# PARENTING CONFERENCE

at Westwood Community Church

**JANUARY 11, 2020** 

# Next Gen

A Ministry for Kids & Students

Parenting can be our greatest joy, but it can also be our biggest challenge.

We believe that no one has more influence in a kid's life than a parent, and at Westwood we want to be champions of parents by offering refreshment and encouragement. Whether you have kids in diapers or kids receiving their college diplomas, this conference is for you.



## Keynote Speaker

Chap will equip you as parents to both understand and nurture your children in a constantly changing cultural environment, help you gain insight into your child's journey, and inspire you to develop a more authentic and effective parenting strategy throughout the teen years and beyond.

Chap Clark, Ph.D., is a pastor at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, CA, and served as professor of Youth, Family and Culture at Fuller Seminary. Chap is also President of ParenTeen, Inc. He has authored/co-authored 25 books, including the award-winning Hurt 2.0: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers, Sticky Faith and Adoptive Youth Ministry: Integrating Emerging Generations into the Family of Faith.

**REGISTRATION:** westwoodcc.org/events

### Tanuary 11, 2020 9:00am-3:00pm

#### **SCHEDULE:**

9:00am - Keynote Session One 11:00am - Breakout Session One 12:00pm - Lunch 12:45 – Keynote Session Two

2:00 - Breakout Session Two

#### LOCATION:

**Westwood Community Church Chanhassen Campus** 3121 Westwood Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331

Cost: \$20 before November 30 / \$30 after November 30 No childcare provided

## Breakout Sessions

Two breakout sessions are offered, with relevant topics and options tailored to the specific age-stage of your kids. They're designed to give you confidence and tools as you do the hard job of raising kids.



### SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

As a parent, you are the primary faith influence in your kids' lives. Learn how to be intentional, consistent, creative and practical as you talk to your kids about their growing faith. Todd Kardell: Todd is the Chaplain at Chapel Hill Academy and has been leading children, youth and family focused ministries for over 18 years. Todd holds a K-12 Teaching Degree, Master of Divinity and is currently completing a graduate program in Marriage and Family Therapy.



### RAISING BOYS

The energy! The smells! Raising boys is an adventure! Join us for a fun conversation.

**Ken Castor:** Ken Castor serves as the Professor of Youth Ministry at Crown College and has a doctorate focusing on passing faith and leadership through the generations. He is the Blue Letters Editor of the award-winning Jesus-Centered Bible and has authored several books, including Grow Down and Make a Difference.



Families can be complicated and life can bring unexpected changes. Hear from Don and Sherry as they share their story and pass along wisdom for your journey.

**Don and Sherry Mortensen:** Sherry has a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Spiritual Formation from Bethel Seminary. She serves as the Associate Dean of Campus Ministries and Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Bethel University. Don has a doctorate in Marriage & Family Studies. Don was a Professor at Bethel Seminary and taught Pastoral Care, Marriage & Family, and Spiritual Formation. He is currently the Associate Pastor at North Haven Church in North St Paul.



#### DISCIPLINE

When parents are thoughtful about discipline, their kids grow up knowing they are valued people built for God's purposes. Jim and Lynne Jackson, Connected Families: Jim and Lynne love making God's grace and truth practical for parents. They give parents tools they can use right away, supported by memorable principles that will last a lifetime. They have been featured on Focus on the Family, Desiring God, KTIS radio and numerous radio programs and podcasts.



#### MARRIAGE: INVEST IN ONE ANOTHER

Come and be refreshed and encouraged in your marriage. Mike and Julie Brown: Reverend Michael Brown, MDiv and Julie Brown, LMFT, have been married 41 years. Michael is an ordained pastor with the Evangelical Covenant Church, serving as the Director of Church Planting. Julie is a licensed therapist with Hardy & Stephens Counseling Center in Elk River. Mike and Julie have a passion for healthy marriages which they believe is a foundation for healthy families.



#### HELPING HURTING KIDS

Learn practical ideas and gain insight into helping your

**Tiger McLuen:** *Tiger served two churches in Duluth before* becoming the President of Youth Leadership and overseeing the youth ministry programs at Bethel and Luther Seminaries. He is now the Executive Director of Youth Ministry Consultants and focuses on coaching, training and speaking.



#### AISING GIRLS

It's not all sparkles and pink unicorns! Join us for a fun

Kara Stromberg: Kara Stromberg serves as the Director of Children & Family Ministry for the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Kara has worked with children, youth and family ministry leaders for 20 years in pastoral church ministry, non-profit and educational settings and loves teaching and equipping parents and ministry leaders.



#### RAISING 3RD CULTURE KIDS

Third Culture kids move between cultures before they have had the opportunity to fully develop their personal and cultural identity. Discover how to meet a new set of parenting challenges.

Sammy Wanyonyi: Dr. Sammy Wanyonyi is a World Evangelist, Founder, CEO and Lead Communicator of Shine, a global evangelistic enterprise. He holds a doctorate in Global and Contextual Leadership and a Master of Divinity from Bethel University. Born and raised in Kenya, Sammy is married to Suzanne, a Minnesota native.