

# SUMMER CONFERENCE 2008

with

**GENE EDWARDS**

ministering on the riches of “Christ Alone”

During this conference, there will be a meeting devoted to introducing you to SeedSowers’ new ability to do teleconferencing.

Would you like to sit in a living room with other Christians in your neighborhood and have Gene Edwards minister to you...live? Would you like to be able to talk to him while he is speaking? This will be possible very soon.

Teleconferencing is a whole new world opening up to SeedSowers. Groups from around the world will be able to participate.

Pack your bags and make arrangements to be in Jacksonville this summer. We will have someone present at the conference to explain the details of how this will work and how to set this up in your neighborhood.

A part of this means locating all the Christians who are interested in doing this who are in your area. As an example, we decided to take a look at Grand Prairie, Texas. We zoomed in on Grand Prairie by means of a software map. What we saw was this: There were at least a dozen people on our address list living within five minutes of one another. There were two people in Grand Prairie who lived on the same block! Think of that as a sample of neighborhoods who might like to find one another and get together to share the Lord and meet with Gene by teleconferencing across the United States.

Perhaps one of the most overlooked truths of our faith is this: the Christian life was never intended to be lived alone. Yet all the books we read, all the messages we hear are to help the individual to succeed in living the Christian life. It may be that one day we will discover that the Lord never intended for us to be out there trying to live the Christian life by ourselves. The Christian life is a corporate venture.

Many Christians are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Others of you are dissatisfied with the typical, traditional, Sunday morning gatherings. There is also that which we refer to as “church life”...an expression of the church, which is far more than listening . . . , it is the functioning and the living out the experience of the body of Christ.

There *is* a better way to do ekklesia. There *is* informality in the Christian faith that most of us have never seen or even dreamed of.

Here is an opportunity to see this happen. As Edwards has said,

“I am accustomed to being interrupted at least a half-dozen times while speaking, and teleconferencing will allow that!”

We have the possibility of a revolution right here, right now.

Gene Edwards travels to many places to minister in homes. He stays only briefly. Often he does not return for years. Now for the first time he will be able to “be there” frequently with you and others, who are gathered together.

Here is what to do:

1. If you are interested, let us know by contacting the folks listed on the registration form via mail, e-mail, phone or fax.

2. Come to Jacksonville in July to learn the ins and outs of how face-to-face and voice-to-voice teleconferencing is done.

There is much for all of us to learn about the practical side of teleconferencing. Someone will be at the conference to explain how to get started.

Looking to the future, it will even become possible that a number of churches will one day be able to talk to one another at the same time, sharing experiences with each other.

Attending the conference will be Christians from the United States and brothers and sisters from as far away as New Zealand and Australia.

Here is an e-mail that expresses the feelings of one of the churches and so many of us. (The e-mail was written before anything about teleconferencing was known, and is from the brothers and sisters in Bournemouth, England.)

“Sitting here on the other side of the Atlantic, we are sometimes very aware of our isolation. We are a small group and we struggle to survive on our own. We need you and churches like you to share with, and to encourage each other. We need to see more of each other. The encouragement we have had from visitors in the past and from the time we have spent with many of you have helped to keep us alive. Without you we would not be what we are today. We still need to see each other and to lean on one another. For this reason, Bournemouth has discussed the July conference and decided that rather than send a delegation, we are all coming “en masse”.

This isolation will end soon!!

If you would like to be part of this teleconferencing, then be with us for this summer conference in Jacksonville. What is the first thing to do? Let us know immediately that you are coming. We have to make a deposit with the University of Florida very soon and we need your quick response. To help we have shortened the usual length of our conference to make it as inexpensive as possible.

Beginning July 3rd, you will learn about teleconferencing and what you need to do to get set up in your neighborhood. There is a good chance you will meet other Christians from your area. Gene can then help you get started toward meeting together in a home. Church life has functioning, informality, depth and fun. The Lord is real...and practical.

Just in case there are a few of you who absolutely cannot come July 3rd weekend, we will have another meeting on July 25th and 26th. This will not be a conference per se, but will be to look into the possibility of becoming part of this new adventure of fellowshiping via teleconferencing.

The rest of the conference will be devoted to Gene speaking on the riches of “Christ Alone”. You do not want to miss this conference!

As a final word, have you ever read the definition of the word cataclysm? This is what Mr. Webster wrote:

“something that causes a violent upheaval that causes vast destruction or that brings about a fundamental change”.

We are on the threshold of a glorious cataclysm!

# 2008 International House Church Conference

Jacksonville, Florida, United States of America  
July 3 – July 6, 2008

## REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration is May 30, 2008

*(Please fill out a separate registration for each person attending)*

Name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name (for badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE COSTS** – Includes registration, room, 8 meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast), parking pass for campus if needed

**Note:** Rooms have three single beds. If you elect 'no preference' for a room, then you will be in a room with one or two other persons. If you wish to room with your spouse, the room occupancy will be kept to two.

**Note:** You must bring your own linens, towels and toiletries. They are not provided.

- | <b>CHECK ONE:</b>  | <b>Per person</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy: .....   | \$245.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Room with spouse only: .....  | \$225.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would like to room with my spouse if I can, otherwise<br>I'm willing to be in a brothers/sisters room ..... | \$200.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No preference: .....  | \$200.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing not needed—I live locally and will be attending conference<br>and meals only. ....                  | \$125.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Meals not needed—I live locally and will be attending<br>conference only.....                     | \$75.00           |

**conference costs are non-refundable after May 30th**

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**Please note:**

International money orders must be in US funds drawn on a US bank.

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- Check    Money Order

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Print Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: check if same as above \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please mail completed registration form with payment to:**

Marcie O'Dell (*Checks payable to Summer Tree Saints*)  
11608 White Horse Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32246

**Or call with credit card information:**

Jodi Beebe  
(904) 374-4658

**Or E-mail:**

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**Subject line must read CONFERENCE**

**We look forward to seeing you in Jacksonville  
for the conference. We are excited to hear  
Gene speak on the riches of "Christ Alone"  
and to fellowship with the saints!**