

CALVARY CHAPEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 2024 CONFERENCE
CALVARY CHAPEL BROWNSVILLE
112 THORNTON ROAD, BROWNSVILLE, PA 15417.
October 20-22, 2024

OCTOBER 20 (SUNDAY)

Opening Night of Conference

- 5 pm
 - *Dinner provided*
- 6:15 pm
 - *Welcome: Mark Leckie, Director of CCEA*
- 6:20 pm
 - *Worship*
- 6:45 pm
 - *Session One: Pastor Geoff Brede*

Pastor Geoff surrendered to Jesus in 1979. Married his wife Linda in April of 1983. Together they have four children and eight grandchildren. Ordained in 1984 shortly after, Pastor Geoff planted Bread of Life Fellowship in Rochester NY, (which also included a Christian School) where he served as Senior Pastor and Worship leader until 2018. Geoff has traveled sharing Jesus to China, Ethiopia, Croatia, Serbia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Western Europe, and Guatemala. Currently, Geoff is serving as a Chaplain in two prisons in North Carolina.

OCTOBER 21 (MONDAY)

- 8:30 am – 9:15 am
 - *Registration/Breakfast*
- 9:15 am – 9:45 am
 - *Worship*
 - *Welcome: Ed Arcalas, Chairman of the Calvary Chapel Education Association*
- Sessions with Dr. Kathy Keafer, EdD, PCET
 - Former administrator of Johnstown Christian School
 - NILD Director of Research and Curriculum
 - Adjunct Professor Liberty University
- 9:45 am – 11:25 am
 - *Spelling: Teaching the Structure of Language*

Learning to spell is more difficult than learning to read because it requires complete and accurate word formation. But spelling is often treated as an afterthought in curricular decisions with limited actual instructional time. Additionally, teacher knowledge of language structure directly correlates to how much students learn related to the how and why of spelling. Traditional spelling

curriculum does little to actually teach students how to spell, especially for those who struggle in this domain. Let's consider together the English conventions of spelling and how to help children use them to their advantage as they write within both homework and classroom assignments.

- 11:25 – 11:30 am
 - *A Word from the sponsor of our lunch (BJU Press)*
- 11:30 am – 12:50 pm
 - *Lunch sponsored by BJU Press*
 - **COLLABORATE WITH YOUR PEERS** – gather with them to discuss common situations, challenges, techniques, etc.
 - Elementary Grade Levels – Café
 - Secondary Grade Levels – Lunch Room
- A Session with Dr. Kathy Keafer
 - 1 pm to 2:30 pm
 - *Constructing New Knowledge Using Interactive Language: The Power of Questions*

All learning is progressive, structural, and should lead to cognitive change. Questions asked, and the answers, discussions, and reflections that follow, provide the opportunity for interactive language that can lead to thoughtful construction of new knowledge and the desired understanding and cognitive change we hope to see in our students. Vygotsky and Bruner purport the importance of dialogue in the learning process. Questions, dialogue, and proper scaffolding are powerful tools for students to grow and change cognitively, spiritually, and socially.

- 2:30 pm to 3 pm
 - Break, Fellowship, & Visit Vendors
- 3 pm to 4:30 pm
 - *Pastor John Thomas, Senior Pastor Calvary Chapel Brownsville, PA*
 - *Special Worship: Sally Klein*
- Dismissal: Mark Leckie
 - Dinner on your own

OCTOBER 22 (TUESDAY)

- 8 am
 - *Late Registration/Refreshments/Fellowship (830a)*
- 8:45 am
 - Worship

- 9 am
 - *Welcome: Mark Leckie, Director of Calvary Chapel Education Association*
- 930 am
 - *Frank Cantadore - Head of School, Concord Academy, Concord, NC*
 - *Your Needed “Niche”*

Our call within our call.

“Knowing that we are fulfilling God’s purpose is the only thing that really gives rest to the restless human heart.” Chuck Colson

It’s amazing what we can do for the Kingdom if we don’t care who gets the credit... but God. You have a needed “niche” and calling that greatly impacts your school’s influence and success. Let’s “unpack” this together as we embrace our needed positions (or niches).

- 10:30 am
 - Break/Fellowship
- Session with **Kathy Keafer, EdD, PCEF**
 - 11 am
 - *Spiritual Development: A Journey of Ages and Stages*

As educators, we are well aware that cognitive, physical, social, and emotional maturity develop over time and is highly related to specific abilities that advance as children grow and change. Spiritual development is no different. The Bible clearly indicates that there are stages of spiritual growth and those are often related directly to what we already understand about cognitive skills and emotional competencies that children and teens possess. We will consider together how the distinct developmental characteristics of each age group we teach will impact how we teach spiritual truths and the ways in which our students may receive that instruction.

- 1 pm
 - *Closing Remarks/Dismissal – Pastor Ed Arcalas, Calvary Chapel Christian School – Aiea, Hawaii*
- 1:30 pm
 - Lunch provided