

# Convention Speakers

## **Daniel Sargent**

### **Pangono Pangono Ndi Mtolo –Bit by Bit Makes a Bundle**

My topic is summed up by a Zambia proverb "pangono pangono ndi mtolo." The translation is "bit by bit makes a bundle." God helps us to accomplish his plans bit by bit until we reach the goal he desires. I will explain the proverb in the presentation.

## **Robert Fleischmann**

### **A Lifetime of Experience – For This?**

I will examine 1) A lifetime of preparation, 2) The unexpected challenges at the end, and 3) Course correction to bring us home. Specifically, parts 1 and 2 will examine the theoretical preparation for death contrasted with the harsh realities of decision-making for it and preparing others for it. Part 3 will examine any changes we must make in the time we have left as we prepare for our eternal home.

## **Jim Behringer**

### **Seniors Have Learned that Caring Matters**

Caring for people in the church and in the community can help your church retain members and win new souls. Scripture calls us family. Demonstrating our love with compassion ministry is vital in our day when many people are giving up on the local congregation because they perceive our churches as cold and institutional. Seniors can have an impact on retaining members and gaining souls by compassion ministry—caring for those with special needs or circumstances.

## **Ken Wenzel**

### **Christian Hope from Medical Objects**

It challenges people to connect Bible stories and verses with objects in the hospital or doctor's office.

## Tuesday Workshops

### **Judith Kuster – “Spreading the Gospel through ink, music, cloth, paint, wood, glass, and stone”**

This presentation will describe examples of sharing the Gospel through "traditional technology" that has been available, some for centuries, and are still available today. Many are significant in my own life. Participants are encouraged to discover and share examples of their own and perhaps suggest additional ways to use "traditional technology" to share the Gospel currently and to future generations.

### **Naomi Plocher – “The trials and triumphs of sharing the Gospel with the Apache people in the 1880’s as told through the eyes of the first missionary wife, Anna Dowidat Plocher.”**

Anna Plocher, the wife of our first missionary to the Apache people—Johannes Plocher—lived and worked on the San Carlos Reservation in the 1890's. This is her story, gathered from family documents and historical records. Although John and Anna only spent six years living in Peridot and sharing the Gospel with people of a different language and culture, they established a firm foundation for a mission endeavor that has continued for more than 125 years. Anna's daybook, John's reports to the mission board, and family stories create a first-person narrative which includes glimpses into the first 25 years of our mission to the Apache.

### **Jim Aderman – “Do more than give: 10 valuable ways you can support your favorite nonprofit without giving a penny.”**

"I wish I could do more," someone wrote to us at 316NOW. This person had just given a generous gift, but it was less than they wished they could give. The good news is: We all can give more. You can give valuable gifts to your favorite nonprofit, including your church, without giving more money. This workshop helps you identify at least 10 ways to make that happen.

### **Michael & Mary Bradley – “Early Life in the Lead Mining District of Illinois and Wisconsin”**

But for the European's love of beaver hats, the discovery of lead in the Upper Mississippi Valley may have been delayed by decades. In 1673 an influx of French fur traders in search of beaver pelts left Canada for the future states of Wisconsin and Illinois. Trading with Indians revealed to the white man significant lead deposits in this land. With the gleam of grey gold in their eyes, hearts in the East and across the Atlantic turned towards staking a claim and striking a lode of lead to satisfy the new Industrial Revolution's demand for mineral.

Come learn about early territorial miners and the merchants and professionals who followed them. Learn too, how this once devastated land has come to boast the highest corn and soybean yields in the Midwest today.

### **Tim Mutterer – “Events from the life of Ulysses S. Grant”**

Come and hear stories about the life of Ulysses S. Grant who was a Union General and the 18<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America.

### **Mary Schmal & Leanne Ross – “Mining the Fruit of the Spirit through the "Children of the Light books - A Writing, Illustrating, and Publishing Process”**

As we mine the treasures of God's Word, He blesses us with nine Fruit of the Spirit. On this topic, Mary and Leanne will take you back to the late 19th century in word and pictures as they explain their published book series. The stories are historical fiction about nine children of lighthouse keepers. The setting is Door County, Wisconsin, where a lead miner from Galena, Illinois, establishes a booming lead shot tower business in "Village Galena." Mentored spiritually under three mysterious characters, the nine become children of an even greater Light. Come hear about our fascinating journey!