

Heritage Baptist Church

YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 30 - May 2, 2009



NO REGRETS

Dear Pastor / Youth Pastor

It is hard to believe, but Youth Conference is just around the corner. We are excited about the opportunity to host this conference again this year. We hope you are excited about coming. We had a great conference again last year. The Lord really blessed. I trust that your young people got a greater burden for Canada and have been begging God to "Heal Our Land". We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us this year. The theme of the conference this year is "**No Regrets**". *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.* (Proverbs 3:5-6) We need a generation of young people in Canada that will put God first and choose the high road - God's best for their lives. We need young people that will make good choices now - so that later in life they can look back on their life with "No Regrets".

The links on our website have many of the details about the conference, so I won't repeat them all. There are links for registration forms, a conference schedule, sports tournament information, a promotional flyer you can print out and put on your bulletin board, answers to frequently asked questions, and more. Each person attending the conference should fill out one of the registration forms. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need of this, and any other form.

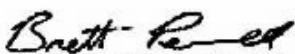
The conference will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 30th and conclude around noon on Saturday, May 2nd. Your registration should be completed before the conference starts on Thursday. In the late afternoon on Thursday, we will be doing some outside activities, so your teens will want to have a change of clothes for this so that they can dress appropriately. Please refer to the FAQ for "appropriate dress". There will be time for them to change back into their other clothes after the activity.

On Friday afternoon, we have arranged to go to CFB Borden. We have rented a triple sized gymnasium where we will have some sporting events. We will be having a three on three half court basketball tournament for the boys, a volleyball tournament for the girls, and a floor hockey tournament for the boys and one for the girls. Teams may consist of people from one church, or a combination of churches. Churches may enter more than one team. No one person may play on more than one team per tournament. Young people may participate in more than one sport, but may only be on one team per sport. Team entries must be turned in by the end of the Thursday night of Youth Conference. There will be two separate age divisions for both boys and girls: 12-15 years and 16-19 years. Guys should wear a t-shirt & sweats - **No tank tops or shorts**. Girls must wear modest tops and culottes. **No shorts**. Please stay within these simple dress guidelines for the sporting events. There will be other activities on Friday afternoon for those who do not wish to participate in the sports. The facility we are using has a large swimming pool. There will be swimming time for the boys, and a swimming time for the girls. There is also a bowling alley for those that would like to make use of that as well.

Outside of the activities, which will be a lot of fun, will be the preaching. This is the focal point of the conference. There will be 10 preaching sessions that will be a blessing to you and your young people. The split session this year will be a little different. We are going to have several sessions dealing with various topics going on at the same time. The young people will get to choose which session would be most beneficial for them. We are also planning on having a question / answer session again this year. This will not be an open session for people to ask questions, but rather an opportunity for them to have some questions answered by turning them in ahead of time. Often young people have questions, but are afraid to ask them. They can write their question down, and turn it in to us by the Friday night of the conference. We will answer as many of these questions as we can in the time allotted. We will try to have some time for testimonies on Saturday morning as well.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email (bpennell@hbcbarrie.com). For additional forms or information please visit our website at www.hbcbarrie.com and click on the "Youth Conference" link.

In His Service,



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