

Church Weekday Education Newsletter

Winter 2010

Step by Step Generation Next



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2010 Church Weekday Education Events

February 11 & 12	Church Weekday Education Director's Retreat Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth Martha Harkins, Coordinator martha.harkins@huntersglen.org
February 27	Church Weekday Education Conference Shearer Hills Baptist, San Antonio Pat Cox, Coordinator pcox@txun.net
March 6	Church Weekday Education Conference Wayland Baptist University, Plainview Brenda Loftus, Coordinator brendal@iabc.org
April	Church Weekday Education Conference Houston Area, To Be Determined Cilena Nixon, Coordinator wee@pbccs.org
July 15-17	Church Weekday Education State Conference First Baptist Church, Richardson Sharon Bennett, Coordinator sharonbennett08@yahoo.com
August 20 & 21	Church Weekday Education Conference First Baptist Church, Plano Martha Harkins, Coordinator martha.harkins@huntersglen.org
September 11	Church Weekday Education Conference Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler Brenda Moser, Coordinator bjm419@msn.com
October 2	Church Weekday Education Conference Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth Kim McElroy, Coordinator nannymac@embarqmail.com

**Children have more
need of models than
of critics.
-Joseph Joubert**

CWE Summer State Conference

The church weekday summer state conference that was held at First Baptist Church in Richardson July 16-18 was a huge success. The conference was moved from Baylor University in Waco after 18 years because of major reconstruction in Waco Hall and the dorms.

The summer state conference will be held at FBC Richardson again in 2010. Among the many pluses to being at FBC are less walking in the summer heat, faster lunch service, no dorm rooms or community baths and a snack bar.

In 2010, CWE is adding more space for vendors and more breakout sessions. In addition, the CWE office has worked with hotels in the area to provide affordable rooms with breakfast for programs attending our conference.

Continue to check our website for updates on conference leaders, breakout sessions, and hotel accommodations. Registration for the conference will be available online April 1st.



Congratulations

The following programs were recognized at the Church Weekday State conference at FBC Richardson in July for successfully completing the Self-Evaluation Guide.

St. Paul Lutheran Christian Learning Center, Denton, TX. Janice Taylor, Director

Main Street Baptist Children's Center, Georgetown, TX Ruth Ann Godfrey, Director



SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS®
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CWE will be collecting new shoes at the **2010** summer state conference. Shoes for Orphan Souls, a ministry of Buckner International, provides new shoes and socks to orphans and at-risk children in the United States and throughout the world.

You may bring the shoes with you and there will be a collection boxes available to place your donation.

Self Evaluation Guide I & Advanced Guide

These guides are written as a check list for programs to evaluate the quality of the program they are directing and teaching, the professionalism of the staff and the curriculum they are using in their classrooms.

Going through the guide as a staff will develop a sense of team and boost morale and pride in the weekday program.

Both guides are available on the TBCWEA website to association members. Programs that complete the guides will be recognized at the summer state conference in July.



Elizabeth Ann Parnell Scholarship

Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association is now accepting scholarship applications. The scholarship is granted periodically throughout the year to directors who are a current member of the association. The guidelines and application are available on our website, churchweekdayeducation.org or you may call the TBCWEA office at 972-398-1411. Send the completed application to the Texas Baptist Church Weekday Association office: PO Box 940865, Plano ,TX. 75094-0865.

The Elizabeth Ann Parnell Scholarship was established in 2005 to honor Ann Parnell for the fifteen years she served as the executive director of our association. Ann is still actively involved in church weekday education as a consultant and trainer.



Training DVDs

Church Weekday has added 2 new training DVDs to our list. These were taped at our 2009 state summer conference. *Science & Math* was led by Dawn Hallman & Denise Collins. *American "Teacher" Idol* was presented by Shannon Bryant and Stephanie Chase.

Visit our website for a complete list of DVDs with descriptions and order form.



Endorsed Resource

WEE Learn Curriculum Guides - This series of four curriculum guides for birth through pre-K provides a framework on which teachers can build an early childhood program that interweaves Christian values throughout the day. It provides activities which help a child grow and develop mentally, physically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. The loose-leaf format permits several teachers to share a single guide.

