



The ‘Hearts on Fire’ Daily

Saturday, July 29

WELCOME...

... to ‘Hearts on Fire’ the annual conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. By now you should have checked into the hotel, registered for the celebration and begun to enjoy the beautiful Hyatt Grand Champions

Resort. Each day this newsheet will be published to help communicate last-minute changes, additions and clarifications to the schedule. Any attendee of the conference can submit announcements for inclusion in the next day’s newsheet at the Hospitality center by noon each day (subject to editing and approval).

Have a great conference! Find some old and new friends in ministry. Enjoy the resort. Listen to God!

DRINKING IS GOOD

It is very important that we drink lots of water while in the desert. Our Southern California churches are providing free water in bottles for conference guests. Please stop by the California booth, pick up some water bottles and say a big THANKS for the drink!

NEW LOCATION AND TIME

The International Food Fest and Missionary Reception has been moved to Indian Wells Ballroom at 7:00 this evening due to concerns with the heat and humidity.

MEAL TICKETS

We still have some sponsored meal tickets available at the hospitality center. However, space is limited to purchase your tickets soon.

A few tickets may still be available for tonight’s International Food Fest and Missionary Reception (7:00 p.m.) hosted by GBIM. Featured at this fun event will be excellent international foods from four Continents, and ethnic music, including a live performance by the ‘Nigerian Talking Drum Ensemble’ (at the Africa station). But the highlight of the evening is fellowship together and with the 28 GBIM missionaries plus staffers present.

All are invited to enjoy the evening, but only those who have purchased tickets (\$14.50/adults, \$2 for children 12 and under) will receive event bracelets, which are the food passes.

ALL FGBC LUNCHEON

A get-acquainted, get-excited, get-loose luncheon

Today’s luncheon is a first! It is not about any one cooperating ministry (and we have incredible ones!) but is about the vision and mission of the whole FGBC. The price is right (\$12 per person) and we would like EVERYONE to come. Check with the the Hospitality Center to see if tickets are still available. Pastor Jim Brown is going to lead us in a get-acquainted, get-excited, get-loose luncheon.

MONDAY NIGHT BUS TOUR

What’s up? Good news! Pappy and Harriets and the historic parts of Pioneer Town were not effected by recent fires. So the Pioneer Town/Joshua Tree bus trip is still on! See you there.

MISSIONARY RECEPTION AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST

When? Tonight at 7:00 (new time)

Where? Indian Wells Ballroom (new location)

What? International Food Fest (ticket required) and Missionary Reception (Ticket NOT required)

PLUS: the Nigerian Talking Drum Ensemble- directed by Dr. Francis Awe. .

No Ticket? No Problem! The missionary reception and Nigerian Talking Drum Ensemble are free.

Just be there and be happy!

TWO GREAT CELEBRATIONS TODAY!

At 10:30 enjoy Doug Lee and our worship band and Pastor Charles Ashman. ‘Charlie’ is a respected pastor and leader in the FGBC

well known for his ‘wisdom of the ages’ and his ability to stay contemporary in his thinking. At 3:00 Tim Boal will deliver his moderator’s address. God is using Tim to help shape the future of the FGBC. Come and hear Tim’s heart and passion for what God can do.

SEMINARS

Be sure to check out the list of seminars for times and locations at the hospitality center. They begin tomorrow (Sunday at 3:00 and 4:00).

POOL HOURS

The resort pool is open from 7:00 am—10:00 pm.

AFRICA DAY

Today is Africa day at the GBIM booth! Don’t miss the fellowship, the fun, and the first-come-first-served freebies. Don’t miss getting yours!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference Registration will be at the Hospitality and Registration Center in the Indian Wells Ballroom Lobby. Hours: all day Saturday the 29th and Sunday through Thursday before, during, and after all sessions. Everyone (adults over 18 yrs old) attending conference is asked to register.

ATTENTION ALL DELEGATES

Be sure to send a representative from your church to the membership table in Indian Wells lobby to pick up your delegate reports and ballots before the Tuesday evening celebration. Our business meeting is Thursday morning. Delegates are encouraged to enjoy the brunch at 10:30 (\$10 per person) but may arrive at 11:00 to attend the business meeting.

