

# Missouri Baptist Women – Speaker’s Listing

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In addition to making speaking engagements and writing as a published author, Valerie Howe is currently working as a para-professional at Lebanon High School. She is the mother of five, the wife of one, and the dog-owner of three. She also sells Beauti-control cosmetics and has learned to color code ladies, so they can know the best colors to wear for themselves.

Her husband, Kenny, is a funeral director and owns and operates the Holman-Howe Funeral Homes. Occasionally, Valerie works with her husband as a funeral director at the Lebanon location.

Valerie is a fast-paced and witty speaker, motivating her audiences to action. She loves the Lord and has completed many hours of training in education, discipleship course work, and Bible study; these, along with real life experiences, give her presentations a powerful punch.

Recently, she has spoken on grace and peace and loves to speak on topics about family. New topics that suit the needs of the theme and audience are also great for her.

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## **Kristi Neace**

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If ever there was a mission field ripe and ready for harvest, Kristi has found it in her full-time ministry to law enforcement/first responders. With years of women's ministry leadership under her belt - local, county, and state-wide, the Lord called Kristi into an even bigger territory reaching law enforcement officers and their spouses throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Today, she and her husband are actively serving on a Christian Law Enforcement Summit, and with International C.O.P.S. Ministries, encouraging citizens to support police officers daily through prayer, letters, and acknowledgements on their birthdays.

Kristi has written numerous books and Bible studies, and has a weekly blog. She is always willing to share how the Lord is at work within her ministry realm, and her deep love of the Word and unshakable faith makes her an asset for any women's tea, church missions conference, retreat, or luncheon. Give her a call today!

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## Sandee Hedger

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Sandra D. Hedger’s life passion is caught in the words of her Savior found in John 17:4 “I have glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished all the work which Thou hast given me to do.”

Sandra is the wife of Dr. Rick Hedger, who serves as Partnership Missions Specialist for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Sandra’s thirst to “know Christ intimately, and make Him known clearly”, is the driving force of her leadership toward a vibrant Women’s Ministry.



Sandra is a gifted Bible teacher with an uncompromising commitment to God’s Word. Her candid ability to present the Truth of the Word with authenticity and grace, engages audiences of varied backgrounds and experiences. Her love for the Word, seasoned with her obvious love to meet with the Father through intercessory prayer, have charted the course of her life.

Though their current “assignment” is to local church life within the United States, God has placed within her a burning pursuit to live Acts 1:8. She has been privileged to serve Christ on short-term Mission in Mexico, Senegal, Mali, Gambia, Ghana, Ontario and El Salvador along with various projects throughout the United States.

Sandra and Rick are the parents of two young adult children, Joshua and Kaila. The Lord blessed their family in 2005 with His gift of a daughter-in law, Litisha. Joshua is pastor and planter of Freshwater Church Bolivar, MO. Kaila is Missions Associate at 2nd Baptist Springfield, MO.

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## Zeta Davidson

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Zeta Davidson’s encouragement and understanding of God’s work in ordinary lives establishes her interactive presentations. She shows a depth of Scriptural knowledge, shares her ability to interpret God’s continual presence, and always speaks with a touch of humor. Zeta reflects personal and family experiences added to her stories of twenty-five years of teaching Marriage and Family to nearly 2000 senior high students.

### *Possible Topics:*

- *Living Joyfully When You Hate the Circumstances*
- *Celebrating the Most Meaningful Christmas*
- *Have a Great Family Life When Money is More Than Tight*
- *Creating a Great Marriage After the Wedding*
- *Reinventing Yourself—Woman of God’s Purpose*

From personal experiences, Zeta can weave depression, suicide, infertility, perfectionism, attention deficit disorder, cancer, aging, and grief issues together with trauma, parenting, grand parenting, elder care, and war to create for audiences multiple blessings of living for the Lord in the many circumstances of life.

Zeta holds a master’s degree in family life education, facilitates young couple’s small groups, and works professionally in Outreach and Christian Education. She serves as West Central Point Person for Missouri Women’s Ministry and on the board of Heart of America Christian Writers Network. Some of Zeta’s writing is published in *Home Life*, *Living With Children*, *Church Administration*, *Special Events in the Church*, *Cup of Comfort for Mothers*, *I’ll Be Home for Christmas*, *Living the Serenity Prayer*, *Kansas City’s Christian Newspaper*, *The Best Advice I Ever Got*, *The Gift of Prayer*, *100 Great Ideas to Sew for Christmas*, and numerous curriculums in *Family Life Education*.

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## **Brenda Poinsett**

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Brenda Poinsett is a Christian communicator with a passion for learning and teaching. This passion first surfaced as a teenager when she began teaching children in her home church in Ramsey, Illinois. Later, it intensified as she taught Sunday School and Bible studies in other places, taught high school and college classes, and became a writer. Brenda is the author of 15 books including *When Saints Sing the Blues*; *She Walked with Jesus*; and *The Friendship Factor: Why Women Need Other Women*.

