

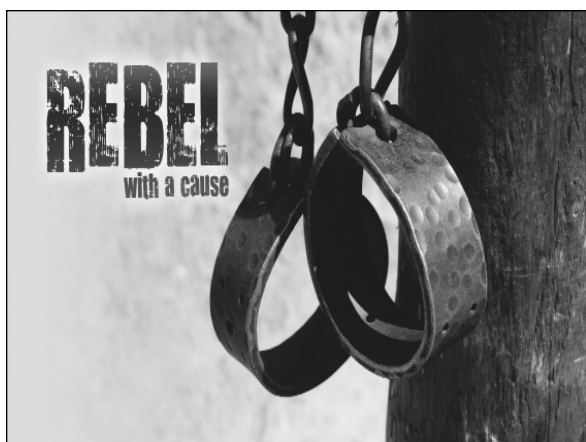
# Minnesota Christian Convention



April 9-10, 2010

Rochester, Minnesota

Adults and Children at Kahler Grand Hotel  
Teens at Hope Summit Christian Church



**Lessons From the Book of Philippians**

## The Theme

Philippians is a **Rebel's Guide** – because it is a way of saying “I’m not going to go along, I’m going to rebel against the hectic lifestyle, the frantic pace, and worn out living we too often do.” Paul rebelled against the sway and ways of the world, but even though it landed him in jail, he was a FREE man – with JOY and PEACE and Christ with him through it all.

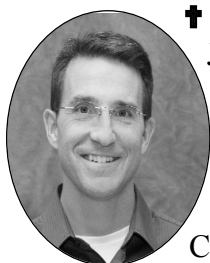
## Sermons

Friday night: *Find Peace When Life is Stressful*

Saturday morning: *Seize Joy When Life is Sad*

Saturday afternoon: *Cling to Jesus When Life Sucks You In*

## Ben Cachiaras, Adult Speaker



† Senior pastor at Mountain Christian Church, Joppa, Maryland

† President of the 2010 North American Christian Convention

† Raised in Minnesota

† Received his B.A. from Crossroads College and an M.Div. from Emmanuel School of Religion

† Began his ministry in Minnesota

† Nationally-known speaker

† Participates on many boards, and a contributing editor of the CHRISTIAN STANDARD

† Married to **Carla (Lund)**, and the father of 3 children

## Reasons

**Why You Will  
Want to Come  
to the Convention**

1. To be encouraged
2. For Divine Inspiration
3. To receive Church leadership and ministry training
4. To fill your Thirst for the Word
5. To receive a blessing
6. To enjoy a mini-vacation
7. To meet exhibitors from throughout the World
8. For great fellowship with other Christians from throughout the Midwest

For more information go to the Convention Website: <http://mnconvention.org/>

## From Ron Ahlgren 2010 Convention President



I am always excited whenever I attend the state conventions of Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. No matter where I labored for the Lord, I have always attended our state convention. Here is what the conventions mean to me:

† **A time for God's people to re-connect with other Christians across the state.** I love to see the family of God. As Lanny Wolfe penned the words to "God's Wonderful People", I also *"..love the thrill that I feel when I'm getting together with God's Wonderful People!"*

† **An opportunity to remember those "soldiers of the Lord" who daily fight the battle for truth as they have done so gracefully for so many years.** It gives me such confidence to hear them share what God has been doing in their field of service, and are recognized for their outstanding work in the service of the King.

† **An opportunity for me to re-commit my life in service to my Lord.** Words cannot adequately describe the thrill I feel when I remember all the great conventions of the past where my life was enriched for having attended the workshops, the main worship sessions, and just the thrill of being together enjoying each other's company! It was a time of renewal and the re-dedicating of my life to God, to stay in the battle for truth in my community and not give up the fight! So many times my wearied and battered soul found renewed strength and healing and I felt the passion flowing through my body once again to win my generation to Christ.

We have another opportunity to gather as the Body of Christ and gain insight, inspiration, and invaluable help in the battles that take place every day of our lives!

