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2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



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Founder and General Secretary, Pastor Frank Masserano, greets the IMF Family members in attendance on the opening night, recognizing Board Members, Area Pastor Representatives, Pastors, individual members, and many guests from across the nation and around the world.



Pastor Doug Banister has been called a bridge builder. Founder of Fellowship Evangelic Free Church in Knoxville, TN (2,400 members), he now pastors a new church plant, All Souls Church, in Knoxville. Doug has authored a number of outstanding books including the best seller, "The Word & Power Church."



IMF President, Pastor Fred Kelly, preached the opening night service on the subject, "There is Strength & Beauty in the Sanctuary of God." See excerpts throughout this pictorial of the conference.



Celebration Choir brought people to their feet with their hands up in the air worshipping during the Wednesday Evening opening service.



Ken Carter, basso profundo, shares his musical gift. Having sung before five U.S. Presidents as the bass soloist for the U.S. Air Force Singing Sargeants, and as an operatic veteran, Ken presently serves as Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Saratoga, CA. He has been a member of IMF for the past 20 years.



Melanie Novitsky, a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church's Praise and Worship Team(our host church), sang in adoration during the Thursday evening service.

Trees of Righteousness *Isaiah 61:1-3*

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES & PLENARY SESSIONS

Excerpts from Opening Sermon: Strength & Beauty By President, Pastor Fred Kelly

I want to talk to you about strength and beauty in the church. I'm going to read some Scripture from two or three places in the Bible starting with Psalm 96:

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations; his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."

I would like to talk to you about the church because we are pastors. Some of us may be in para-church ministries, but we're all pastoring the flock wherever we go. Martin Luther taught us about the "priesthood" of all believers. We are all pastoring people, some in our families, at our work, and many in local congregations. Now it says in Psalm 96:6, "Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."

Moreover, there's a Scripture that indicates clearly how that is done. So we're going all the way to the end of the Bible, in Chapter 21 of the Book of Revelation. There it states that in God's sanctuary, there is strength and beauty. The writer of the Psalms, had it been physically possible, could have gone into the temple which Solomon had built from the materials that David had gathered, and he could have seen these massive bronze pillars holding up this enormous roof. The strength in the sanctuary provided by those bronze pillars could be discerned. In His sanctuary there is strength. I see it because I see the pillars. But at the very top, almost so high you could hardly see them unless you knew they were there, beautiful lilies were carved. There is strength and beauty in God's sanctuary.

In our churches, there have to be two things: one is strength, the

other is beauty. Part of the beauty we have to tell and let our people understand is that God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain. The old order of things will have passed away. The "good news" of the Gospel tells us we can experience that beauty in salvation now by having faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Our churches need to be strong and beautiful. There is a lot of beau-

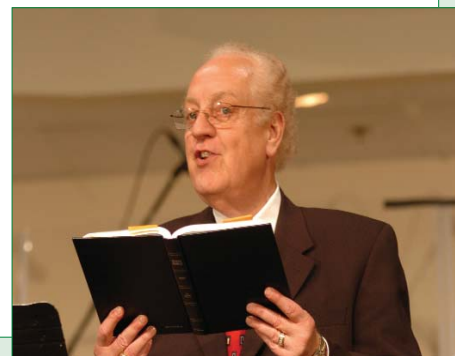
Top Right:

Pastor Frank Masserano, our General Secretary, served as Master of Ceremonies throughout the conference and blessed the people through prayer and exaltations.



Bottom Right:

Pastor Fred Kelly, IMF President, teaches us about "Strength and Beauty," in the church and how to love the person but not their sin.



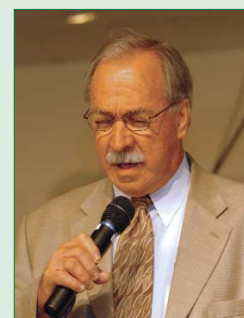
Left: Pastor John Niewald, Associate Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, led the Invocation for the conference.

Below: Cynthia Newland, Director of the Dance Department at Belhaven College in Jackson, MS, pours her heart out to the Lord through worship and dance.



Right: Pastor Ben Tippett, IMF Board Member, and Chairman of the Board of Elders, gave the Benediction at the Wed. evening service.

Below: Celebration Singers, under the direction of Londa Hentges, performed outstandingly and led the congregation into anointed worship.



