

# CHURCHNET WORKSHOPS

## *Engage the Future with Hope through Missional Collaboration*

First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit, MO  
Saturday, April 16

The 45-minute workshops will be offered twice (8:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) with a break and fellowship time between the sessions. Participants have the opportunity to choose two workshops. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

### **What One Church Is Doing About Predatory Loans** – Bob Perry, Leader

Description: University Heights Baptist Church in Springfield is attempting to rescue persons caught in the trap of payday and title loans. The workshop will describe how the church is raising funds to provide collateral for alternative low-interest loans and is working with a local credit union to make the loans and collect repayment. Participants will hear about lessons learned in the process and will have ample time for questions and answers.

### **Preparing for a Cross-Cultural Mission Trip** – Gary Snowden, Leader

This workshop will explore the nuts and bolts of preparing a local church to engage in an international missions project. A large number of topics will be addressed including discovering and selecting a project, enlisting volunteers, handling trip logistics, scheduling of activities, cultural taboos, and many more.

### **The Church as a Healing Presence Between Citizens & Law Enforcement** – Terrell Carter, Leader

This session will detail the presenter's experiences growing up as a black child in St. Louis, MO, a racially charged city still trying to overcome its divided past, and his five year journey as a law enforcement officer which led him to reevaluate his views on citizens and police alike. Participants will be taken on a compelling journey as he details personal stories of the challenges of navigating the world of law enforcement and community engagement while serving as pastor of an urban congregation.

### **Feed the 5,000 – Engaging in God's Mission to End Hunger** – Zach Schmidt & Doyle Sager, Leaders

In this workshop, we will talk about the biblical call to justice and the important role advocacy plays in reducing hunger in our communities and around the world. Learn about Bread for the World's work to change policies and conditions that cause hunger to persist, and hear how you can use your voice to faithfully witness on behalf of our poor and hungry neighbors.

### **When Helping Helps! The Village Partners Model for Missions** – Lori Wetmore, Leader

Representatives from William Jewell College share how they use Asset Based Community Development to build relationships with their mission partners and maximize the impact on participants. How to plan, prepare, engage, and reflect in thoughtful and meaningful ways for long-term effectiveness.

### **Talkin' 'bout My Generation** – Brian Kaylor, Leader

As the 'Millennial' generation (those about 18-35 years-old) emerges as a significant portion of the U.S. adult population, their traits and attitudes attract attention in social, political, economic, and religious circles. Dr. Brian Kaylor, Churchnet's Generational Engagement Team Leader (and a Millennial), will lead this exploration of unique attributes of Millennials and what they believe. This workshop will also explore practical ways churches are seeking to reach those in this generation.

### **The Guatemala Tabitha Ministry** – Carol Bercian, Leader

The Tabitha Ministry provides a safe environment and early childhood education through the 4th grade for those who otherwise would be forced to accompany their parents sorting through hazardous and unsanitary items in the city dump of Guatemala City. Many of the children come from backgrounds of abuse. In addition to education, the children receive two meals each day--supplying much-needed nutrition. Carol Bercian, founder and director of the Tabitha Ministry, will share about her work with the children as well as programs that minister to the needs of their mothers.

### **International Partnerships: Celebrating the Joy While Tiptoeing Through the Landmines** – Roger Hatfield, Leader

This workshop is focused on helping participants understand how to celebrate the joy that comes from a healthy partnership as well as to anticipate the potential challenges and the ever-present landmines.