Dr. Charles N. Neder

Dr. Chuck Neder has been involved with youth ministry for almost 40 years. Throughout those years he has served as Associate Pastor of Education, Youth and Family at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC; Dean of Students at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL; holder of the Sherrill Chair of Bible at the McCallie School, Chattanooga, TN; and was founding pastor of Hilton Head Community Church, Hilton Head, SC. He is the founder of both Fun in the Son and The Great Escape youth conferences, which together have been ministering to thousands of middle and high school students each summer for over twenty-five years. He also started Youth Worker Equipping Conferences, which seek to assist youth workers in personal growth and professional competence. These conferences are all put on by Youth Conference Ministries (formally PFR Youth Ministry), where Dr. Neder serves as the Chief Executive Officer.

Dr. Neder is in constant demand as a speaker at parenting seminars, family conferences, men’s retreats, youth worker equipping events and for guest preaching. In addition, he and his wife Susan conduct Family Life seminars across the country. He has written numerous articles on youth ministry and his understanding of youth culture and development have made him a pioneer in the shaping of youth ministry in the 21st century. Dr. Neder is one of those rare individuals who has given his entire life to youth ministry and the youth of the nation. He and Susan live in Chattanooga and are the proud parents of three sons, Luke, Adam and Josh, and the grandparents of two little girls.