

# DO AND TEACH THEM

## 2023 ODACS Educators' Convention List of Workshop Titles\*

\*This list is tentative and may be subject to change.  
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**Mrs. Valerie Aits;** *Keystone Christian Academy, Berryville, VA*

Friends, Family.....Friction

Homework: A Necessary Evil

**Miss Amy Amsbaugh;** *Pensacola Christian Academy, Abeka, Pensacola, FL*

Livening the Language Arts

Making the Mundane Magnificent (elementary history, science, and health)

Motivating in Arithmetic

Reading and Writing Well

Review Games and Motivational Ideas

**Mrs. Karmen Baker;** *Pensacola Christian Academy, Abeka, Pensacola, FL*

Getting Students to Grasp Grammar

Let's Get Creative ... with Writing

Liven Up Your Literature Lessons

Research Papers: Embracing the Journey

**Mrs. Erica Botha;** *Keystone Christian Academy, Berryville, VA*

I'm Broke, but I Want Stuff for My Classroom

Teaching Students to Read

Different What?

**Mr. Jay Bradford;** *Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy*

Transformational Leadership

**Dr. Adam Burton;** *Great Hope Baptist School, Chesapeake, VA*

Addressing AI: What Is Artificial Intelligence, and How Should I Handle It in the Classroom?

*Note: This session will be presented twice.*

**Mrs. Anita Darby;** *Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy*

Security – Make It Fit to Your Surroundings

**Mrs. Dana Davis;** *Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI*

How the Brain Thinks and Learns

Boys and Books: Why Some Boys Don't Read and How You Can Help

Trauma Informed Teaching

Help for the Dyslexic and Severely Delayed Readers in Your Classroom

Running Records: Assessing and Improving the Reading Skills of Your Students

Diagnosing and Treating Reading Difficulties

**Dr. Matt Davis;** *Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI*

We Need to Talk About TikTok

Legal Developments in Religious Freedom and Christian Education

Christian Professionalism

Ministry Ethics

Ten Principles of High Performing Organizations

**Mrs. Sarah Fuller;** *Pensacola Christian Academy, Abeka, Pensacola, FL*

Reaching Their Heart  
Ready, Set, Review  
“The Great Balance”: Phonics + Reading = Success  
The Tidy Teacher

**Dr. Heather Hancox;** *Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC*

Communication Without Confrontation  
Encouragement for the Weary Heart  
Help for Hurting Kids  
Quick and Simple Progress Monitoring  
Strategies for Differentiating Instruction  
Understanding Autism

**Dr. Hubert Hartzler;** *Christian School Leadership Ministries, San Antonio, TX*

Leading Your Students to Spiritual Maturity: 9 Essential Qualities  
Leading Your Students to Genuine Salvation: Principles and Pitfalls  
Teaching Your Students to be Spiritually Prosperous: Practical Principles from Psalm 1  
Discipline Policies and Procedures in the Secondary School  
Understanding Five Levels of Learning  
Qualities and Characteristics of an Outstanding Teacher

**Mrs. Beckie Hibbard;** *Landmark Christian School, Richmond, VA*

Building Better Writers with Diagraming  
Building Better Editors  
Grammar Help Class

**Miss Charity Kerr;** *Pensacola Christian Academy, Abeka, Pensacola, FL*

Building a Successful Phonics Lesson  
Cooking Up Success in Numbers Time  
Crafting a Masterful Kindergarten Writing Time  
Finding the Fun in Kindergarten Activities

**Mrs. Gail Nicholas;** *Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC*

Congressional Classroom: Learning by Role Playing  
History: Is It a Dead Subject?  
Incorporating Current Events in the Classroom  
Student Participation in Teaching Social Studies  
The Electoral College: What Could I Major in There?  
The President’s House

**Mr. Gary Peltier;** *American Association of Christian Schools, Chattanooga, TN*

An Overview of the Iowa Assessment™ and Cognitive Abilities Tests® Testing Program  
The Use of DataManager™  
Tips for Testing Coordinators  
The State of Our Students

**Mr. Jeff Setzer;** *Creation Family Ministries, Hickory, NC*

The Cause of Creation  
Gender Confusion: How We Got Here  
How Shall They Call?  
The Waters of God  
Secrets of the Sea  
Living Dinosaurs?

**Mrs. Krista Smith; Shenandoah Baptist Academy, Cleveland, TN**

Practical Adaptations for Any Classroom  
ABC...Closing the Reading Gap  
Differentiating Mathematics for Struggling and Gifted Students  
Understanding and Supporting Gifted Students  
Understanding and Supporting ADHD in the Classroom  
Unlocking Potential: Navigating Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

**Mr. Matt Smith; Shenandoah Baptist Academy, Cleveland, TN**

Developing Vocal Technique in Elementary Voices  
Developing Vocal Technique in High School Voices  
"Rainy Day" Fun for the Elementary Music Classroom  
Teaching Music to Students with Special Needs  
Making the Most of Private Lessons  
Biblical Principles of Music

**Mr. Paul Smith; Citizen Impact USA, Loganville, GA**

The Christian Heritage of America  
Impacting Public Policy: Part 1  
Impacting Public Policy: Part 2  
Teaching Students Biblical Worldview  
Why Does Religious Freedom Matter?  
Leadership and Decision Making

**Mrs. Suzanne Torres; Heritage Christian School, Woodbridge, VA**

Taking Art a Step Further in the Classroom  
Let's Talk Sculpture – Even in the Classroom!

**Mrs. Amy Wall and Mrs. Samantha Thomas; Be the Light Education, LLC, Manassas, VA**

Building Strong Foundations: Integrating Orton-Gillingham into Literacy Instruction  
Unlocking Learning and Engagement: The Importance of Multi-Sensory Instruction for Christian Educators  
Mastering Literacy: The Importance of Encoding and Integrating Orton-Gillingham Spelling Rules  
Supporting Students with Learning/Reading Differences in Christian Schools  
Unlocking Word Power: The Importance of Latin Affixes in Literacy Instruction  
Launching Inclusivity: Starting a Specialized Literacy Program in Christian Schools for Diverse Abilities

**Pastor Doug Wright; Keystone Baptist Church, Berryville, VA**

How to Help Students Make Lasting Biblical Change  
Surviving and Thriving Spiritually Even Though You Are a Christian School Teacher

**Mr. Dan Zacharias; Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, Broadway, VA**

Checklist for Administrators  
Virginia Childcare Policy – Current Issues and the Future  
Virginia's New SOGI Law – What It May Mean for Your Church and School  
When Must Our Preschool Teachers, Day School Teachers, Sunday School Teachers, or Nursery Workers Report Suspected Child Abuse?