



PATHWAYS

Saturday, August 26

Trinity UMC, Warner Robins, GA

129 S Houston Rd, Warner Robins, GA 31088

Take your pulse and be renewed at this year's Pathways event. Vibrant, relevant, practical teaching and training will help equip participants to become healthier as they seek to fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Churches looking for new ideas, networking opportunities and practical quality training for their pastors, members, staff and leaders won't want to miss this year's event. Our 2017 event will kick-off with a special presentation led by Anne Bosarge with The Chapel Ministries on "Creative Thinking" in ministry and the challenges we sometimes experience in getting "out of the box."

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:15	Worship & Gathering: Sanctuary
11:15-11:30	Move to Pathway A
11:30-12:30	Workshop A
12:30-1:30	Lunch & Move to Pathway B
1:30-2:30	Workshop B
2:30-2:45	Move to Pathway C
2:45-3:45	Workshop C
3:45-4:00	Pick up CEU Certificates. Save travels home.

Registration: Register online at www.sgauhc.org/pathways. Deadline to register is Sunday, August 21st. The registration fee is \$25.00.

Lunch: A boxed lunch from Chick-fil-A is included in the registration fee. If you have dietary restrictions, please email allison@sgauhc.com by August 21st.

Childcare: Safe Sanctuaries compliant childcare for Infant - 5th grade will be available. The cost is \$10 per child, which includes lunch. Please indicate your childcare needs when registering. **Pre-registration is required.**

Questions: Please contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgauhc.com or 888-266-7642.

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Pathways A Choose from one of the following workshops

A1. Appreciative Inquiry: Explore Appreciative Inquiry which begins, almost radically, by helping groups discover and identify what they do well, even best, even uniquely — that which no other group is or can do. You will then be guided in further explorations of how those strengths can be used to help move forward toward articulating dreams and designing a plan for living into those dreams. Led by Bishop R. Lawson Bryan.

A2. Connecting Neighbors: Churches can better provide a caring, Christian response to local disasters if they have prepared their church families and facility before a disaster occurs. Connecting Neighbors addresses the faith community's responsibility in disaster readiness and response and suggests tools to meet individual and community needs. Led by Luis Morales, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator.

A3. Small Group Ministry: No matter how small or large a church is, discipleship small groups can be an effective tool in "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The use of small groups to make disciples is an ever-evolving ministry. There is not a perfect small group model, but there are perfect goals and many practices that help create effective small groups. Led by Thad Harvey.

A4. What do we do with THAT kid?: It seems that in every group of children there is THAT kid. Not a bad child, just a child who has more energy, needs more direction, and marches to the beat of a different drum. This workshop will explore how to deal with some of the difficulties that arise while communicating the love of Christ to children with special needs. This workshop includes helpful information for teachers and volunteers about Autism and ADHD. Led by Melissa Traver, pastor and parent of "that kid".

A5. Turning Your Small Church into a Big Difference Maker: What if I told you that your church already has what it needs to make a difference in the community.? During this workshop, we will be looking at four pivots that any church can make that will transform your congregation and your community. Led by Kirk Hagan (Presented at The Orange Conference 2016).

A6. Present Over Perfect (Part 1): This workshop is offered to **clergy and/or their spouses** who are longing for better ways to live a rich, engaged, and loving life in the midst of what often feels terribly messy and imperfect. Based on the bestselling book, [Present Over Perfect](#) by Shauna Niequist, the group will examine the values of a culture based on speed, efficiency, image, and business and the toll these values take on our faith lives and spiritual journeys, especially in professional ministry. We will engage the material and one another as we strive toward becoming more alive together in Christ. Led by Deborah Wight-Knight.

A7. Worship Personalities: Do you know what your worship personality type is? In this workshop we will discover four different religious personality types. Knowing the types, and discovering our own, has the power to transform our relationship with God as well as our worship planning. Led by Ted Goshorn.

A8. Communicating through Video: Video recording and editing have become very user friendly, and most churches have someone who can shoot a basic video even if it is just on an iPad/iPhone. This workshop will focus on creative ways to leverage video as a tool in ministry to expand our reach in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and promote your church. Led by Anthony McPhail.

A9. This Matters Most: New methods and great traditions are critical in the ever-changing landscape of ministry, but tending the heart of a leader is necessary to grow. This workshop will look at how staying grounded in personal spiritual disciplines, relationships which offer accountability, and a corporate (body of the church) structure are vital for a pastor to live within the tension of serving God and men and women. Led by Scott Hagan.

A10. Invitational ministry with young adults: This workshop will help churches think about how they invite young adults in the full life of the church. We could identify some of the fears and misconceptions about ministry with young adults and millennials. Led by Michael McCord, Georgia Commission on Higher Education & Campus Ministry.

