did you know...

- that the flood levels from the 2008 in Iowa exceeded those of the flood of 1993?
- that from 2000 to 2007 the population of Ankeny, Iowa increased almost 43 percent?
- there are 298 steps from the second floor of the capital building to its gold-plated dome?
- that the various State Representatives met Monday evening with the Colonel, Phil Fogel of Missionary Homes, Inc. of Tampa, Florida? Col. Fogel has served both Baptist Mid-Missions and the IARBC as a Strategic Planning Facilitator.
- that Craig’s List is not named after Craig Golden?
- that no matter how Don Anderson tries to leave it behind, the GARBC Annual Conference follows him wherever he goes?
- that the ushers have been instructed to escort any attendees with unsilenced cell phones to the hottest, smallest boiler room in the Convocation Center?

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2008 GARBC ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAIN SPEAKERS

John Greening
John Greening is an eighth generation pastor. He served in youth and senior pastorates for over twenty years. In John’s role as national representative, he speaks frequently, consults with churches and provides leadership for the Association. John and his wife, Daria, work together to write church educational resources. They also participate in church ministry training conferences. They have a special ministry of encouraging pastors and wives. John and Daria are the parents of two grown children.

Dr. Gary Anderson has served as the President of Baptist Mid-Missions since 1989, after having served two years on BMM’s Advisory Council before being appointed as Executive Vice President in 1987. Prior to this, he served as pastor of Springville (Pennsylvania) Baptist Church from 1973 to 1987.

Dr. Anderson holds a B.A. in Bible from Bob Jones University (1972) and an M.Div. from Biblical Theological Seminary (1975). He was honored with the Doctor of Divinity Degree by Baptist Bible College and Seminary in 1990. Dr. Anderson and his wife, Barbara, have three children and make their home in Grafton, Ohio.

Duke Crawford
Pastor Crawford is a graduate of FBBC & TS and a NANC certified biblical counselor. He and his wife, Deb, have three children: Anthony, Austin, and Abby. He has served as senior pastor of Calvary since 1990.

Dr. Lancaster serves as senior pastor for Starkey Road Baptist Church in Seminole, Florida. He can also be heard frequently on “Radio Pulpit” on WKES in St. Petersburg. The Cincinnati Baptist Seminary graduate serves on BMM’s General Council as well as the board of ABWE.

James Maxwell
Appointed to the position just last year, Dr. Maxwell serves as president of his alma mater, FBBC & TS. He has enjoyed over 40 years of vocational Christian ministry throughout the Midwest. Most recently, he served as senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

The key to our behavior is our attitude, and the key to our attitude is our faith.
-Layton Talbert

God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”
(Galatians 6:14)
Welcome to Ankeny, Iowa, and the campus of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary! We all planned to meet in Cedar Rapids, but our sovereign God had other ideas. Even as we pray and give relief to the victims of God’s gracious provision this week!

quickly and diligently the previous week. May we be flooded together with special thanks to the administration and staff of FBBC who have worked so Ankeny spiritually productive. Thank you in advance for your patience, and a Summit, Penn. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@pbc.edu.

Dr. Colin Smith, noted regular Baptist pastor and educator, unexpectedly passed Tuesday evening’s speaker is our own Dr. John Greening. Pastor, educator, administrator and National Representative of the GARBC for eleven years, of Starkey Road Baptist Church in Seminole, Florida.

The Wednesday morning session will feature Dr. Jerry Lancaster, senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, Wednesday night’s service is Iowa Churches Night. We from several of Iowa churches will be leading in worship. IOWACHURCHESNIGHT Crawford of Calvary Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, Wednesday evening service. Eating times are staggered.

The Students Alive! SPAM-O-RAMA is a great opportunity for your teens to connect with friends from around the state and make new The speaker will be Pat Odle, the newly installed Vice President of FBBC. The challenge for the interactive Science "Serving God with Heart and Through 6). The program is highlighted by a trip to the interactive Science Center. Questions regarding the competition may be directed to Andrea Gower.

Participants are to check in at Conference Center of Iowa Wednesday afternoon. A pre-school Group and individual competition will be held at the Grandview Park Baptist Church at 1701 E. 33rd St. in Des Moines. Participants are to check in at Conference Registration. TALENTSFORCHRISTRELOCATED previously scheduled times but will take place at the Center. The annual Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 25th from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the big tent! The cross, without ever being disowned, is constantly in danger of being dismissed The cost is just $10 per person.

Wednesday, June 25 from 5 to 9 p.m. evening will focus on ministry involvement in the local The evening session. GLS Digital Impact has produced an interactive ESL CD to use during the Olympics to reach Chinese people with the gospel. Come learn more about WIIWOULDLIKETOPLAY WII Olympic Games at the GLS Digital Impact booth (Chris Brown). Compete in the Mario and Sonic 2008 Wii Olympic Contestants with the highest score in one of the chosen workshops is underway to improve your school’s ESL program. If you are interested in learning more about specialized training for your church, please attend! Check your conference notebook for workshop times. Space is limited, so reserve your spot ordered by 9 a.m. each morning. Menus are posted at the information table.

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The college is located at 1701 E. 33rd St. in Des Moines, Iowa. From the east or west, take I-80 to Exit 24. From the north or south, take I-35 to Exit 5.

Parking:

On-campus parking is available for a fee. Off-campus parking is also available for a fee. A parking permit is required for all vehicles.

Accommodations:

The college provides on-campus housing for students. Off-campus housing is also available for a fee. A housing permit is required for all individuals.

Event Information:

The event is scheduled for Friday, June 26th. The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

This year’s event will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, and a variety of workshops and seminars. The event will also include a networking reception, a gala dinner, and a keynote address by a distinguished guest.

The event is open to the public and is free to attend. Registration is required for all attendees. To register, please visit the college’s website or contact the event coordinator.

We encourage all individuals to attend this event and to share the news with their friends and family. We believe that the event will be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the event.

Sincerely,

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