**Ed Conference August 8, 2023 Beth Eden Baptist Church**

**8:50 - 9:50 General Session Roy Faletti,** Positive Action for Christ, Inc.

***To Gen Z and Beyond—Understanding Unique Challenges and***

***Cultivating Resilient Faith in Students***

**10:00 - 10:50 Breakout Session 1**

***The Essentials of Reading - Must Have Training for Elementary Teachers - Lis Richard (Elementary)*** Understand the sequential elements of teaching reading. Know why the curriculum presents these important steps. Come to an understanding of acquired skills vs. learned skills. Help students gain greater mastery of reading, writing, and spelling. Equip teachers in gaining greater student comprehension.

***Cheating: A Growing Problem - Dr. Linda Williams (K-12)*** Since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, man has had the propensity to sin. Students today are no different, and they have become incredibly creative with cheating. By examining many ways students

cheat, teachers can spot clues and better combat cheating with their own students. Whether you teach elementary and secondary classes or are an administrator, this session will equip you with ideas to help you prevent cheating in your classrooms.

***Teaching Teenagers – Managing your Secondary Class – Pam Litzenberger (Secondary)***

Trying to teach English skills or algebra to unruly teenagers is any teacher’s nightmare. How can you get these young people to focus on learning? How is teaching a teenager different from teaching, say, a fifth grader? Developing solid classroom management is a skill that requires love from the teacher, but also consistency. In this workshop we will

delve into these questions with many suggestions to help you build your classroom management skills and TEACH your class.

***Constructive Confrontation: Why Me? – Dr. Mark Stupka (General)***

Confrontation is something that most of us prefer to avoid, if possible. Yet, we must all

confront others at times in order to demonstrate genuine love. This workshop will encourage participants to utilize confrontations in the school setting as meaningful experiences that lead to spiritual growth.

***Do Parents Really Care? – Tim McPhillips (General)*** Overcoming the tension between teachers and parents.

***The Chapel Program—Is it Meeting Needs or Filling Time? - Matt Williams (Admin.)***

We will be discussing the goals of chapel and many ideas for making the chapel program a very exciting part of your Christian school.

**10:50 - 11:10 Break**

**11:10 - 12:00 Breakout Session 2**

***Yes! You Can M.A.T.H. – Cindy Dickenson (Elementary)*** Math can be an engaging and exciting subject to teach. It is so much more than just recalling and memorizing. Interested in current ideas for your math classroom? Join me to discover ways you can M.A.T.H. M—make it interesting, A—add to their knowledge, T—take it to the next level, and H—find out how they did. By engaging, instructing, applying, and assessing, you can take your math classes as well as your students to the next level.

***Bible: We Have a Story to Tell - Dr. Linda Williams (Elementary)*** Are you in a rut with Bible time? Do your students lack excitement for God’s Word? This workshop challenges you to put enthusiasm back into your daily lessons by equipping you with ideas for interactive, story presentations (without any major productions), helping you reach the different grade levels with appropriate applications, and encouraging you to utilize the students in various parts of the lesson.

***Enhancing Lectures to Kindle Students’ Interest and Improve Learning – Dr. Mark Stupka (Secondary, General)*** While many educators are discarding the lecture method of instruction as being outdated and ineffective in reaching today’s youth, research has shown that lectures can be used to teach very effectively when used properly.  This workshop will inform you of key strategies to enable you to capture and maintain student’s interest with your lectures!  You can do it!

***Old Dogs, New Tricks - Pam Litzenberger (General)*** Do you want to improve and update your teaching? So often the newer, younger teachers are the favorites. How can you as an experienced teacher add new skills and knowledge to make your instruction and classroom one that students thrive in and desire to come to every day?

***Helping those Who Are Depressed – Dr. Bruce Meyer (General)*** The term “depression” often represents a range of negative emotions but to a person who is feeling blue, the term feels all too personal and real. How should we understand the problem given the many prevailing theories? How do we help those who are suffering with their feelings? How do the scriptures assess the problem? This workshop answers these questions and offers biblical and practical solutions for those offering care. The workshop also offers a model for understanding the dimensions of depression biblically.

***Discipline in the School and Classroom – Liz Richard (General, Admin.)***

Is your method of school-wide discipline effective? Are you seeing the lives of your

students changed from time spent in discipline? God’s Word is very specific on how we are to deal with children when they disobey. The demerit system is one adopted from the world and is not effective. Come see a vetted and developed biblical method for disciplining students in your school. It has been proven effective and is now adopted by some of the finest Christian Schools in our nation.