A11. Mission Innovation: Vital Next Steps (First Presentation): There is a dynamic mission movement around the world. How do you apply those principles in your local context? What are your best next steps as your congregation comes alive to your community? In this workshop we will share ideas and resources that you can adapt to your unique ministry setting. Led by Patrick Friday & Scott Parrish, Global Ministries Staff: Center for Mission Innovation. (This same workshop is also being offered in Pathway B.)

A12. Lay Leadership: This workshop will provide relevant resources as we look at the key roles of the laity: fostering awareness of the role of the laity, advising on the needs of the laity, Lay Leaders serving as one of the communication links within the church, and representing the laity in many areas of ministry within the local church. Led by Lee Smith.

A13. MissionInsite: What can MissionInsite tell you about your congregation and more importantly about the needs and dynamics at work in your community? This invaluable tool provided by the South Georgia Annual Conference can assist you in being in relevant ministry in your community as the body of Christ. Led by Denise Roy.

Pathways B Choose from one of the following workshops

B1. Staff Parish Relations Committee: Helping the pastor and staff have an effective relationship to the congregation is the role of the Pastor-Parish, or Staff-Parish, Relations Committee. This session will provide clarity about the responsibilities of the committee and practical training in how to fulfill those responsibilities. A resource will be provided that will enable committee members and pastors to work together in setting priorities for the work of the pastor. Those currently serving on this committee in their local church are especially encouraged to attend. Led By Bishop R. Lawson Bryan.

B2. Taking Shelter: Has your church considered opening its doors in ministry as a temporary shelter from those displaced from a storm or those who need respite from extreme elements? This workshop will explore blessings, challenges and best practices in opening the doors as a "Good Samaritan Shelter" during times of need. Led by Shannon Patterson.

B3. Fresh Expressions of Ministry: Would you like to reach new people in new ways with the gospel of Jesus Christ? Are you interested in planting new ministries in your community? Come discover how new communities are emerging in places like coffee shops, bars, and even prisons. Discover how God might be calling you to do church in new and creative ways. Led by Ben Gosden.

B4. The Power of Family Ministry: The most powerful partnership churches can have in ministry is that of the family. Families come in all shapes and sizes. This workshop will explore the dynamic of family ministry within the life of a church as well as ideas to equip families to be in ministry at home. Led by Fran Magoni.

B5. "Now Here, New Here, and Not Here": Come discover a helpful framework you can work with to discover where your church is at work now, what could be offered new, and to look at what is missing and needed. Because it is not just about trying to find the next new thing, it truly begins with improving what you are already doing. Led by Anthony McPhail.

B6. Present Over Perfect (Part 2): This workshop is offered to *clergy and/or their spouses* who are longing for better ways to live a rich, engaged, and loving life in the midst of what often feels terribly messy and imperfect. Based on the bestselling book, [Present Over Perfect](#) by Shauna Niequist, the group will examine the values of a culture based on speed, efficiency, image, and business and the toll these values take on our faith lives and spiritual journeys, especially in professional ministry. We will engage the material and one another as we strive toward becoming more alive together in Christ. Led by Deborah Wight-Knight.

B7. Contemplative Practices: Contemplative practice is more than sitting alone in silence. In this workshop we will explore corporate contemplative practices, including worship in the spirit of Taizé. Led by Ann Smith and Ted Goshorn.

B8. Why You Should Love Your Church Dashboard (even if you don't like reports and forms!): Ever wonder how your church can get ahead on completing annual reports and forms? Your Conference Dashboard is the key tool to help you keep up with your church's vital signs in a METHODICAL manner (see what we did there!). Attend this workshop to learn how the Dashboard can help you manage your church's data, enabling you to more effectively concentrate on the ministries and people the data represents. Led by Meredyth Earnest.

B9. Discovering Personal Spiritual Rhythms: In this workshop you will be invited to explore the ways in which you can enter into the current of the Holy Spirit as you navigate the daily life of faith through establishing a regular rhythm of the spiritual practices of prayer, meditation, fasting, and more. Led by Josh Bizzell.

B10. More than a Bumper Sticker: This workshop will offer tips for discerning your church's vision and using it to guide and propel authentic, fruit-bearing ministry. Led by Brad Brady.

B11. Mission Innovation: Vital Next Steps. (Second Presentation): There is a dynamic mission movement around the world. How do you apply those principles in your local context? What are your best next steps as your congregation comes alive to your community? We'll share ideas and resources that you can adapt to your unique ministry setting. Led by Patrick Friday & Scott Parrish, Global Ministries Staff. (This same workshop is also being offered in Pathway A.)

B12. Solve Problems Like a Pro: Once you've discovered your creative potential, you're ready to move to the next level and grow your creative muscle to solve problems like a pro! Learn how to regularly operate outside your comfort zone, grow your problem solving skills, and take full advantage of collaborative techniques that will take your thinking and your ministry team into new pathways of growth and ministry. Led by Anne Bosarge.

