KidMin Conference 2011 • October 7-10, 2011 CHICAGO
Tentative Schedule, Rev. 9-23-11

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
(Bookstore & Ministry Partner booths open from 8 am–11 pm)

8:00-9:00 AM CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION for Full-Day Pre-Conference Options (additional fee)

9:00 AM-4:00 PM PRE-CONFERENCE TRACKS
◊◊ Pre-Con: KidMin Checkup: Assessing Strengths and Weaknesses—and How to Fix Them
Led by Greg Baird
(Room: London)

◊◊ Pre-Con: REAL Learning Lab: Reaching and Teaching All Learners
Led by Patty Smith and Gary Lindsay
(Room: International C)

◊◊ Pre-Con: Leadership Lab: Strengths Finder
Led by Denise Kjesbo
(Room: Paris)

◊◊ Pre-Con: Idea Lab: Fill Your Idea Bag—and Learn How to Create Great Ideas on Your Own!
Led by Cynthia Crane
(Room: International AB)

◊◊ Pre-Con: Just You and Jesus...Nothing Else to Say
Led by Sharon Stratmoen
(Room: International F)

10:00 AM CHECK-IN OPENS FOR ALL ATTENDEES

1:30-6:30 PM (FREE) FRIDAY AFTERNOON HAPPENINGS
◊◊ 1:00-1:30 Workshop: Tips for Getting the Most Out of KidMin
Led by Leneita Fix
(Room: International D)

◊◊ 2:00-3:00 Ministry Conversation: What Matters Most in Children’s Ministry
Panelists: Amy Dolan, Henry Zonio, Matt McKee, Greg Baird
(Room: International E)

◊◊ 2:00-2:30 Workshop: Tips for Getting the Most Out of KidMin
Led by Leneita Fix
(Room: International D)

◊◊ 3:00-3:30 Workshop: Tips for Getting the Most Out of KidMin
Led by Leneita Fix
(Room: International D)
03:00-4:00 Ministry Conversation: Team of One  
Panelists: Jeff Harmon & Brook Hickle  
(Room: Vienna)

4:00-6:30 PM FRIDAY EVENING BREAK  
04:30-5:30 Connect Group Meet & Greet Open House  
(Room: Conversation Lounge)

7:00-9:30 PM OPENING GENERAL SESSION & WORSHIP  
Bounce...What You Do Matters  
Hosted by Lazarus Chakwera, Chris Yount Jones, Brian Davis, and the Skit Guys  
(Room: Hyatt Grand Ballroom—Doors open at 6:30)

10:00-11:00 PM FRIDAY LATE-NIGHT OPTIONS  
◊◊10:00-11:00 PM Comedy with the Skit Guys  
(Room: International A-C)

◊◊10:00-11:00 PM Pink Party—Brought to you by Group for Women  
(Room: International D-F)

◊◊10:00-11:00 PM Games Preteens Will Play—Brought to you by Children’s Ministry Magazine  
(Room: London)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 (bookstore & ministry partner booths open from 8 am–11 pm)
9:00-10:00 AM MORNING GENERAL SESSION & WORSHIP  
Bounce...Because of Jesus  
Hosted by Brian Haynes, Chris Yount Jones, Brian Davis  
(Room: Hyatt Grand Ballroom—Doors open at 8:45am)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM TRAINING ZONE 1  
(Choose from 9 Deeper Learning Track Sessions, 4 Half-Track Sessions, 4 Workshops)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM DEEPER LEARNING TRACKS (SESSION 1)  
◊◊Track: Early Childhood Ministry: Reaching and Teaching Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers  
Session 1: 10 Things That’ll Rock the Way You Think About the Nursery  
Led by Jennifer Hooks and Barbara Price  
(Room: International AB)

◊◊Track: Authentic Leadership: Who You Are Makes the Biggest Difference  
Session 1: Avoiding the SPIN Cycle  
Led by Craig Jutila  
(Room: Florence)

◊◊Track: Your First Two Years in Ministry  
Session 1: Who Are You? (Character, prayer, devotional life, calling, and leadership style)  
Led by Dick Gruber  
(Room: London)

◊◊Track: Preteen Ministry That’ll Knock Your Socks Off  
Session 1: Preteen Ministry Philosophy  
Led by Nick Diliberto and Patrick Snow  
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom C)

◊◊Track: Discovering, Equipping, and Empowering Volunteers That Stick  
Session 1: Rethinking the Recruiting Process  
Led by Jim Wideman  
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom A)
Track: Managing Your Ministry Like a Professional: Innovative Practices for Effective Leadership
Session 1: The Office: People and Politics
Led by Jay Hostetler and Todd Hostetler
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom D)