Order from LifeWay Christian Publishers at 800-458-2772



Facebook

Yes, we are on facebook. Visit our page **Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association** . Stay connected with other programs through the discussion board and conference updates.

If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job.

~Donald D. Quinn



Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.

-- George Evans



Frequently Asked Questions

CWE has a brochure available on our website to answer some of the most asked questions about our association. It contains the answers to who our members are, when a program can join, and many more questions. Visit our website, www.churchweekdayeducation.org, and click on **The Association** to view this brochure.

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* If your program information changes during the calendar year, please email the changes to churchweekly1@hotmail.com or call Denise at 972-398-1411.



Association Membership

Our Mission

The mission of the Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association is to increase the awareness of the Church Weekday Education program as a ministry and outreach arm of the church, to enhance the quality of Church Weekday Education programs for young children, and to contribute to the professional and personal development of persons employed in Church Weekday Education programs.

Our Benefits

- * Password protected access to website information & resources
- * Discounted Church Weekday Education Conference fees
- * Resources for personal and professional growth
- * Network of Church Weekday Education professionals
- * Advocacy at the local, associational, state & national levels of ministry and outreach with other church organizations
- * Members discount for training DVDs
- * Insurance, annuity, and counseling information
- * Self-evaluation certificate of completion and public recognition at the state conference in July
- * CEU's earned for every weekday training hour completed
- * Invitation to Associational banquet in July

Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association

*** MEMBERSHIP YEAR - JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 ***

Date: _____ Director's Name: _____ Current Membership Number: _____

Membership: (check one) _____ \$30, Individual _____ \$75, Program I, less than 100 children enrolled

_____ \$100, Program II, 100-199 children enrolled _____ \$150, Program III, 200 + enrolled

Church Name: _____ Program/Individual Name: _____

Program/Individual Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Staff Employed: _____ Curriculum Used: _____

Director's Annual Salary: _____ Program meets _____ days per week (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) Program Hours _____

Ages of children enrolled: _____ Infant _____ Toddler _____ 2's _____ 3's _____ 4's _____ Transitional Kindergarten _____ Kindergarten _____ School-Age

Mail form & check to: Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association P.O. Box 940865 Plano, TX 75094-0865

Step by Step

Generation Next

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Featuring: Dr. Tommy Sanders "Transforming Children to be Spiritual Champions" "Is Your Weekday Ready for the Next Generation?"

Cassey Chapman Testimony
Paula Miller Prayer
John Mark Caton Bible Study

- Break-Out Sessions: *First Steps Toward Faith with Preschoolers
* Guarding Your Health & Well Being
*Ministering to Families & Putting Christ First
*Issues Facing Today's Child *Working with Difficult Personalities
*Staff Motivation & Development *Staff Devotions
*Motivating Your Weekday Staff
*Guarding the Next Generation & Involving the Whole Family
*Talking to Parents about Appropriate Practices

Registration: 11:30 am Thursday (lunch on your own) * Retreat Begins: 12:00 pm Thursday
* Retreat Ends: 12:30 pm Friday Registration includes Conference and Thursday Night Banquet
Accommodations & Lunch are not included

Casual Dress * Cost: \$85 (Association Members) * \$105 (Non-Members) 9 training hrs. earned

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AT 817.923.1921 EXT 8800 OR www.swbts.edu/center (click guest housing)

Reminder: Go to our website www.churchweekdayeducation.org and print your handouts 1 week before the conference.

Director's Retreat, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
February 11 - 12, 2010

Complete a registration form for each individual and return with registration check to:

Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association P.O. Box 940865, Plano, TX 75094-0865 Phone: 972/398-1411 Fax: 972/398-1855

Name: Membership Number: (Contact 972/398-1411 for membership information)

Name of Program: Church:

Program Address: City: State: Zip:

Program Phone () Fax () E-Mail:

(for registration confirmation)

Yes, I will attend the Thursday night banquet.

No, I will not attend the Thursday night banquet.

Registration (\$85 member, \$105 non-member)

CEU credit (add \$10 to cost of conference)

Late Fee (\$10 after January 29, 2010)

Total

THIS CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR ADULT PARTICIPANTS. NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO ANY SESSION.