B13. Asset Based Community Development: How can your church be an instrument of revitalization in your community? Rather than focus on deficits this workshop will help you emphasize assets in your church and community by building on available resources. Led by Stacey Harwell-Dye.

B14. Be Our Guest: Let's talk about hospitality! Research shows a person decides within the first 7 minutes of visiting a church whether they will return. We will be looking at first impressions, your "welcoming quotient", following up with newcomers and much more! Led By Allison Lindsey

Pathways C Choose from one of the following workshops

C1. Mending Our Fishing Nets: Discipleship in a Post-Christian America: This session will focus on Biblical patterns for discipleship, historical methods for spiritual formation, and practical ways to implement a culture of Christ-likeness into our churches. Resources will be shared that can help guide this process as well as provide starting points for new growth. Led by Drew Anderson.

C2. From Within - Reaching the Hispanic Community Around Your Congregation: Have you seen how the international food section grows and grows with Hispanic foods? Have you seen the families around you? Or maybe you have heard them speaking Spanish? During this session we will look at some of the cultural differences, study cultural facts and look at ways to embrace and reach the Hispanic community that is present in our midst. Led by David Diaz.

C2. Desde adentro. Alcanzando a la comunidad Hispana que rodea a tu congregación. ¿Has visto cómo crece la sesión internacional con comida hispana? ¿Has visto a las familias alrededor de ti? ¿O quizás los hayas escuchado hablando español? Durante esta sesión vamos a ver algunas diferencias culturales y como podemos alcanzar a la comunidad Hispana que está en medio de nosotros. Exploraremos diferentes formas de ministrar a la comunidad Hispana, veremos la cultura y como amar in nuestra iglesia.

C3. Traditional Church Settings - Out of The Box: This workshop is designed for pastors and leaders in traditional church settings who are looking for ways to find and cultivate creativity in the traditional church. We'll touch on topics such as: leading change, social media management, and young adult and young family ministries. This workshop is designed to be less of a "how to" session and more of a conversation where ideas can be shared as we learn together. Led by Ben Gosden.

C4. Youth Leaders' Roundtable: This will be a fruitful time of networking and sharing resources that will enhance the disciple formation efforts with youth. Youth leaders and youth volunteers will share tools, resources and challenges in this unique ministry. Led by Jared Middleton.

C5. Q&A with Jay: Bring your questions and your insights to share in a time of open and honest conversation among friends. Great questions lead to great conversation! This will be a completely candid and raw discussion of whatever you would like to discuss: life, ministry, fitness, theology, marriage, parenting, church growth, personal growth, leadership. You name it and we will talk about it. Led by Jay Hanson.

C6. Healthy Leaders = Healthy Team: A healthy church starts with a healthy leadership culture. Learn how to care for, equip and empower your leadership and staff to serve out of a heart of overflow so you can be the church God has called you to be. Led by Anne Bosarge.

C7. The Problem Tension with Technology: Social Media, screens, and gadgets can connect us to great things - people, information, opportunities - but they also consume, distract, and make us discontent. As Craig Groeschel says, "Even if you've never tweeted, posted, uploaded, or commented, you still live in a selfie-centered world." Teenager or grandparent, married or single, technology has changed our world. Let's discuss how we can be faithful followers of Jesus in the midst of this tension. Led by Dan Underwood.

C8. Social Media & The Church: Congregations can leverage the shifting culture to influence and communicate in ways that reach beyond the walls of our buildings. More than websites, Facebook, Facebook Live and Twitter, let's talk about what works, what is free, and what is worth it. Led by Jonathan Smith.

C9. Discovering Congregational Spiritual Rhythms: The movement of God's Spirit flows through the world like mighty, rushing waters. However, sometimes we plan our congregational life around disjointed programs and random events. In this workshop you will be invited to explore the ways in which your congregation can enter into the current of the Holy Spirit as you navigate the life of shared faith through establishing a communal rhythm focused on God's Word and Spirit. Led by Josh Bizzell.

C10. Financial Leadership in the Church: This workshop targets local church leaders who are ready to shift the focus away from scarcity in order to make mission-minded decisions about the use of financial resources. Tools will be shared that are proven to help grow the stewardship response of the congregation. Led by Jimmy Cason.

C11. Multiculturalism: Embracing God's Beloved Community: This workshop will provide a space for conversational engagement with workshop participants about how to embrace discipleship in a multicultural world. Led by Earnestine Campbell.

C12. Short Bible Study Methods: This workshop will explore different methods for exploring the scripture. This is designed for people who teach Sunday School classes or lead Bible Study groups, but it can also be useful for those who want to learn new methods for insight in their personal Bible study. Led by Derek McAleer.

C13. Toxic Charity: We will begin the conversation around mission theology, moving away from ministry "to" the poor into ministry "with" the poor. Learn the foundation, principles and strategies for next steps to engage your local congregation in effective ministry in your own community and all over the world in a way that empowers and does no harm. Led by Stacey Harwell-Dye.