



**2018 North State Conference**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**McKinney, Texas**  
**August 2-4, 2018**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018**

**REGISTRATION: 7:30-8:00 AM**

**OPENING SESSION**  
**(SESSION 1)**  
**8:00-9:30 AM**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wake Up and Worship	Melissa McKenzie Justin & Holly Hornsby	Worship Center
Emotional Safety in the Classroom: Why It Matters to the Children	Dr. Joshua Straub	Worship Center

**SESSION 2**  
**9:45 - 10:45 AM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Teaming with Parents: 5 Ways to Build Respect and Rapport in the Parent-Teacher Relationship	Dr. Joshua Straub	Theater
• Music – It's Not Just for Music Class	Joyce Burger	1205
• Is There Really a Difference Between Boys and Girls? YES	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room
• Advanced Infant/Toddler Development Part 1	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Moving 'n Grooving Brain Breaks	Beth Cannon	1207
• Dollar Store Fun	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A
• My Heart is Overwhelmed and I'm	Stephanie Chase	1210



Losing My Mind (New Teachers)		
• The Joys of Teaching in a Natural Outdoor Classroom	Paula Miller	Next Steps Room
• Power of Games for Classroom Management	Kirstin Mathis	3114
• Having a Big Heart for Your Staff (Directors)	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Finding Your Heart for Teaching	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116

**LUNCH (BLUE)**  
**11:00-12:00 PM**  
**GYM**

**SESSION 3 (RED LUNCH)**  
**(11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Big Hearts and Little Minds Need the Bible: Let's Give it to Them	Stephanie Chase	1210
• Shaping the Heart and Mind with Yoga for Kids	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Advanced Infant and Toddler Development: Part 2	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Shaping the Mind through Natural Wonders	Joyce Burger	1205
• Characteristics of Young Learners with Autism	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room
• Where Did That Behavior Come From?	Kristin Mathis	3114
• Moving 'n Grooving Brain Breaks	Beth Cannon	1207
• Helping Children Move from Entitlement to Ownership	Rebecca Cole	1215-16

**LUNCH (RED)**  
**12:00 - 1:00 PM**  
**GYM**

**SESSION 3 (BLUE LUNCH)**  
**(12:00 - 1:00 PM)**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• It ALL Begins with Infants: Shaping Minds from the Start	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Dollar Store Fun	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A
• Opening an Art Studio in Your Preschool	Allison Jessee	3115
• Interviewing with Heart ( <i>Directors</i> )	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• Toileting Learning vs Toilet Training	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Success with Toddlers	Audrey Rowland	Chapel
• No Bullies Here: Supporting Social Emotional Growth for the Prevention of Bullying	Joyce Burger	1205
• The Heart of Literacy Learning	Dawne Pybas	1121

**SESSION 4**  
**(1:15-2:15 PM)**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• How to Create Effective Lesson Plans: Part 1 of Assessing Young Children	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Keeping God's Children Safe: Update on Minimum Standards	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Playground Safety	Rene Hudspeth	Next Steps Room
• An Invitation to Learn	Allison Jessee	3115
• Having Difficult Conversations and Managing Healthy Conflict	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• Active Shooter Awareness	Trent Davis, McKinney Police Department	Theater
• Shaping Minds with Heartfelt Transitions	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Spiritual Development for the Littlest Minds	Stephanie Chase	1210
• What Do You Mean We're Not ALL Friends?	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room

• Helping Children Move from Entitlement to Ownership	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• The Heart of Literacy Learning	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
• Classroom Documentation: Making Learning Visible	Audrey Rowland	Chapel

