering questions, etc., unlike a typical breakout session which are more lecture style. Each network group is offered only one time

Because these are intended as small groups, please only attend a network group if it fits your current role OR if you are wondering if the Lord may be calling you to that ministry.

WMU/Women on Mission & Women's Ministry Leaders, facilitated by Tika Scoles. Are you leading or on the leadership team of your WOM &/or Women's Ministry in your church? Gather with other leaders who lead women to discuss growth, share ideas, and to pray for one another!

Student Missions Leaders, facilitated by Kim Cruse. Are you leading or serving 6th through 12th grade in your local church? Would you like to meet other youth leaders to gain insight, share ideas, and maybe even find a new friend or prayer partner? Join this network group to discuss those wonderful middle and high schoolers you love.

Children Missions Leaders, facilitated by Brian Holt. If you want to meet other preschool and children's teachers & leaders who serve 5th grade and younger in the church, this networking group is for you! Discussions of issues and programming, as well as prayer for one another, will be a part of this group's network session.

Young Adult Leaders, facilitated by Stacy Murphree. Do you lead/serve young adults in your church? Attend this network group to engage with other women who minister to young adults ages 18-30 to gain insight, gather new ideas, and to pray to improve your ministry.

Compassion Ministry Leaders, facilitated by Beth Moore. Gather with other like-minded women if you volunteer at or lead a ministry in your area that serves the underserved in ANY way (crisis centers, food pantries, clothing closets, etc., etc.) Sharing some tips, insights, and prayer with one another, you will leave with a renewed energy to love those you serve well.