DISTRICT LEADERS

We don’t have bishops or popes (good thing!) but we do have district leaders. If you are a district moderator or provide leadership to your district program, you are invited to an exchange of ideas Sunday at 4:00 in Grand Salon A.

WOMEN’S CELEBRATIONS

LADIES: Have you ever felt like you were ‘in the dark’? The Women’s Celebrations this week will help us understand God’s purpose in the dark times in our lives. Join us at 8:30 tomorrow morning as we focus on God through worship, prayer and sharing. Tuesday through Thursday we’ll learn from King David’s pit experience what God has to tell us about His purposes for those times.

FOR WOMEN ONLY!

Women’s Spectrum, a magazine for Grace Brethren women, includes articles by our missionaries and other Grace Brethren women, suggested reading books and Bible studies, and sources for

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Opening Celebration with Charles Ashman – ‘Coals Aglow’ Indian Wells Ballroom
12:30 – 2:30 PM
ALL-FGBC Luncheon – GrowGoLead2010 Indian Wells Ballroom
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Celebration with Tim Boal – ‘Participating in the Mission of the Church - The Blessing of Unity Among Pastors, Churches, and Organizations of the FGBC’ Indian Wells Ballroom
7:00 PM: Missionary Reception and International Food Fest Grace Brethren International Missions Indian Wells Ballroom

creative women's ministry ideas. In this issue, women share what they've learned about disappointment and God's appointment. You can purchase your copy at the Women of Grace display at a special conference price of \$5 (limit 2 copies at special price). Copies of last year's Women's Spectrum magazine are also available for \$2.

ATTENTION, WOMEN OF GRACE LEADERS:

Pick up your 2006-2007 bookmarks at the Women of Grace display.

LADIES: WE APPRECIATE YOU!

If you are a pastor's wife or missionary, Women of Grace has a gift for you. Stop by their display to pick up your gift.

ALSO: There is a special breakfast on Monday for all women in ministry (Church staff, Pastor's Wives, Missionaries etc). Tickets are only \$10 at the hospitality center. Child care is available!

WANT TO MAKE DISCIPLES?

Are you a woman with a desire to help girls develop into godly women? If you want to minister to elementary school, middle school, or high school girls, join us Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. to discuss the needs of girls and how we can help women in our churches to disciple them.

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH BACKPACKS!

Did you get to be part of Operation Enduring Friendship at the FGBC Celebration 2004? Wasn't it amazing to see what happened as we worked together to bless the Schaefer's and their ministry? Well, we'd like to do something like that again! But this time, we'd like to bless a visionary ministry in Southern California. Oscar Chavez is a church planter working in Northridge, California. Our goal? Seven hundred backpacks filled with school supplies that they can distribute to needy families in their communities! For this project we will need: (new items only, please); 700 backpacks, 700 12-packs of pencils, 700 24-packs of crayons, 1400 erasers, 700 pairs of scissors, 700 glue sticks, 1400 notebooks (80 page, spiral bound, 8 1/2' x 11", 1 subject), 700 pencil boxes.

HOW ABOUT LUNCH TOMORROW?

Tomorrow's luncheon is sponsored Grace College and Seminar. Hear about some exciting faculty additions. The new Orthopedic Capital Event Center and much more. Grace is looking forward to a great. You can play a BIG part by praying. Tickets are available at the hospitality center.

OPEN YOUR EYES...

... to women in ministry! Congratulations to Kitty Snavelly, our 2006-2007 GBNAM Missionary of the Year. You'll see her and other GBNAM missionaries at the GBNAM Church-Planting Dinner, Tuesday, August 1, 12:30 - 2:30. Hope to see you there!

... to what God is doing among Albanians in New York City! Talk to Steve and Melanie Galegor while you're at conference.

... to the great need to reach Baby Boomers in your community. Join Kurt Miller, GBNAM's National Director of Church Planting, as he explores how churches can address the special needs of the Boomer generation. Check the seminar listings for date, time and room.

