

# Virginia Christian Educator Conference

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"...To teach to their children,  
that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and arise and tell them to their children,  
so that they should set their hope in God  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments"

-- Psalms 78: 5b-7

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# Welcome!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2022-2023 Virginia Christian Educator Conference. It is an honor and a privilege to have you with us today. We are really excited about the conference line-up this year. We have some exceptional speakers in both our general and break-out sessions.

The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for leaders, teachers, and staff to receive professional development that is relevant and of high quality. It is also a place for networking with individuals in the same profession who have similar beliefs and values.

Our goal is to strengthen Christian schools while enjoying the friendly exchange of dialogue among Christian School leaders, teachers, and staff.

We pray this conference would be one where you receive encouragement and motivation as a Christian leader and gain new ideas to put into practice in your field of education.

## **Information about CEUs:**

ACTS has moved digital with the collection of data for CEUs from this conference. Please visit the Conference Registration Table to scan the QR Code that will take you to the Google Form for CEUs. You will need to fill this form out entirely to receive your CEU certificate from your school Administrator. Detailed information about sessions attended by school staff and a certificate master template will be emailed to the administrator after the conclusion of the conference.

## **What's included in this program...**

- Timed Schedule
- Keynote Speaker Bio
- Workshop Session Descriptions
- Campus Map

# Schedule

9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome & Worship
9:15 – 10:15 am	Keynote
10:15– 10:25 am	Break/Networking
10:25-11:25 am	Breakout Session 1
11:30-11:45 am	Round Table Discussions
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch – off campus
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Breakout Session 2
2:05 – 2:25 pm	Round Table Discussions
2:30 – 4:30 pm	Super Session

# Keynote Speaker: Michael Cherry



Mike is the Head of School at Life Christian Academy. Originally from North Carolina, he served the nation as an Airman in the United States Air Force for 20 years. He travelled extensively in the service ultimately visiting 6 of 7 continents and about 75 countries. He holds 2 Associate degrees from the Air Force, a BS in Religion and Bible from Liberty University, and M.ED and Ed.S degrees from Regent University. He is married to his high schoolsweetheart Teresa, and they have 2 grown children and one fabulous grandchild, Jovie. In addition to being the Head of School at LCA, Mike also serves in the House of Delegates in Virginia, representing the 66<sup>th</sup> House District.

## Breakout Session 1

10:25-11:25a

### Leadership 101

**Room:** 201

**Presenter:** Steve Lindquist, ACTS – Brandon FL

**Audience:** Current School Leaders, Up and Coming Leaders, etc.

Join our discussion on leadership trends, current topics, and “burning questions” for Christian schools...

### Biblical Integration in the Classroom

**Room:** 204

**Presenter:** Lori Stidham, West End Christian School, Hopewell VA

**Audience:** Everyone

What sets Christian education apart from all other forms of education? Why do we need Christian education in our society today? This session will explore how we as educators can use our classrooms to bring honor to God as well as point students towards glorifying God in all aspects of their life.

### Building Relationships with Parents

**Room:** Chapel

**Presenter:** Angel Speelman, Gateway Christian Academy, Virginia Beach VA

**Audience:** Everyone

Parents need to know we're interested in being their ally. Often this can be accomplished by communicating with the goal of building a relationship rather than simply giving information.

## Roundtable Discussions

11:30a – 11:45a

**Room:** Chapel

**Moderator:** Steve Lindquist, ACTS – Brandon FL

**Audience:** Everyone

During this brief time, we will gather in groups and discussion 1-2 pressing questions in order to learn from each other's experiences, successes and challenges.

## Breakout Session 2

1:00p – 2:00p

### Responding to Bullies the Jesus Way

**Room:** Chapel

**Presenter:** Jeff Postlewaite, Gateway Christian Academy, Virginia Beach VA

**Audience:** Everyone

Every school wants to eliminate bullying, but very few have approached the subject the way Jesus described. Obedience is difficult, but Christ's plan focuses on long-term change rather than temporary solutions.

