

# Family Ministry Conference



## September 19-20, 2008

Friday - 7p-9p

Saturday - 8a-5p

*Location:*

# Community Bible Church

331 Anderson Ferry Rd.  
Marietta, PA 17547

**House**  
On The  
**Rock**  
Family Ministries

This Conference is  
produced by  
House on the Rock  
Family Ministries.



# About this Conference:

George Barna suggests that the future of the American Church depends greatly on the spiritual commitment of families. Charles Sell, family ministry pioneer states: "When the church ministers to families it ministers to itself." As church leaders we all know that ministering to families isn't an option. We'll either do it well ... or poorly! If we want to grow our churches we must strengthen our families!

Yet our church families are not statistically different than those of the non-church families within our communities. Our church couples, parents, and families are struggling. They need biblically based family life education, support, and encouragement to succeed. You as a church leader need to be equipped with the resources and training necessary to address the complexities of your church families.

Today's families are radically changing and will continue to do so in the future. As those who serve and minister to families, we must continue to equip ourselves to respond to the needs of single parents, stepfamilies, empty nesters and the growing number of changing family scenarios.

To address this pressing need, House on the Rock Family Ministries, the Family Resource and Counseling Center, and Community Bible Church have joined together to present the second Family Ministry Conference of Central Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday September 19-20, 2008 at Community Bible Church in Marietta, PA.



## Member Churches:

House on the Rock Family Ministries wants to form symbiotic partnerships with churches for a nominal membership fee per month. Member churches are entitled to a variety of benefits including:

- **Ministry Assessment and Leadership Coaching:** Members get over 30 hours of ministry coaching included per year.
- **One "FREE" HOTRFM Event per year:** This is an honorarium free event. Churches are responsible for our travel, housing, materials, & expenses.
- **Resource and Conference Discounts:** Receive discounts to build your family ministry resources, as well as, other ministry materials. Members also receive discount registrations to our local conferences and workshops.

Call us for more information (717) 492-9500).

# About our Speakers:



**Gregory Larsh, Ph.D.**

Greg received his bachelor's degree from Taylor University. Following doctoral studies at Trinity International University, Greg served churches as pastor of marriage and family education, pastoral counseling, training and small group ministries. He has conducted over 60 marriage and family retreats, conferences, seminars and camps. He is a certified Building Family Strengths instructor. Greg is an

adjunct trainer with House on the Rock Family Ministries.

Dr. Larsh has taught at LBC graduate school, Evangelical School of Theology, and The Penn State University, Hershey Medical Center.

He has been married to Esterina for 31 years. They have three married daughters, and make their home in Annville, PA.



**Bruce McCracken, Ph.D.** is the founder of House on the Rock Family Ministries. His passion for the last 20 years has been to teach people how to be "family" by presenting practical, biblical truths.

Bruce has served as Professor of Church Ministry Leadership, as well as the Dean of Undergraduate Education at Lancaster Bible College. In addition, he has served as an adjunct faculty member at Word of Life Bible Institute, and Messiah College. He also serves as a member of Pat Morley's Man in the Mirror seminar faculty. Bruce has been married to Karen for 33 years. They have two adult sons, and make their home in Lancaster, PA.



## Family Resource & Counseling Center

Family Resource & Counseling Center is a non-profit Christian professional counseling facility offering families in Lancaster County and Chester County, PA a place to truly find Hope again.



Family Resource  
& Counseling Center  
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Suite 102  
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# Event Location:



Community Bible Church (CBC) is a church that creates a culture that propels people to love God and one another while striving to fulfill the Great Commission. They are proactive in growing disciples (fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ) through their worship, fellowship, prayer and Bible teaching. They equip individuals to develop their personal walks with God, and become actively involved in personal ministry by

discovering, defining, developing, and deploying their spiritual gifts for the purpose of building up every believer into the fullness of Christ. Check our website ([www.hotrfm.org](http://www.hotrfm.org)) for full bio's on each speaker.

