

	Workshop #1 @10:15 — Thursday, October 9	Workshop #2 @11:30 — Thursday, October 9
Meeting Hall	<p><b>God's Prescription for Ministry Ailments (General)</b> Dr. Jim Tillotson A look at the life of Elijah in 1 Kings 19. Review of the reasons he was discouraged, what that led to in his life, and God's prescription for it. Strong application to our own lives when we are discouraged.</p>	<p><b>You Can Forgive (General)</b> Dr. Jim Tillotson Forgiveness is one of the most important choices in the Christian life—but also one of the most difficult. In this workshop, we will explore the story of Joseph in Genesis 45, where after years of betrayal, hardship, and separation, Joseph chooses forgiveness over revenge. In this session, participants will explore the true meaning of biblical forgiveness, identify what holds us back, and learn practical steps to move from hurt to healing.</p>
Rusty Wheel	<p><b>Christian Professionalism</b> Dr. Matt Davis What does it mean to serve the Lord with excellence? In this practical session, Dr. Davis will cover the attributes and commitments that will turn any job into a ministry that glorifies God. The Lord gives us principles for "success" in his eyes, and he expects the very best from his children in the way they approach their work. This workshop will give you valuable insights and transform the way you look at "going to work" every day.</p>	<p><b>We (Still) Need To Talk about TikTok</b> Dr. Matt Davis TikTok is now the #1 website/app in the world, with more than 1 billion videos viewed daily. 100 million American users spend an <i>average</i> of over an hour every day watching videos. Most users are 13-16 years old! Is it dangerous for teens? Do you understand the risks? We need to have an honest talk about what the research shows and how Christian schools can protect their students and families.</p>
Sheriff Tom's	<p><b>The Right Worldview Makes a World of Difference (General)</b> Jamison Coppola Workshop includes practical observations for administrators and teachers on properly defining a Christian worldview, thinking in a distinctly Christian perspective, and includes practical ways to incorporate a Christian worldview into school operations and classroom instruction.</p>	<p><b>Classroom Discipline (Elementary/Secondary)</b> Jamison Coppola Would you like to know how an administrator views classroom discipline? Come to hear observations and recommendations from a former school administrator about how classroom management and discipline impacts overall school culture. This session will provide practical tips and stories to illustrate how teachers can work effectively with their administrators to impact students' lives through discipline measures.</p>
Eureka	<p><b>I Am Done. Now What? (Elementary)</b> Greta Howell The three words every teacher dreads hearing: I am done. One of the biggest challenges of classroom management is keeping everyone engaged and intentionally involved in learning activities while waiting for classmates to finish tasks. This workshop presents favorite "center" and "I am done" activities that will keep kids coming back for more.</p>	<p><b>Learning That Lasts! (General)</b> Greta Howell You planned an amazing unit, created captivating power points, and designed engaging activities that you felt sure would bring understanding and delight to every student in your classroom. But the test told a different story. Why didn't learning take place? Is that your fault or the students'? In this workshop we will look at research and strategies that make learning last.</p>
The Ranch House	<p><b>Autism—Separating Fact from Fiction (General)</b> Dr. Lisa Joyner In this workshop, educators will explore the latest research on autism spectrum disorder (ASD), covering potential causes, diagnostic criteria, characteristics, and interventions. Discussions will focus on understanding the complex nature of autism, identifying students on the spectrum, and implementing evidence-based strategies to support their academic and social success. This workshop aims to empower teachers with the knowledge and tools necessary to promote the success of students with autism.</p>	<p><b>From Chaos to Control: How to Help Your Students Develop Stronger Executive Functioning Skills</b> Dr. Lisa Joyner Executive functioning skills encompass a range of cognitive abilities crucial for academic achievement and lifelong learning. This workshop delves into practical strategies that empower teachers to cultivate these skills within their classrooms. From organization and time management to self-regulation, attention control, working memory, and problem-solving, participants will explore proven methods for nurturing executive functioning in students of all ages. Importantly, we'll address the possibility that some students diagnosed with ADHD may instead have weak executive functioning skills, which can be strengthened without medication.</p>
The Twig	<p><b>Communication Core Values (Administrators/Pastors)</b> Sam Brock Practical helps to evaluate your school's communication in order to survive the next year. Take some time to evaluate your communication and the processes that your team uses to communicate.</p>	<p><b>Developing Policy (Administrators/Pastors)</b> David Brock Developing policy can be a daunting task as you seek to manage an efficient and effective ministry. This workshop will identify mistakes to avoid, tips for developing, and principles to follow. Policy can be a tool or a roadblock: develop policy that will help you accomplish your mission!</p>
