

**THE 2012 LEADER EVENT  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM  
EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 28, 2012**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I PLAN TO ATTEND THE PRAYER BREAKFAST (8:30 A.M. - Continental breakfast)

\_\_\_\_\_ I PLAN TO ATTEND THESE WORKSHOPS (see following pages): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Descriptions can also be found on the Area webpage - [www.ntaccsw.org](http://www.ntaccsw.org))

\_\_\_\_\_ I PLAN TO EAT LUNCH

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ COST PER PERSON \$20.00

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP!**

\_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE (SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.)

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CHILD CARE IS REQUIRED!**

Child care will be provided for Pre-School age children. Reservations for child care must be made **NO LATER** than January 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will need to bring a sack lunch for your children (NO PEANUT PRODUCTS). Please check here  if child care is needed and list their names and ages.

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NTACC  
AND MAIL TO: 3525 Lawler Rd., Ste. 101, Garland, TX 75042-5338**

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PLEASE SEND TO ABOVE ADDRESS BY JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **WORKSHOP OFFERINGS**

Please indicate which three (3) workshops you are interested in attending or plan to attend:

### **Workshop Session #1 (9:45 - 11:00 a.m.)**

1. **Praying At the Lord's Table** - Presenter, Tim Hessel-Robinson  
Our keynoter will use his understanding of Christian spirituality to discuss the art and practice of praying at the Lord's Table, both as leader and as participant.
2. **The Use of Media in Worship** - Mike Allen, Member, First Christian, Rowlett  
Mike is responsible for putting lyrics on screen along with dynamic worship backgrounds. He will share what he knows about the process, and lead a discussion about how other churches utilize the visual media in worship.
3. **The Role of Worship in Producing Community** - Presenter, Chris Carathers, Minister, Irving North Christian  
In this workshop, Chris will talk about the theological link between community, hospitality and worship, and explore how worship can be the common ground that binds a Christian community together. This will be a very practical workshop, with a lot of sharing of how various churches achieve a sense of community through worship.
4. **How to Adapt/Use Space for Worship** - Presenters, Midway Hills Team, Terry Zimmerman, Minister  
Currently near the completion of a major sanctuary renovation, a team of leaders from this church will discuss their experiences and decisions with others who may be facing similar challenges, including theological principles that informed their considerations, how to work with a planning process, and how architectural reality and core values interplay. It will be a thoughtful presentation of the "why?" and "how?" process, and their learnings.
5. **The Children's Sermon** - Presenter, Larry Ross, North Texas Area Minister  
Larry will share principles of age-appropriate theological teaching through the children's sermon, and show how the use of a narrative arc, and puppetry, can help children become eager participants in worship.

### **Worship! - How We Do It and Why?**

Each of these congregations will present its own workshop, perhaps including actual video and audio from a worship service in their style, and allow time for questions and discussions about the reasons culturally, historically and theologically, for doing worship in this way.

6. **Warren Avenue Christian, Dallas** - Claude Maples, Transitional Minister  
Warren Avenue is a historically African-American congregation known for the development and nurture of great leaders for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and for enthusiastic and deeply spiritual worship.
7. **Grace Christian, Prosper** - Doug Kriz, Minister  
Grace is the Area's intentional new church start and has had to think through the kind of worship that will bless people in the northern parts of the North Texas Area, deal with the reality of worshipping in borrowed space, and deal with the emergence of new leadership as the church grows.

## Workshop Session #2 (11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

8. **A Theology of the Sacraments** - Presenter, Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School  
Our keynoter will teach the theological background of sacraments in the church, especially Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and lead a discussion about how the way these are done can enrich worship in the church.
9. **The Role of Worship in Discipleship** - Norm Stolpe, Transitional Minister, First Christian, Duncanville  
Norm will present how a minister and church can build a program of discipleship and deeper spirituality using their worship experiences as a key factor. Norm is known for his practice of deep spirituality and systematic teaching through his messages.
10. **A Fresh Look at VBS** - Ann Dotson, Associate Minister, First Christian, Rowlett  
Ann will present the current trends in VBS and alternative summer programming. A special focus will be on how a summer program can, through age appropriate worship, bring children into an encounter with God.
11. **Church Leader Spirituality (2 session track)** - Barry Preston, Associate Minister, Northway Christian, Dallas  
Session #1 - "Spiritual Growth for Elders, Deacons, and Church Leaders", Barry will help participants discover their spiritual growth catalysts, as we cannot serve in areas of "spiritual leadership" unless we are intentional about our own spiritual growth. As leaders, we should be sensitive to the different points along the spiritual path that people find themselves at any given time.
12. **Youth and Worship** - Arthur Stewart, Associate Minister, Creekwood Christian, Flower Mound  
How do youth of the church view worship in today's world and how do they participate? What are some tactics to create liturgy, response and ownership for youth in church-wide and youth-based worship? Can understanding how youth worship help enhance the way the church worships?

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13. **Casa View Christian, Dallas** - Les Massey, Minister  
Casa View is a respected, predominantly Anglo church with both contemporary and traditional worship services, embedded in a changing neighborhood, and known for solid use of music, liturgy and Word. We call it "Traditional with a Twist."
14. **Destiny Worship Center Christian Church, Cedar Hill/Lancaster** - Phillip Ward, Minister  
Destiny is a six year old church plant and is a model of high energy contemporary African-American worship with dynamic preaching and a media presence.

### **Workshop Session #3 (1:30 - 2:45 p.m.)**

- 15. How to Let the World Know About Your Worship** - Chris Kelley, Member, Northway Christian, Dallas and author of "I Was A Stranger" about Feliberto Pereira  
Many churches have outstanding worship services, newsworthy outreach programs and church events, but few visitors or participants due to the lack of publicity and marketing. Chris will talk about the use of Facebook, websites that publish church news, and other technologies that, used wisely and consistently, can help people learn about a church's activities, and even motivate a visit.
- 16. Preaching As An Act of Worship** - Presenter, Doug Skinner, Minister, Northway Christian, Dallas  
Increasingly, preaching is seen as something that is distinct from worship, and sometimes even an impediment to worship. This point of view is completely contrary to both the Biblical teaching about preaching and worship, and our own Disciples heritage. In this workshop, Doug will reclaim the idea from Scripture and tradition that preaching is instrumental in genuine worship, and then provide participants with some practical guidelines on how to approach listening to a sermon each week as a spiritual discipline.
- 17. Church Leader Spirituality (2 session track)** - Barry Preston, Associate Minister, Northway Christian, Dallas  
Session #2 - "Spiritual Growth for Elders, Deacons and Church Leaders ", This session will look at identifying spiritual types and how that would translate into specific forms of spiritual practice and disciplines. An understanding of spiritual types will allow elders/deacons to better understand why some forms of worship appeal to some folks while other people prefer different aspects of worship.
- 18. Safety and Security at Church** - Les Massey, Minister, Casa View Christian, Dallas  
Reflecting on security incidents both inside and outside the church building, such as sexual offenders from a half-way house, chronic panhandlers and pit bulls, Les will share how some wise approaches to safety and security and lead a discussion of ideas.
- 19. One to One Mentoring** - Ken Crawford, Minister, Forest Grove Christian, Lucas  
Ken delights in the art of mentoring and will share principles about the process, and wisdom learned along the way.

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- 20. East Dallas Christian's "The Table"** - Nathan Hall, Minister  
The Table is an 'Emergent Church' worshiping community within a traditional church structure, and is living out the pilgrim ways of exploring how worship can transform to reach today's young adults.