Track: Family Ministry in a Kidmin World
Session 1: Kidmin = Family = The Biblical Plan “A”
Led by Brian Haynes
(Room: United AB)

Track: Strategic Planning: Guiding Your Ministry With Purpose
Session 1: Understanding What Kidmin Strategic Planning Is...and Isn’t
Led by Greg Baird
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom B)

Track: What Children With Special Needs Wish You Knew
Session 1: “I’m Not Sick; I Have a Disability” (The Characteristics and Needs of Children With Disabilities)
Led by Pat Verbal
(Room: Lambert AB)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM HALF-TRACKS (SESSION 1)
Half-Track: Developing Kids as Leaders
Session 1: Developing Young Leaders (Ages 2-22)
Led by Alan Nelson
(Room: Midway/Logan)

Half-Track: Thriving Children’s Ministry in Small Churches
Session 1: Smaller Is Taller: Overcoming the Natural Obstacles of a Smaller Church
Led by Rick Chromey
(Room: Vienna)

Half-Track: Leveraging Technology in Children’s Ministry
Session 1: Overcoming Ministry Obstacles Using Current Technology
Led by Kenny Conley
(Room: Tech Center)

Half-Track: Fifth Wind—Reinventing Yourself Again...and Again!
Session 1: The Need for Reinvention: Looking From Where You Are
Led by Jeff Harmon
(Room: Hartsfield)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM WORKSHOPS
Workshop: Leading Creative Teams
Led by Dan Scott
(Room: Paris)

Workshop: Outreach With Impact
Led by Gordon and Becki West
(Room: International C)

Workshop: 101 Creative Program Ideas
Led by Cynthia Crane
(Room: International DE)

Workshop: Creating a Strategic Discipleship Plan
Led by Rhonda Haslett
(Room: International F)
12:30-2:30 PM SATURDAY MID-DAY BREAK

1:00 - 2:00 PM CONNECT GROUPS MEET (Conversation Lounge)

2:30 PM-4:30 PM TRAINING ZONE 2
(Choose from 9 Deeper Learning Track Sessions, 4 Half-Track Sessions, 4 Workshops)

2:30-4:30 PM DEEPER LEARNING TRACKS (SESSION 2)
◊◊Track: Early Childhood Ministry: Reaching and Teaching Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers
Session 2: The Proof’s in the Baby Pudding: Best Practices in Education Produce Results
Led by Jennifer Hooks and Barbara Price
(Room: International AB)

◊◊Track: Authentic Leadership: Who You Are Makes the Biggest Difference
Session 2: Why Doing More Good Can Bring More Bad
Led by Craig Jutila
(Room: Florence)

◊◊Track: Your First Two Years in Ministry
Session 2: You Want to Be a What? (Résumés, interviews, getting hired, and job descriptions)
Led by Dick Gruber
(Room: London)

◊◊Track: Preteen Ministry That’ll Knock Your Socks Off
Session 2: Preteen Ministry Building Blocks
Led by Nick Diliberto and Patrick Snow
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom C)

◊◊Track: Discovering, Equipping, and Empowering Volunteers That Stick
Session 2: Recruiting Like Jesus
Led by Jim Wideman
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom A)

◊◊Track: Managing Your Ministry Like a Professional: Innovative Practices for Effective Leadership
Session 2: The Office: Systems, Innovation, Change
Led by Jay Hostetler and Todd Hostetler
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom D)

◊◊Track: Family Ministry in a Kidmin World
Session 2: Designing Kidmin With the Family in Mind
Led by Brian Haynes
(Room: United AB)

◊◊Track: Strategic Planning: Guiding Your Ministry With Purpose
Session 2: Who Does What—and When—in the Strategic Planning Process
Led by Greg Baird
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom B)

◊◊Track: What Children With Special Needs Wish You Knew
Session 2: “Autism Is Tough, But So Am I” (Making Sense of Autism)
Led by Pat Verbal
(Room: Lambert AB)

2:30-4:30 PM HALF-TRACKS (SESSION 2)
◊◊Half-Track: Developing Kids as Leaders
Session 2: Adult Coaching Skills for Young Leaders
Led by Alan Nelson
(Room: Midway/Logan)
Half-Track: Thriving Children's Ministry in Small Churches
Session 2: Six Secrets to Energize
Led by Rick Chromey
(Room: Vienna)

Half-Track: Leveraging Technology in Children's Ministry
Session 2: Ministry Tech Lab: Building Your Ministry Technology Plan
Led by Kenny Conley
(Room: Tech Center)

