

**D6 Northwest 2026**  
**Main Stage Sessions**  
(order is subject to change)

**Erica Renaud**

**General Session 1 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Friday**

**Seeing with Perspective** – Do you ever sense that God is up to something you can't quite see? Do you feel like you're catching only part of the picture? Sometimes what's right in front of us can actually keep us from noticing what God is trying to reveal and recognizing the work He's already doing. Erica shares from her personal testimony and key moments in Scripture to help open our eyes to see more clearly, to notice God's movement, His invitations, and His presence in our everyday lives.

**Tommy Swindol & Carol Reid**

**General Session 1 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Friday**

**Spiritual Conversations: The Desert or the Promised Land** – What if the greatest gift you could give your family isn't more time, stuff, or protection, but a deeper love for God? Join us as we explore why the difference between a struggling "desert" home and a thriving "Promised Land" home often comes down to one choice: Who comes first? Be encouraged, challenged, and equipped to lead your family into God's best.

**Richard Ross**

**General Session 2 - 1:30 PM – 2:50 PM – Friday**

**Infusing Lifetime Faith through Heart Connections** – Parents have the potential to be the most powerful faith-shapers of their children. Fulfilling that potential depends on parents building heart connections (warm and caring relationships) with each child. Heart connections are essential pipelines that carry lifetime faith from one generation to the next.

**Panel Discussion**

**General Session 2 - 1:30 PM – 2:50 PM – Friday**

**Rich Griffith, JJ Jones, Kevin Jones, Shelly Melia, & Larry Fowler**

**Reimagining Church as Family Panel** – When you hear "family," what comes to mind? Is it an idyllic Norman Rockwell setting—mom, dad, two kids, and a dog? For many, that image feels out of reach. Families today are diverse, complex, and often broken. Single parents juggle immense challenges. Adoptive families redefine belonging. Spiritual orphans long for connection. Empty nesters navigate shifting roles and grandparents step in to parent. How do we respond to these realities, and what does Scripture say about what family truly is? *Reimagining Church as Family* dives into the theological foundations of family, showing how God's design is broader, deeper, and more comprehensive than we often imagine.

**Jana Magruder**

**General Session 3 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Saturday**

**Flip the Script** – Flip the script on your ministry strategy and leverage every generation for the next generation. When it comes to connecting the gospel to our current culture, we may be reading from an old script. Kids and students today are swimming in a worldview of secular influence—where belief in God is one possibility among many. Research verifies that in every generation, fewer people are identifying as Christians or attending church. How do we reach them? Perhaps the solution is found by teaching the same timeless truths of the gospel

wrapped in new starting points and strategies that engage kids and teens to find biblical belonging and true identity in Christ.

**Ron Hunter**

**General Session 3 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Saturday**

**Backward Discipleship in a Forward World** – Backward Discipleship in a Forward

World challenges leaders and parents to disciple others, especially children, in a culture that rushes them forward before they are spiritually prepared. Most people already think backward when planning careers, finances, or travel, yet few apply that same intentionality to a child's faith and lifelong walk with Christ. Ron highlights the Faith-Forging Five—Bible Engagement, Faith at Home, Mentors Matter, Sharing One's Faith, and Volunteering at Church—as a clear framework for forming resilient disciples. Backward discipleship helps families and churches shape faith early so children are ready for what lies ahead.

**Lori Wildenberg**

**General Session 3 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Saturday**

**Grandparents Make Grand Partners** – Discover how to be the grandparent God has called you to be. Avoid common grandparenting pitfalls and embrace the parent to grandparent shift. You can be the grandparent your grandkids need and your adult children hope for.

**Lissy Bailey**

**General Session 4 - 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Saturday**

**The Heart of Your Teen** – Do you want the teens in your church to catch a vision for home discipleship? A central ingredient of family ministry is calling parents to turn their hearts to their children and embrace the mission to help their kids follow Jesus. But we also need to be helping kids and teens turn their hearts to their parents. Home discipleship is more difficult and more important than ever during the teen years.

**Carissa Potter**

**General Session 4 - 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Saturday**

**The Global Story Our Families Need** – Our world is deeply connected—and so is the story God is writing. Learn how this global story shapes how we parent, disciple, and build Christ-centered community in everyday family life.