At Oakland City University-Bedford (Indiana) where she lived with her family from 1985 to 2000, Brenda taught college-credit courses in Bible Literature and various Bible books in Continuing Education. When she and her husband Bob moved to Union, Brenda changed arenas. Instead of the formal classroom, she now speaks in churches and in retreat or conference settings. Even when she is a keynote speaker, some teaching is still involved, just in a lighter vein. She can’t help herself!

Here are some of Brenda’s favorite topics, and they are also favorites of her audiences:

- *Wonder Women of the Bible*
- *Can Martha Have a Mary Christmas?*
- *Coffee Cup Friendships (or Teacup Friendships)*
- *The Panoramic View of the Bible*
- *God’s Apron Strings: Mothers Who Love*

[The Panoramic View of the Bible - Brenda Poinsett](#)

(Please click on above for more information about this one-hour workshop!)

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## Jay Ryan

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### Topics:

- *Healthy Diet – Comparing healthy diet principles in the physical life to having a healthy diet in Bible study.*
- *Victim or Victorious? Looking at the life of Joseph to overcome our attitude of victimhood.*

Jay is also working on a couple of studies for breakout sessions entitled “Joy in Suffering” and “The Sovereignty of God”. She is also open to speaking on Spiritual Gifts and The Armor of God.

Requests expenses to be paid and love offering.

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## Bonnie Cebulak

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From a Pothead to a Preacher's Wife - Hear Bonnie's amazing story of God's redeeming love. At the age of 21, Bonnie's life and marriage was falling apart due to her deep involvement in the drug culture. She knew she was a failure and thought the only way to have peace was to take her life. As she planned her suicide, little did she know God was about to change her life forever. God used a TV Evangelist to share the Gospel and Bonnie gave her heart to Jesus just two hours before her plan to kill herself. Not only did God save her that night, but He saved her marriage too. Her hippie husband gave his heart to Jesus a few weeks later and he surrendered to preach the Gospel one year later. Bonnie and her husband have faithfully been serving the Lord in the pastorate since 1980.

Bonnie has been married since June 23, 1970 to her pastor husband Dennis. They have one son, three adopted daughters, and four grandchildren. Bonnie is the Women's Ministry Director at her church and on the MBC women's ministry training team for the southeast region of Missouri. Bonnie is a Court Advocate at a local women's safe house. She just finished her first book, "From a Pothead to a Preacher's Wife."

Bonnie has been sharing her story as a keynote, motivational, and seminar speaker for over 20 years at women's conferences, mother/daughter banquets, and other outreach events.

Some of the topics she speaks on are:

- *Who I Am In The Lord*
- *My Home My Mission Field*
- *Lessons Learned Through Losses*
- *Business is Not Godliness*
- *Spiritual Warfare*

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## Susie Cantrell

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Following her heartbreaking car crash in 1999, Susie shares her testimony of God’s faithfulness when she was almost home and hit from behind. Since she is still on the long journey of healing, she has much to teach about the lessons that she learned and is still learning at the feet of the Father.

Susie is a Christian who is the wife of John, a Funeral Director, deacon, singer & retired Missouri National Guard M.P.; a mom of two: Andrew and Martha; and she co-teaches with two other women a Sunday School class called ‘Girlfriends.’ Susie is a member of Grover Park Baptist Church, in Warrensburg, Missouri. She is a women’s ministry leader & organizer of GPBC Annual Women’s Conference; a Teacher - Retired/Disabled, High School Teacher of Communication Arts & Social Studies; and a writer - Devotion Good Mornin’ Glory! Susie is also a gifted speaker. She has spoken in the USA & in Peru to hundreds of women. Her Life Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Topics include:

- *‘Lessons Learned at the Feet of the Father’ – directly from her experiences after the accident.*
- *Almost There, When Life Hits You From Behind*
- *Identity in Christ - Who are we when everything is taken from us?*
- *Daughter of the King? Yes, that makes you a Princess!*
- *Constant Companions - Pain, Joy & Jesus*
- *Hearts on the Homefront - Military Families can Survive!*
- *Healing - On the long journey, it’s not all it’s cracked up to be.*
- *Families that laugh together, stay together.*
- *And Two shall be One...Are you for real ?! ...Yes!!!*
- *Provisions of the Father - God’s Faithfulness*
- *Faithful Friends - Don’t deny their Blessings.*
- *Peeking out of the cave into the ‘Morning Light’-Take a chance, you can walk again.*
- and many other scripture teaching topics.



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## Chris Jeppesen

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Chris currently serves as the Executive Director of Bethel Baptist Association’s Christian Women’s Job Corps in Hannibal, Missouri. Besides her administrative duties, she is a mentor, a GED instructor, and a National Certification Trainer, traveling around the country training men and women who desire to build CWJC/CMJC ministries.

Her twenty years of speaking experience is drawn from life as a public school and Sunday school teacher, camp counselor, children’s church director, lay speaker, wife and mother. She celebrates over 28 years of marriage and has two grown children.

