



Guest Speaker Bios

Worship Speaker

BETSY BOLICK, *Small Enough Ministries, Boone*

Betsy Bolick serves as the college minister at Perkinsville Baptist Church in western North Carolina. She is also the founder and director of Small Enough Ministries. Betsy received a degree in religion with a specialization in women's ministry from Liberty University and a master's degree in church leadership and ethics from John Brown University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Christian counseling from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Betsy is passionate about reaching all women with the gospel of Jesus Christ. She desires to make disciples for the kingdom of God and to fulfill the mission Christ has called her to fulfill for His glory.

Worship Leader

MEG BARNES, *Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh*

Meg Barnes serves in the worship ministry at Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh, where her husband, Andrew, serves on staff as director of communications. A native of Wilmington, Del., Meg graduated from James Madison University and works in marketing for a civil engineering firm. Having committed her life to Jesus at a young age, Meg has a deeply rooted love for the Lord and His church and fervently desires for all people to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18) through His Word and discipleship relationships.

Breakout Session Leaders

ASHLEY ALLEN, *Senior Consultant, Embrace and Women's Evangelism and Discipleship*

Ashley Allen is a Dallas native who moved to Raleigh in August 2009 to serve N.C. Baptists through Embrace and Women's Evangelism and Discipleship. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in Christian education and a doctor of philosophy in administration from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ashley enjoys sitting down with people and hearing their stories about their lives and experiences. She has a deep passion and desire to see women of all ages, backgrounds and cultures connected in disciple-making relationships.

MISSIE BRANCH, *Imago Dei Church, Raleigh*

Michelle "Missie" Branch is at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary working as the assistant dean of students to women, serving women in both the college and the seminary and as the director of graduate life. She is the wife of Duce Branch, who is an assistant professor there, as well as a Ph.D. student. They have four children. Several years ago, the Branches co-planted a church in Philadelphia, Penn., where she served as children's ministry director, women's ministry leader and a host of other responsibilities. Missie is passionate about women's ministry and speaks at various conferences and ministry events to train, encourage, equip and refresh others. She has been a mentor to many ladies and is currently serving alongside her family at Imago Dei Church in Raleigh, N.C.

ELLEN DAY, *Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, Greensboro*

Ellen Day lives in Greensboro, N.C. with her husband, Jerry. They have one son and a daughter-in-love who have blessed them with two grandchildren. Ellen serves as national prayer coordinator for Church Renewal Journey through the North American Mission Board as a Mission Service Corp missionary. Her passion is to encourage prayer at all times, not just when a need arises. She seeks to always pray for kingdom purposes to bring about spiritual growth and greater faith in Jesus Christ. "Stay praying" is the call on her life.

CHRISTINA DEVLIN, *Emmanuel Baptist Church, Raleigh*

Christina Devlin grew up in Texas and New York, and moved to North Carolina in 2010. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and earned her master's degree in ministry to women at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is currently serving as the women's ministry coordinator at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C. She is married to Colin and they have one daughter, Ava Grace.

TABATHA FROST, *Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh*

Tabatha was born in Hawkinsville, Ga., and came to faith in Jesus at a young age. After graduating from Hillsdale College in Michigan, she met her husband, Brian, as they were both preparing to serve with the IMB in Africa. Tabatha and her husband, a pastor at Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., have been married for 19 years and have three teenage boys. She has a passion for God's Word and enjoys helping women discover how the Lord has gifted them and is challenging them to use their gifts to build up the body of Christ.

ANNA KILBY, *High Country BSM, Boone*

Anna Kilby is a wife and mother of two girls aged five and three. For the past six years she has served on staff at Baptist Campus Ministry of the High Country, primarily serving at Appalachian State. Over the past two years, she has seen this ministry turn outward to reach the lost on campus. High Country BSM has seen 30+ students give their lives to Jesus. They have also trained, equipped and empowered existing followers of Jesus and the gospel has been shared more than 20,000 times this past year. They strive to see #NoPlaceLeft where the gospel has not been shared personally with someone! She looks forward to this time together to train with these simple gospel tools that she and her co-laborers have found so useful!

DONNA NAVEY, *Calvary Church, Charlotte*

Donna Navey is passionate about the biblical responsibility Christian women have to their younger sisters in Christ. She affirms God's beautiful design for their obedient influence and its generational impact on the health of the home and church. She is a pastor's wife, women's Bible study writer, teacher and speaker, who is currently completing her doctorate of education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Donna has been married to Dr. Rodney Navey for 34 years and they have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

DENISE O'DONOGHUE, *Imago Dei Church, Raleigh*

Denise O'Donoghue has a passion for teaching women and coming alongside to help them to face the trials of life. She holds a master's degree in biblical counseling and a doctorate of education, both from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. Currently, she serves her local church, Imago Dei, as part of the counseling leadership team and counsels women. She enjoys being a wife, mother and grandmother.

ASHLEY REFFIT, *The Summit Church, Garner*

Ashley Reffit is a native of Garner, N.C., where she lives with her husband and three children. She felt the call to ministry in high school and has served in various capacities along the journey. She earned a master's degree in Christian education from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a master's of education from Campbell University. Ashley currently serves as the women's discipleship coordinator at the Summit Church in Durham, N.C. Her passion is to encourage women to be rooted in God's Word as they serve Christ and love others. She strongly believes that we are all called to use our talents, gifts and even our struggles to reach those around us as we intentionally live on mission each day.

MEREDITH SNODDY, *Green Street Baptist Church, High Point*

Meredith Snoddy currently serves as the director of women's ministry and communications and ministry manager of adult discipleship at Green Street Baptist Church. She met the greatest person that has ever lived, Jesus, and she wants everyone to know Him as the amazing Savior He is and the love, hope and life He offers.

JENNIFER THOPPIL, *Salem Baptist Church, Dobson*

Jennifer Thoppil is a native of Belize, Central America. She was 17 years old when she gave her heart to Christ. She spent her next few years on the mission field with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). She was blessed to get hands-on training by working on the mission field delivering basic health care and meeting the spiritual needs of the peoples of the Cayman Islands, Central America, and the slums of Chicago. After her missionary journey, she came to the United States to study at Central Texas College and then became a registered nurse. She has lived in Mt. Airy, N.C., for 24 years and has taught several Bible studies for women, and served as conference speaker domestically and overseas. She serves as the discipleship training director at the Surry Baptist Association. She is married to pediatrician Dr. Cecil Thoppil and their children, Cecilia and Andrew, are both in college.

MARY WALLACE WILSON, *Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh*

When Mary Wallace isn't spending time with her family, she enjoys hiking with friends, reading a good book on the beach and traveling. Her passion is for women to know and love the great God she adores. Mary Wallace graduated from Meredith College and currently serves as the director of women's discipleship at Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.