**SESSION 5  
(2:30-3:30 PM)**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• How to Stay Play-based in the Readiness World	Audrey Rowland	Chapel
• Shaping the Heart and Mind with Yoga for Kids	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• TBRI In the Classroom: Becoming a Trauma-informed Teacher	Kristin Mathis	3114
• Writing Anecdotal Comments the Easy Way: Part 2 of Assessing Young Children	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Circle Time Tips and Tricks for Shaping Little Minds	Stephanie Chase	1210
• A Heart for Generational Differences	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116
• The Outdoor Classroom: My Journey	Paula Miller	Next Steps Room
• Active Shooter Awareness	Trent Davis McKinney Police Department	Theater
• SIDS, Shaken Baby and Early Brain Development	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Writing Policies and Handbooks ( <i>Directors</i> )	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• It's Not Just Supervision; It's ACTIVE Supervision	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• An Invitation to Learning	Allison Jessee	3115
• Is There Really a Difference Between Boys and Girls? YES	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room

**SESSION 6**



(3:45-4:45 PM)

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Playing with Math	Joyce Burger	1205
• Loose Parts: What are Those and Why Do I Need Them?	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A
• Opening an Art Studio in Your Preschool	Allison Jessee	3115
• Unity in the Preschool Community	Beth Cannon	1207
• It All Begins with Infants: Shaping Little Minds from the Start	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Creating and Implement Staff Values (Directors)	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• Classroom Documentation: Making Learning Visible	Audrey Rowland	Chapel
• Classroom Management: The Heartbeat of Learning	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
• Connecting the Dots: Developmental Theories and Spiritual Formation	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116
• Mindfulness for Preschoolers (and Teachers Who Teach Them)	Kristin Mathis	3114
• Science Fun for All Ages	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• Is There Really a Difference Between Boys and Girls? YES	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room

TOTAL 6.5 HOURS

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SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018



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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018**

**REGISTRATION: 7:30-8:00 AM**

**OPENING SESSION**

**(SESSION 1)**

**8:00-9:30AM**

Session Title	Presenter	Location
Wake Up with Music and Worship	Melissa McKenzie Justin & Holly Hornsby	Worship Center
Educating the Whole — Think, Feeling, Moving — Child	Rae Pica	Worship Center

**SESSION 2**  
**9:45- 10:45 AM**

Session Title	Presenter	Location
• Active Learning Across the Curriculum	Rae Pica	Worship Center
• Ready to Read	Dr. James Thomas	Annex 1A
• Put a Spring in Your Step and A Song in Your Heart	Joyce Burger	1205
• Unity in the Preschool Community	Beth Cannon	1207
• My Teachers Want an Outdoor Classroom – Help! <i>(Directors)</i>	Paula Miller	Next Steps Room
• Shaping Behavior: Understanding the Functions of Behavior	Ann Gathura	Theater



• Intro to Hinduism & Islam: Worldview Awareness for Ministry	Shawn Varghese	Chapel
• Spiritual Development for the Littlest Minds	Stephanie Chase	1210
• Big Appetites Shaping Little Bodies	Sarah Farris	1211
• Opening an Art Studio in Your Preschool	Allison Jessee	3115
• Capturing the Imagination of Little Minds with Group Time and Storytelling	Mark Jones	Multipurpose Rom
• Toilet Learning vs Toileting Training	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Writing Policies and Handbooks (Directors)	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• Keeping God's Children Safe: Minimum Standards Update	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Loose Parts: What Are They and Why Do I Need Them?	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A

**LUNCH (BLUE)**  
**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**GYM**

**SESSION 3 (RED LUNCH)**  
**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Classroom Management: The Heartbeat of Learning	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
• What Do You Mean We're Not ALL Friends!!!	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room
• Child Abuse Identification & Reporting	Ray Lara	Worship Center
• Science Fun for All Ages	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• Big Appetites Shaping Little Bodies	Sarah Farris	1211
• Intro to Hinduism & Islam: Worldview Awareness for Ministry	Shawn Varghese	Chapel
• Where Did That Behavior Come From?	Kristin Mathis	3114
• Having a Big Heart for Your Staff (Directors)	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Shaping Behavior: Understanding the Functions of Behavior	Ann Gathura	Theater