CHECK OUT GRACE

Grace College and Seminary is pleased to participate in the 2006 *Hearts on Fire* conference! We invite you to stop by our displays this week and see what's new at Grace. You can talk with our Grace representatives and help yourself to materials that are available to take back to your home church. There are exciting things happening at Grace - and we look forward to meeting you and sharing how God is blessing the ministry of the college and seminary.

BMH EDITORS WANT YOUR OPINION!

FGBC World publication has now been circulating among Grace Brethren churches and people for nearly three years. What parts of it do you always read? What parts do you never read? What content is most meaningful to you? What do you wish we would include that we do not? Come to an FGBC World Focus Group Sunday at 3 p.m. or Monday at 3 p.m. during workshop times. Give us your valuable feedback and we'll give you a valuable gift! No registration needed—just come ready to express your valued opinions!

WHAT IS THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHERN CHURCHES?

BMH has brought several cartons of the attractive full-color 24-page magazine explaining the FGBC and they're yours, free, to use in your church. Take as many as you can use—see Terry White or Jesse Deloe at the BMH booktable exhibit. Use with visitors, on visitation, or for new-member classes along with copies of FGBC World.

BMH BOOKS IS ON THE MOVE!

A colorful new trade catalog, listing 30+ of BMH's newest and most attractive products is now yours at the BMH booktable. Take one for your church librarian, for the ABF and Sunday School curriculum director, and for your church office. All BMH books are available online, as well, at www.bmhbooks.com.

CALLING ALL CHURCH COMMUNICATORS!

Interested in discussing websites, newsletters, blogs, how to get articles published, what is involved in being a book author and more? Terry White, editor of FGBC World and publisher of BMH Books, will be giving a "Church Communication" workshop Sunday at 4 p.m. in Desert Vista D. Come and share what you are doing, and learn from others. Communication is the lifeblood of the FGBC!

WE LOVE OUR CHAPLAINS!

Come say "thank you" to Grace Brethren Chaplains that serve us and God faithfully in harms way. Tickets are still available for tomorrow mornings Chaplains Appreciation breakfast. This meeting will also include the annual corporation meeting of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.

CHILDREN'S INFO SHEET

If you have children in child care or Kids Conference be sure to pick up the info sheet at their welcome areas in the Grand Salon Lobby.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CE NATIONAL!

CE National's 40th Anniversary Celebration and Corporation Meeting will be held at the Palm Spring Aerial Tramway on Sunday evening following the beautiful ride up the San Jacinto Mountains with dinner being served at The Pine's Café. This meal and celebration is sold out! Please make sure to bring your meal ticket with you. Maps and instructions are available at the CE National display table.

CONSIDER 412

Interested in preparing your young adults for a lifetime of ministry? Consider the 412 Commission, a one-year program for high school graduates based on the spiritual qualities of 1 Timothy 4:12. Jeff Bogue, 412 Director, will be sharing more about this awesome opportunity at this evening's main session. The 412 Commission, sponsored by CE National, equips high school graduates in biblical foundations and vision. Possible locations available for this year's training include Akron, Ohio; Sebring, Florida; Goshen, Indiana; and Lititz, Pennsylvania. Besides learning the Bible, they will be exposed to various ministries inside and outside the United States, and they will experience two weeks in the Holy Land. Moody Bible Institute offers 26 transferable credits for coursework done throughout the year. For more information go to: www.fourtwelvecorrelation.org.

FREE CONSULTATION!

PASTOR, are you interested in a free consultation for your church ministry? CE National is willing to provide a complimentary pastoral consultant for the weekend for your church, utilizing the use of the Philemon Center and includes an opportunity for a pastor to come to Winona Lake with his Elders. Contact Ed Lewis at edlewis@cenational.org or at 574.267.6622 if you are interested.

COME VISIT US!

Be sure to stop by the CE National display outside the main session area to find out more information about our many ministries.

TAKE SOMEONE TO DINNER

Meet someone new and invite them to join you for dinner. There are lots of incredible restaurants on highway 111. Probably the best thing about conference is time together apart from the schedule. Don't wait until the end of the conference!