

2020 Women of Hope Weekend Breakout Speakers and Topics



Dorcas Curry

Rise Up and Find Your Joy

This session will invite you into a “joyversation,” much like a conversation, but will focus on speaking joy into our lives. You will learn ways that we as women can rise up and surrender those things that are holding us all down from the full glory and joy in Christ.

*Dorcas Curry has been walking with the Lord for more than 50 years. She has been blessed with many opportunities to share her journey with others. She is a regular women's Bible study teacher and women's ministry leader at Schrader Lane Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn. She is the owner of **Gazelle Productions** and directs **The NewBirth Players** acting group. She holds numerous spiritual development workshops and events for women across the U.S., and is the author of two books and a stage play. She is an empowered breast cancer survivor and a blessed wife, mother and grandmother.*

Vanessa Sadler

Enneagram in the Light of the Gospel

In this session, Vanessa will provide a Biblical perspective of the Enneagram and the 9 Types. This will include the structure, functionality, and how each “Type” is a reflection of God. She will also explore what “Type” misses about the original Garden of Eden.

Vanessa Sadler is a certified Enneagram Coach and uses the Enneagram and her grounding in the truth of Scripture to help people to avoid falling into unhealthy patterns and grow spiritually. She hopes to see others come to experience true rest in the finished work of Christ on their behalf as they surrender to the transformative work of the Holy Spirit. When she is not teaching a local Bible study, coaching or spending time with her husband and three kids, Vanessa enjoys hiking, reading, writing, and coloring. A native of Colorado, she and her family currently reside in Spring Hill, Tenn.



Dr. Ryan Noel Fraser

Living with Depression as a Christian Woman

Many faithful Christian women suffer with various levels of depression and anxiety. This presentation will address the topic of mental health issues from a spiritual perspective. Practical strategies will be provided on tangible ways to overcome the blues as a believer, while holding onto hope.

*Dr. Ryan Noel Fraser is the author of **Overcoming the Blues: Finding Christ-Centered Hope and Joy through Serving Others**. Dr. Fraser was raised on the mission field in South Africa. He holds a B.A. in Bible and Master's in Ministry from Freed-Hardeman University, a M.Div. from Abilene Christian University, and a Ph.D. in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling from Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University). He has been married for over 30 years and lives in West Tennessee where he teaches in the graduate counseling program at Freed-Hardeman University. He also has a private pastoral counseling practice and is a minister.*

Margaret Brown

God's Grace Through the Gift of MAGI

Margaret has witnessed firsthand the way that the MAGI Project changes *two* lives: the one who receives AND the one who gives. In this session, she will share how her faith has been transformed by “one little box” and you will learn how this simple tool can impact families around the world as well as your own family, church or community.

Margaret Brown became involved with the MAGI Project a few short years ago while attending a Ladies' Day at her home church. What began as a ministry for sewing dresses for children morphed into a deep involvement with the ministry to eventually traveling to Honduras to deliver the boxes to children. She feels extremely blessed to share how God has shown His grace to her and others through the MAGI Project and how others can find this same joy.



Jeri Blackwell

What Is Your Spiritual Gift?

Have you ever wondered how your gifts, talents, quirks, faith, and abilities could be used in sharing the Lord's love with others? Jeri will explore some tools she used in finding her passion and becoming a voice for those who are desperately seeking basic needs, such as clean drinking water. Get prepared to soak in inspiration and practical ways that you can explore the role that you have been called to play in the Lord's story.

Jeri Blackwell is a native to Parkersburg, WV and attended Ohio Valley University where she met her husband of 16 years, Jason. She holds a Master's degree from Central Michigan University with an emphasis in Leadership which she uses in her day job, her home-based business, teaching at a local university, and managing four active and growing boys. Jeri has volunteered with Healing Hands since 2013 when she coordinated her first Walk4Water in Lancaster, Ohio. Since that time, she has coordinated seven more walks providing clean water to people in Haiti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda, and Judah's orphanage in China.

Karen Byrum

Empowered to Empower Others

Straight from the mission field of the Philippines, Karen will share how her journey led her and her husband to the calling to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people in this country.

Through programs and techniques she learned through Healing Hands International, Karen has been teaching women in the Philippines to strengthen their women's ministry, create businesses to sustain their livelihood, and grow bountiful produce. With some of these simple programs, you can leave empowered to empower others in need at home and abroad.

Karen Byrum and her husband of 40 years, Dale, served as missionaries in New Zealand throughout the 1980s while raising their two daughters. Today they enjoy being grandparents and serving as full-time missionaries in the Philippines. The Byrums also work as church planters. Their priority is to plant new congregations in the Philippines and work with small congregations who are struggling for support. Karen also focuses her efforts on women's ministry and livelihood business, as well as working with children and teens.