Above: The Opera group known as Opus Dei (Daniel Harper, Ken Carter, and Michael Rogers) filled the activity center with beautiful harmony as they left conference goers in awe.



EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES & PLENARY SESSIONS

ty in the Gospel message, but there has to be some strength in it too. Part of the strength is when God establishes his new heaven and new earth. Former things will not be remembered and there will be no more pain.

God will wipe away the tears. He will comfort us. He who is seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To him that is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all of this." Strength and beauty are in the sanctuary.

All right, let's talk about strength. It's here in Revelation 21:8 who is not going to be in heaven: "But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

The church has got to be strong. Strength and beauty. But you've got to be strong. Preach against murder. Preach against the sexual immorality of the age. Preach against magic arts. Preach against sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars. It gets right down to where we live. Not going to heaven? If you're a liar, you're not going! Let's preach it. Maybe they'll start telling the truth.

In America today we're facing the issue of homosexual marriage, aren't we? The church has gone mushy—a lot of them have. There's no strength in the church because people are so afraid in leadership that they'll lose their money, they'll lose their crowd. There are churches in the United States whose membership is largely homosexual, largely gay men and gay women, and the money that comes in is largely based on that community. If we ever start preaching against sin and be strong like the church ought to be strong, we might get fired, or we might get poor, or the church would just stop—cease to exist. Consequently, we're going to just go squishy. There has to be strength and beauty, but it starts with strength.

As a pastor, I'm not going to knowingly allow anyone to come and belong to my church or join my church, knowing that person is living in an adulterous relationship with whatever gender. They can come to church, do you understand? But no membership! I'm not going to acknowledge them officially.

In God's sanctuary, there is strength and beauty. People come to church all the time who are adulterers. You don't think in this great

Excerpts from Opening Sermon:
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Top Left: The Redeemer Lutheran Church's Praise and Worship Team, under leadership of Eric McIntyre, led us in worship that got conference goes up and moving in worship for the Lord Thursday night.



Bottom Left: Rev. Tony Loeffler accompanied conference goes in song with his guitar during both Thursday and Friday Plenary Sessions.



Above: (left - right) Daniel Ellrick, Troy Shaw, Ron Brovold, Jade Hildahl, and Franklin Watts were ordained during the Thursday Evening Service.



Left: Harpist James Buxton and trumpeter Grace Hall serenaded in amazing harmony.



Above: Pastor Doug Banister spoke on "The Word & Power Church," emphasizing how the Word and the Spirit must both be embraced.



Above: Area Pastor Representative, Rev. Ken Raymes lifts his hands to the Lord during Thursday's Worship.



Right: Rev. Bob Cottingham, Senior Pastor of North Heights Lutheran Church, spoke during the plenary session Thursday morning.

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

IMF would like to extend a special *Thank You* to all Workshop presenters for a job well done in assisting us in "Growing Together" in the Lord.

Pastor Doug Banister

Rev. Mike Bradley

Rev. Diane Brask

Rev. Ron Brovold

Prof. David Clark

Dr. Bill Harley

Rev. Cheryl Hauer

Rev. Ron Keller

Pastor Bruce Kotila

Rev. Tony Loeffler

Rev. Dawn Lundgren

Rev. Dan Morstad

Cynthia A. Newland

Rev. David Plummer

Rev. Curt Rosen

Rabbi Ed Rothman

Barb Schahn

Rev. Jim Solberg

Rev. Rob Stearns

Fred Stelter

Dr. John Stoll

Rev. Robert Strand

Pastor Paul Sundell

Rev. Theresa Taylor

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Rev. Joel Warne



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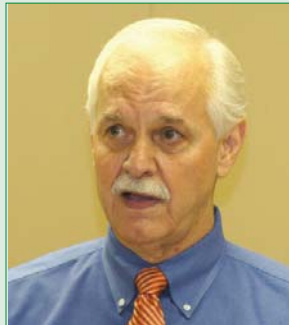
Pastor Doug Banister



Fred Stelter



Rev. Jim Solberg



Dr. Bill Harley



Rev. Dawn Lundgren



Rev. Robert Strand



Rev. Joel Warne



Pastor Bruce Kotila



Cynthia Newland

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



Above:

World-Class calligrapher, Timothy Botts, left Thursday luncheon goes in awe of his personal testimony of faith and the artistic talent the Lord has given him.