## When Anxiety Attacks

**Room:** Student Center

**Presenter:** Shannon Papiska & Janet Postlewaite, Gateway Christian Academy, Virginia Beach VA

**Audience:** Everyone

Increasingly we are seeing students who struggle with major anxiety. Sometimes these attacks can escalate into disruptive events or even medical emergencies. Recognizing the root causes and helping students to refocus in these moments is a skill that takes practice, but there are a few simple methods that can better prepare teachers and coaches to respond effectively.

## ACTS Accreditation: Update and Information

**Room:** 201

**Presenter:** Steve Lindquist, ACTS – Brandon FL

**Audience:** Everyone

During this session, we will discuss the most recent changes to the ACTS Accreditation standards, VCPE requirements for VA schools, and any questions that schools may have concerning accreditation.

## Roundtable Discussions

2:05 – 2:25p

**Room:** Chapel

**Moderator:** Steve Lindquist, ACTS – Brandon FL

**Audience:** Everyone

During this brief time, we will gather in groups and discussion 1-2 pressing questions in order to learn from each other's experiences, successes and challenges.

## Super Session

2:30p – 4:30p

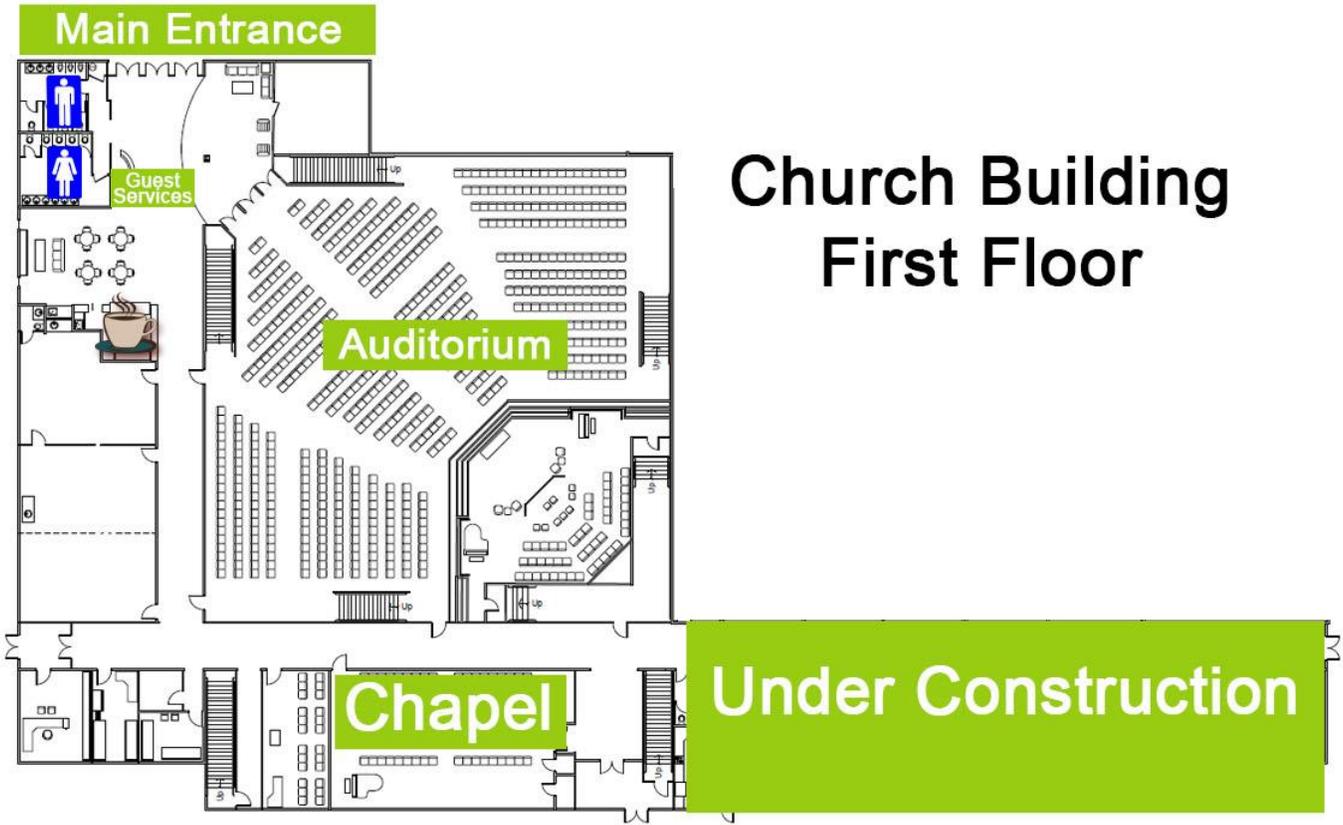
## Getting to the Root of Academic and Behavior Problems – Executive Function Delays

