

**Thursday, March 22, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m. Track Classes**

**Being Deaf – Finding Answers in Jesus (A track on Ministry to the Deaf)  
Carl Moore, Tulsa, OK (Central Park #1A)**

*Many times the deaf feel lost and alone, struggle with low self-esteem, and battle thoughts of hopelessness. This track will explain why they feel that way and how Jesus can enter these feelings and provide answers to their hurts.*

**Confessions of a Former Preacher (A track for Full-Time Ministers)  
Dan Bouchelle, Hurst, TX (Central Park #2)**

*What I've learned about the church, world, kingdom, God, and ministry from outside the pulpit that I wish I had seen while I was still in.*

**Healing Grace for Broken Marriages (A track on Ministry to the Divorced)  
Al Maxey, Alamogordo, NM (Central Park #3)**

*By focusing on LAW, the church (in many places) has pushed away some of those most in need of His embrace: the divorced. Scripture calls for a different focus within His Family – an approach that heals, not inflicts further hurt.*

**Good News Worth Sharing (How Anyone Can Lead a Bible Study)  
Chris Swinford, Lubbock, TX (Exchange #1-2)**

*While the gospel message never changes, the times and effective approaches to the non-Christians around us do change. The simple truth is that the world around us has changed, and our missions and evangelistic approaches must adapt to these changes. This track, with the help of AIMers from Sunset, will discuss current methods that are proving highly effective in the USA and around the world.*

**Through the Looking Glass (A discussion on Race Relations in the Churches of Christ)  
Tanya Brice, Waco, TX (Exchange #3)**

*This track will examine our fellowship's history of race relations and the contemporary manifestations of that history. In addition, we will discuss some strategies for addressing these issues.*

## **Thursday, March 22, 2:00 – 4:40 p.m. Track Classes**

### **Can't We All Just Get Along? (Conflict Avoidance, Management, and Resolution, and the 5 Great Truisms of Brand YOU)**

**Steve Diggs, Antioch, TN (Central Park #2)**

*Conflict is a cancer that destroys countless churches, marriages, and other relationships every year. This track will begin with 4 effective, biblical strategies for avoiding, managing, and overcoming conflict. Our goal isn't merely to come to compromise--it's to achieve true consensus. We will also consider what it takes to be an effective communicator.*

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians in a Third World Church (Where Video Games and Gospel Meet)**

**Chad & Eric Walker, Lancaster, TX (Central Park #3)**

*Video games outsell every entertainment media year after year and are now one of the greatest influencers of our time. This track will discuss how to communicate, teach, and inspire with this revolutionary form of technology to reach the next generation church, Christian, and world.*

### **Ministering to the Needs of Those Impacted by Same-Sex Attraction**

**Sally Gary, CenterPeace Ministries, Abilene, TX**

**Tim Mehta, Nashville, TN**

**(Exchange #1-2)**

*Homosexuality is real and becoming an ever-increasing accepted way of life for so many, even among believers. Sally Gary and Tim Mehta will share their testimonies. They will share how the good news impacts them as well as describe a church culture which the Spirit of Christ can use to minister to those who are impacted by same sex attraction.*

### **Pursuing Unity in the Middle of a Broken Religious World**

**John Dobbs, Monroe, LA (Exchange #3)**

*Can we serve together under one banner ... the banner of Christ... instead of our individual churches? What would it look like to invite believers from another faith family to join you in reaching out to the neighborhood? Many things stand in our way. Convictions. Conscience. Competition. Can I remain true to my beliefs and at the same time work arm in arm with someone from another faith?*

### **Café Sol - Sanctuary (A Track for Teens)**

**Daniel Peters, Tulsa, OK (Pavilion A)**

*As a teen, you are pressed on all sides with expectations. It can leave you with the impression that you are already behind. God, though, is constantly sending us the message that He is for us: God offers us "Sanctuary". This means that we always have a place to go to be accepted, encouraged and refueled for all that He has planned for us. Let's come together to have our soul fed for God's purposes. Cafe Sol will consist of time to connect relationally with other teens from around the country, time for thoughtful and challenging hands on activity to build faith and further deepen relationships with others, and teaching time each day from the Word.*

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**Making Christ Known Through Mercy to a Hurting World (A Track for Spanish-Speaking)  
Francisco Davila, Tulsa, OK (Central Park #1A)**

*Mercy is not something you can draw, paint, or take a picture of, and even to describe it is difficult. Mercy is best seen in action. Mercy is the means God chooses to reach mankind and show us one aspect of His character. God's mercy should flow through our ministries to make Christ known to a hurting world.*

**Living in the Here and WOW! (A Track for Full-Time Ministers)  
Terry Rush, Tulsa, OK (Central Park #2)**

*Being a cross-carrying sort, we ministers take plenty of shots. At times we are seriously wounded. Yet the shock of resurrection power gives us extreme reason to live in hope and awe!*

**A Walk to Remember (The Journey of Grief)  
Rick & Beverly Ross, Decatur, TX (Central Park #3)**

*Rick and Beverly Ross are well acquainted with the journey of grief. In this track, they will share their personal story, discuss Biblical principles, and give insight on how we can best journey beside people who are in grief.*

**Married But Divorced (How to Get From "Me" to "We")  
Dr. Kevin Nieman, Tulsa, OK (Exchange #1-2)**

*Are you tired of living in the same house, yet feeling a lack of intimacy within your relationship? Begin developing a foundation for the marriage God intends you to have by creating a marriage built on a unified "us" rather than an isolated "I".*

**The Crushing Load of Islam, The Lifting Power of Love  
Victor Knowles, Joplin, MO (Exchange #3)**

*Millions of Muslims are saddled with guilt, unaware that there is a God who loves them, having no concept of grace, and possessing no assurance of salvation. A candid look at what the religion of Islam has done to the hearts and lives of its adherents. Though Islam is Christianity's greatest challenge it is also Christianity's greatest opportunity!*

