

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2007

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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

Elburn, Grace 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

McHenry, First Baptist Church

Montgomery, Calvary Baptist Church

North Aurora, Cornerstone Community Baptist Church

St. Charles, First Baptist Church

St. Charles, Misión Bautista Hispana

Sycamore, Sycamore Baptist Church

Woodstock, Calvary Baptist Church

Woodstock, Iglesia Bautista Edén

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

1:30-9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

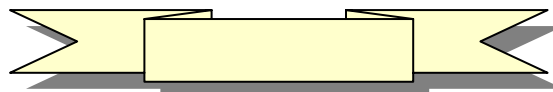


"LIFTING UP LEADERS" CONFERENCE
CONFERENCIA "LEVANTANDO LIDERES"

Larkin Avenue Baptist Church
1158 Larkin Avenue
Elgin, IL 60123

COST:
\$150
PER CHURCH

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FVBA 48TH ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007

FBC Meadowdale
1715 Papoose Rd.
Carpentersville, IL 60110
(224) 639-6300

**1:30 p.m. Hispanic Multihousing
Ministry Conference (Lunch)**
3:00 p.m. Business Session
5:15 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Joint Worship Service



**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
COLUMN by Mark Inman**

We are excited about what the Lord has for us as we move forward in the Fall of 2007 and into 2008. Let me share some information on what is ahead.

FVBA Disaster Relief Trailer

Funds are now available for the purchase of our new Feeding Unit Trailer. Due to the generosity of Muskogee Baptist Association, Victory Baptist Church in Mendota, and our Fox Valley churches through the FVBA Fathers' Day Offering, we are able to purchase the trailer. We look forward to having the Feeding Unit Trailer on display at our Annual Meeting and hopefully at the Lifting Up Leaders Conference. Some of the needed equipment to furnish the trailer has already been donated. We will be sharing with you on the equipment still needed at our Annual Meeting. Several of our FVBA people have been deployed on Disaster Relief assignments in Minnesota. Please pray for them.

Lifting Up Leaders September 21-22, 2007

Excitement is building for this year's Lifting Up Leaders Conference to be held at Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123. Our keynote speakers include Rudy Gonzalez, head of Southwestern Seminary San Antonio campus, Alex McManus, head of an International Mentoring Group for Church Planters, Pat Pajak, new Church Strengthening Leader for IBSA, and Herman Rios, Florida Baptist Convention Language Evangelism Director. Break-out sessions on evangelism, discipleship, church growth, and church planting are planned. A Disaster Relief training is scheduled. We have something for everyone! The cost of \$150 per church covers an unlimited number of participants. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 7, 2007.

CONFERENCE LEADER	CONFERENCE TITLE
Russell & Marsha Cook	Preaching/Vision Casting/Pastor's Wife
Randy Mullinax	Reaching Those Closest to You/How To Share Your Faith
DeWayne & Judy Taylor	My Church Can Become More Involved in Missions/Local Missions Projects
Claudio Valencia (Spanish)	Vision For Church Planting/Family Enrichment/ Involvement in Missions
Jim Smith	Vision For Church Planting / Church Planting Movements
Pat Pajak	Making Ministries Evangelistic/Small Group Discipleship
Dale Davenport	Spiritual Disciplines
Andy Sikora	Communicating & Programming to Reach Post-Moderns
Emir Caner	Ten Things Every Christian Needs to Know about Islam/Reaching Muslims
Herman Rios	Making Ministries Evangelistic/How to Share Your Faith (Spanish)
Kirk Holloway	Sending & Receiving Missions Teams
Rudy Gonzalez	Spiritual Disciplines/Preaching-Spanish
Alex McManus	Dialogue with Alex McManus

FVBA Annual Meeting Sunday, October 14, 2007

Our 48th Annual Meeting will take place at FBC Meadowdale, 1715 Papoose Rd., Carpentersville, IL 60110. The Business Session will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:15 p.m. Our joint worship service will start at 6:00 p.m.