Above:

Jeanette Kelly brought tears to some eyes during the Friday luncheon. She spoke clearly on the topic of how important it is to find our quiet place and just take the time to listen to the Lord. Jeanette also brought the group together by praising the Lord in her performance as a pianist.



One of two John L. & Nancy E. Clark Honors Awards was presented to Dr. Charles Wickman as founder of the Pastor in Residence Program.



Bishop W.H. White stands with his wife, Saundra, having been presented the John L. & Nancy E. Clark Honors Award for pastoring Emmanuel Church in Kansas City, MO for over 43 years.



IMF Chaplain, Quentin Collins, was awarded the Centurion Award for his service as a decorated US Air Force Chaplain wounded in action while serving in Iraq.



Rev. David Clark receives the Outstanding Achievement Award for founding the Minneapolis YWAM Base and leading it in an outstanding service record.

**Excerpts from Opening Sermon:
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Church anybody ever walks through the door as a guest who hasn't got something going on the side? You know they do! The fact that they are coming to the church must indicate that there is something drawing them to the church. They come to my church. People are welcome in our church. Sin is not tolerated! Sin is not condoned! Yet, the people are loved. That's the beautiful part. Strength and beauty. Massive columns...tiny lilies.

The beauty of the church is that we welcome everyone! Come in young gay woman. Come in, sinner. We welcome sinners in this church. Not their sin, never! But we will accept the sinner and lovingly we will teach them. We will get them in our classes, we will instruct them. Maybe we are big enough to assign people to them to be their personal spiritual coach and help him or her understand. Anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus, come to our church. In a Bible believing church, we'll take the time to teach anyone everything we know about Jesus, because you are welcome here in our church. That is the lily. Hating sin is the strength. Don't go squishy, but for goodness sake, don't get so strong and so powerful that you

forget about loving the people. Jesus loved people and we are to love them too!

One more Scripture: 1 John 5:4-5, "For everyone born of God overcomes the world." That is verse 4. Let me read it again: "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. You want to be an overcomer? Tell them that Jesus is the only way! Jesus is your only answer! And that's the beauty of the Church. We have to be strong and we must offer the beauty of a living and a loving Lord.

Only overcomers get into heaven. And the only way to overcome is through faith in the name of Jesus Christ. We have to preach it. We have got to love people. We have got to baptize people. We have got to get them in Jesus. We have got to teach them. We have got to spend our money to teach and win the lost so they can be overcomers, and so they can join with us who are also overcomers and go to heaven. Strength and beauty in every Bible believing church.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET



The FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET is always a time of fun, festivities, and fellowship. This year was no exception. The evening began with a gourmet's delight by Chef Jeff Bieniek, followed by Christian comedian Kenn Kington. This was Kenn's first time with us, but surely won't be the last. He had us laughing to the point of tears, all in good, clean fun. What an outstanding talent!

Our co-founders, Pastor Frank and Carol Masserano, shared a few poignant moments when Pastor Frank shared "12 little words that will change all your relationships." ("I was wrong. I am sorry. Please forgive me. I love you.") Then he presented Carol with a bouquet of twelve beautiful roses. Whatever trouble he was in, he came out "smelling like a rose." Way to go, Frank!

Then the outstanding "Pavarotti of Gospel Music," Eddie Robinson, came on stage. He sang two sets of Gospel music and had everyone on their feet singing and clapping with his music.

The great songs he sang included, "I Got A Robe," "Down By The Riverside," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Lord Help Me To Hold Out Until My Change Comes," "If It Had Not Been For The Lord," "Doing The Best I Can," "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "I'm On The Battlefield For My Lord," "Joshua Fit The Battle Of Jericho," "Sweet By And By/Unclouded Day," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "Put A Little Love In Your Heart," "Let There Be Peace On Earth," and "I'll Fly Away." To get these and many other great recordings by Eddie Robinson, call 1-800-667-9426 or visit him on the web at www.robertrobinsonmusic.com.

There was a great anointing on his music. All were encouraged and hearts made glad. It was an outstanding performance!