**Room:** Chapel

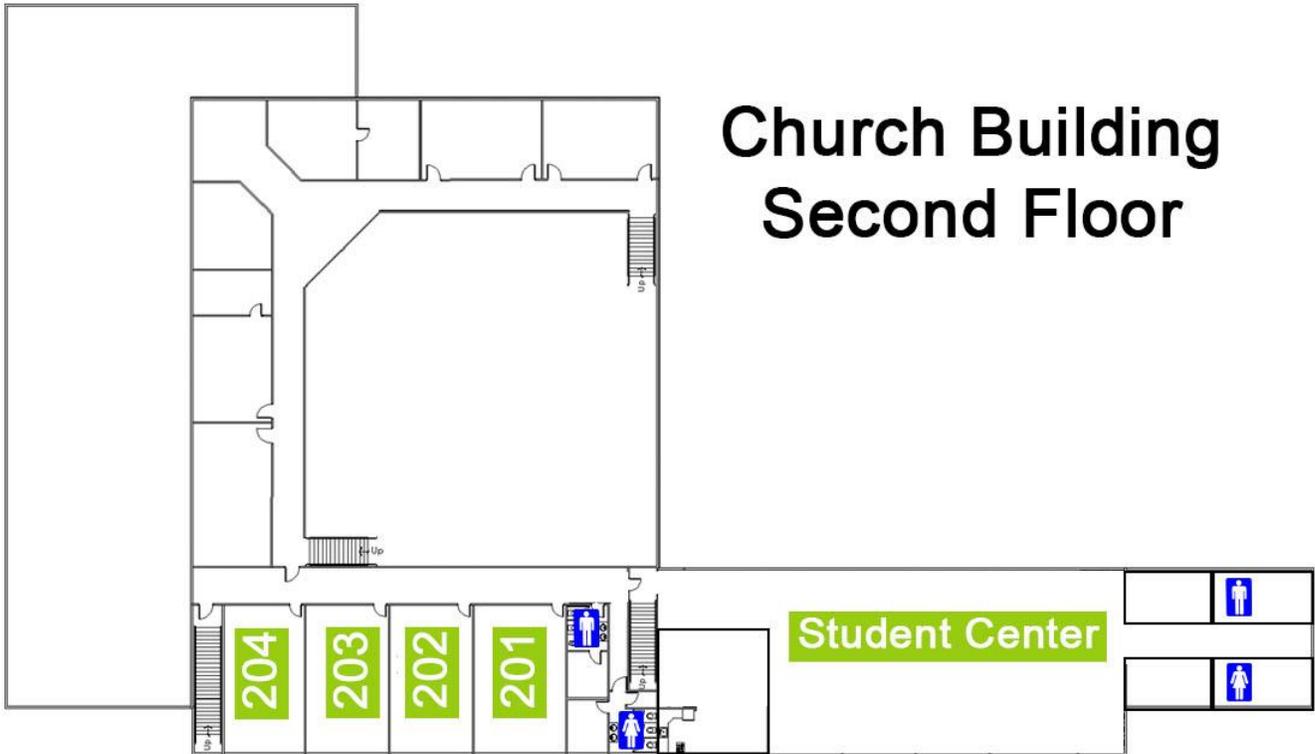
**Presenter:** Steve Lindquist, ACTS – Brandon FL

**Audience:** Everyone

During this session, we will identify the most common issues in your classroom, discuss the 5 basic steps of problem solving, learn about brain research, and discuss the symptoms, causes and potential interventions for Executive Function Delays (EFDs).



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