**Mark April 9th and 10th, 2010 on your calendar. Another great convention is coming your way!** Will we see you there? I hope we will!

### How Much Does the Convention Cost?

**Adults: \$20** for one person or **\$35** for two adults in one household

**Teens (Grades 6-12): \$25**

**Children (Ages 0 - Grade 5): \$5 per child** (Maximum of \$15 per family).

**Optional Saturday Noon Lunch - Update of Para-church Ministries: \$10** for adults and **\$5** for children

Fees for adults and teens increase by \$5 if you wait to register at the Convention.

### Kahler Grand Hotel, Convention Headquarters

The Kahler is at 20 2nd Ave. SW, Rochester, Minnesota 55902.  
Phone: 800-533-1655.

**Sleeping Room Rate: \$89 per room plus tax** for single, double, triple, or quad. If you call to make your reservation tell the clerk that you are an attendee of the Minnesota Christian Convention to receive these special discounted rates.

The Kahler has the sit-down **Grand Grill Restaurant** and its deli where you can take out food in the Kahler. Caribou and Starbucks are in the hotels, and other restaurants and some fast food options are within walking distance.

### Directions to the Kahler Hotel and Hope Summit Christian Church

From Highway 52: Exit at Civic Center Drive and go east. Continue about one mile to 4th Ave NW and turn right. Continue to West Center Street and turn left. Travel for two blocks to the Kahler Grand Hotel located on your right side.

Westbound on Interstate 90:

Exit to Highway 63 North and continue into Rochester until you reach 2nd Street SW, approximately 12 miles. Turn left onto 2nd Street SW and travel two blocks to the intersection of 2nd Avenue SW. Turn right onto 2nd Avenue SW. Travel north one block to The Kahler Grand Hotel, located on the right side of the street.

#### Free parking:

Park FREE in any City ramp on weekdays after 5 pm and until 1 am and weekends from 9 am to 1 am. Registered guests at the Kahler Grand Hotel can park free in the Kahler Ramp.

#### Driving to Hope Summit Christian Church (Teen Convention):

Take US Hwy 14 East to 6th Ave. SE. Go right on 6th Ave. The church will be on your right.

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# Programs for all Ages - Nursery Through Adults

## Adults

- † **Blended Worship Services** that will appeal to all ages and tastes, led by **Debbie Kilgallin**, an experienced worship leader, Rochester
- † **Special Music by the Crossroads College Chorale** opens the Friday evening worship. Other special music in all services from musicians in the state
- † **Pizza Linger Longer following the Friday evening worship** provides an opportunity to meet **Ben Cacharias**, visit the exhibits, talk with friends you know, and meet new friends.
- † **Optional Saturday Luncheon and Reports From MN Ministries** Representatives from **Crossroads College, Pine Haven Christian Assembly, Minnesota Christian Evangelizing Association, and Christian Student Fellowship** will present updates about their ministries. Box lunches may be purchased at **\$10 each for adults/\$5 for children**. Sign up on the registration form.

## Workshops

- † **Friday, 4:00-5:30 pm - Leadership Workshop: What Elders and Ministers Wished Each Other Knew About Them**  
Panel: **Ministers: James Ray**, Valley Christian Church, Moorhead; **Larry Vinson**, Forest Lake Christian Church; **Mike Zylstra**, Litchfield Christian Church. **Elders: Jim Henderson**, Worthington Christian Church; **Galen Ahlgren**, Dassel Church of Christ; **Wayne Oldenburg**, former elder, Viroqua, WI Church of Christ  
Facilitator: **Mike Kilgallin**, Crossroads College  
*This panel of ministers and elders will share their experiences and expectations to better understand each other's perspective. They will also answer questions raised from ministers and elders. This will be followed by open discussion. The workshop goal is to make stronger leaders in the churches.*

**Saturday, 8:15-9:15 am - Workshops 1** (choose one to attend)

- † **Restoration Principles That Unite Us - Dick Jorgensen**, Lakeside Christian Church, Hubbard

