



Dr. George Barna George Barna is a Professor and the Director of Research at Arizona Christian University’s Cultural Research Center. He has overseen groundbreaking research on worldview, cultural transformation, ministry applications, spiritual development, and elections, conducting more than 1,000 surveys, and interviewing more than one million Americans. Barna has written or co-authored 60 books, including his new bestseller, *Raising Spiritual Champions: Nurturing Your Child’s Heart, Mind and Soul*.



Dr. Luke Bowers Luke has served over twenty-five years in Christian schools as a teacher, coach, administrator, and superintendent. His passion to engage and equip Christian School leaders has led him to partner with Kingdom Education Ministries, ACSI, and RenewaNation. He supports RenewaNation with coaching Christian school launches and renewal efforts as well as conducting REAP training for school boards, leaders, and teachers across the nation. Luke and his wife, Erin, live in Greenville, South Carolina and are blessed with two daughters.



Tim Euler Tim has been ministering in Christian education for over 25 years. He has served as a teacher, coach, principal, athletic director, assistant head of school, and currently head of school. Tim also serves on the RenewaNation Team, coaching groups on how to launch Christian schools effectively and training through REAP with a primary focus on the philosophy of Kingdom Education. Additionally, Mr. Euler serves on the ACSI regional accreditation commission as well as field director over ACSI accreditation for the South-Central Region. Mr. Euler and his wife, Diana, have written a book on marriage, and actively teach parenting and marriage classes. Tim and Diana have three boys and 2 grandchildren.



Ron Gordon Ron brings strong education and executive experience to the cause of RenewaNation. As Executive Vice President, Ron provides strategic leadership and oversight, while also serving as the Executive Director of our Christian Education Division. He has led dozens of Christian school launches and renewal efforts across the US with a focus on strengthening sustainability and increasing impact. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and an MBA from Virginia Tech. Ron spent 22 years in the corporate world, leading manufacturing organizations, managing large-scale programs, and building cross-functional teams. Ron and his wife, Tonya, live in Roanoke, VA and are blessed with 3 children.



Tonya Gordon Tonya is a Biblical Worldview education content creator and consultant for RenewaNation. With over thirty years in public, Christian, and homeschool/classical education, she has served as a teacher, state SOL auditor, assistant principal, academic dean, and professional development trainer. Passionate about discipling the next generation of Kingdom stewards, Tonya co-founded RenewaNation’s iLumenEd Academy and founded the original RenewaNation Education Advancement Program (REAP). When she is not reading, writing, and researching, Tonya enjoys exploring used book and antique stores, traveling, and discussing theological/philosophical ideas with her husband & best friend Ron and their twin sons, Caleb and Jacob (both pursuing post-graduate degrees in Divinity and Mathematics, respectively), and daughter Kate (2025 college graduate in Filmmaking/Cinematography).



Melanie Hempe BSN, the founder of ScreenStrong, is the host of the weekly ScreenStrong Families Podcast and the author of *The Kids’ Brains and Screens* parent and student courses, *The ScreenStrong Solution*, *Will Your Gamer Survive College?*, and *Can Your Teen Survive—and Thrive—Without a Smartphone?*. With medical research and a nursing degree on her side, Melanie simplifies the science behind screen addiction. Drawing on her own family’s digital struggles and their eventual path to success, she empowers parents to rethink their family’s screen use, reclaim their kids, and reconnect their families.



Daniel Henderson For four decades Daniel has guided individuals, leaders, and churches to embrace experiences of powerful spiritual renewal. He has served as a senior pastor to thousands in congregations in California and Minnesota. Today he speaks across North America at leadership conferences and local churches while coaching pastors and business leaders in the principles of a strategic and spiritually significant life. Daniel’s ministry has taken him to all 50 states and 48 countries. Daniel serves as Founder and President of Strategic Renewal and the Global Director of The 6:4 Fellowship, a coalition of pastors passionately committed to “prayer-and-word-powered” ministry (Acts 6:4). He is a husband of one, father of three, grandfather of 11, and author of almost 20 books. He and Rosemary have been married for over 40 years.



Jeff Keaton A successful pastor, church and school planter and ministry entrepreneur, Jeff has spent his adult life believing that through Christ anything is possible. As the founder and CEO of Renewation and iLumenEd Academy, Renewation’s virtual school, Jeff now works across the United States and Canada to help awaken the church to the great need to give every child a biblical worldview. Jeff is the author of “The Life of Radical Faith.” He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Michele, for 36 years, has two married daughters, Julianna and Heidi, four grandsons, Marshall, Henry, Josiah and Charlie Wade, and a granddaughter, Nora Ruth.



Troy Keaton Troy is the founding pastor of EastLake Community Church at Smith Mountain Lake Virginia with more than 1500 worshippers and also leads a Christian school with approximately 600 students. He is passionate about prayer, the Word of God and seeing the church thrive in this generation. He was blessed to be married to Janel for 34 years who recently passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. He misses her greatly and now enjoys time with his four children and eight grandchildren.



Gretchen Pike Gretchen spent 25 years as both a classroom teacher and Administrator in faith-based schools. Her passion for seeing children around the world approach learning and life with a biblical worldview formed early in her own life, causing her to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies at Cedarville University and Columbia International University, from which she received degrees in Education, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, and Intercultural Communication. Gretchen considers every classroom a mission field on which children may receive excellent academic instruction rooted in sound biblical principles while being loved with the love of Christ.



Dr. Renton Rathbun Renton has been a classroom teacher for over two decades. His experience has included both secular and Christian colleges and universities. He speaks on biblical worldview and apologetics across the country. He also is a regular guest on many different podcasts. Renton holds a BS in English Education and an MA in interpretative speech from Bob Jones University. He has also received an MFA in creative writing from Minnesota State University, an MA in philosophy from the University of Toledo, a ThM from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and has a PhD in apologetics from Westminster Theological Seminary. Renton serves as the Director of the Center for Biblical Worldview at Bob Jones University.



Dave Sekura Dave is the Executive Director of Manderley Christian Camp and Conference Center in Pikeville, TN, a ministry of Renewation. Dave and his wife Stephanie have served in camping and sports ministries for over 30 years. Before Manderley, Dave directed a Christian camp and was the National Director for the NACA hosting national tournaments for Christian schools. Dave and Stephanie have one grown daughter, Allison, who serves at Manderley during the summers.



Griffith Vertican Griffith is a licensed Attorney, the 2007 NPDA National Champion, and one of the most successful coaches in Stoa, having coached for 15+ years. He's coached 10 different national champions in all three forms of debate in addition to the 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022 LD national champions. He received his B.A. in Communications from Point Loma Nazarene University and his Juris Doctorate from Trinity Law School in 2012. Over the past thirteen years, he has worked in youth ministry, speaking to young men and women about the virtues of a chaste single life and equipping them to pursue a life of moral excellence. Griffith's mission as a coach is not just to help his students become great debaters, but to develop them into great Christians above all.