



# Equipped for Single Parent Family Ministry

## Church and Leader Training

March 7, 2026, 8:30-4:00

Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford MI 48381

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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**Who is this training for?** Lead pastors, elders, staff and church ministry leaders, and community leaders who want to better serve single parent families.

### As a Lead Pastor, why is it important that I attend?

- **Family ministry is changing and most pastors were never prepared to minister to single parent families.** College education for Family Ministry only prepares leaders for ministry to married couples and nuclear families. Now that a majority of families are non-traditional, pastors need new skills to remain relevant.
- **Single parent families are the largest local mission field:** Estimates show 95% of all single parent families in the U.S. are outside the Church.
- **Church growth and health hinges on inclusion of single parent families:** The U.S. now leads the world in percentage of families headed by a single parent. The Church must adapt or continue to lose “market share” and attendance.
- **Single parent families are the Church’s greatest blind spot:** Single parents overwhelmingly feel invisible or misjudged at church. Barna’s latest research shows single moms as the demographic that feels least understood by pastors.

**Why should I bring a team from my church?** For single parent family ministry to work, it requires vision and buy-in across all staff and leadership because all parts of the church will be impacted: missions, kids ministry, benevolence, etc.

### What will my team and I learn at this training?

- The biblical foundation and social urgency to prioritize single parent ministry
- Practical steps for getting your church ready and launching an effective ministry
- Essential insights on single parents and how to reach and disciple them effectively

### What is the desired outcome of this training?

1. For each church, regardless of size, to have a biblical vision and plan to care for single parent families internally AND in partnership with other churches and resources in the community.
2. To bring single parent families into a healing and thriving relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, for their good and for God’s glory.