The Barn	<p><b>Bridging the Gap: Supporting Struggling Readers in Content-Heavy Classes (Secondary)</b> Dr. Laura Snider Reading is a core skill for learning in every subject, yet many secondary students still struggle to make sense of what they read—even as texts become more complex. While teachers in literature, science, and history focus on delivering content, they may feel unprepared to support students' reading struggles at the same time. This session provides practical strategies teachers can use before, during, and after reading to help students process, engage with, and retain the written word—equipping them to think critically and deepen understanding as they read.</p>	<p><b>Assessing Oral Reading with Confidence and Clarity (Elementary)</b> Dr. Laura Snider Managing reading time well includes knowing how to assess students' progress with clarity and consistency. In this session, we'll discuss key principles for evaluating oral reading, ensuring students are growing in fluency, accuracy, and expression while keeping assessments both effective and encouraging.</p>

	Workshop #3 @1:45 — Thursday, October 9	BONUS Workshop #4 @4:30 — Thursday, October 9
Meeting Hall	<p><b>Practical Strategies for a Smooth and Successful School Year (Elementary)</b>            Dr. Laura Snider            A well-ordered classroom is a place where learning thrives. This session will help you establish routines and procedures that create a peaceful, structured environment, ensuring students know what is expected of them from the very first day. Come discover practical ideas for setting the tone and maintaining a classroom that runs with ease and efficiency.</p>	<p><b>Teaching Smarter: AI Tools for Effective Material Creation and Assessment (General)</b>            Dr. Lisa Joyner            This workshop will introduce educators to cutting-edge AI tools that can streamline the creation of teaching materials and improve the assessment of student learning. Participants will explore a variety of AI-powered platforms that can assist in designing personalized lesson plans, quizzes, assignments, and feedback—saving time while enhancing student engagement and learning outcomes. This hands-on session will demonstrate how AI can become a valuable assistant in both the classroom and the assessment process. Whether you're looking to create dynamic resources or analyze student performance more efficiently, you'll leave equipped with practical tools to implement in your teaching practice right away.</p>
Rusty Wheel	<p><b>Hyperfocus for Christian Educators — Teaching with Purpose in a Distracted World (General)</b>            Dr. Matt Davis            This workshop equips Christian educators with practical tools to sharpen their focus and teach with greater purpose amid modern distractions. Grounded in biblical principles, participants will learn to balance <i>hyperfocus</i> (deep, intentional attention) and <i>scatterfocus</i> (creative reflection) to enhance their teaching, planning, and spiritual impact.</p>	<p><b>Better Than Worksheets (Elementary)</b>            Greta Howell            Have worksheets taken over your school days? Do your students groan when they see another worksheet coming their way? While paper/pencil assessments are still beneficial, there are other ways to gather data about your students' understanding. This workshop is filled with an assortment of strategies for formative and summative assessments.</p>
Sheriff Tom's	<p><b>Federal Issues and the Nature of Politics (Admin/Pastors)</b>            Jamison Coppola            This session gives an "inside look" into current issues that affect Christians with an emphasis on federal actions that impact private Christian schools, churches, and families. Plus, an introduction to political involvement including how a Christian should view politics and with special emphasis on the necessity of political engagement in the American system of governance.</p>	<p><b>Organizing and Leading Reading Circles with Confidence (K4-2)</b>            Dr. Laura Snider            Every child can succeed in reading with the right support and structure. This session will guide you through the key elements of effective reading circles, from grouping students to establishing strong reading habits. We'll also discuss how to address common struggles and ensure each student receives the encouragement they need to grow as a reader.</p>
Eureka	<p><b>It's Not My Problem...Or Is It? (General)</b>            Greta Howell            How do you determine your effectiveness as a teacher? What does a "good day" look like in your classroom? This workshop reviews the importance of an accurate understanding of teacher and student success and the vital role communication plays in the process.</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 25px; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Drop In Question and Answer Opportunity</b></p> <p><b>Cattleman's Lodge</b></p> <p><b>4:30-5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. David Brock, Dr. Jim Tillotson, Mr. Jamison Coppola</b></p> <p>Grab your free drink, come with questions, and visit with these ministry leaders as they discuss ministry challenges and opportunities related to leadership, legal issues, politics, people, work, and so much more.</p> </div>
The Ranch House	<p><b>Teach the Way Their Brains Learn (General)</b>            Dr. Lisa Joyner            In this 50-minute workshop, discover fresh ideas to elevate your lesson planning using the Interactive Model of Lesson Planning. Participants will explore strategies like differentiated instruction, formative assessment, and active learning to engage students effectively. We'll also focus on writing SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) goals that align with lesson objectives for clear outcomes. By the end, you'll have practical tools to refine your lessons, foster collaboration, and set meaningful goals for students. Come ready to collaborate and leave with a ready-to-use lesson plan template!</p>	