

CCMR Regional Assembly



Saturday, May 20, 2023
Theme: Radical Welcome
Worship 11 am
Lunch Noon
Meeting 1 pm

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Come Early - Stay Late
May 18 or 19 to May 21



Thursday if you choose, but you're on your own.

Friday evening we'll be singing around the fire and talking 'churchish.' Register on-line. Tim Murtaugh & Team

CHECK IN

SATURDAY -FELLOWSHIP HALL

10 AM

HOLLY BRANDSMA & TEAM

COFFEE - BONNIE PUTNEY & TEAM



Chapel **Worship** 11AM

Leader Tim Murtaugh

Invocation Russ Tiller

Music from North, East & West

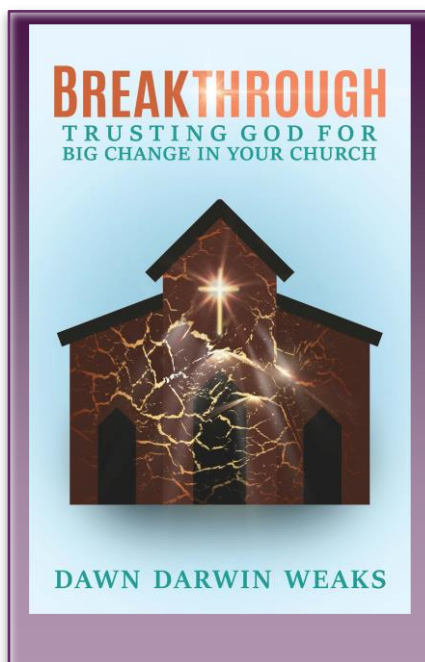
Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Dawn Weaks (she/her)



Co-Pastor, Connection Christian Church

Dawn grew up as a preacher's kid in Indiana and Texas. She heard her own calling to ministry as a teen at youth camp. She pursued God's call as she received her B.A. from Baylor University, her M. Div. from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, and her D.Min. from St. Paul School of Theology. She was ordained in the Southern Baptist church and served as an associate minister in that denomination before becoming a Disciples of Christ minister in 1999. She pastored churches in Miami, Texas, in Rowlett, Texas, and in Raytown, Missouri. In 2014, she became the co-pastor of Connection Christian Church in Odessa, Texas, with her husband, Rev. Dr. Joe Weaks. They have two young

adult children. Dawn received the "Odessa Heritage Foundation" and the "Community Diva" awards for her contributions to Odessa and was named a "Citizen of the Year" by the Missouri Municipal League. Dawn's congregation in Odessa has taken courageous strides to serve its community and be a vibrant witness for Christ. Five years ago, the church moved out of its 100 year-old setting and began a new adventure, changing its name, launching in a school cafeteria, becoming clear about the welcome and affirmation of LGBTQ+ persons, and inviting 6 community non-profits to become partners in a building they purchased and renovated. Her first book, ***Breakthrough: Trusting God for Big Change in Your Church***, published by Chalice Press, tells part of the story.



The last 30 years of American church life have played a familiar refrain: "The church is old, out of touch, dying, and it's too late." Why bother? What if the church is not old enough, not out of touch enough, and not dying enough? When survival-rooted panic is supplanted with calm, spirited creativity, that may be exactly the moment your church was made for, that your community was hoping for-- and that God is waiting for. First Christian Church of Odessa, Texas made a radical choice and was reborn as Connection Christian Church, with a new view on ministry and new energy. *Breakthrough: Trusting God for Big Change in Your Church* tells the story of what happened when this church dared to place their desperate, dying selves into the hands of a God whose middle name is "Surprise!" -- and hints how readers might find that audacity in their own congregations.

Dr. Dawn Weaks Message: "Access to Jesus" Text: Mark 2:1-12.

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



Dean of Lunch
Jill Forton
& Team
A camp experience!
Dining Hall - Noon

The Business Meeting 1PM Chapel

(agenda under separate cover)

Voting

All are welcome to attend. Only approved delegates may vote.

Here is what the current Constitution provides regarding Voting Privileges:

All persons who register for the Regional Assembly shall have all privileges of the Assembly, except that voting privileges shall be limited to:

- (a) Voting representatives from each recognized congregation, consisting of one woman, one man and one young adult under the age of twenty six;
- (b) One additional voting representative from each recognized congregation for each one hundred participating members over the first hundred members (51 or greater will be recognized as the next 100 members);
- (c) Ministers in standing in the Region;
- (d) One representative from each recognized Christian Body as designated in the ByLaws.

The Congregations and Registered participants will be receiving a packet of information relating to the Business Session of the Assembly, including the Business Agenda, emailed separately from the Regional Office.

The term limit for voting representatives shall run for one year from the date of the regional assembly for which they are registered.

The Table

Meditation: Angelete Lakes,

Author: Forgiving is God's Way

Elements and distribution, Chapel: Pam Morgan & Team

Dinner

Dining Hall

Evening Open... Point Betsie? Campfire?

Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast Customized to those who stay. So many do have to return for worship services with their home churches.

Worship in the Vespers Area, weather permitting, else Chapel.

Led by Neil Topliffe and Team