Her passion is to affirm women and to see them empowered by the unconditional love and healing power of Jesus. Her challenge is for women to find their purpose, protect it, and live it fully...to the glory of God.

She requests reimbursement for mileage and expenses.

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## Bev McColloch

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Bev retired after teaching music for 30 years in the public school system. Yes, she loved it! Now she teaches a Community Bible Study each Tuesday morning in her little town of Potosi. There are about 100 women enrolled and around 60 in attendance most Tuesday mornings. She gets to indulge her love for music by leading the Potosi Southern Baptist Church choir. They are a dynamite group who keep her hopping.

She does some motivation speaking for organizations and corporations, but her first choice is always teaching Christian women. She loves week-end conferences, and has several different topics designed for week-ends that seem to be successful. She writes one new one each year. Bev also has a number of 30-minute to 1 hour topics she uses for banquets and motivational conferences. She travels a bit out of state, but much prefers in-state work so that she can be faithful to her Community Bible Study and church.

Topics for weekend retreats include:

- If You Always Do What You've Always Done You'll Always Be What You've Always Been
- Broken Pieces
- Help, My Church is a Zoo (personality study)
- Pack Your Bags! We're Going on a Guilt Trip
- Baby, Look at Me Now! The Ultimate Make-Over

She also does studies on spiritual gifts, a praying woman, and angels all around, along with other shorter topics for banquets and such.

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## Mary Ann Paille

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When Mary Ann Paille was originally asked to co-teach Sunday School with her husband, her initial response was “No! I cannot possibly be in a good mood *every* Sunday.” Doing a bit of Christian stand-up comedy on the side was enough ministry for a person with such a dicey background, she reasoned. But the Holy Spirit’s powers of persuasion moved her to say, “I’ll try it...” and the rest, as they say, is history. She now describes that initial experience as being “like walking my feet right into a pair of shoes that had been custom made for me. They just *fit!*” This pretty much describes her particular passion for speaking and teaching God’s Word. **“To give other people the courage to be the people God has called them to be”** is her mission statement from God, and no matter what title is at the top of her speaking notes, it’s the golden thread that runs through every single presentation. “God loves you. He designed you. And if you’ll let Him, He’s gonna knock your socks off!”

Mary Ann has been a professional actress for over 25 years and a professional speaker for 7. She is a frequent speaker at Women's Ministry enrichment events and retreats, high school chapels, MOPS meetings, and single adult gatherings. For 4 years she hosted an interdenominational monthly women's meeting called "First Fridays". Mary Ann's style has been described as warm and humorous, and she is particularly good at adapting her presentation to her particular audience.

While she feels she can speak on any number of topics, some of her favorites are:

- *Five Things I Learned From My Mother*
- *Held Together with Humor*
- *Beauty Tips From The Bible*
- *Call Me Mephibosheth*
- *But What Do You REALLY Want?*
- *Overcoming Depression and Defeated Thinking*
- *The Sweet Gift of Friendship*

Mary Ann lives in Imperial, Missouri with her husband-from-France, Michel, and her cat-from-the-pound, Jasmine. She currently teaches a Sunday morning Bible study at a small mission church in South St. Louis.

She requests travel expenses.

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## Micky Sanders

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Micky knows that life really is all about God. She lives alone in a cabin on a bluff overlooking the Bourbeuse River in Beaufort, Missouri. She has two children and five grandchildren that do not live close, so she does not depend on them for her happiness.

Micky has written a book, “*Journey to Joy, Through a Lonely Path of Sorrow.*” In the book you will laugh with Micky and cry with her as she shares with you God’s amazing grace on her journey to joy and peace in Christ. Her story will give you hope in the midst of your disappointments in life and will show once again that nothing is impossible with God.

She works part-time as a recovery room nurse at BJC, Missouri Baptist-Sullivan. She also teaches part-time for Central Methodist University in the nursing program.

Accepting where she is in life at this time (nothing stays the same), and knowing God has a plan and a purpose, has brought peace and contentment to this fun loving lady.

### Topics:

- *Forgiveness*
- *Maintaining Joy in Broken Relationships*
- *God’s Plan for Singles*
- *PMS and Other Health Issues*
- *Prayer (Why and How)*
- *Pain and Suffering – Why?*
- *Give it up—Self!*
- *The Risks of Walking with God*
- *What is Your Treasure?*

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Janice is a retired Social Worker. She is 51 years old with a heart for family. Janice is married to John and has two sons, two wonderful daughter-in-laws, and one three-year-old granddaughter. As a social worker she has worked with a lot of different family situations, and knows the importance godly parents play in the life of the family. Her heart is to encourage and bring hope to families that face trials of many kinds.

### Topics:

- *When Life is Hard, Where Do You Go for Help?*
- *Raising Godly Children*
- *Blended Family Issues*
- *Women on the Run (Finding Balance in a Crazy World)*
- *Women’s Roles in Politics*
- *The Importance of Prayer*
- *Single Moms (Raising Godly Kids and Finding Peace of Mind)*