

## Invitation

The Lord is the "Shepherd of Israel" who ultimately demonstrated his infinite covenantal love as the "Good Shepherd of his Sheep" by laying down his very life for them. The Good Shepherd provides full and complete care for all of his sheep whether they are feeding in God's peaceful green pastures or whether they are wandering off into the dangerous path of hostile wolves. He has appointed and equipped pastors to faithfully "Shepherd God's Flock", yet these 'under-shepherds' can fail to keep a good watch on themselves and on the Christ centered teaching that saves both themselves and their hearers. Too often pastors, like the shepherds of Israel, ignore the high calling of both feeding and then defending God's hungry and helpless sheep.

The 2008 Midwest Regional FIRE Conference is designed to encourage and exhort pastors to faithfully feed God's sheep, to shepherd themselves and their hearers, and to grant careful oversight to those within their God given spheres of influence and protection. We have invited pastors and leaders who are carefully studying the Word of God to minister the truth to us so that we may be transformed more and more into the image of Christ. As a result, it is our sincere hope that all in attendance will be equipped more fully for every good work.

Personally, I am greatly anticipating this encouraging time as we grow together in the knowledge and grace of the Lord. I hope you will make every effort to attend.  
In His Matchless Grace,

Rick Wilson  
Host Pastor

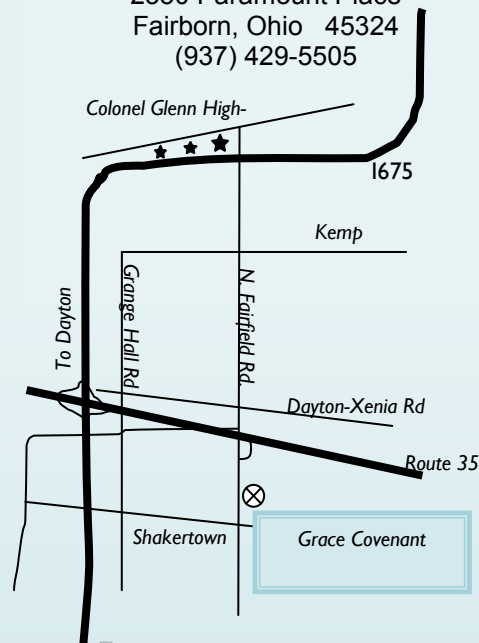
## Lodging

Mention the FIRE Conference and receive a discount from these fine hotels when you register by September 28. They are all located along Colonel Glenn Highway opposite Wright State University.

★Holiday Inn  
2800 Presidential Drive  
Fairborn, Ohio 45324  
(937) 426-7800

★Fairfield Inn  
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## Shepherding



Midwest Regional Conference

October 20-22, 2008



Grace Covenant Church  
Beavercreek, Ohio

## Speakers

**David Blackney** has pastored churches in Texas and North Carolina. Currently he is pastor/teacher of Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, in Robbinsville and serves as Program Director with The Master's Mission.

**Steve Best** is Senior Pastor of Harvest Bible Church in DeKalb, Illinois and a FIRE member.

**Joe Flatt** has served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Carmel, Indiana for the past 34 years. He is also a member FIRE since 2004.

**Kevin Landis** has pastored at Bible Chapel of Delhi Hills, Cincinnati, OH since 1980.

**Tim Pasma** has served as pastor of the LaRue Baptist Church since 1985 and is a member of the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors.

**Mark Webb** has been in the ministry since 1972 in Wyoming, Tennessee, and Mississippi presently pastors Grace Bible Church, in Olive Branch, Mississippi.



## Conference Schedule

### Monday October, 20<sup>th</sup>

- 3:00p – 5:30p - Registration
- 6:00p – FIRE Regional Meeting (Joe Flatt)
- 7:00p – The Good Shepherd's Call  
(Steve Best)
- 8:00p – Dessert
- 8:30p – Panel Discussion & Prayer Time

### Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>

- 9:00a – Shepherding Your Family (Kevin Landis)
- 10:00a – Refreshments
- 10:30a – Shepherding God's Flock (Mark Webb)
- 11:30a – Shepherding Panel Discussion  
& Prayer Time
- 12:15p – Lunch
- 1:15p – Free time: ladies activities, Air Force  
Museum tour, etc.
- 6:00p – Dinner at G.C.C.
- 7:15p – Shepherding Your Community  
(Tim Pasma)
- 8:15p – Dessert
- 8:45p – Mission Presentations

### Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 9:00a – Shepherding Your Leaders (Joe Flatt)
- 10:15a – Break
- 10:30a – Shepherding Your World  
(David Blackney)
- 11:30a – Shepherding Panel Discussion  
& Prayer Time
- 12:30p – Concluding Comments & Prayer  
(Rick Wilson)

## Registration

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Church

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The conference cost including materials and all meals is \$60 per person and \$95 per couple. Please contact us if your planning to come with your children.

Please submit complete contact information for each participant by October 6, 2008. Applications after this date please add a \$15 late fee. Send completed registration form with a check payable to:

**Grace Covenant Church  
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I am interested in being placed with a host family:

Check here

How many people are in your party? \_\_\_\_\_