*This workshop will center attention on the Restoration plea and principles. The underlying assumption is unity. He will discuss what unites us, the way to Jesus through the steps of salvation, and will talk about the seven platforms of Unity: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Body, One God and Father of us all, One Spirit, One Hope*

- † **If I Had Only 30 Days to Live What Would I Do? Brett Miller**, Southeast Christian Church, Minneapolis

*This is a popular topic discussed in books and sermon series. No one has any guarantee of a long life, and Brett will focus on how we should plan our lives now. A DVD of an interview between **Ben Cacharias and Phil Miller** the summer before Phil died will be shown. Brett will also tell what others who are at this stage of life have to say.*

- † **Bible Study - Ephesians 4 UNITY: The Rebel's Worthy Cause - Vern Harris**, Watertown Christian Church, SD

*Paul begins the 4th chapter of Ephesians with the challenge "live a life worthy of the calling you have received" and then he reveals how this is only possible when we answer the command to live in unity with one another. Paul describes unity as not only a worthy goal, but a vital ingredient in every aspect of life within the Body of Christ. This workshop will share how Ephesians reveals what is missing, what is needed, and what is commanded to create and sustain a healthy church.*

**9:30 - 10:30 am-Workshops 2** (choose one to attend)

- † **Family Life in Critical Times, David and Jeanine Miller**, Andover Christian Church

*This workshop will focus on how to raise Godly children, how to have a meaningful family life in these chaotic times, and*

*how to be a leader in your church and maintain a good family life.*

- † **Restoration Principles That Unite Us - Dick Jorgensen** (repeated)

- † **If I Had Only 30 Days to Live What Would I Do? Brett Miller** (repeated)

## Children

(Age 0 - Grade 5)

- † **Nursery (0-23 months)** - Loving care
- † **Ages 2 and 3 - Kristie Cocking**, New Brighton Christian Church, coordinator
- † **Age 4 - Grade 5 - Ruth Picker**, Crossroads College, and **Dennis Entinger**, Howard Lake, coordinators. Crossroads College Students are writing their own curriculum and teaching.

**Theme for Ages 2-Grade 5:**  
**The Balancing Act**

- Friday evening: *Hearing and Responding to God* -- Samuel as a boy in the temple with Eli
- Saturday morning: *Give and Take - Sharing* - Jonathan, David, and Mephibosheth
- Saturday afternoon: *Work and Rest - God and the Creation, and Jesus' miracles followed by sleeping during the storm* - Matt. 8

## Teen Convention

(Grades 6-12)

Hope Summit Christian Church

Theme: **Give it Up - Giving up Your Life and Living it for Christ**

- † **Speaker: Danny Curry**, Spiritual Development Minister, Park Chapel Christian Church, Greenfield, IN (well-known CIY speaker)
- † **Worship Leader: Jonathan Miller and band**
- † **Workshops, projects, lots of fun.**

More details will be on the website soon. Information will be sent to youth ministers, sponsors, and teens through several media methods.

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<http://twitter.com/MNConvention>

### Program at a Glance

#### Friday, April 9

3:00 pm	Registration and Exhibits Open
4:00-5:30 pm	Workshop for Ministers and Elders
6:45 pm	Children's Registration begins
Evening	Teen Sessions begin at Hope Summit Christian Church
7:00-8:30 pm	Adult Worship and Children's Sessions
8:30 pm	Pizza Linger Longer

#### Saturday, April 10

All Day	Teen Sessions at Hope Summit Christian Church
8:00 am	Children's Registration begins
8:15 am	Children's Sessions
8:15-9:15 am	Workshops Session 1
9:30-10:30 am	Workshops Session 2
11 am-12:15 pm	Adult Worship
12:30-2:00 pm	Luncheon and Reports From Minnesota Ministries
2:00 pm	Children's Registration begins
2:15 - 4:00 pm	Adult Worship and Children's Sessions

#### Sunday, April 11

Morning	Teen Convention ends with morning worship
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