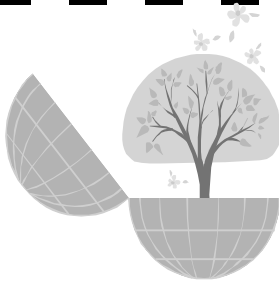


CWE Consultants

Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association offers a consultation service to weekday programs. There are 10 trained consultants across the state of Texas to serve you. The purpose of this service is to **enhance, equip, encourage** and **evaluate** weekday programs.

For more information or to book a consultant call the Texas Baptist Church Weekday Education Association office. 1-800-475-5851

Doing Our Part.....



In 2010, Texas Baptist Church Weekday will have conference handouts available on our website for the participant to view and print. You may print the handouts that you wish to have 1 week before you attend the conference. Please remember to bring these to the conference with you along with a pen. The conference leaders will refer to the handouts during their session. Some conference leaders may bring their own handouts to pass out at their sessions. Our website is www.churchweekdayeducation.org. Go to Calendar and click on the conference location that you will be attending, click on handouts and select the ones you are interested in.

Must Read

9 Things a Leader MUST DO- Henry Cloud

Be There! - John Trent

Fish - Lundin, Paul & Christensen

Get Out of Your Own Way - Robert Cooper

Good to Great - Jim Collins

Parenting is Hard Work - Turansky & Miller

Personality Plus - Florence Littauer

Shepherd Leadership - McCormick/Davenport

Six Thinking Hats - Edward DeBono

The Angel Inside - Chris Widener

The Blessing - Smalley & Trent

The Five Love Languages- Chapman & Campbell

The Fred Factor - Mark Sanborn

The One Minute Manager- Ken Blanchard

The Present - Spencer Johnson

The Velveteen Principles - Toni Raiten-D'Antonio

What GREAT Principals Do Differently - Todd Whitaker

Who Moved My Cheese - Spencer Johnson

He who dares to
teach must
never cease to
learn.
- Anonymous

LifeWay Kid's Conference

October 11 - 14, 2010

Birmingham, Alabama

www.lifeway.com/kids



A Word from the Director.....

I love to watch the decorating shows and dream about what I could do that wouldn't cost much money, but would make an old house look like new again – Ha ha!

So I start with small things like new pillows, changing window treatments, and new linens. What I realized is that these are band-aids to make **me** happy. Unless it is during the holidays, people rarely visit my home so these superficial changes will not make a big impact because from one visit to another no one will remember what it looked like the year before anyway.

Then I thought about weekday. What about your program? Do you need to make a few changes? Are you putting band-aids on situations that really just make you feel better or can small changes make a big impact? People come through the doors of the CHURCH twice a day, five days a week not just the holidays!

I would suggest you start with the five senses:

- Hear** – Are the sounds laughter and joy; positive reinforcement and encouragement between staff and children?
Is your door always open, ready and available? Do you know the names of all the children in your program?
- Sight** – Are the resource rooms cleaned and uncluttered? What about the hallways and classrooms – too much furniture, broken or unused toys that could be harmful? Are you filling the walls with papers and artwork that are now out of date just to make the room look fun and exciting? Is this for the children or the parents? If it's above the child's eye level it doesn't matter to a child. They can't see it anyway. Are you, the director, visible to the parents?
- Smell** – Can you smell preschoolers and teacher experimenting with cooking in the classroom? What about those unpleasant smells – take care of them immediately.
- Touch** – Are teachers nurturing and loving? Are children sitting in the teacher's lap listening to a book? Do you hug a parent who is going through a tough time?
- Taste** – Do parents have warm, trusting feelings causing them to talk to other parents and recommending your program? Do children leave happy and anxious to return the next day? If a parent is happy they will tell their friends, if a parent is unhappy they will tell anyone who will listen!

Don't be satisfied with the superficial fluff that won't be remembered anyway. People may not remember what you said but they will always remember how you made them feel.

What sort of statement are you making about the importance of this place where parents entrust you to take care of their most valuable treasure, their child. Your program is God's program and each and every thing should bring glory and honor to His name.

Karen Fowler

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