According to our FVBA Operations Manual *"Each Cooperating church shall be entitled to five (5) messengers for the first one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof and one (1) messenger for each additional fifty (50) or fraction thereof, not to exceed ten (10) messengers."* (I Section 2)

Preacher for this year's annual meeting is Bro. Jim Woods, Pastor of Calvary Montgomery. During the afternoon sessions each of our Teams will meet—Missions, Church Strengthening, and Church Planting. A special session with John Sanchez on Hispanic Multi-Housing Church Planting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

An important item of business for the afternoon session is the possible sale of the FVBA office. An offering will be taken during the evening service for our Disaster Relief Unit.

Frontliners Conference—Date to be Announced

We look forward to announcing the date for a Frontliners Conference here in Fox Valley soon—possibly in January-February, 2008. Frontliners is led by IMB staff and prepares churches and church leaders to actually take responsibility for reaching an unreached people group for Christ in some part of our world.

Acts 1:8 Challenge Weekend April 5-6, 2008

This weekend will be led by Nate Adams, our IBSA Executive Director. FVBA churches hope to be involved in every part of the Acts 1:8 challenge—our local communities, our state, our nation, and our world. Numerous mission opportunities are already underway here in FVBA. Mission trips are being planned to Baltimore, Maine, and Oklahoma. during 2008. International trips are being explored. We are excited that our churches are involved in reaching their world for Christ.

On Missions Celebration September 19-21, 2008

Each of our churches will have the chance to have missionaries (IMB, NAMB, IBSA) in their local church. Recently Alice and I visited the IMB training facility in Richmond. More than 250 missionaries were preparing to depart for mission work. It was a joy to see so many young couples and their children preparing to take the Gospel around the world. We want to be involved in every way possible with that effort.

A special invitation is extended to participate in our Tuesday planning meetings every month, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The dates are as follows:

- 2007 October 23, November 27
- 2008 January 15, February 19, March 18, April 22, May 20, June 17, & August 19



COMPLETING YOUR ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

Another Associational year is ending and churches are requested to fill out an Annual Church Profile which becomes the source for statistics and directories.

Remember that you are able to enter the data online at abes.ibsa.org/ebc, and you need to return the Associational portion (salmon sheet) to FVBA. If you do not have your ACP forms, please call the FVBA office immediately. Please submit your ACP no later than Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

CONFERENCIA ESTATAL FEMENIL

"Puedes Descansar a Sus Pies" es el tema de la VI Conferencia Estatal Femenil a realizarse el 12 & 13 de octubre del 2007 en el Hotel Double Tree localizado en el 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515. La conferencista invitada será Ana Meléndez quien compartirá A Sus pies Hay Paz, Salvación, Guía y Dirección. También se impartirán conferencias para jovencitas mayores de 13 años. El costo de \$85 incluye inscripción, concierto, obra teatral, hospedaje y dos comidas el sábado. Visite la página www.paraundiacomohoy.org o comuníquese con Enid Delgado al (847) 265-9313 para mayores informes. Fecha límite de inscripción sábado 15 de septiembre.

A WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S CAMP: PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR



A special thank you to FVBA children's leaders for their commitment to teach and reach children for Jesus Christ. We are thrilled with this year's camp, and we will start plans for 2008 soon. We hope we can count on you and your church's involvement in next year's FVBA Children's Camp scheduled for July 21-25, 2008.

Also, we want you to be aware of the first Children's Ministry Day Saturday, February 16, 2008. This will be a day of hands-on mission action in your community to minister and witness to others of God's love. For further information, click www.childrensmissions.com. Please begin preparations!

OCTOBER: PASTOR & STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastors are servants of the Lord who follow the Master's instructions to love and guide His sheep. October is considered Pastor and Staff Appreciation month nationwide, and Fox Valley Baptist Association wants to honor and respect the people "who work hard among us." There are some practical things the church may do for its ministers:

- ♥ Honor your pastor on a scheduled date
- ♥ Give a reception in the pastor's honor
- ♥ Send a note of encouragement
- ♥ Pray for him and his family
- ♥ Provide a plaque of appreciation
- ♥ Take your pastor and family out for a meal
- ♥ Give a gift certificate
- ♥ Provide an overnight getaway for his family
- ♥ Provide sabbaticals, vacations, and retreats
- ♥ Provide continuing education opportunities
- ♥ Provide health insurance and retirement plan
- ♥ Revise salary and give him a raise

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you." Each day, during October, we encourage you to pray for our ministers considering their needs in the following areas: Family, health, endurance, spiritual attack, integrity, encouragement, meditation, vision, responsibility, Christ-like anointing, worthiness, humility, protection, strength, glory, wisdom, discernment, guidance, insight, church future, church staff, proclamation, confidence, boldness, the Word, salvation, Kingdom, leaders, and thanksgiving.

