

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2008

Dr. Mark Inman, Director of Missions
Lydia Gonzalez, Ministry Assistant

Aurora, Iglesia Bautista Emanuel

Bartlett, Bartlett Baptist Church
Bartlett, Disciples Community Church (Korean)

Carpentersville, Primera Iglesia Bautista Meadowdale

Cicero, Iglesia Bautista Betel

Crystal Lake, First Baptist Church

Crystal Lake, Iglesia Bautista Luz y Verdad

Dundee, Twin Oaks Baptist Church

Elgin, Iglesia Bautista Bethania

Elgin, Calvary Baptist Church

Elgin, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church

Elgin, Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva

Harvard, First Baptist Church

Huntley, Lighthouse Fellowship Church

Marengo, Emmanuel Baptist Church

Mendota, Victory Baptist Church

McHenry, First Baptist Church

Montgomery, Calvary Baptist Church

North Aurora, Cornerstone Community Baptist Church

St. Charles, Misión Bautista Hispana

Sycamore, Sycamore Baptist Church

Woodstock, Calvary Baptist Church

Woodstock, Iglesia Bautista Edén

FVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008

Executive Board members shall be recommended by the participating churches and elected by the Association in annual, Semi-Annual or Executive Board meeting. The pastor and two additional members of each affiliated church are eligible for election to the Executive Board.
(Operations Manual III Executive Board, Section 1)

LARKIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
1158 Larkin Avenue
Elgin, IL 60123

6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:45 p.m. Devotional
7:15 p.m. Business Session



ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE DRILL/SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT

by Sylvie Raquel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008



Bible Drill is an advanced program to help children hide God's Word in their hearts. It involves three age categories: younger children (grades 1-3), older children (grades 4-6) and youth (grades 7-9). The purpose of the drill is to help children and youth increase their knowledge of the Bible and learn how to apply the Bible in their lives by: 1. memorizing the books of the Bible; 2. memorizing and/or identifying key passages; 3. memorizing doctrinal verses; and 4. memorizing Bible answers verses. Each child or youth competes against the clock so everyone can be a winner. Older youth prepare a speech for the Speakers Tournament. There are three levels of competition: church drill, associational drill, and state drill. If you would like more information, our Association is offering a training on Saturday, January 12 at Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva, 270 Fulton St., Elgin, IL 60120. "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him." (Ps. 18:30)



**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
COLUMN** by Dr. Mark Inman

As we begin this new year of 2008, let's talk about outreach and church planting opportunities available in Fox Valley. Let me begin by sharing the following request for Mission Service Corps Volunteer Missionaries. Please let us know if you are aware of someone the Lord might have prepared for one of these positions or if the Lord might be speaking to you:

MISCELLANEOUS JOB DESCRIPTIONS

CAMPUS MINISTER

Establish BCM on the campus of Northern Illinois University. Enlist and direct volunteers from area churches. Conduct regular Bible studies for students. Provide leadership and coordinate activities to mobilize students for mission activities and evangelism. Assist with area church planting.

MULTI-HOUSING CHAPLAIN

Serve as Chaplain in a multi-housing complex. Establish social ministries and ministry contacts with residents. Minister to the needs of residents and establish home Bible studies. Must complete Chaplain's training and accreditation through NAMB.

LAY CHURCH PLANTING COORDINATOR

Establish a church planting team and serve as leader of the team. Enlist team members. Coordinate with local churches for new plant locations and enlist support from them. Establish a Bible study in the church plant area. Oversee outreach and evangelism activities.

Second, church planting opportunities are listed on our missions/evangelism website as a prayer request. See www.beholdinghisbeauty.com. The Filipino mission is meeting at FBC McHenry. Plans for a Hispanic church plant at Mendota and at Belvidere are moving forward. The Mendota plant is sponsored by Emanuel of Aurora and Victory of Mendota. The Belvidere plant is sponsored by East Park of Belvidere and Vida Nueva of Elgin. Please pray for planning efforts for church plants at Sugar Grove and Genoa that hopefully can begin this Spring. Hispanic works are needed at Harvard and Genoa/Dekalb.

Third, I recently learned about another outreach/church planting ministry. Joe MacDonald, a former pastor of one of our FVBA churches serves as a Corporate Chaplain in downtown Chicago. Joe presently has his own business, but is moving toward full-time chaplaincy. If you know business people who work downtown Chicago, please let Joe know—we can get the information to him. He will make every effort to involve them in Bible studies and evangelistic gatherings in the loop. Dan Lovin, IBSA Chaplain Consultant, believes that this ministry has tremendous potential for outreach and church planting for suburban churches. Most of the business leaders to whom Joe ministers live in the suburbs and many of them are not connected to a church when they are reached with the Gospel.

