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2004 Conference**



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Anticipating the Conference!

Dear ICBC family,

As I pen these words, my heart is full of rejoicing! I have been spending considerable time this week working on the message I've been asked to bring at our ICBC Biennial Conference. (March 4-6 in Sioux City, Iowa.) The Lord has led me to speak on "Reclaiming Generational Blessings." The more I study God's Word on this subject and read His amazing promises, the more my heart is filled with His praises! In Psalm 19, David uses metaphor language to speak of the sun being: "...like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course." Those words capture some of my joyful anticipation of sharing with God's people some of the insights the Lord has been showing me. Please pray for me, as I continue to prepare my heart and the message.

These are days to give praise to the Lord! God has been so very faithful to ICBC and the ministry He has called us to do. God's people responded to your prayers and the year end appeal letters from the International office, and the Iowa and Indiana offices with such faithfulness. We were able to keep meeting the salary needs and paying the other obligations in each area of ministry. As previously mentioned, 2003 was a testing year for ICBC. As was true of the ICBC ministry, the pressures of the recession and other factors left its mark on many faith ministries. Please lift a note of praise to the Lord for His faithfulness. I am praising the Lord for each of you and what He has done through you.

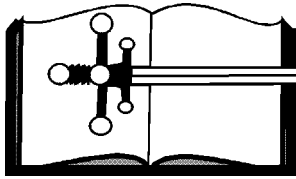
ICBC's Institute for Biblical Counseling continues to bear much good fruit. Counselors are gaining confidence to be able to minister to the spiritually oppressed. Amazing testimonies of transformed

lives keep being shared. Increased attendance at our last two training sessions encouraged us to know the Institute is meeting a need. These factors and numerous others are cause for rejoicing! You won't want to miss hearing some of the student's refreshing testimonies at our Biennial Conference. Pray much for the conference and come, expecting the Lord to meet us in a special way in Sioux City.

Please pray for the speakers and presenters who will share in this year's Biennial Conference! God has something good for us! I am so excited, anticipating the opportunity to hear Josef Tson again! While I still served as pastor at Central Baptist in Sioux City, Josef was the speaker at one of our annual missionary conferences. As he came to us, he had recently been exiled by Ceausescu's communist dictatorship government in Romania. Josef told us many of his severe trials and miracles of grace during those troubled days in Romania. As we listened to him, we realized that the Lord was letting us hear the testimony of a "living martyr." But for the Lord's miraculous intervention, Josef would have been put to death for his bold witness. These accounts were very moving but most of all, I remember the anointing of the Lord that was upon this man of God. He spoke with passion, tears and authority that was overflowing from a heart in love with Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. I hope I will see you in Sioux City!! The Lord has many good blessings in store for us!

Mark I. Bubeck,
president emeritus ICBC International

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Calendar of Events for ICBC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic, Location & Contact</u>
2004		
2/15-16	Glenn Littrell	Family Conference, Assembly of God, Correctionville, Iowa, Pastor Aaron Bernabe, 712-372-4612
3/4-6	Various	Eighth Biennial ICBC Conference, Sioux City Convention Center, Sioux City, Iowa 712-293-0631
9/20-24	Various	Institute for Biblical Counseling (course #3), Indianapolis, Indiana 877-467-4222
10/18-22	Various	Institute for Biblical Counseling (course #1), Indianapolis, Indiana 877-467-4222
11/15-19	Various	Institute for Biblical Counseling (course #1), Dallas, Texas 877-467-4222

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Eighth Biennial ICBC Conference

Plenary Speakers

Mark Bubeck

Reclaiming Generational Blessings

Glenn Littrell

Breaking the Ties that Bind

Josef Tson

Freedom from Fear under Oppression, The Believer's Union with Christ: How do We Make This Real?

