

Jen Hatmaker and her husband, Brandon, live in Austin, TX where they lead Austin New Church and raise their brood. They pioneered Restore Austin, connecting churches to local and global non-profits for the spiritual and social renewal of Austin and beyond. Jen speaks at events around the country, recently made a guest appearance on “The Today Show” on NBC, and is taping a show with husband Brandon to be aired on HGTV in 2014. She is the author of nine books and Bible studies, including “Interrupted” and “7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess.” Jen and Brandon have five children: Gavin-14, Sydney-12, Caleb-10, and recently added Ben-9, and Remy-7 from Ethiopia.

Kristen Markell is the Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts at the Greenville, IL Free Methodist Church where she has served since 2005. Kristen has lent her voice to a variety of recording projects ranging from Keith and Kristyn Getty’s “Live” DVD to Lifeway Children’s albums.

Pricing Information

Price per person speaker only
NO HOTEL OR MEALS.....\$45/person

Price per person speaker and meals only
NO HOTEL.....\$165/person

Price per person speaker, meals, and hotel
(3-4 guests per room).....**\$195/person**

Price per person speaker, meals, and hotel
(2 guests per room).....**\$225/person**

Price per person speaker, meals, and hotel
(1 guest per room).....**\$275/person**

**Registration Opens
December 9, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Women’s Ministry of The Great Plains Conference hosts...
“Blessed Interruptions”

SPEAKER

Jen Hatmaker



**WORSHIP
LEADER**

Kristen Markell



**March 28-29, 2014 at the
Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS**

Mission POSSIBLE: *Helping children see how they can make a difference in our homes, our communities, and our world!*

Children often ask, “What can I do to help?” thinking they really can’t contribute much. Children CAN make a difference. It’s our responsibility to help them to grow up with a missional mindset. How do we do that? How do we provide opportunities for children to serve? Where do we access resources? How do I do that in my home? In my Church? Come and explore these questions and more in this hands-on session.



Carmen Zeisler is a teacher, foster mom, and coffee drinker. She loves traveling and working with kids of all ages. The past two years she has been focusing her energies on figuring out what living a missional life means for her.

Empowered Women at Work

This workshop will empower and encourage you in the workplace to accomplish more than you can imagine. You will walk away with specific strategies on handling stress and pressures of living your faith at work. You will hear how work can and should become a place of worship. Work is more than a 9 to 5 job; it is a Kingdom-building opportunity. You will be more empowered to be an instrument used for God.



Sabra Dyas, founder and president of Main Street Ministries (MSM), is an author and speaker, an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church, and has served as a senior pastor and church planter. MSM is a workplace ministry established in 2010. Sabra is a spiritual entrepreneur and leader with a passion to empower people to become faith leaders.

Blankets of Blessing

This workshop is a hands-on experience. We will tie fleece blankets that will be sent to 140 young girls, many of whom have been rescued from slavery. They reside high in the cold Tibetan mountains of China. While crafting, you will learn of the many challenges they are forced to overcome.
Fee: \$10 per person for materials.



Tammy Rose is a wife, mother of three, and a daycare provider. She is Women’s Ministries Coordinator at the McPherson, KS Free Methodist Church where TWIGS (Today’s Women In God’s Service) has organized outreach events like Backpacks and Blessings, and Project Haiti. Tammy has a tender heart for service to the hurting, the needy and the lost. She is not afraid to “get her hands dirty” in this passion for service. Hobbies include sewing, scrapbooking, cooking, and mentoring those God has placed in her life.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101: Understanding Realities, Identifying Victims, and Offering Solutions Locally, Regionally, and Globally.



Ginger Coakley is an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. As the U.S. Central Region Co-Director of the Set Free Movement, Ginger invests time as an abolitionist bringing awareness about modern slavery to a variety of audiences inviting smart and effective engagement, while moving toward solutions and helping individuals along with their communities end modern day slavery and create new futures.



Anne Schomaker is a licensed clinical social worker with a Masters degree from Jane Addams School of Social Work at University of Illinois in Chicago. Anne currently is an advocate and an educator with the Set Free Movement. Anne also chairs the Bond County, Illinois Set Free Movement Task Force.



Lara Vanderhoof is an Associate Professor of Social and the Social Work Program Director at Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS. Holding a Masters of Social Work, she is a licensed social worker in the states of Kansas and New York. Lara is currently pursuing a Doctor of Social Work focusing on combating human trafficking in Kansas and anticipates completion in 2015. Lara is an active member of the Set Free organization in McPherson, KS where she resides with her husband and two children.



Wendy Thompson Lorenz serves the leadership committee of the Set Free Movement in McPherson, KS. She is an adjunct faculty member for the School of Professional Education at Central Christian College of Kansas and an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church. She currently serves on the local mission board, the conference mission board, and the conference BOA. She and her husband Glenn reside in McPherson, KS with their four children.

Redeeming Rhythms

Is life out of control? Do your good intentions to rise early and begin the day in prayer and devotions evaporate in the night with the sick child’s midnight cry, or the “to do” list that keeps your mind on overdrive as you try to sleep? Reclaiming – or creating – a spiritual rhythm for appropriate self-care and Sabbath, even in the midst of chaos (in other words, life!), might sound more like a pipe dream than a possibility. But it is vital if we are serious about what it means to not only follow Christ, but live like Christ. We cannot be effective, missional people – or moms or co-workers or anything else – without these redeeming and restoring rhythms. Join us as we get practical in our practices of soul tending, silence, and Sabbath.



Deb Somerville is completing six years as lead pastor of the McPherson (KS) Free Methodist Church. She and husband Karl have been married for 40+ years and have two adult children, both married, and one amazing grandson. She loves to read, sing, eat, and sleep...though not necessarily in that order. Her guilty pleasure is *Project Runway*, and she is a diehard fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Retreat Schedule

Friday, March 28, 2014

3:00-6:00 pm – Registration/Check-in

6:00 pm – Dinner

7:30 pm – Worship & Jen Hatmaker - Session 1

Saturday, March 29th, 2014

7:30-8:30 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – Hotel Check-Out

(ALL overnight guests must be checked out by noon.)

9:00 am – Worship & Jen Hatmaker - Session 2

10:00 am – Breakout Workshop

11:00 am – Breakout Workshop

12:00 Noon – Lunch

1:00 pm – Worship & Jen Hatmaker - Session 3

2:15 pm – Communion and Closing