As we enter 2008, let's ask the Lord to make us aware of how we can share the Gospel message.

EQUIP BIBLE INSTITUTE SECOND SEMESTER
by Murvel Huffstetler

Our Association is nearing completion of two course offerings in the Equip Bible Institute. The effort will strengthen the membership of our churches. These courses are not accredited, but taught at the College level. They provide considerable knowledge of the Bible and leadership capabilities for the student to serve in our churches. The Spring Semester classes will begin January 14, 2008, and the courses are as follows:

Two classes in Spanish.

101 Bible Overview / Vista General de la Biblia

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, Aurora, IL

102 Old Testament Survey/Antiguo Testamento (Lunes)

Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva, Elgin, IL.

Two classes in English

101 Bible Overview

FVBA Office (Saturday) Elgin, IL.

102 Old Testament Survey (Monday)

Cornerstone Comm. Baptist Church, North Aurora, IL.

If you are interested in taking a class, please contact the Associational office at 847-697-4111 or Murvel Huffstetler at 847-462-8925, or revhuffmurv@sbcglobal.net.

POWER UP TRAINING

Our Association has scheduled the Power Up training January 18-19, 2008. The event will be held at Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123. Our guest speaker will be Bob Mayfield, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma staff member.

Pastors and Sunday School Directors are welcomed to participate on Friday, January 18th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend on Saturday, January 19th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The topics to be presented are as follows: "How To" on Power Up Your Sunday School, Power Up Overview, The Power of Prayer, The Power or Community, The Power of 10, and The Power of One.

If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact the FVBA office (847) 697-4111. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

SECOND WIND CONFERENCE

SecondWind conference welcomes all Adults, especially Senior Adults. Larry Toller, IBSA Staff member, will be our guest speaker Saturday, January 26, 2008. He is the author of My Story, Your Story, His Story, a book which is foreworded by Governor Mike Huckabee.

This event will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 20503 Telegraph St., Marengo, IL 60152, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. We will appreciate your attendance confirmation no later than Friday, January 18th. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and bring others with you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

February 17 - Iglesia Bautista Emanuel of Aurora



FROM THE FVBA OFFICE...

We would like to gather all the FVBA church anniversaries dates in order to include them in our newsletter. Please send the information to the FVBA office, or e-mail lydiag@fvba.org.

VIAJE FEMENIL MISIONERO A GUATEMALA
Por Ana Meléndez

Cada año organizamos proyectos misioneros que involucran a las iglesias que participan en los eventos femeniles estatales. Este año nos propusimos y logramos dos:

Primer proyecto. Llevaremos 700 mochilas y útiles escolares para niños de bajos recursos de la escuela que patrocina la Iglesia Bautista Shalom, Pastor Álvaro Perdomo.

Segundo proyecto: Recabamos \$5,000.00 para la construcción de una casa. Conoceremos en este próximo viaje a Guatemala a la familia que recibirá esta bendición.

Nueve mujeres de diferentes iglesias participaremos en el viaje misionero a Guatemala del 18 al 28 de enero, 2008 para colaborar en los ministerios que la Iglesia Bautista Shalom desarrolla. Agradeceremos sus oraciones por el grupo misionero integrado por Lesbia y Perla Castro, Enid Delgado, Rosy Figueroa (FVBA), Janet Salas y Luz De Ríos, Araceli González (FVBA), Blanca Quiroz y Ana Meléndez.

FRONTLINERS CONFERENCE by Richard Quick

The Middle America & Caribbean Region of the IMB in conjunction with FVBA will host the Frontliners Conference on Saturday, February 2, 2008. The event is designed to introduce participants to critical issues facing those taking the Gospel cross-culturally.

The event will be held at Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, 742 Claim St., Aurora, IL 60505, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost of \$20.00 per person will cover breakfast and lunch. Reservations are due Friday, January 25, 2008 in the FVBA office.

ACTS 1:8 CHALLENGE WEEKEND

On Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6, 2008, Nate Adams, IBSA Executive Director, will be leading an Acts 1:8 Challenge Weekend in our Association. Cornerstone Community Baptist Church, 307 Banbury Rd., North Aurora, IL, will host the event which will be concluded with our Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday. Be prepared to accept the Lord's call to missions.