EBI OF FOX VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Equip Biblical Institute of Fox Valley Baptist Association will launch Monday, September 10, 2007. Bible Overview will be the first class to be offered in different sites by the professors listed below:

- Emanuel, Aurora: Carlos Jimenez (630) 739-7914
- Vida Nueva, Elgin: Joel Cortes (847) 888-0387
- Cornerstone, North Aurora: Frank Russo (630) 639-7751
- FBC McHenry: Sylvie & Ruben Raquel ((815) 385-0083

The cost of \$100 per person will cover the class, and every student is responsible for buying the textbooks required. For class dates, schedules, and addresses, please contact the FVBA office, the professor, or Murvel Huffstetler at revhuffmurv@sbcglobal.net.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 7 – Light & Truth Baptist Church, Crystal Lake
October 23 – Sycamore Baptist Church, Sycamore
October 31 – Bethel Baptist Church, Cicero

*"La bendición de Jehová es la que enriquece, y no añade tristeza con ella."
Proverbios / Proverbs 10:22
The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it."*

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO FVBA

Church	2006-YTD	Jul-07	Aug-07
Aurora, Emanuel	2,333.31		
Bartlett, Bartlett Baptist	9,836.00	836.00	946.00
Bartlett, Disciples Community	-		
Carpentersville, FBC Meadowdale	1,350.57		
Cicero, Betel	200.00		
Crystal Lake, FBC	3,805.11	365.11	416.97
Crystal Lake, Luz y Verdad	500.00		
Dundee, Twin Oaks	3,336.49		331.14
Elburn, Grace Baptist	1,630.20		
Elgin, Bethania	575.00		
Elgin, Calvary	6,557.71	553.81	523.97
Elgin, Larkin Avenue	985.88	109.08	133.44
Elgin, New Life	-		
Harvard, FBC	798.03	69.65	144.85
Huntley, Lighthouse	2,760.66	739.00	
Marengo, Emmanuel	-		
McHenry, FBC	3,958.10		377.00
Montgomery, Calvary	5,405.77	322.74	288.11
North Aurora, Cornerstone	250.00		
St. Charles, FBC	2,997.95		
Sycamore, Sycamore Baptist	1,484.00	189.26	139.34
Woodstock, Calvary	1,264.86	111.69	58.73
Woodstock, Eden	734.66		157.00
Totals	50,764.30	3,296.34	3,516.55

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2007

September

7 FVBA Lifting Up Leaders Conference registration deadline

11 ACPs due in FVBA office

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.fvba.org

21 1:30-9:00 p.m. **FVBA** Lifting Up Leaders Conference, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123.

22 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **FVBA** Lifting Up Leaders Conference, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123.

28-29 **IBSA** Church Library Conference, Murdale Baptist Church, Carbondale. Further info: (217) 391-3126

30 **FVBA** Redeemer Fellowship, St. Charles block party
October

12-13 **IBSA** VI Conferencia Femenil "Puedes Descansar A Sus Pies", Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Costo: \$85 por persona.

14 3:00 p.m. **FVBA** Annual Meeting, FBC Meadowdale, Carpentersville

23 11:00 a.m. **FVBA** On Missions Celebration planning meeting, FVBA office

26-28 **FVBA** Missions Fair, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church, 1158 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123

FVBA ANNUAL CHURCH CHALLENGES

- 1,000 Outreach Contacts
- 1 New Church in 5 years
- 20% Increase in Contributions to FVBA

UPCOMING EVENTS...

November 6-8 **IBSA** Annual Meeting

November 27 **FVBA** On Missions Celebration planning meeting, FVBA office

December 3-5 **IBSA** Streator Experience - Streator Baptist Camp

December 7 6:30 p.m. **FVBA** Christmas Banquet

April 5-6, 2008 **FVBA** Acts 1:8 Challenge Weekend

April 6, 2008 **FVBA** Semi Annual Meeting

September 19-21, 2008 **FVBA** On Missions Celebration

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