## **Friday, March 23, 2:00 – 4:40 p.m. Track Classes**

### **What God Wants Most from Elders (A Track for Shepherds) Jay Guin, Tuscaloosa, AL (Central Park #2)**

*A discussion on aiming for the right targets: Helping our congregations become more like Jesus through service, submission, and sacrifice, and breaking down age barriers so that the older members can truly be models of Christian behavior for the younger generation.*

### **Practical Ministry to a Missing Generation (Ministry to 20's & 30's) Matt Dabbs, St. Petersburg, FL (Central Park #3)**

*This track will offer practical methods of reaching and growing mature disciples in a generation that is noticeably absent in many congregations. We'll discuss who they are, what they believe, how best to reach them, and explore the cultural gap that is growing within our congregations.*

### **I'm Broken...Where Can I Find Healing? Jason Thornton, Owasso, OK Chris Johnson, Lubbock, TX (Exchange #1-2)**

*We are all aware that life is filled with highs and lows. What we might not realize is how both God and Satan seek to identify us through those mountains and valleys. This track addresses the issue of brokenness and a concrete path to how Christians can find identity and healing in the midst of pain. Through this process you will also learn how you can lead others to this healing in order to impact your world with the good news.*

### **In for the Long Haul (A Track for Youth Ministry Workers) Trent Taylor, Tulsa, OK & Youth Minister Panel (Exchange #3)**

*Some say the average duration of a Youth Minister's work is 18 months, while other studies show 4-5 years. We say that neither of these scenarios is ideal. Youth Ministers and church families alike should begin looking at this great work as both a long term commitment and a career specialty within professional ministry that many are choosing to stay in for a long time. We want to see youth workers stay long enough to develop the deep relationships needed that will impact teens and families in the most effective and beneficial ways.*

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**Saturday, March 24, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m. Track Classes**

**How God Heals the Broken Behind Bars (A track on Prison Ministry)  
Terry Finch, Tulsa, OK (Central Park #1A)**

*In the state of Oklahoma alone there are over 30,000 incarcerated. How can we introduce them to Christ? This track will discuss two resources: "New Life Behavior" and "Celebrate Recovery Inside".*

**Brokenness Through Missionary Eyes  
Jay Jarboe, Bedford, TX (Central Park #2)**

*Missionaries have significant insight into how best to reach a broken world with good news. Taking the time to listen to those missionaries will help us understand how to bring good news to our own broken world, both locally and globally.*

**How Can I Keep From Singing? (A Track for Worship Leaders)  
Josh Kasinger, Houston, TX (Central Park #3)**

*A place for worship leaders and worship planners to make connection, share ideas, and be re-energized!*

**The Addicted Church: Brokenness Misunderstood (A Track on Ministry to Those Suffering From Sexual and Chemical Addiction)  
Ryan Butterfield, L.P.C., M.S., MFT, Certified Sexual Addiction Therapist  
Lou Butterfield, Ed.D., Searcy, AR (Exchange #1-2)**

*Addiction is rampant in the church: drugs, alcohol, shopping, food, sex, and pornography to name a few. The HARD TRUTH is that there are members of every congregation in active addiction. The SAD TRUTH is that the average congregation feels overwhelmed and unqualified to help. Many congregations are unwilling to even talk about "such things." To experience true healing, the internal, relational and spiritual battles must be won, followed by the possibility of being set free from the physical addiction.*

**New Ways to Tell the Old, Old Story to Kids (A Track for Children's Bible Class Teachers)  
Stacie Woodruff, Jenks, OK & Children's Minister Panel (Exchange #3)**

*Is your Sunday School full or bored kids (or even worse...bored teachers)? Does your church struggle with intermittent attendance and a lack of Bible literacy? Do you find yourself buying expensive curriculum that's half used? Stacie and a panel of Children's Ministers will present creative, classroom-tested ideas that churches around the country have used to add life to their Children's Ministry.*

**Café Sol – Sanctuary In Action  
Trent Taylor, Tulsa, OK (Off-Site)**

*Join Trent Taylor and other Youth Workers as they lead teens and youth workers to share their security in Christ with those that are in need. We will "leave the building" and lead you to the downtown area of Tulsa to directly engage those without homes in order to share Christ's love with them.*

**Saturday, March 24, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m. Track Classes**

**Converge Panel (Perspectives on Outreach)  
Greg Taylor, Tulsa, OK (Central Park #3)**

*What happens when four unique ministries come together to discuss how they practically seek people far from God and help them become fully devoted followers? Join panelists from four cutting edge ministries: Dry Bones Denver, The Kibo Group, Challenge Quest Missional, and One More Well, and you will see how four very different organizations converge on ONE vision of God for all people to be saved and to become fully devoted followers of Christ.*

**Raising Kids in a Broken World (A Track on Parenting)  
Danny & Marianne Sidders, Bixby, OK (Central Park #3)**

*Our children live in a world today that offers greater choice and temptation. As a result, there exists the potential for greater pain and suffering. This class will examine ways to help children and families overcome this broken world in order to “shine like stars in a crooked and depraved generation.”*

**How Can I Be Intentional About Spiritual Growth?  
Eric Wilson, Memphis, TN (Exchange #1-2)**

*Why do some people grow while others do not? This question has uncovered a discovery of seven practical components leading to growth in all areas of our lives in Christ.*

**Growing Minds, Growing Relationships, Growing Disciples (A Track on Campus Ministry)  
Jamie Riley, Minford, OH (Exchange #3)**

*Come join us in sharing the joy and blessings of ministry to some of God's favorite people during one of the most challenging times of their lives – the college years.*