Half-Track: Fifth Wind—Reinventing Yourself Again...and Again!
Session 2: The Process of Reinvention: Seeing Where God Wants You to Be
Led by Jeff Harmon
(Room: Hartsfield)

2:30-4:30 PM WORKSHOPS
Workshop: Recruiting Volunteers: Quick Tips With Lasting Results
Led by Dale Hudson
(Room: International DE)

Workshop: 7 Keys to Making Church Irresistible to Kids
Led by Ricardo Miller
(Room: International C)

Workshop: Leading Worship for Kids Effectively
Led by Yancy
(Room: Paris)

Workshop: Working With Parents: What They Do and Don’t Need From Us
Led by Gina McClain
(Room: International F)

4:30-6:30 PM SATURDAY EVENING BREAK

5:00-6:00 PM MINISTRY CONVERSATIONS
Ministry Conversation: Surviving Kidmin in a Shrinking Church
Panelists: Patty Smith, Gary Lindsay, Gloria Lee
(Room: Rosemont A)

Ministry Conversation: Ministering When You Feel Broken
Panelists: Craig Jutila, Danielle Bell, Kelli Espiritu
(Room: Rosemont B)

Ministry Conversation: What Matters Most in Children’s Ministry
Panelists: Amy Dolan, Henry Zonio, Matt McKee, Greg Baird
(Room: United AB)

Ministry Conversation: Embracing the At-Risk Child
Panelists: Leneita Fix, Lazarus Chakwera, Patrick Snow
(Room: DFW)

Ministry Conversation: Ministry Every Day of the Week
Panelists: Lisa Burney, Cynthia Crane
(Room: Rosemont D)

Ministry Conversation: Small Group Ministry With Kids
Panelists: Adam Walsh, Nick Diliberto
(Room: LAX)
Ministry Conversation: Getting All the Volunteers You Need
Panelists: Sam Luce, Todd Hostetler, E.C. Cunningham
(Room: Rosemont C)

7:00- 9:30 PM GENERAL SESSION & NIGHT OF WORSHIP
Bounce...We're In This Together
Hosted by Jim Wideman, Skit Guys, Royal Taylor, Leeland, Building 429
(Room: Hyatt Grand Ballroom—Doors Open at 6:30 PM)

10:00-11:00 PM SATURDAY LATE-NIGHT OPTIONS
◊◊Late-Night: Leeland and Building 429 Talkback
(Room: Rosemont A)

◊◊ Late-Night: SKYJAM!—Brought to you by Group VBS
(Room: Rosemont CD)

◊◊ Late-Night: Fun Make-and-Take Crafts for Your Ministry—Brought to you by Children’s Ministry Magazine
(Room: Rosemont B)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th (bookstore & ministry partner booths open from 8 am–11 pm)
9:00-10:00 AM MORNING GENERAL SESSION & WORSHIP
Bounce...Bounce...Bounce...
Hosted by Chris Yount Jones, Brian Davis
(Room: Hyatt Grand Ballroom—Doors open at 8:45am)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM TRAINING ZONE 3
(Choose from 9 Deeper Learning Track Sessions, 5 Half-Track Sessions, 5 Workshops)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM DEEPER LEARNING TRACKS (SESSION 3)
◊◊Track: Early Childhood Ministry: Reaching and Teaching Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers
Session 3: Educating Your Team on Early Childhood—and Getting Their Buy-In
Led by Jennifer Hooks and Barbara Price
(Room: International AB)

◊◊Track: Authentic Leadership: Who You Are Makes the Biggest Difference
Session 3: Priorities That Promote Health
Led by Craig Jutila
(Room: Florence)

◊◊Track: Your First Two Years in Ministry
Session 3: Reproduction Is God’s Plan for Your Ministry! (Recruiting, caring for, and reproducing volunteers...plus, safety and discipline policies)
Led by Dick Gruber
(Room: London)

◊◊Track: Preteen Ministry That’ll Knock Your Socks Off
Session 3: Programming Elements Preteens Love
Led by Nick Diliberto and Patrick Snow
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom C)

◊◊Track: Discovering, Equipping, and Empowering Volunteers That Stick
Session 3: Enlarging the Abilities of Those You Lead
Led by Jim Wideman
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom A)
Track: Managing Your Ministry Like a Professional: Innovative Practices for Effective Leadership
Session 3: Ministry Transitions
Led by Jay Hostetler and Todd Hostetler
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom D)

Track: Family Ministry in a Kidmin World
Session 3: What a Kidmin Leader Can Teach Parents...and How
Led by Brian Haynes
(Room: United AB)

