

# Registration

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Choose 3 Break Out sessions you want to attend and write the titles below:

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Make checks payable to Indiana Central District and mail registrations to:  
Teresa Hester, 430 Lakeview Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060  
Registrations due by February 20  
No lunches provided for registrations after this date

The Equipping 4 Children's Ministry conference will take place on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University in the Noggle Christian Ministries Center. Parking is just north of the building. A campus map is available at <http://www.indwes.edu/Locations/Campus-Tour>

## Huddle Schedule

Registration: ..... 9:00-9:30  
Opening Rally: ... 9:30-10:30  
Second Rally: ... 10:35-11:25  
Break Out 1:.... 11:30-12:20  
Lunch: ..... 12:25-1:15  
Break Out 2:..... 1:20-2:10  
Break Out 3:..... 2:15-3:00

## Opening Rally

High Energy Music by Kim and Amanda. Sonja Burpo, whose son visited heaven when he was 3, will tell the *Heaven is for Real* story and its impact on her passion for children's ministry

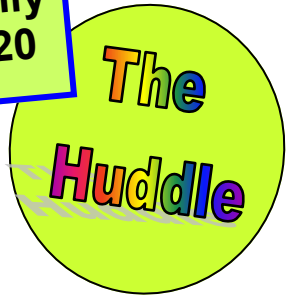
## Second Rally

Sonja will once again take the stage, this time to share some of the strategies she uses in children's ministry to win kids to Christ and nurture their faith. Also during this rally, Teresa Hester will show us how to download many free valuable resources

# Equipped 4 Children's Ministry

February 25, 2012 at Indiana Wesleyan University

Only \$20



Co-sponsored by Indiana Central, South and North Districts of The Wesleyan Church and the Indiana Wesleyan University Children's Ministry Major



Colton Burpo



Hear Sonja Burpo from *Heaven is for Real*

**TECH SAVVY:** Technology is an increasingly important tool in ministry. Charlie Alcock, a youth ministry professor at IWU, is on the cutting edge of technology uses and will provide many ideas as well as instruction for using this tool. Charlie has ministered in many venues throughout the US. He is the husband of Joy and the father of 2.



**TURNED ON TO MISSIONS:** Josh and Rachelle Neal are preparing to return to Macedonia for a second term of missionary service. They are excellent communicators to children and will provide many tools for helping kids get turned on to global missions. Two little girls call them Mommy and Daddy.



**KIDS AND HEROES:** Having heroes is part of the developmental process of identity formation for elementary kids. Gen Springer, who oversees kids' ministry at Lakeview Wesleyan in Marion and is District Director of Children's Ministry for IN North, will share how to use hero stories to impact kids' visions for the men and women of God they may become. Gen is wife of Keith and mom to two daughters.



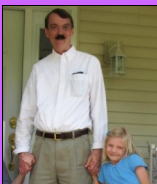
**THE WAYS WE LEARN:** Meredith Brower is a seasoned minister to kids, having served several Brethren/Church of God congregations. Her seminar will provide valuable insights on characteristics of learners and understanding students' learning styles, information which will help teachers more effectively communicate the important truths of scripture to children. She has written curriculum for 2 publishers and is an adjunct prof at IWU. Meredith is the wife of Brady, mom to 3.



**TEACHING KIDS TO PRAY:** Shirley Saddler, Children's Ministry Director at Hanfield United Methodist in Marion, has a wonderful prayer ministry with kids. She will be sharing strategies for helping kids learn to pray effectively. Shirley's late husband was a pastor and she is mom to 3.



**VALUABLE VIDEOS:** Videos are such a powerful instructional tool, IF they communicate a powerful message. Dr. Keith Springer, Director of the Children's Ministry major at IWU, will introduce/review many strong videos including some which are not produced for children but which have short segments that can be used effectively. He will also provide guidelines for making appropriate selections. Keith is the husband of Gen and father to 2.



**TEAM BUILDING:** Rev. Carol Schenck, Indiana Central District Children's Director, co-pastors Noblesville Lakeview Wesleyan Church with her husband, Rich. Carol has a heart for children coming to know JESUS early in life. She herself made the decision to follow Jesus at age 5. She will share how TEAM building can make a difference in a child's decision for Christ. Carol is mom to 2.



**INNOVATIVE WORSHIP:** Amanda Blair, left and Kim Kline below, are a dynamic duo who will lead a seminar on learning to more effectively use music with kids. Amanda has a degree in music and is actively involved in music ministry on many levels—local church, district, special events. Kim has ministered musically since she was 10, & has sung and led worship all across the US. Both have also served in kids' ministry in their local churches. As a bonus, this session will also include instruction on using sound equipment. Amanda is married to Johnnie and the mother of 3. Kim, mom to 5, is married to Jonathan.



**CONNECTING LIKE JESUS:** Jesus was masterful at connecting to both God and others. Sue McCool Lochmueller will lead a study on the life of Christ, looking at how we, through our actions, can connect as He did. Sue is the District Director of Children's Ministry for IN South, is a mental health counselor and social worker, teaches a Good News Club, and is married to Keith.



**CALLING KIDS TO ACTION:** Mike Linville, pastor of New Life Community Wesleyan in Mooresville, kids' camp director and a leader in many children's ministries, will be sharing a vision for how kids can get involved in action in their local church, which can, in turn, draw them to Christ and help nurture them in their faith walk. Mike is married to Connie and the father of 4 kids who are a part of his ministries.



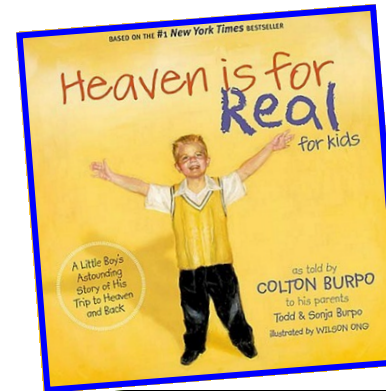
**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY C'NEX:** Lorie Lindley, children's director at The Well, has been ministering to kids for over 20 years, and for 13 years, led over 400 children and volunteers at the Fountain City Wesleyan Church. She also serves as a member of the Children's Ministry Leadership Team of The Wesleyan Church. In her seminar, she will explore how what we do connects kids to the heart of Jesus. She is the wife of John with whom she shares a blended family of 6.



**WORKING WITH PRESCHOOLERS:** Jill Lender has worked with preschoolers in her local church for 20 years, as well as teaching in a Christian school. She will share ideas for communicating biblical truth to little ones. Jill is married and mom to 3.



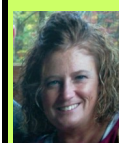
Be sure to stop by the FREEBIE table where you will find valuable resources. You will also have a chance to win great prizes.



Keynote speaker, Sonja Burpo, will tell the story that catapulted her family into the national spotlight when it was published in the book, **Heaven is for Real**, a NY Times bestseller for many weeks. Sonja's little son, Colton, while hospitalized for a burst appendix, spent some time in heaven. Sonja will share how Colton's experiences created in her heart a passion for children's ministry. Besides telling the story of Colton's time in heaven, Sonja will share strategies she uses to disciple kids at Crossroads Wesleyan Church, where she worships and her husband is the pastor. Sonja has a degree in elementary education from Oklahoma Wesleyan University.



Do you have resources you no longer use—curriculum, puppets, DVDs, craft items and tools? Bring them to sell and take home a little extra money to help provide new resources for your ministry



**KIDS' QUIZZING:** Few influences motivate kids to study scripture like quizzing. Allison Stroud, quiz director for IN Central, will explain how to start and run a successful quiz program. She is the wife of Scott and mom to 3.