**LUNCH (RED)**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**  
**(GYM)**

**SESSION 3 (BLUE LUNCH)**  
**12:00 - 1:00 PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Capturing the Imagination of Little Minds with Group Time and Storytelling	Mark Jones	Multipurpose Room
• Creating and Implementing Staff Values (Directors)	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• Developing a Heart for Outdoor Teaching	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A
• An Invitation to Learn	Allison Jessee	3115
• Food Allergies and Special Diets	Sarah Farris	1211
• The Outdoor Classroom: My Journey	Paula Miller	Next Steps Room
• Playing with Math	Joyce Burger	1205
• SIDS, Shaken Baby and Early Brain Development	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Characteristics of Young Learners with Autism	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room
• It's Just Not Supervision; It's ACTIVE Supervision	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• Moving 'n Grooving Brain Breaks	Beth Cannon	1207
• Child Abuse Identification & Reporting	Ray Lara	Worship Center

**SESSION 4**  
**1:15-2:15PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Brain Development, Learning and Reasonable Risk: The Benefits of Outdoor Learning	Ellen Vaseleck	Worship Center
• Success with Toddlers	Audrey Rowland	Next Steps Room
• No Bullies Here! Supporting Social/Emotional Growth for the Prevention of Bullying	Joyce Burger	1205
• My Heart is Overwhelmed and I'm Losing My Mind (New Teachers)	Stephanie Chase	1210





• Shaping Healthy Eaters	Sarah Farris	1211
• Helping Children Move from Entitlement to Ownership	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• Intro to Hinduism & Islam: Worldview Awareness for Ministry	Shawn Varghese	Chapel
• Is There Really a Difference Between Boys and Girls? YES	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room
• How to Choose and Manage Outside Enrichment Programs	Beth Cannon	1207
• Your Child Needs to Be Tested: Holding Parents in Your Heart	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Turning the Inside Out	Allison Jessee	3115
• TBRI in the Classroom: Becoming a Trauma-informed Teacher	Kristin Mathis	3114
• Language Play for Infants (Birth-12 Months)	Dr. James Thomas	Annex 1A
• How to Create Effective Lesson Plans: Part 1 of Assessing Young Children	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• The Heart of Literacy Learning	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
• Connecting the Dots: Developmental Theories and Spiritual Formation	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116

**SESSION 5**  
**2:30-3:30 PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Opening an Art Studio in Your Preschool	Allison Jessee	3115
• Writing Anecdotal Comments the Easy Way: Part 2 of Assessing Young Children	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Shaping the Hearts and Minds of Seasoned Teachers	Stephanie Chase	1210
• God's Desire for Cleanliness: Maintaining Healthy Classrooms!	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Staying Play-based in a Readiness World	Audrey Rowland	Next Steps Room
• Young and the Restless: Activities and Ideas for Captivating and Communicating with Ones	Dr. James Thomas	Annex 1A

• Learning to Move; Moving to Learn	Paula B. Tinker	1207
• Mindfulness for Preschoolers (the Teachers Who Teach Them)	Kristin Mathis	3114
• It's Not Just Supervision: It's ACTIVE Supervision	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
• Shaping Hearts with Heartfelt Transitions	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Dollar Store Fun	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A
• Teaching with a Big Heart and a Big Plan	Mark Jones	Multipurpose Room
• Playground Safety	Rene Hudspeth	Chapel
• Understanding Generational Differences	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116
• Healthy Conflict and Difficult Conversations	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• Shaping Behavior: Why Positive Reinforcement Works and Punishment Doesn't	Ann Gathura	Theater
• Put Your Heart into Teaching Math	Dawne Pybas	1121AB

**SESSION 6**  
**3:45 - 4:45 PM**  
**CLOSING KEYNOTE**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wake Up!	Melissa McKenzie	Worship Center
Yes! Children CAN Learn Anything and Everything in the Outdoor Classroom	Ellen Veselack	Worship Center

**6.50-6.75 CREDIT HOURS**

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**REGISTRATION: 7:30-8:00 AM**

