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From Searching to Service

June 20-21, 2024

The Ark Encounter Answers Center in Williamstown, KY

Every second year, School Ministries hosts a meeting and training event for Christian leaders to encourage, educate, and equip those interested in Released Time Bible Education for public school students. This event will bring together leaders and educators of Christian organizations from across the country.

For more information or to register, please visit:
SchoolMinistries.org/events
E-mail Info@SchoolMinistries.org
Or call (803) 772-5224.
Elizabeth Urbanowicz is a follower of Jesus Christ who is passionate about equipping kids to understand the truth of the Christian worldview. She holds a B.S. from Gordon College in Elementary Education and Spanish, an M.S.Ed. from Northern Illinois University in Literacy Education, and an M.A. in Christian Apologetics from Biola University. Elizabeth began her professional career as an elementary teacher in a Christian school.

Several years into her teaching experience, Elizabeth realized that despite being raised in Christian homes, attending a Christian school, and being active in church, her students thought more like the culture than like Christ. Elizabeth began searching for curricular materials that would equip her students to think critically, helping them discover that Christianity is the worldview that lines up with reality. After not finding any materials that met this need, she began creating a curriculum for her students.

Elizabeth authored and first taught Foundation Comparative Worldview Curriculum as an after-school class for third through fifth graders, and the results were incredible! Students were transformed from passive recipients of information to active evaluators of every message they receive. Parents and teachers alike noticed the impact these materials had on students’ media consumption, academic achievement, and everyday habits. This transformation lasted beyond the elementary years and guided students’ thinking in junior high and beyond.

Elizabeth now works full-time on developing comparative worldview and apologetics resources for children. Her goal is to prepare the next generation to be lifelong critical thinkers and, most importantly, lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year our key scripture is, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

1 Timothy 4:13 ESV

Since moving to America in 1987, Australian Ken Ham—founder of Answers in Genesis, the highly acclaimed Creation Museum, and the visionary behind a popular, full-size Noah’s Ark—has become one of America’s most in-demand Christian speakers and interview guests. He became internationally known for his 2014 creation/evolution debate with Bill Nye “the Science Guy,” which has been watched by an estimated 25 million people. Ham hosts the daily radio program Answers . . . with Ken Ham, heard on over 1,000 stations, and in 2020 oversaw the launch of Answers TV, a video streaming service.

A biblical apologist, Ken gives numerous faith-building talks to tens of thousands of children and adults each year on topics such as the reliability of the Bible, how compromise over biblical authority has undermined society (and even the church, which is seeing a massive exodus of young people), witnessing more effectively, dinosaurs, “races,” and so on. Ham’s most recent book is a commentary and devotional on Genesis chapters 1–11, Creation to Babel (2021). His book on effective evangelism, Gospel Reset, was sent to every church in America and to many churches in other English-speaking countries (over 300,000 copies). Ham has authored or co-authored more than 30 books, including the best-selling The Lie and The Answers Book.

Ken cofounded AiG in 1994 with the purpose of upholding the authority of the Bible from the very first verse and sharing the gospel beginning in Genesis. In addition, he provides biblical and scientific answers to some of the most difficult questions people ask about the Christian faith.
School Ministries (SM) is a non-profit organization that was created in 1991 to assist local communities in establishing Released Time Bible Education (RTBE) programs, as well as strengthen existing programs. SM promotes RTBE by equipping Christian community leaders with a variety of research and materials to effectively start and maintain RTBE programs, providing information and encouragement through consultation, regular communication, fellowship at events, and prayer. SM provides educational opportunities and promotes networking of Released Time leaders and teachers through webinars, conferences, and provision of experienced speakers. SM has amassed knowledge through experts in the fields of education, law, and non-profit administration. It also monitors and advises local boards of noteworthy developments in Released Time practices and law. School Ministries opens doors of access for state and local leadership through existing connections and relationships with other national missions and ministries.

Our Children Need:

» Purpose and meaning for their lives beyond the accumulation of wealth or achievement of social and/or professional status.
» Safe venues where they can ask deeply challenging and sensitive questions without fear or censure.
» Godly teachers that prepare them to be responsible adults and contributing community citizens.

“Every School Ministries conference I’ve attended has provided wonderful and enduring experiences in education, encouragement, and fellowship. They have also provided education and resources available to state and local programs, useful program and classroom management tools, and encouragement from speakers like David Beasley, Josh McDowell, Voddie Baucham, Randy Forbes and numerous other Christian worldview leaders. I’ve enjoyed fellowship with like-minded believers who are called, commissioned, and impassioned for making release time Bible classes a reality from local communities to across our nation. I’m looking forward to attending the next national conference and learning more about what God is doing in and through School Ministries!”

Winston Greer, Executive Secretary
School Ministries Alabama

“Encouraging! Informative! Inspiring! Spirit-filled! These are words that describe the School Ministries’ conferences that I have attended. I do my best to attend the national conferences; I always leave each one a better-equipped leader.

God continues to bless Released Time leaders and their organizations through the staff and board of directors of School Ministries. Leaders of School Ministries pour their all into their conferences so that Released Time groups can have the ministry tools needed for sharing the Word of God with public school students all over the country. We are grateful for each one of them and their sacrifices of love.”

Janice Butler, Chief Executive Officer
Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County, SC
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- You may provide a printed one-page flyer/brochure to be included in attendee packets.
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**Deadline for logo placement**

For printed materials:
- April 30, 2024
For digital applications:
- May 31, 2024

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Thank you for your support of School Ministries! Your sponsorship helps equip, encourage, and educate those who are providing Bible classes to public school students across the nation.

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