

2009  
New Church Convocation



# BEARINGS

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA  
September 24-27, 2009

## Get away to the Gulf Coast

A rare opportunity for current and potential new church leaders to come together for a time of visioning, learning, renewal, and fellowship at one of America's most beautiful beaches. Getting your bearings is vital to the success of starting new churches.

## Convocation Presenters:

### Eric Geiger

Co-author, *Simple Church*  
Executive Pastor, Christ Fellowship, Palmetto Bay, Florida

### Bo Prosser

ED. D., Coordinator of Congregational Life, CBF Atlanta

### Josue Valerio

Missions Team Leader, Baptist General Convention of Texas

*Josue Valerio came to the BGCT after serving as director of missions for the El Paso Baptist Association where he facilitated an increase in the number of church starts each year he was there. In 2002 to 2003, the association started 16 churches. It started 30 congregations in 2004 and 60 in 2005.*

### Michial Lewis

D. Min., Coordinator for New Churches, AlabamaCBF

*Mike Lewis is a hands-on practitioner, having led the start and establishment of three new churches in diverse areas of the United States. He currently serves as founding pastor of Fellowship of the Valley in Hoover, Alabama.*

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## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday

6:30 PM Supper\*

7:30 PM Opening Celebration: A high-energy introduction to the weekend!

9:00 PM Evening Prayers

9:30 PM Dessert!\*

10:00 PM Free Time

11:00 PM In the Rooms for the Night

### Friday

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Bearings 1

10:30 AM Bearings Small Groups Meet

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Bearings 2

3:00 PM Playtime at the Beach!

6:30 PM Supper\*

7:30 PM Worship with \_\_\_\_\_ (no communion)

9:00 PM Evening Prayers

9:30 PM Dessert!\*

10:00 PM Free Time

11:00 PM In the Rooms for the Night

### Saturday

8:00 AM Breakfast\*

9:00 AM Bearings 3

10:45 AM Worship with \_\_\_\_\_

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Playtime at the Beach!

6:30 PM Supper\*

7:30 PM Worship with \_\_\_\_\_ (no communion)

9:00 PM Evening Prayers

9:30 PM Dessert!\*

10:00 PM Free Time

11:00 PM In the Rooms for the Night

### Sunday

8:30 AM Breakfast\*

9:30 AM Celebration and Worship with \_\_\_\_\_ (communion)

11:00 AM Good-bye and Safe Travel Home!

\* Meal is provided as a part of conference registration fee.



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