

# 2018 Family Conference

(Working Program as of 9/10/18)

1:30 – 1:40 Welcome and Prayer (Jack Helton)

1:40 – 2:30 Worship, Plenary Session #1 (Geoff and Sherry Surratt) - It Starts With You, Loving Your Family Well While Thriving In Ministry

*For over 35 years Geoff and Sherry Surratt have been doing ministry and marriage together, making huge mistakes, seeing incredible miracles, and learning to keep a healthy perspective and a sense of humor along the way. In this session they'll share what they're learning, poke fun at them selves, and give you practical tools to help you pursue healthy ministry and marriage together.*

2:30 – 2:40 Break

2:40 – 3:25 Breakout #1 – Sherry Surratt (9 Simple Ways To Partner With Families In Your Community)

*Drawing on years of experience as a Children's Ministry Director, CEO of Mother's of Preschoolers International (MOPS) and now as Executive Director of Parenting Strategy for Orange (The reThink Group, Inc.), Sherry will give you practical ways you can reach beyond the walls of your church and your weekend services to partner with the families in your community.*

Breakout #2 – Geoff Surratt (Together: Enjoying Your Marriage In The Craziest Of Ministry)

*In this workshop Geoff will break down his top five "marriage hacks" to have a fun and fulfilling marriage in the complete chaos of vocational ministry. He'll look at questions like, "How do you handle non-stop "emergency" phone calls?" "Is it ok for your kids to get 'special treatment' just because they are PKs?" and "How can you have intimacy in your marriage when ministry is all consuming?"*

Breakout #3 – Dean + Angie Fulks (Transitions: Helping Adolescents Become Young Adults)

*Maybe the most difficult time in a child's life is adolescence. Hormones, friends, insecurities, and driving can form a parenting tornado. Add the extra layer of ministry to the mix and you've got a recipe for disaster. Join us (fellow strugglers in this journey) as we remind each other of a parent's role and goal in surviving this important, difficult, and joyous season in our kid's lives!*

Breakout #4 – Matt + MaryLynn Pardi (Managing Life, School, and Church Activities)

*Parenting is an amazing ministry. However it isn't for the faint of heart. The highs and lows can be extreme, even in the same day. Matt and MaryLynn will share the victories and struggles of being married in ministry, struggles with fertility, real life experiences of adoption and their surprise baby. Come and be reminded that God is good even when we don't know what is going on!*

3:25 – 3:35 Break

3:35 – 4:20 Breakouts (All breakouts repeat except Geoff Surratt will speak on '5 Stupid Things That Keep Your Church From Growing')

*Based on his experience as a staff pastor, lead pastor and coach to hundreds of churches in the U.S. and Europe Geoff will share the five most common things he encounters over and over again that keep churches from reaching their full potential.*

4:25 – 6:30 Dinner Break

6:30 – 8:30 Family Jam – Celebrating God Together As A Family

*In this final session we'll get the chance to experience worship and teaching in a fun environment for kids and parents together.*