ON MISSIONS CELEBRATION

On Missions Celebration is an associational mission education event that provides two levels of involvement: Associational-wide and local churches. Every FVBA church that participates in an OMC will hear and meet missionaries serving throughout the world through the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, and Baptist state conventions. Fox Valley Baptist Association On Missions Celebration is scheduled September 19-21, 2008. Further details will be shared soon.

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE by Richard Quick

The ice storms in the Midwest have reinforced the need for us to be ready for disasters. Southern Baptists are under Scriptural and moral obligation to all mankind to provide a positive witness of the love of Jesus Christ. Our Association is working to meet this goal. If you feel moved by our Lord to help please go to www.fvba.com or contact the FVBA office. Any funds received go directly to disaster relief efforts. Monetary or equipment donations could be sent to Fox Valley Baptist Association, 1590 Weatherstone Lane Suite 2, Elgin, IL 60123.

Please pray for the men and women that volunteer so that we can provide "A cup of cold water in Jesus name."

HELP EQUIP FVBA DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER

Item	Qty	Item	Qty
Spoons Long Handle Slotted	4	Can Opener Commerical	1
Spoons Long Handle solid	4	Colander Large	2
Hand Truck	2	Garbage Cans 20 Gal	4
Drying Racks (wire shelves 18x48)	6	Ladles Commerical (4 & 6 & 8 Oz)	3 each size
Laundry tubs plastic	4 ea	Electric Light Set 10 to 20 light string	2 ea
Coffee Urn 100 Cup	1	Table 30x72 in	3
Convection Oven Commerical used or refurb	1	Tilt Skillet Commerical used or Refurb	1
Dipper Stainless Steel	1	Utility Tongs	2
Paddle Mixing 30 in	2	Wood Mixing Spoon 18 in	4
Measure Dry 4 Qt Aluminum	2	Measure Liquid 4 Qt Aluminum	2
Whip Stainless steel 18 in	2	Mixing Bowl Stainless 20 Qt	2
Mixing Bowl Stainless 8 Qt	2	Dredge Stainless	2
Turner Wood 8"x3"	2	Skimmer Stainless	2
Grater Commerical	2	Cutting Boards 18x24	2
Swivel Peeler	2	Chef's Knife 8 "	2
Oven Mitt 15"	4	Hoses and Cables	TBD
Shelving	TBD	Folding Chairs	4

"... trajeron asimismo en abundancia los diezmos de todas las cosas."
2 Crónicas / 2 Chronicles 31:5 b
"...and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything."

EMBRACE BALTIMORE PARTNERSHIP & MISSIONS TRIP

Fox Valley Baptist Association will be a partner with Embrace Baltimore which is an effort of the North American Mission Board, the Baltimore Baptist Association, and the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware to work with Baltimore's churches to change the city's spiritual climate with Jesus' love. We will intercede through prayer and involve people to serve in the Baltimore area by sending a missions team on June 23-27, 2008. Pastor Frank Russo who went on a Vision trip to this city will keep us updated about the missions trip. Please answer to the call by making plans to participate!

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2008

January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 8 6:00 p.m. **FBVA** Administrative Committee, Cornerstone Community Baptist, 307 Banbury Rd., North Aurora, IL 60542
- 12 10:00 a.m. **FBVA** Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament training, Iglesia Bta. Vida Nueva, 270 Fulton St., Elgin, IL
- 14 **FBVA** Equip Bible Institute classes begin
- 18 7:00 p.m. **FBVA** Power up training (Pastors & SS directors), Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123
- 19 9:00 a.m. **FBVA** Power up training (SS teachers), Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123
- 26 9:00 a.m. **FBVA** Second Wind Senior Adult Conference, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 20503 Telegraph St., Marengo, IL
- 29 6:00 p.m. **FBVA** Executive Board meeting, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123

February

- 2 8:30 a.m. **FBVA** Frontliners conference, Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, 742 Claim St., Aurora, IL 60505. Cost \$20 per person.
- 16 10:00 a.m. **FBVA** Conferencia, Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva, 270 Fulton St., Elgin, IL 60120
- 23 **FBVA** Hispanic Pastors' meeting with Joshua Del Risco, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123.
- 23 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **IBSA** Conferencia Femenil "El Que Sacia Tu Sed", Iglesia Bautista North Avenue, 4917 Medill Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. Conferencista Janet Salas. El costo de \$10.00 incluye conferencias y comida.