Left: Rabbi Ed Rothman closed the conference with an Aaronic Blessing in Hebrew (*Y'-va re-ch'cha A-do-nai v'y-ish-m're-cha; Ya-er A-do-nai pa-nav e-le-cha vi-chu-re-ka; Yi-sa A-do-nai pa-nav e-le cha. V'ya-sem-l'cha Sha-lom*) and English (*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26) Friday night at the benediction to end the 2005, "Growing Together" Conference.

IMF MEMBER FELLOWSHIP



The IMF Open House

The IMF Open House gave many the opportunity to see the IMF headquarters building and put a face with the voices from the other side of the phone.

Above: IMF Members Daniel and Karen Ellrick traveled from Tennoji-ku, Osaka, Japan to Minneapolis, MN (about 6,140 miles) to be with us at the conference. They toured the IMF building during the open house and posed for a picture with Rev. Robert Stearns, IMF Director of Missions Ministries. Daniel was also ordained during the Thursday evening worship service.

Below: IMF Members, Friends, and Staff joined together in fellowship in the parking lot of the IMF headquarters building under the beautiful sunshine that the Lord provided. We couldn't have asked for a better day to kick off the 2005 "Growing Together" Conference.



Above: Julie Marxhausen (second from left) poses with friends, Greg Stuart, Terra Trogstad and Stacy Larson.

Right: IMF Board of Directors member, Pastor Bob Geabhart with wife Dianne Geabhart, speak with Rev. Curt Rosen of World Encounter during the Business Card Mixer.



Above: IMF Board Member, Ben Tippett Jr. (third from left) mingles with fellow IMF members at the evening Business Card Mixer.

Left: IMF Event Coordinator, Kristi Peterson, hands member Mary Nell Tyner, the grand prize digital camera at the Wednesday evening Business Card Mixer. A second grand prize digital camera was won by Sharon Thomas of Glorybound Ministries on Thursday evening.

Plan NOW to attend the next, "Come Meet the Family" National Conference July 18-20, 2007!

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			05IMF1	Pastor Fred Kelly	Wednesday Evening Worship Session - "Strength & Beauty"
			05IMF2	Pastor Bob Cottingham	Thursday Morning Plenary Session
			05IMF3	Timothy Botts	"To See Thee More Clearly" Agape Luncheon
			05IMF4	Pastor Doug Banister	Thursday Evening Worship Session - "The Word & Power Church"
			05IMF5	Pastor Doug Banister	Friday Morning Plenary Session
			05IMF6	Jeanette Kelly	"The Presence of His Glory" Renewal Luncheon
			05IMF7	Comedian Kenn Kington	Friday Evening Banquet

WORKSHOPS

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			05IMF8	Pastor Doug Banister	The Third River: Symbols, Liturgy, Sacraments
			05IMF9	Rev. Mike Bradley	Being a Safe Place and Safe People
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			05IMF11	Professor David Clark	Women in the Pastorate
			05IMF13	Revs. Cheryl Hauer/Jim Solberg	Bible Secrets: Key Truth From Gospels & Epistles
			05IMF14	Dr. Bill Harley	How To Save Marriages
			05IMF15	Rev. Ron Keller	Nine Ways to Know You Are a Healthy Minister
			05IMF16	Pastor Bruce Kotila	Keys to Effective Cell Groups
			05IMF17	Rev. Tony Loeffler	Missions in Cuba
			05IMF18	Rev. Dawn Lundgren	The Power of Change
			05IMF19	Dr. John Stoll	Divorce and the Marriage Question
			05IMF20	Rev. Dan Morstad	How to Open Evangelistic Crisis Phone Centers
			05IMF21	Cynthia A. Newland	Dance and the Scriptures
			05IMF22	Rev. Diane Brask	God At Work in Eastern Asia
			05IMF23	Rev. David Plummer	Chaplaincy: It's Not What You Think!
			05IMF24	Rev. Ed Rothman	Full Circle With the Full Gospel: Israel & the Church
			05IMF25	Fred Stelter	Where Your Treasure Is
			05IMF26	Rev. Robert J. Strand	How To Become a Published Author (Part One)
			05IMF27	Rev. Robert J. Strand	How To Become a Published Author (Part Two)
			05IMF28	Pastor Paul Sundell & Team	IMF Missions Department
			05IMF29	Rev. Theresa C. Taylor	Speaking Out on Disabilities & the Church
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