## Workshop Leaders:



### Bill Melone, M.A.

Bill is the Care Ministries Pastor at LCBC (Lives Changed By Christ), which includes oversight of Marriage and Family Ministries. He and his wife Julie have been married for 26 years and make their home in Manheim, PA.



### Burdette, M.Div., M.S., & Nedra, M.S., Lahr

Burdette is the Exec. Director and a therapist of New Beginnings Therapy Services, Inc. in York, PA. He is also an ordained minister, currently serving as the Associate Pastor for Marriage and Family Ministries at the Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene. Nedra is a staff therapist for New Beginnings Therapy Services, Inc.



### Jan Bewley

Jan is the Care Ministries Administrative Coordinator at LCBC. Jan attended the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Utah and taught for a number of years. She and her husband Mike have eight children between them, and live in Lancaster.



### Chris Hiestand

Chris is the Interim Junior High Pastor at Community Bible Church. A graduate of Lancaster Bible College, Chris has a passion for parents participation in youth ministry. Chris is married to Amanda and have a newborn. They make their home in Mount Joy, PA.



### Robb Palmer, D.Min.

Dr. Palmer currently serves as Family Life Minister at the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church and has been an ordained minister with the EFCA for almost 25 years. He holds a doctorate in marriage and family therapy, is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and is Certified Pastoral Counselor with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Robb is married and has three adult children.



### Mike Haub, M.A.B.S., Ph.D.

Mike has been married to his girlfriend, Cindy for 29 years now. They have 3 children. Mike spent 17 years in youth ministry, 7 years in Christian higher education, and 6 years in pastoral ministry. He currently serves as the senior pastor of a church plant in Montgomery County, PA.



### Kelly Kirk-Wentzel, M.A.

Kelly has 20+ years experience in the mental health field. In addition, she has extensive experience in adoption and currently provides training to prospective adoptive families for Bethany Christian Services. She and her husband, Eric, are the parents of two children adopted from Guatemala.



### Todd Henley, M.A.

Todd has been on staff at Bethany Grace Fellowship for 12 years. On July 1, 2008 he transitioned into Associate Pastor of Family Ministry. He is passionately in love with his wife, Jan and have 4 remarkable children!



### Brad Aldrich, M.A.

Brad is the Executive Director of Family Research and Counseling Center. Brad is also the director of FRACC's new Life Assistance Programs, which are an outreach to local churches, businesses, and schools.



### Judd Buckwalter, M.A.

Judd is a marriage and family therapist practicing with New Life Counseling Services in Mount Joy and Providence Behavioral Health in Leola. He is also a full time professor in the Professional Counseling Program at the Lancaster Bible College. Judd has been married to Susan for 20 years, and they have 4 children.



### Steve Cornell

For the past 22+ years, the lives of Steve and Becky have been interwoven with the birth and development of Millersville Bible Church. In addition to serving the congregation as senior pastor and elder, Steve conducts a growing writing, radio and conference ministry.



### Omar Zook, L.C.S.W., B.C.D., M.A.R.

Omar currently serves as the Assoc. Pastor of Pastoral Care at Hershey Evangelical Free Church. Omar has been married to Evie for 34 years and they have 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren.

Steve and his wife Becky have been married for 25 years and have 4 children. They make their home in Millersville, PA.

# Workshops & Schedule:

**Friday, September 19, 2008**

7:00 - 9:00p

Informal presentation on "Trends in Family Ministry" with Dr. Greg Larsh and Dr. Bruce McCracken. Seating is limited. Cost: \$15 (includes dinner).

