



Matt Reynolds, Keynote Speaker

Matt Reynolds is the President and Founder of Spirit & Truth, a Wesleyan-minded renewal ministry aimed at equipping local churches to become more empowered by the Spirit, rooted in the truth, and mobilized for the mission. Spirit & Truth (spiritandtruth.life) offers hands-on training in evangelism and discipleship, online resources like Firebrand Magazine, as well as opportunities for global partnership. In addition to leading Spirit & Truth, Matt currently serves as one of the pastors at Stillwater Church in Dayton, Ohio. He has served in local church ministry for about 17 years. Matt has a degree in mechanical engineering, an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a doctoral degree from United Theological Seminary with an emphasis on evangelism and church renewal. Matt lives in Tipp City, Ohio with his wife, Heidi, and their three boys, Nolan, Grady, and Jonathan.

Summit Mini-Session Speakers

Felt Needs Targeted Evangelism

Rev. Shea Reyenga

Sports Ministry as Evangelism

Rev. John White, Truett Seminary

Neighboring as Evangelism

Rev. Kissa Vaughn

Evangelism in Hispanic Ministry

Rev. Armando Alvarado

Revs. Jesus and Lili Molina

Multi Cultural Evangelism and Welcome

Rev. Tynna Dixon

Rev. Gabe Dominguez

Rev. Ryan Barnett

Small Town Evangelism and Outreach

Rev. Amy Anderson

Preschool Engagement for Evangelism

Rev. Beth Evers



O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Ps 34:3

Magnify: Invitation, Witness, & Welcome

At the beginning of the pandemic, church consultant, Thom Rainer said it would be at least Christmas of 2021 before we found anything resembling our old normal. He went on to say that people would not be hugging, shaking-hands or gathering in the same way for years to come. He warned that culture norms would be significantly changed by this event and it would have a tremendous impact on how the church functioned. His words hung heavy on the Zoom call, because no one could imagine the world he was describing. As we enter into 2022, the truth of these words have truly set in.

As Clergy and Lay Leaders, we are COVID-weary and pandemic scarred. The starts, stops and cautious next steps have challenged the very best of leaders. Christian worship habits and patterns have changed. Gone is the Sunday morning 11 a.m. standard. Traditionally, faithful Christians gather when they feel they safely can, and they turn to technology to worship when it is more convenient from their home. People long for closeness and the safety of distance at the same time.

People still long for community, but in different ways than before. The “Great Resignation” has people leaving lucrative careers in search of the simpler life they found during the pandemic. In this major priority shift, it is important that we, as the church, meet the needs of our congregations and those beyond our doors with the hope that can only be found in Christ.

The Faith Explorers, “Spiritual but Not Religious” and marginal Christians are seeking answers to life’s inescapable questions... *What is the meaning of life? Is there a God? If so, what is God like? How do I know what is right and what is wrong? How can I have a meaningful life? Why do bad things happen in this world?* According to a recent Barna Survey, 54% of Americans are open to learning more about Jesus, with 82% of those folks saying they would attend a small group or worship service if invited by a friend. Our local congregations have the opportunity to transform the narrative of “church” and effectively engage new people.

On Feb. 19, the Lamar E. Smith Center for Evangelism, Mission & Church Growth will host Evangelism Summit 2022, focused on “Magnifying Our Witness, Invitation and Welcome.” We will be hearing from pastors from the Central Texas Conference who are engaged in innovative ministry and outreach. Dr. Matt Reynolds will be our Keynote Speaker and will offer very practical evangelism tools and training. We believe this will be a very valuable opportunity and hope you will join us for the event.

February 19, 2021—FUMC Waco—9:00-3:30

For More information visit
ctcumc.org/evangelism-summit-2022



REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT:

www.ctcumc.org/ES22-registration

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP GRANT FUNDS

Through a generous gift from the *Wesley D. Sears Charitable Trust*, the Smith Center will be offering \$100,000 in grants to local congregations for the purpose of Evangelism and Discipleship. Congregations will be able to apply for these grants starting February 21st. More details to follow.

DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT

Save the Date: April 30th—
FUMC Hillsboro

GLOO SPONSORED LUNCH & LEARN

Gloo Connects will be providing lunch on the day of the Summit in the Family Life Center. During this lunch, you will learn about Gloo Connects and how they are connecting Faith Explorers with local congregations. Local donor funds provides this opportunity for churches at no cost. A short information session will be provided to explain the program and provide information on how to sign up.

DIGITAL FORMAT OF TEACHINGS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

Pre-conference and conference teachings will be made available on the Evangelism Summit’s landing page and the Smith Center’s Facebook page. This will allow leadership teams to take the teachings back to their local congregations as they prepare their evangelism and discipleship plans. While the desire is to gather in person for this event, should we have inclement weather or a Covid surge, we are making contingent plans.

Evangelism Summit Coordination Team:

- Rev. Steve Moss, FUMC Granbury
- Rev. Jay Frazee, FUMC Brownwood
- Rev. Kevin Diggs, FUMC Mooreville
- Rev. Armando Alvarado, New Riverside UMC
- Rev. David Johnson, FUMC Round Rock
- Rev. Jeremy Beggs, Meier Settlement/Lebanon
- Rev. Amy Anderson, FUMC Mart

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING

TEACHING TO BE POSTED WEEKLY ON THE SMITH CENTER’S FACEBOOK PAGE & CTCUMC.ORG/EVANGELISM-SUMMIT-2022

January 17, 2022: Rev. David Johnson, FUMC Round Rock with Professor A.J. Swobota—After Doubt: How to Question for Faith without Losing It.

January 24, 2022: Rev. Meg Witmer-Faile, Associate Director of the Smith Center with Revs. Lisa Greenwood (VP) and Blair Thompson-White from Texas Methodist Foundation Leadership Ministries discussing Innovation in Evangelism

January 31, 2022: Rev. Jay Frazee and Rev. Steve Moss discuss faith sharing and introducing people to the transforming power of Christ.

February 7, 2022: Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory and Rev. Kyland Dobbins discuss church marketing, evangelism planning, and introduces “felt needs” ministries.

February 14, 2022: Rev. Armando Alvarado and Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory interview Bishop Reuben Saenz, Jr. Discussing his passion for making disciples of Jesus Christ, evangelism, and outreach.