

# EQUIP NEVADA

## Breakout Speakers

### Karin Arango

Karin has been working with Prison Fellowship for 21 years. Karin is currently the Church Mobilization Manager overseeing Angel Tree in 4 States in the Western Region (Southern California, Alaska, Nevada, Hawaii, and Hispanic Ministry Nationwide). Karin's passion is helping those that the Bible calls "The Least of These" and their families. Her husband has been ministering inside the prison for over 35 years and through the years their children have also got involved, transforming it to a family ministry. Karin has an AA degree in Teaching and uses her skills and God's given gifts to translate materials from English to Spanish for Prison Fellowship, as well as ministering to the men and women in prison and their families.

Karin ha estado trabajando con Prison Fellowship durante 21 años. Actualmente es la Gerente de Movilización de la Iglesia que supervisa Angel Tree en 4 estados de la Región Occidental (Sur de California, Alaska, Nevada, Hawái y Ministerio Hispano en todo el país). La pasión de Karin es ayudar a aquellos a los que la Biblia llama "Los más pequeños de estos" y a sus familias. Su esposo ha estado ministrando dentro de la prisión por más de 35 años y a través de los años sus hijos también se han involucrado, convirtiéndolo en un ministerio familiar. Karin tiene un título de AA en Enseñanza y utiliza sus habilidades y los dones dados por Dios para traducir materiales del inglés al español para Prison Fellowship, así como ministrar a los hombres y mujeres en prisión y sus familias.

### Ben Borgman

Ben Borgman serves as the Executive Director for discipleFIRST. Ben was called into full-time ministry in 2014 after 12 years in the business world. He has been a part of the discipleFIRST team since it was created. Ben's passion is to help people figure out how to be everyday disciple makers. Ben and his wife Kari, live in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. They have two children Karson and Ally.

### Reba Bowman

Reba is the author of eight books, including Bible studies and devotionals. She travels and speaks regularly, encouraging and equipping her audiences to dare for more in all areas of their lives. She advocates for women and children in crisis worldwide and speaks at mission events, leadership conferences, and other gatherings. Her style is storytelling, motivational, and often humorous. She draws from her vast experience as a coach, professor, Bible teacher, and counselor to unpack Biblical concepts in an unforgettable way.



### Leo Castro

Leo nació y se crió en Santiago, Chile. En los últimos 20 años ha sido parte de la creación de 3 iglesias en la ciudad de Reno. Hoy, además de pastorear Eternidad Centro Cristiano trabaja para la Convención Bautista de Nevada como director de Ministerios Hispánicos de Nevada. Durante 15 años tuvo diferentes cargos en América Corporativa y culminó su carrera como ejecutivo de maniobras. Leo es autor del libro titulado *Apokalypsis: Lo Mejor Está Por Venir!* y ahora está acabando su maestría en teología y consejería. Él, su esposa Alvina y sus dos hijos, Leonard y Jordán han vivido en Reno desde el 2001.

Leo was born and raised in Santiago, Chile. Over the last 20 years he has been part of planting 3 churches in the city of Reno. Today, in addition to pastoring Eternidad Centro Cristiano he works for the Nevada Baptist Convention as director of Nevada Hispanic Ministries. For 15 years he held different positions in Corporate America and ended his career as a management executive. Leo is the author of the book titled *Apokalypsis: The Best Is Yet to Come* and now he is finishing his master's degree in theology and counseling. He, his wife Alvina and his two sons, Leonard and Jordan have lived in Reno since 2001.

### Adam Erlichman

Adam is a Pastor, Consultant, and 6-time Best-Selling Author with Build Groups, LLC. He has served on various church staffs in Executive, Life Groups, Discipleship, Young Adult, and Youth ministries. Adam's ministry focuses on Groups, Discipleship, Solving the Volunteer Crisis, and Leadership Development. He serves on the SBTC Discipleship Board and speaks at conferences. He's written for Outreach Magazine, CrossWalk.com, and Biblical Leadership.com. You'll hear Adam on podcasts like Vanderbloemen and Visionary Discipleship. Adam was saved and studied at Liberty University. He loves seeing Christians equipped and mobilized to multiply disciples. Stories of life transformation are his addiction.

### Ken Hansen

Ken Hansen is the Pastor of Silver Hills Community Church in Carson City, NV. He is the husband of Angela with whom he has three beautiful children. Ken holds a Bachelors in Christian Leadership from William Jessup University. He also attended Gateway Seminary and Southern Seminary where he got his Masters of Divinity. Ken served 20 years in the United States Air Force Reserves having deployed to Afghanistan and a few other destinations. You can help Ken's gospel ministry grow by checking out his YouTube Podcast: Captive Thoughts



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### Maddie Hunter

Maddie has been serving in ministry in a variety of roles at Faith Ministry in Reno for over 10 years. Maddie has been involved in summer missions, leading summer mission teams, directing and teaching in children's ministry, directing camps, leading local and international mission trips, and is currently involved in leading youth ministry with her husband, Caleb. She has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education with a minor to Teach English Overseas from UNR and is finishing her Master's in Intercultural Studies from Gateway Seminary this May! She currently directs an elementary school called Faith Academy to reach families for Christ, as she and her husband prepare for their next steps forward as they continue pursuing moving overseas with the IMB.