Track: Strategic Planning: Guiding Your Ministry With Purpose
Session 3: How to Create a Strategic Plan for Your Children’s Ministry
Led by Greg Baird
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom B)

Track: What Children With Special Needs Wish You Knew
Session 3: “Sometimes I Mess Up...Like Other Kids” (Classroom Management for Children With Special Needs)
Led by Pat Verbal
(Room: Lambert AB)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM HALF-TRACKS (SESSION 1)
Half-Track: Leadership That Lasts...How to Go the Distance in Children’s Ministry
Session 1: Danger: Ministry Pitfalls to Avoid
Led by Dale Hudson
(Room: Hartsfield)

Half-Track: IdeaSparks to Infuse Creativity in Your Ministry
Session 1: The Creative Leader: Yes, That Can Describe You
Led By Patty Smith
(Room: Vienna)

Half-Track: Discipline Philosophy, Strategy, and Tips That Work
Session 1: Hebrews & Highbrows! Biblical Principles and Trusty Truths
Led by Gordon and Becki West
(Room: Midway/Logan)

Half-Track: The Art of Bible Storying
Session 1: Storying Genesis 1&2 plus Storying Essentials
Led by Michael Novelli
(Room: LaGuardia)

Half-Track: Kids’ Spiritual Development: How Kids’ Faith Really Grows
Session 1: Biblical and Theological Support for Children as Spiritual Beings
Led by Scottie May
(Room: Heathrow AB)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM WORKSHOPS
Workshop: Under New Management: Gaining Influence in a New Place
Led by Jonathan Cliff
(Room: DFW)

Workshop: Effective Urban Ministry
Led by E.C. Cunningham
(Room: LAX)

Workshop: Wired for Ministry
Led by Matt McKee
(Room: Tech Center)
Workshop: Never Serve Alone: Creating an Attractive Culture for Volunteers  
Led by Sam Luce  
(Room: International F)

Workshop: Loving and Serving a New Generation of Families  
Led by Amy Dolan  
(Room: Paris)

12:30-2:30 PM SUNDAY MID-DAY BREAK

1:00- 2:00 PM CONNECT GROUPS MEET  (Conversation Lounge)

2:30-4:30 PM TRAINING ZONE 4  
(Choose from 9 Deeper Learning Track Sessions, 5 Half-Track Sessions, 5 Workshops)

2:30-4:30 PM DEEPER LEARNING TRACKS (SESSION 4)

Track: Early Childhood Ministry: Reaching and Teaching Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers  
Session 4: Effective Methods to Maximize This Knee-High Window of Opportunity  
Led by Jennifer Hooks and Barbara Price  
(Room: International AB)

Track: Authentic Leadership: Who You Are Makes the Biggest Difference  
Session 4: Who Am I Becoming as a Leader?  
Led by Craig Jutila  
(Room: Florence)

Track: Your First Two Years in Ministry  
Session 4: Leave It Better Than You Found It (Relationships in ministry, involving children and parents, making an impact, and promotion ideas)  
Led by Dick Gruber  
(Room: London)

Track: Preteen Ministry That’ll Knock Your Socks Off  
Session 4: Making It Stick When Their Attention Spans Don’t  
Led by Nick Diliberto and Patrick Snow  
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom C)

Track: Discovering, Equipping, and Empowering Volunteers That Stick  
Session 4: Delegating, Duplicating, and Depth That Works  
Led by Jim Wideman  
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom A)

Track: ReMix: Managing Your Ministry Like a Professional: Innovative Practices for Effective Leadership  
Session 4: Children’s Ministry Leadership Lessons  
Led by Jay Hostetler and Todd Hostetler  
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom D)

Track: Family Ministry in a Kidmin World  
Session 4: Where Do I Start? Helping Others Catch the Vision  
Led by Brian Haynes  
(Room: United AB)

Track: Strategic Planning: Guiding Your Ministry With Purpose  
Session 4: Applying the Process and Creating Your Custom Kidmin Strategic Plan  
Led by Greg Baird  
(Room: Rosemont Ballroom B)
2:30-4:30 PM HALF-TRACKS (SESSION 2)

◊◊Half-Track: Leadership That Lasts...How to Go the Distance in Children’s Ministry
Session 2: How to Effectively Lead for a Lifetime
Led by Dale Hudson
(Room: Hartsfield)

◊◊Half-Track: IdeaSparks to Infuse Creativity in Your Ministry
Session 2: The Creative Ministry: It’ll Never Be the Same
Led by Patty Smith
(Room: Vienna)