Rich Miller

Grace to You: Breaking the Bondage of Legalism

Randy Green

Overcoming the Enemy

Neil T. Anderson

Integrity

Workshops

Neil T. Anderson - *Discipleship Counseling 1 & 2*

C. Fred Dickason - *Demonization: Recognition & Treatment - Should Believers Be Concerned?*

Michael Jacobson - *A Biblical Approach to Evaluating Medicine, Spirit-Controlled Thoughts, Words & Emotions*

Jim Logan - *What To Do After Deliverance*

Rich Miller - *Steps to Breaking the Bondage of Legalism*

Alaine Pakkala - *Discipleship: The Missing Link*

Jeff Pokone - *Marriage Counseling at the Heart Level*

Timothy Warner - *The Essential Foundation: A Biblical Worldview*

Jim Wilder - *Sexual Addiction*

1. *Addiction Overview - How sexual addiction changes one's sense of personal reality*

2. *Assessing for Infant & Child Level Maturity*

3. *The Concept of Returning to Joy*

4. *Acting Like Yourself*

Pain Lab: Learning an approach for treating sex addicts

Location

Sioux City Convention Center

4th & Jones Streets, Sioux City, Iowa

Time

Begins: Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

Ends: Saturday, March 6, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

To Register

Complete the attached registration form, and mail with fee (\$199.00 per registrant) to ICBC. You can also register by calling 712-293-0631 or 877-467-4222. Fee for registrations postmarked after February 12, 2004 will be \$229.00. Price includes a continental breakfast each day plus lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who has an interest in learning about Spiritual Warfare. Experienced counselors who need to recharge their batteries. Designed to provide solid, biblical answers.

The ICBC Conference is an educational forum with the goal of equipping the Body of Christ for more effective ministry. It is not designed to provide individual counseling opportunities for those needing such help for their own personal healing process.

**"Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble."
Psalm 41:1**

REGISTRATION

Eighth Biennial ICBC Conference - March 4-6, 2004 - Sioux City Convention Center

All sessions will be audio taped and selected sessions will be video taped

Name _____	Conference fee per registrant\$199.00
Address _____	If postmarked after 2/12/02\$229.00
City _____	Amount enclosed\$ _____
State _____ Zip _____	Make check or money order payable to: ICBC
Spouse's Name (If attending conference) _____	Mail to: ICBC International, 1551 Indian Hills Dr., Suite 200, Sioux City, IA 51104
Daytime Phone _____	Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express accepted
	Card # _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp.____/____
	Signature of cardholder _____
	To register by phone call: 877-467-4222 or 712-293-0631 by fax: 712-277-4090

**"Because he loves me,"
says the Lord, "I will rescue him:
I will protect him
for he acknowledges my name."
Psalm 91:14**

If you are interested in receiving registration forms for the International School for Biblical Counseling, please contact our office by calling 877-467-4222 or e-mail to info@icbcinc.com or you can write to: ICBC, 1551 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 200, Sioux City, IA 51105.

Testimonies...Testimonies...Testimonies

While ICBC provides direct counseling through ICBC counseling centers, our major purpose is to train and equip Christian workers to minister more effectively within the Church. ICBC is truly a *parachurch* ministry -- coming alongside the local church to strengthen her as a place where spiritually oppressed people are helped to freedom. ICBC's teaching and ministry resources are available to all churches that seek our assistance, regardless of denominational label.

Quotes

from the school sessions

"We pray to be godly, then we shove away the process." Dr. Jim Logan Recognize, and learn to praise God in your trials. The fiery darts that pierce your spiritual armour, become refining fire.

"Passivity is a sign that a church is under demonic attack." Dr. Jim Logan

"You need to trust God. Learn about Him; take Him at His word... Don't become fixated on what the enemy can do." Dr. Ken Copley Gaze upon Christ, only glance at the enemy and circumstances.

"God is going to expand you [the counselor]. As God brings things into your ministry that are too big, cry out to God... Take note of what God does in these people's lives." Dr. Don Harper

This points out that counselors are not believers who waited until "perfected" to serve, but they have learned to seek the Lord in all situations, for surely there will be times when the situation seems too big!

"A demonized person has a *big* problem, and often a *little* concept of God." Dr. Jim Logan Our work is to teach truth — who God is, His character, His names.

"As R. Henry has said, 'Christian animism' occurs when a believer attempts to control God instead of submitting to Him." Dr. Dan Rumberger Understanding the influences that a secular, naturalistic culture place upon the counselee's thinking is an important part of the counselor's role.

"When our wounds cease to be a source of shame and become a source of healing, we become wounded healers." Henri Nouwen

"You're making it in your spiritual life because of Who you are yoked to..." (Col. 3:1-3) Dr. Mark Bubeck An excellent reminder of the Lord's provision...

