

Saturday, March 16, 2024



MINISTRY CONFERENCE
Revolving Around Christ



KING JESUS

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. - Daniel 7:14b NIV

- 8:30-9:20 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:30-10:20 a.m. Opening Rally (Live music and First Note)
- 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. Session #1
- 12:05 - 1:05 p.m. Lunch
- 1:10 - 2:40 p.m. Session #2
- 2:50 - 3:30 p.m. Closing Rally (Live music and End Note)



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The King's Dominion	
Session ID	King Jesus IN Us
A1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 214	Rev. Marc Danapilis, The Anchor Church, Stevensville, Michigan We are to be imitators and ambassadors for the King. What does that look like? How is that accomplished? It's not through our own efforts, but through Christ IN us. What we believe will be evident in how we live. We, as ambassadors of King Jesus in this world, bear this honorable title and the divine responsibility it entails. This session will help us to magnify Christ IN us.
Session ID	His Kingdom in Contrast
A2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 214	Rev. Jerry Lyon, New Horizons Community Church, Jackson, Michigan The Kingdom of God is not limited to borders and boundaries. Jesus turned up in places considered unsavory to many and seemingly inappropriate for the righteousness of the Holy One. There are times to bring the Kingdom of God right into the center of the brokenness of our world. Are we willing to go out and enter in? Can we take the King and his Kingdom to places like he did? If we do, we better be ready for the contrast. Be ready to live alongside those living a life of contradiction to King Jesus, and maybe all we believe.

Kingdom Leadership

Session ID	Mission & Vision
B1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Lower Level Room 111	Rev. Bob Moss, First Church, St. Joseph, Michigan Did Jesus have a vision of the Kingdom of God? What is the mission and vision of the Kingdom? What have we been commanded to do and accomplish with our time on earth? This session will help you bring clarity to both concepts of vision and mission. The clearer you are on these two concepts for your church, the more effective you become in building the Kingdom of God.
Session ID	Leading Like Jesus
B2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Lower Level Room 111	Rev. Dr. John Miller, Oakley Community Church, Oakley, Michigan There are many models of leadership in our world, but only one is acceptable for the Church. We've seen far too much leading like corporate America (politics and power-plays) and not enough like first-century Galilee (servanthood and sacrifice). How should we be leading? Who is our model? Why is authority without leadership, tyranny? Getting leadership right in the Church is more than important, it's an absolute necessity!
Power and Authority	
Session ID	Kingdom Power: Holiness & Unity
C1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 206	Pastor Bernard Drew and Pastor Brad Walker, West Court Street Church of God, Flint, Michigan Why does the CHOG emphasize holiness? What does a life of holiness look like? Can we become "more" holy? Unity does not mean complete conformity. We can live together harmoniously and also disagree on things. How do we live a life with personal convictions alongside those with differing opinions and beliefs within the church and the broader Kingdom?
Session ID	The King's Authority: What Truly Reigns in Your Life and Church
C2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 206	Rev. Alex Young, Calvert Park Community Church of God, Burton, Michigan Do we have an intimate relationship with the Father or are we riding off of the previous generation dragging us to church? Understanding idolatry and placing our trust and allegiance in the Lord and not the things of man. Are we worshiping the God of the Bible or the God that our Pastors are preaching? Are they one in the same? Are they different? Is our church placing Christ at the center of all of our ministries or are we seeking recognition from our community?

Spiritual Warfare

Session ID	Kingdom Defense: Sharpening the Sword
D1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Lower Level Youth Center	Rev. Marc and Julia Hoard, Pine Grove Ministries and Church, Traverse City, Michigan The Bible is the weapon against the attacks of the enemy. Diving deeper into the text and discovering the truth. How to properly use Scripture to fight this spiritual war we are in. This session will dive deeper into Ephesians 6 and show how to utilize the full armor of God.
Session ID	Kingdom Offense: Winning the Spiritual Battle
D2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Lower Level Youth Center	Rev. Rhyan Glezman, Community Church of God, Clio, Michigan A practical look at the unseen battle that rages between the forces of light and the forces of darkness. The war between righteousness and evil is real, and cannot be avoided. This session is designed to prepare the children of God to wage the forces of darkness and destroy all the works of the devil. At the same time we are to take back territory, and bring the restoration of God to the world around us.

Priorities of the King

Session ID	Accountability
E1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 204	Rev. Joshua Brandt, Church of God in Michigan, Lansing, Michigan What does healthy accountability look like? Understanding the difference between judgment and condemnation. How do we receive accountability? How do we give and receive critique and criticism as helpful and not degrading? This session will help you to not shy away from the very things that will keep you on track for King Jesus!
Session ID	Rhythms of Rest
E2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 204	Rev. Emily Sparks, Faith United Church of God, Grand Rapids, Michigan Worn out? Looking for an exit from the stress and strain of ministry? What does the Bible say about rest? What does Sabbath truly mean? How do we incorporate rest/sabbath into our weekly schedules? This session will give you a fresh view of the importance of "rest" within the context of ministry.