◊◊Half-Track: Discipline Philosophy, Strategy, and Tips That Work
Session 2: Pitfalls, Potholes and Peace
Led by Gordon and Becki West
(Room: Midway/Logan)

◊◊Half-Track: The Art of Bible Storying
Session 2: Storying Genesis 3 plus Storying and Faith Formation
Led by Michael Novelli
(Room: LaGuardia)

◊◊Half-Track: Kids’ Spiritual Development: How Kids’ Faith Really Grows
Session 2: Children’s Spirituality and the Church
Led by Scottie May
(Room: Heathrow AB)

2:30-4:30 PM WORKSHOPS

◊◊Workshop: Teaching Digital Learners
Led by Henry Zonio
(Room: Tech Center)

◊◊Workshop: Understanding Kid Culture
Led by Rick Chromey
(Room: International DE)

◊◊Workshop: Get Organized! Systems, Processes, and More
Led by Kenny Conley
(Room: LAX)

◊◊Workshop: Events and Outreaches That Attract Kids and Families
Led by Ricardo Miller
(Room: Paris)

◊◊Workshop: Women in Ministry Leadership
Led by Denise Kjesbo
(Room: International F)

4:30-6:30 PM SUNDAY EVENING BREAK

5:00-6:00 PM MINISTRY CONVERSATIONS

◊◊Ministry Conversations: Family Ministry Four Different Ways
Panelists: Kenny Conley, Brian Haynes
(Room: Rosemont B)
Ministry Conversation: Building a Strong Volunteer Team  
Panelists: Ricardo Miller, Jonathan Cliff, Christiaan VandenHuevel  
(Room: Rosemont A)

Ministry Conversation: Tap Into Teen Helpers in Kidmin  
Panelists: Anthony Prince, Staci Travisano, Ali Thompson, Yancy  
(Room: LAX)

Ministry Conversation: Leading Up to Your Senior Pastor  
Panelists: Alan Nelson, Jay Hostetler, Lazarus Chakwera, Debby Albrecht  
(Room: DFW)

Ministry Conversation: Team of One:  
Panelists: Jeff Harmon, Brook Hickle  
(Room: Rosemont D)

Ministry Conversation: Ministry to Single Parents and Guardians  
Panelists: Leneita Fix, Rick Chromey, Amy Dolan  
(Room: Rosemont C)

Ministry Conversation: Married in Ministry  
Panelists: Denise Kjesbo, Dick Gruber and Gordon & Becki West  
(Room: Midway/Logan)

7:00-9:30 PM GENERAL SESSION & WORSHIP  
Bounce...Jesus Loves You  
Hosted by Gina McClain, Chris Yount Jones, Sara Groves  
(Room: Hyatt Grand Ballroom—Doors open at 6:30pm)

10:00-11:00 PM SUNDAY LATE-NIGHT OPTIONS  
◊◊Late-Night: Sara Groves Talkback  
(Room: Rosemont A)

◊◊ Late-Night: Yancy: Mini Concert  
(Room: Rosemont CD)

◊◊ Late-Night: Team-Building Games Adults Will Play (Brought to you by Children’s Ministry Magazine)  
(Room: Rosemont B)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 (bookstore & ministry partner booths open from 8 am-1 pm)  
Tip: Check out of your hotel before you head over; they’ll store your bags.

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Speaker Hangout!  
(Room: Bookstore Lounge)

9:00-10:30 AM TRAINING ZONE 5  
(Choose from 6 Workshops)

Workshops  
◊◊Workshop 101 Creative Program Ideas  
Led by Cynthia Crane  
(Room: United AB)

◊◊Workshop Creating a Strategic Discipleship Plan  
Led by Rhonda Haslett  
(Room: Rosemont D)
◊◊ Workshop  7 Keys to Making Church Irresistible to Kids
Led by Ricardo Miller
(Room: Rosemont A)

◊◊ Workshop Never Serve Alone: Creating an Attractive Culture for Volunteers
Led by Sam Luce
(Room: DFW)

◊◊ Workshop Get Organized! Systems, Processes, and More
Led by Kenny Conley
(Room: LAX)

◊◊ Workshop Understanding Kid Culture
Led by Rick Chromey
(Room: Rosemont B)

9:00-10:30 AM OPTIONAL CLOSING CONNECT GROUP MEETING (Conversation Lounge)

10:45 AM-NOON CLOSING GENERAL SESSION & WORSHIP
Bounce...Leave Your Mark
Hosted by Lazarus Chakwera, Gina McClain, Jim Wideman, Chris Yount Jones, Brian Haynes, Brian Davis
(Room: Hyatt Grand Ballroom)