"I still spend many hours every week counseling face to face with hurting people. Because of my writing ministry, I also receive numerous calls from the hurting who are desperately wanting help. I do my best to counsel them by phone, but know they need more. As our national crisis keeps unfolding, the hurting numbers are increasing! Where can I refer them? Our ICBC counselors are each booked with appointments months in advance."

This quote from Dr. Bubeck's prayer letter captures the underlying need that prompted the ISBC. Dr. Bubeck goes on to say "Most pastors and Christian counselors don't feel they have adequate training to counsel the spiritually oppressed. They often send the hurting my way. 'Is there no healing for the wound of my people?'"

"If you show love to people, they'll open up." Dr. Jim Logan

"You can edify, or slay people, with your tongue." Dr. Jim Logan The Word, rightly divided, is essential in counseling and discipling the hurting. Spiritually abused individuals are far too plentiful...

**"And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God."
Isaiah 61:6a**

"In our dualistic thinking, we tend to divide acts as natural or supernatural—miracles and non-miracles. God doesn't do that. God's provisions, whether water from a rock or water we labored to bring up from a well, are still God's provisions and [equally] easy for Him to accomplish." Dr. Dan Rumberger

“Seize!”

By Glenn L. Littrell
Pastoral Counselor

“The word of the LORD came to me: ‘Son of man,
take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre...’”

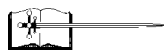
(Ezekiel 28:11-12).

Over 2500 years ago God commanded a prophet to lament an earthly king’s demise. And so Ezekiel penned a sad song about the king of Tyre which included his present condition and God’s judgment that would soon fall upon him. Yet many scholars have noted that the lament goes beyond the description of a human being. Synonymous with the characterization in Isaiah 14 regarding the king of Babylon, it seems to speak of a supernatural being who at one time had everything going for himself. He had no need of refinement. Beautiful songs of Creator adoration flowed from the illumination his countenance reflected. The stars (angels) sang with him and together they touched the heart of the very Essence of Wisdom, as their worship brought great pleasure to Him. This highest ranking starry prime minister was impeccable in appearance and in the usage of his authority.

Yet, in the twinkling of an eye a thought was conceived and embellished. “Life centers *not* around Thee, but me! / am all-wise! / am the epitome of beauty! / am to be worshipped, not Another!” Deception was birthed and self-indulgence came alive as a result of his “in your face” attitude toward the Almighty. /, as the ultimate authority and power source, introduced it’s ugly, despicable, rebellious, prideful, ego-centric, arrogant, alienated-from-the Creator self into existence. The lie begins to be propagated among the stars, “God is *not* the only One who is solely responsible to Himself.”

The disgraced light-bearer would now begin a journey of graded expulsion from his highest angelic position in heaven to his horrifying punishment in hell. But before his sure end, he would be allowed to manifest his rebellion and pride through the lives of deceived and gullible human beings on earth. And so Ezekiel laments the condition of the king of Tyre, who characterizes in his humanity the very character of the fallen angel, Satan - a characterization that deserves our lament because of its manifestation today in various lives - Christians. Yes, even in the Church!

God’s providence may include a heart-rending song overflowing with sadness for what has been and will be for angels and men who reject Him. He does not want Christians to find satisfaction in this sadness, but rather to foster hope in His salvation. We do this by getting equipped and honing our skills. Maybe the state of fallen angels cannot change, but the conditions of fallen man and deceived saints can! ICBC’s 8th Biennial Conference on March 4-6, 2004 will be designed to help you seize this opportunity. Prophets will proclaim this hope and presenters will provide equipping. Come! Seize!



Scholarship Fund: An opportunity to help the helpers

We are contacted by pastors, counselors, missionaries and students who desire to attend ICBC events but, because of limited finances, are not able to afford it. ICBC has established a scholarship fund to assist people wanting to attend the IBC or Conferences who do not have the finances to do so. If you are able and God leads you to contribute to our scholarship fund, we will offer assistance to those in need as the requests come in. Make your check payable to ICBC International with a memo for “scholarship fund.” You may make your contribution by credit card. Thank you for helping!