The King's Strategy

Session ID	Internal Transformation
<p>F1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM</p> <p>Upper Level Room 202</p>	<p>Rev. April Crump, The Hub, Owosso, Michigan</p> <p>Do we want to see heart transformation or are we just pushing character modification? Do we check off the boxes that make "good Christians?" Do you condemn yourself for the things you ought not do? Are you a mature Christian with little patience for those new in Christ not yet fully living the King Jesus lifestyle? Let's look at the gospels and learn how to seek the heart of the King, renew our minds through His Word and prayer. Let's learn about creating an environment where internal transformation is the goal!</p>
Session ID	External Demonstration
<p>F2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM</p> <p>Upper Level Room 202</p>	<p>Rev. Chris Slosser, North Euclid Church of God, Bay City, Michigan</p> <p>The next growing experience of our internal transformation is found in demonstrating our love for King Jesus! Serving in His Kingdom is the "more" you're looking for! Learning how to express and demonstrate a life submitted to the King brings greater faith and growth. What next steps do you need to take? How do you start? It's gonna be great!</p>

Anthems of the King

Session ID	Worship Outside of Song
<p>G1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM</p> <p>Lower Level Fireside Room</p>	<p>Rev. Rachel Green, First Church Benton Heights Campus, Benton Harbor, Michigan</p> <p>Worship ought not be limited to music, to a place or space, or to a scheduled time frame on a Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or Wednesday Night. What does true worship look like in the every day? How do we switch from weekly worship to living worship? From worship as an event to worship as an on-going living presence?</p>
Session ID	Battle Cry of Praise
<p>G2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM</p> <p>Lower Level Fireside Room</p>	<p>Rev. Cameron Kreager, Pennway Church of God, Lansing, Michigan</p> <p>This will be an extended time of songs, Scripture reading, and praise. Though not the only form of worship, music is an amazingly powerful weapon in spiritual battles! Other forms include scripture memorization, truth catching, harmonious sounds, symphonic structure that rattles the windows and echoes to the heavens. Worship strikes a fear in the Enemy of our souls as God's people unite as one and shout, "Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!"</p>

Kingdom Minded

Session ID	The Importance of Each Role
H1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 205	Rev. Dr. Carron Odokara, Inkster, Michigan We are the BODY of CHRIST and every person has an important role in the King's work. How should this analogy work itself out in our congregations? What measures, practices or understandings may be missing in your church that are keeping it from being mindful of the the Kingdom "body" concept? When each part of the body is rightly revered, the health of the body of Christ is reclaimed and a fresh and energizing power is experienced!
Session ID	Mental Health
H2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 205	Dena Johnson, MA, LLPC, Community Church of God, Clio, Michigan Spiritual health and maturity is often inhibited by issues within mental health. In this interactive session, participants will receive an overview of mental health, stigma, and trauma. We will explore how to bring healing and restoration to ourselves and many others by inviting Jesus into our messy and complicated lives.

The King's Kids Roundtable

Session ID	Getting to the WHY before deciding the WHAT and HOW of Children's Ministry - 1st Table
I1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 212	Clyde Beaver, Kid Zone Director, Farmington Hills Church of God, Farmington Hills, Michigan So many times we just need to have a sounding board to work out issues concerning Children's Ministry. We all have questions: "Why aren't parents taking a bigger role in their children's spiritual lives? What can we do to help them see how easy it can be? How do we deal with the ever-increasing battle with devices? What are some guides or handles to decrease their impact on Ministry time? Questions such as these, and more! Bring your questions, ideas, goals, dreams, and your team - Let's talk!
Session ID	Getting to the WHY before deciding the WHAT and HOW of Children's Ministry - 2nd Table
I2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 212	Clyde Beaver, Kid Zone Director, Farmington Hills Church of God, Farmington Hills, Michigan The conversation continues! Where and how do you encourage, recruit, and retain adults to serve in Kids Ministry? What do you do when some kids just don't engage? Often times, we have great ideas that are so simple, and yet, go unshared. Let's collaborate and conversate!

The King's Family

Session ID	Among the Ranks
J1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 201	Rev. Scott Kuepfer, Pennway Church of God, Lansing, Michigan What should being the family of God actually look like? We sing about, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God." Should it be more than lyrics? Why is it important to invest in those outside our age group, friend group, pew family, and comfort zone? There is an untapped power in multi-generational/cross-generational family experiences. The power of testimony, the power of unity, the power of encouragement, to be more connected is what the family of God truly needs!
Session ID	Across the Spectrum
J2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 201	Rev. Jim Sirks, Cornerstone Community Church of God, Colon, Michigan There is a growing population of families who are dealing with children on the, "spectrum." Some are more functional, others, less. How do we reach, interact with, and support, these families? These families and their children may be limited physically and/or mentally. Many have not been welcomed into church life. What are some ways to include and encourage everyone to help be a part of the family and not on the outside looking in?

Students for the King

Session ID	Living the Life
K1 Session 1 10:30-12:00 PM Upper Level Room 216	Rev. Rachel Bird, Pennway Church of God, Lansing, Michigan Being a Christ following teenager is a BIG deal! It's challenging. It's world defying. It's the opposite of rebellion and not many dare to do it! So, how do you live it out? What does it mean to live under the authority and dominion of King Jesus? How can you reflect the Jesus you say you love? Where does accountability with others and the Holy Spirit fit into your daily walk? Come find out all this and more!

Next Gen Kingdom Leaders

Session ID	Called to Authenticity
K2 Session 2 1:10-2:40 PM Upper Level Room 216	Rev. Rachel Bird, Pennway Church of God, Lansing, Michigan Students crave transparency and consistency from those who lead them. They want to know we're not faking it. They want to see us living out what we preach, teach, and say. They want consistency in our presence. They want, AUTHENTICITY! We demonstrate much of who God is as we interact with them. So how are we who lead students, growing and becoming like King Jesus, walking in His ways?