### Scott Lamberth

Scott Lamberth is the founding and Lead Pastor of Pathfinder Church in Reno, NV. In June of 2023, Scott and his wife, Penny, were sent to plant Pathfinder Church by Stone Arbor Church in Riverside, CA. Prior to planting, Scott held various roles within the field of counseling psychology. His background and training in this field, coupled with his ministry training, led him to shift his vocation from clinical therapy to counseling ministry. He has developed and implemented programs at his sending church as well as taught counseling principles to graduate students at California Baptist University and Gateway Seminary. His primary goal is to equip the laity to carry the load of people-helping ministry.



### Jeff Lynn

Jeff serves as the Senior Strategist for the Church Health and Leadership Team of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. His role is resourcing and networking churches and church leaders across the state to be healthy. Jeff has been in ministry for over 40 years, serving in itinerant Christian music ministry as a songwriter, concert and recording artist, as well as serving as a Senior Pastor for 25 years prior to coming to serve the SBTC. Jeff graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and has a Master of Divinity degree, as well as a Doctor of Ministry degree from Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA. Jeff and Renee make their home in Roanoke, Texas.



### Joey Montoya

Pastor Joey is currently serving as the Young Adults and Worship Pastor at South Reno Baptist Church, where he has been on staff for almost five years. He has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology: Christian Counseling from Liberty University and has a Master of Divinity from the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Pastor Joey and his wife Hannah have been married for about six years and are thoroughly enjoying this chapter of ministry. He is an avid bay area sports teams fan (don't ask him about the recent 49ers Super Bowl loss) and loves a good church league softball game.



### Mark Morton

Pastor Mark has been a member of Granite Hills Baptist Church (GHBC) since 1987. He served at GHBC as Youth Director, Deacon and Bible Study Leader before being called as Pastor in October of 2005. During this time he was a bi-vocational Pastor and a Sergeant on the Reno Police Department. In September 2008, Pastor Mark retired from the Police Department and became full-time Pastor of GHBC. Pastor Mark holds an AA degree in Criminal Justice and is presently working on a bachelors degree in theology at Multnomah University, Reno. Pastor Mark has been happily married since 1992 to the love of his life, Hope. They have three sons and one daughter, and they just became grandparents.



### Reesa Scott

Reesa is the Executive Assistant of the Nevada Baptist Convention and has been with the NBC for 13 years. She has worked and taught in children's ministry since 1998, teaching in Sunday School and VBS. Reesa was the associational VBS Director for the Southern Nevada Baptist Association for 3 years. Reesa enjoys teaching kids and helping them learn about God and is thankful to be able to share what she's learned through her years serving in this capacity.



### Joe Taylor

Joe K. Taylor, D. Min., is the Senior Pastor at South Reno Baptist Church in Reno, NV. He has served there over 30 years. Ask Joe about his family and he will tell you that his wife of 35 years, Julie, is "out of his league" and their four adult children are "out of this world." Joe is a friend to pastors with a heart for evangelism and missions. He has a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Midwestern State University, a Master of Divinity with a consecration in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an earned Doctor of Ministry degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (now Gateway Seminary) in CA.



### Gustavo Torres

Gus y su esposa Eva se mudaron a Reno desde Los Ángeles hace 9 años. Gus se desempeña como pastor de la Iglesia Bíblica Fundamental en Reno. Se crió en el sur de California y se graduó del Seminario Bíblico Fundamental en Whittier CA. Gus sabe que Dios lo ha traído a Reno junto con su esposa y sus cuatro hijos para alcanzar a la comunidad hispana para Cristo y equiparlos para honrar a Cristo y vivir para Su gloria.



Gus and his wife Eva moved to Reno from Los Angeles, 9 years ago. Gus serves as the pastor of Iglesia Bíblica Fundamental in Reno. He was raised in Southern California and graduated from Seminario Bíblico Fundamental in Whittier CA. Gus knows God has brought him to Reno along with wife and his four children to reach the Hispanic community for Christ and to equip them to honor Christ and to live for His glory.

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### Steven Trantham

Steven is a church planter and pastor of Resonate, a collegiate church in Reno. He's pursuing a Masters in Theology at Gateway Seminary. Steven and his wife Nicole were both called to church planting during college, and they believe that the road to fulfilling the great commission runs through the college campus. Their dedicated team ministers to UNR students, aiming to establish church plants at more universities in the years to come.



### Doug Vaughn

Doug has lived in Reno for 30 years with his amazing wife, Debbie. He currently serves as Associational Mission Strategist with the Sierra Baptist Association. He enjoys reading, walking, playing tennis, and cooking. Doug is awestruck that God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6, CSB).



### Chuck Williams

Chuck Williams is one of the Pastors at Life Baptist Church in Las Vegas. He oversees Community Life which involves helping guests better connect, regular attendees fully engage and ensures members are equipped for the work of the ministry. Chuck graduated from Liberty University with a Masters of Divinity in Biblical Studies. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Jenai and they have two girls, Camryn and Charlotte. Chuck has a deep desire to help others come to know Jesus and walk alongside them in obedience to all that He commands.



### Steve Witt

Steve has been serving churches for over 28 years, beginning his ministry in the great state of Tennessee. He served there as an Evangelism and student pastor as well as a Senior pastor before moving out west. In 2015, Steve and his wife Nikki planted The Well Church, a growing community of Christ followers in Henderson, Nevada. Steve loves his church, loves to coach football, and loves to tell others about Jesus. He also serves currently as the President of the Nevada Baptist Convention.