**OPENING SESSION  
 (SESSION 1)  
 8:00-9:30 AM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wake Up with Music and Worship	Melissa McKenzie Justin & Holly Hornsby	Worship Center
Sensory Integration and the Learning Environment: Ways to Promote Active and Appropriate Participation from ALL Young Children	Dr. Christy Isbell	Worship Center

**SESSION 2  
 9:45-10:45 AM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• New Perspectives on Infant and Toddler Behaviors: The Sensory Integrative Approach	Dr. Christy Isbell	Chapel
• Connecting the Dots: Developmental Theories and Spiritual Formation	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116
• Ready to Read	Dr. James Thomas	Annex 1B
• Big Hearts and Little Minds Need the Bible: Let's Give It to Them	Stephanie Chase	1210

• No Bullies Here! Supporting Social/Emotional Growth for the Prevention of Bullying	Joyce Burger	1205
• Is There Really a Difference Between Boys and Girls? YES!	Jenice Dames	Fireside Room
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• Shaping the Heart and Mind with Yoga for Children	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Child Abuse Identification and Reporting	Ray Lara	Theater
• Creating an Art Studio in Your Preschool	Allison Jessee	3115
• Teaching Bible Truths with A Big Heart and a Big Plan	Mark Jones	Multipurpose Room
• Loose Parts: What Are They and Why Do I Need Them?	Julie Hamilton	Annex 3A
• Your Child Needs to be Tested: Holding Parents in Your Heart	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• The Joys of Teaching in a Natural Outdoor Classroom	Paula Miller	Next Steps Room
• Classroom Management: The Heartbeat of Learning	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
• Creating and Implementing Staff Values (Directors)	Melissa Machemehl	3112
• The Heart of Teaching So Little Hearts Are Learning: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	Paula B. Tinker	1207

**LUNCH (BLUE)**  
**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**GYM**

**SESSION 3 (RED LUNCH)**  
**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• When to Manage and When to Lead (Directors)	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Shaping Behavior: Understanding the Functions of Behavior	Ann Gathura	Theater
• Shaping the Heart with	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room

Heartfelt Transitions		
• Discover the Heart of the Weekday Why	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116
• Put Your Heart into Teaching Math (Without Breaking the Bank)	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
• Helping Children Move from Entitlement to Ownership	Rebecca Cole	1215-16
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**LUNCH (RED)**  
**12:00-1:00**  
**GYM**

**SESSION 3 (BLUE LUNCH)**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• SIDS, Shaken Baby and Early Brain Development	Kristin Omo	Annex 1B
• Shaping Behavior: Increasing Compliance: Why Reprimand Does Not Work	Ann Gathura	Theater
• Having a Heart for Your Staff (Directors)	Melissa McKenzie	Choir Room
• Mindfulness for Preschoolers (and Teachers Who Teach Them)	Kristin Mathis	3114
• Put Your Heart into Teaching Math (Without Breaking the Bank)	Dawne Pybas	1121AB
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• Shaping the Hearts and Minds	Stephanie Chase	1210



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• Understanding Generational Differences	Dr. Shelly Melia	3116

**SESSION 4**  
**1:15-2:15 PM**

<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
• Fine Motor Fun: Developmentally Appropriate Ways to Encourage Fine Motor Skills in Young Children	Dr. Christy Isbell	Chapel
• When to Manage and When to Lead (Directors)	Jerri Thompson	Annex 3B
• Spiritual Development for the Littlest Minds	Stephanie Chase	1210
• The Young and the Restless: Activities and Ideas for Captivating and Communicating with Ones	Dr. James Thomas	Annex 1A
• Where Did That Behavior Come From?	Kristin Mathis	3114
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• An Invitation to Learn	Allison Jessee	3115

**SESSION 5**

**CLOSING SESSION**  
**2:30 - 3:30 PM**

<b>Keynote Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wake Up with Music/Movement	Melissa McKenzie	Worship Center
Fine-tuning the Heart of Your Teacher Super Powers	Mark Jones	Worship Center

**TOTAL HOURS - 5.50 - 6 HOURS**