

## **Keynote Speaker:**

Tammy Pawloski, Professor of Education and Director of the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty, Francis Marion University

### ***Challenges and Opportunities: Understanding the Impact of Poverty and Removing Barriers with Grace, Love, and a Message of Hope***

Poverty matters! While life with limited access to resources can leave children at risk and can negatively impact school and life success, the research is clear that effective stakeholders can matter more! The good news is that we now know that the brain is built to change and the people and experiences one encounters can have a powerful and lasting effect. The science of learning provides direction for strategic moves that can empower educators, counselors, social workers, and community members to explicitly activate the often-untapped potential of under-resourced students. Learn more about the impact of poverty and take away resources and strategies for removing barriers that can block positive life outcomes.

## **Breakout Session One:**

### ***Serving Your School as a “Smaller Congregation”***

Scott Catoe, Pastor, Slater Baptist Church

Ministry to the local school is not restricted to the larger churches, larger budgets, or larger volunteer bases. In fact, normative-sized congregations can do some things better in many cases! In this breakout, we will discuss how an average to smaller-sized congregation can maximize its potential to glorify God by impacting their community through local school ministry!

### ***Open Doors for Ministering in the High School/Middle School***

Mike Landrum, Assistant Professor of Youth Ministries, North Greenville University

This break-out session will give you some specific ideas for getting into and ministering to secondary public schools. Some things “not to do” will also be included. Learning from each other is always a win, so we will have opportunities for discussion and idea sharing.

### ***Serving on a Limited Budget & Recruiting Volunteers in the Process***

Dena Riley, Care Minister, FBC North Augusta

Discover how to make a big impact at your school without a budget – or with limited resources. Learn creative ways to encourage teachers, staff, and students. Uncover effective strategies to spread the word about your ministry, recruit volunteers, and involve people of all ages. Join us and turn your passion into action!

## **Breakout Session Two:**

### ***Neighboring: Reaching Those Who Aren't Here Yet***

Will Cofield, Senior Pastor, Central Baptist Church and Revitalization Strategist, York Baptist Association

Our communities are changing, and simply extending an open invitation is no longer enough. As followers of Christ, we are called to actively live out the Great Commission in our unique contexts. This breakout will equip you to embrace a missionary mindset and intentionally engage with those in your sphere of influence. Discover practical ways to build authentic relationships, meet people where they are, and make a lasting impact in your community.

### ***Serving Multilingual Learners in Public Schools***

Ashleigh Nunley, Multilingual Learner Program Coordinator, Richland Two School District

The world has come to our SC schools, with students speaking over 60 different languages state-wide. Come find out why these students come to SC, what struggles they face once they arrive, and how we can help to support them once they're here.

### ***The "S" Factor: Successfully Serving Students in our Schools***

Michell Witman, Children's Ministry Director, Riverbluff Church

Connecting with students is a vital part of our school partnerships. Discover ways to Serve Students using 5 basic principles--Sacrifice, Safety, Sharing, Showing, and Success--all while maintaining focus on our ultimate goal: Sowing Seeds for Salvation!