

Building Skills For Ministry

April 27 – 29, 2018

This training was requested by Farmington Baptist Church and Western Mountains Baptist Church, but any local church is welcome to attend. All attendees will benefit from each general session, while the breakout sessions will benefit those currently serving or interested in serving in that particular ministry area.

Presented by staff and members of the Dawson Family of Faith in Birmingham, Alabama.

Friday, April 27 – at Farmington Baptist Church

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and prayer in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. *General Session: God Has Called You To Serve*, Tom Thompson
This general session for all attendees will present what the Bible says about our gifts and calling to serve and will provide practical insights into understanding your gifts and calling.
- 7:50 p.m. *General Session:*
Relational Evangelism, Jack Fiscus
This general session will present how every Christian can use their existing relationships and develop new relationships as the basis for telling people about Jesus and His love and grace.
- 9:00 p.m. Dismiss

Saturday, April 28 – at Farmington Baptist Church

- 8:30 a.m. Light breakfast in Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Prayer
- 9:15 a.m. *General Session: How To Study The Bible*, Nancy Hartin
This general session will help equip you to build a personal friendship with Jesus through a simple method of hearing God's voice through daily spending time in His word.
- 11:00 a.m. *Breakout sessions:* (lunch available during breakout sessions)
- Youth Ministry, Paul Hughes
This breakout session is for current leaders in youth ministry or anyone who wants to consider serving in youth ministry and will cover all aspects of youth ministry.
 - Children's Ministry, Hollye Higdon
This breakout session is for current leaders in children's ministry or anyone who wants to consider serving in children's ministry and will cover all aspects of children's ministry.
 - Service Ministry, Tom Thompson
This breakout session is for anyone currently involved in any sort of ministry serving needs in the community or anyone who is considering being involved in such ministry and will present ways to identify needs, develop a ministry to meet an identified need, plan the details of a ministry, recruit volunteers, lead and manage a service ministry, measure the impact, and more.
 - Social Media, Jack Fiscus
This breakout session is for anyone currently involved in or interested in how to use social media most effectively to communicate to church members and to reach people in the community.
- 1:30 p.m. Break and move to Sanctuary
- 1:45 p.m. *General Session: Prayer*, Nancy Hartin
This general session will cover important elements of how to surround all we do in prayer.
- 2:30 p.m. Closing Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Dismiss

Sunday, April 29 – at Western Mountains Baptist Church

- 2:00 p.m. *General Session: Managing Your Money God's Way – Tom Thompson*
Provides the Biblical basis for managing your personal finances, including practical tips for budgeting, spending wisely, saving, and getting out of debt.
- 4:00 p.m. Dismiss

About The Presenters

Jack Fiscus is Dawson's Executive Pastor. Jack has been ministering to adults and students for over 26 years. Jack spent many years as a Student Pastor before becoming the Evangelism Pastor at First Baptist West Monroe. Jack also served as the Marketing Director for Student Life, before taking on the role as the Education Pastor at First Baptist Orlando where he served for eight years. Jack was raised in West Monroe, Louisiana, and graduated from Louisiana College before obtaining a Masters in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. What is immediately apparent about Jack is his warmth of spirit and his energetic and empathetic heart, along with his creativity and leadership abilities. Jack's enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel and discipling others is at the center of his ministry. He and his wife, Kasey, have two children, Trenton and Tori. In his free time, Jack enjoys being with his family and cheering for his LSU Tigers.

Nancy Hartin is a recovering preacher's daughter, mother to three sons ages 14, 11, and 8, and accounting professor at Birmingham-Southern College. Though a CPA with a Master's of Accountancy, her passion is studying God's word and equipping God's people to build a personal friendship with Jesus through a simple method of hearing God's voice through daily spending time in His word. Married to her best friend, Chris, for 19 years, they have been teaching young adult Sunday School and financial Bible studies for 15 years. Additionally, Nancy speaks at church conferences and blogs Bible study musings at "Nancy's Notebook" at nancyhartin.blogspot.com.

Hollye Higdon earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Graduate degree in Early Childhood Education. She has taught kindergarten and first grade for 22 years in a public school in Alabama. At Dawson, Hollye has served her family of faith in both the preschool and children's ministries. She has previously taught children at Dawson in the following areas; mission friends on Wednesday nights, 12 years of Bible school, and 3 years of first grade Sunday School. Currently, Hollye has been leading Children's Worship for 9 years.

Paul Hughes has been in the Energy Industry for the last 20 years and currently works as a Risk Manager for a large southeast utility company. He is passionate about Youth Ministry and has been serving as lay leader for youth, along with his wife, for nearly 15 years. Paul has served as a Sunday School teacher, camp counselor, bible study leader, and just about anything else that allows him to interact with youth. Paul and his wife, Julie, have three children. Their 19 year-old daughter, Cameron, is a freshman majoring in Church Music at Carson Newman University. They also have two boys: Carson, a 15 year-old in his freshman year of high school, and Christopher, a 12 year-old in sixth grade.

Tom Thompson spent 33 years in the corporate world, served on the staff of a large church for 10 years, and consulted with churches and nonprofit organizations for 10 years. He now leads Dawson's work in Maine. In one of his church staff positions he was responsible for helping members find their place of service by understanding God's call to serve and identifying where their gifts could be used to meet practical needs. In another staff position he was responsible for helping members be good stewards of all of the resources God has entrusted to them. In this capacity he taught personal financial management and counseled individuals and couples on their personal finances. Tom is a graduate of Auburn University, Pace University, and MIT. He is married to Glenda, and they have two children and three grandchildren.