**12:00 - 1:00 Lunch, Lis Richard**

**1:00 - 1:50 Breakout Session 3**

***Let’s Write Together – Cindy Dickinson (Elementary)*** Have your students ever said they just don’t know what to write? Learning how to write well is an important component of any language arts program. Students need to be taught how to communicate clearly

through writing. Join me for a practical session where we will go through the writing process steps from planning to publishing. Leave with practical tips and resources to help your students become successful writers.

***All Aboard the Motivation Train - Dr. Linda Williams (K-6)*** Are you wondering how to motivate, when to motivate, or how much to motivate your students? Are you out of ideas for motivation? This is the session for you! We will cover the how, when, what, and how much along with many motivational ideas (tangible and non-tangible) that will get your positivity back on track! ALL ABOARD for a ride that will send you back to your school ready and equipped to have an influence in the lives of those with whom you work and teach!

***Weapons of Mass Distraction: Focusing Your Priorities in a Digital Age – Dr. Bruce Meyer (Secondary, General)*** Our digital age offers both blessings (access to information) and curses (too many distractions). Although the genie is already out of the bottle, it is possible to assist our students in refocusing priorities so that social media serves us rather than the reverse. This workshop offers both biblical principles and practical guidelines.

***The Case for Life Application Classes – Tim McPhillips (General)*** Examining the need for biblical worldview education at the practical level.

***Developing Lasting Relationships with New School Families – Dr. Mark Stupka***

***(Admin., General)*** Many new families have come into our Christian schools recently, but will they stay with us in the years ahead? What can Christian school administrators and teachers do to encourage families to keep their children in Christian schools for the long haul? This workshop will investigate research-proven practices that will help to build strong ties between the school and all families.

***Be Different on Purpose - Setting a Spiritual Atmosphere for Your School - Matt Williams (Admin.)*** This foundational session for AACS Student Leadership Conferences is crucial for all pastors, administrators, and teachers. The four essentials for biblical leadership are shared.

**2:00 - 2:50 Breakout Session 4**

***It’s Raining, It’s Pouring, My Recess is Boring - Dr. Linda Williams (Grades 1-3)*** Do you panic when you see the radar calls for indoor recess? Are you tired of playing the same games when outdoors? Come to this workshop ready to participate and fill your quiver full of new ideas to use for indoor and outdoor recess, utilizing items in the classroom and a few you can bring from home. Go back to the classroom ready to enjoy recess and have your students singing your praises for the new games!

***Teaching with a Heart of Love – Dr. Mark Stupka (General)*** What does genuine love look like in the classroom setting? How can teachers show love to students consistently? This workshop investigates Scripture and uses practical illustrations to challenge educators to demonstrate genuine love to students, parents, and fellow educators throughout the year.

***Keeping Up with the 21st Century Learner - Cindy Dickenson (General)*** When I first entered education over thirty years ago, there were no personal devices, no interactive white-boards, and no Google. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest did not exist. Over the years, I have seen many changes in education as the world we are living in changes. Resources have changed. How students learn has changed. Join me to learn more about the skills necessary for our students to be successful in the 21st century.

***Managing the “Middles” - Pam Litzenberger (Middle School)*** Wondering how to keep your 30 sixth graders engaged? Or those 25 eighth graders actually paying attention in class? In this workshop I will present practical ways to keep your class moving and engaged in what you are teaching! We will discuss how to take attendance painlessly, make transitions, grade homework easily without having to repeat answers numerous times, grade that endless pile of tests more quickly, and record those grades. Come loaded with your questions and tips to share with the group!

***At the End of Your Rope: Dealing with professional Burnout – Dr. Bruce Meyer (Admin., General)*** Caregiving invests a lot of time and energy in the needs of others. Although the work of an educator is immensely rewarding, the constant personal expenditures can be taxing and may lead to professional burnout—a condition that clinical professionals often label “disillusionment.” This workshop explores the symptoms, causes, dangers, and preventions for “burnout.”

***Creating a Team of Disciples Not Just Teachers – Tim McPhillips (Administrative)***  Developing a team of teachers who are actively discipling one another and the classroom.

**3:00 - 3:50 General Session Roy Faletti - *To Gen Z and Beyond***

**3:50 - 4:00 Closing**