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

register online at  
[www.hotrfm.org](http://www.hotrfm.org)

7:30 - 8:30a

Registration and Visit Exhibits

8:30 - 10:00a

General Session with Dr. Gregory Larsh

10:00 - 10:30a

Snacks and Exhibits

10:45 - 11:30a

**Workshop Track #1**

- 101 Building a Healthy Family Ministry - Session #1 - *Dr. Bruce McCracken*
- 102 Understanding Relational Breakdown and the Path to Restoration - *Burdette and Nedra Lahr*
- 103 Family Based Youth Ministry - *Chris Hiestand*
- 104 Understanding Marital Distress and Dysfunction - *Dr. Robb Palmer*
- 105 Family Ministry in a Broken Age - *Bill Melone*
- 106 How Church Leadership Can Equip Fathers To Mentor Sons - *Todd Henley*
- 107 Needs of Adoptive Parents within the Church - *Kelly Kirk-Wentzel*
- 108 Parenting Through Heartbreak - *Omar Zook*

11:45 - 12:45

Lunch

12:45 - 1:30p

**Workshop Track #2**

- 201 Building a Healthy Family Ministry - Session #2 - *Dr. Bruce McCracken*
- 202 Happy vs. Holy - Encouraging Stronger Marriages in your Church - *Mike Haub*
- 203 Helping Parents Mentor Their Children- *Todd Henley*
- 204 Confusing Forgiveness with Reconciliation- *Steve Cornell*
- 205 Understanding Marital Goals and Success - *Dr. Robb Palmer*
- 206 Why Use an Outside Counseling Resource? - *Brad Aldrich*
- 207 Family Adventure Challenge: engaging families in purposeful activities - *Judd Buckwalter*

1:45 - 2:30p

**Workshop Track #3**

- 301 Building a Healthy Family Ministry - Session #3 - *Dr. Bruce McCracken*
- 302 Needs of Adoptive Parents within the Church - *Kelly Kirk-Wentzel (\*)*
- 303 The New Family Majority: Single Parents and Stepfamilies - *Bill Melone (\*)*
- 304 Elements and Resources for a Strong Marriage Preparation Ministry - *Burdette and Nedra Lahr*
- 305 Family Based Youth Ministry - *Chris Hiestand (\*)*
- 306 Strengthening the Marriages Within the Church - *Omar Zook*

2:30 - 2:45

Snacks and Exhibits

3:00 - 3:45

**Workshop Track #4**

- 401 Building a Healthy Family Ministry - Session #4 - *Dr. Bruce McCracken*
- 402 Protecting the Home from Outside Influences- *Brad Aldrich*
- 403 Exploring Paths from Marriage Distress to Success - *Dr. Robb Palmer*
- 404 Family Adventure Challenge: Engaging families in purposeful activities - *Judd Buckwalter (\*)*
- 405 Marriage from Surviving to Thriving - *Steve Cornell*
- 406 Partnering with Parents of Teenagers - *Todd Henley*
- 407 Dealing with the Elephant in the Room - purity in the lives of men - *Mike Haub*

3:45 - 5:00p

General Session #2 with Dr. Greg Larsh

(\*) Indicates that workshop is repeated

# Conference Host:



House on the Rock Family Ministries envisions local churches becoming more proactive about strengthening the families within their congregations. We desire to see God's two ordained institutions, the family and the church, working together in a symbiotic relationship serving together as saving, healing, educating, and sending organisms that will infect their communities with God's redemptive activity.

Our name comes from the closing illustration of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus uses a graphic word picture to help us see the importance of not only hearing the Word of God, but the need to do God's Word! Because the storms of life will continue to challenge marriages, families, and churches. It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when!

House on the Rock Family Ministries seeks to help church leaders develop vision for, and to build viable family ministries within their congregations. As part of that process, we provide local churches, regardless of size, with quality biblically-based family life educational ministries.

We believe that strong growing churches emerge from strong, growing families. Strong families grow out of healthy resilient marriages and healthy marriages are made up of men and women who are growing in their walks with the Lord Jesus Christ.



## Directions to Conference Location:

### From Lancaster and Points East:

Take US-30 West. Take it to the Rte 441N exit. (If you cross the Susquehanna River, you have gone too far.) Turn right at the top of the exit ramp and continue north for 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Ore Mine Road (Sheetz convenience store on right). Follow approximately .25 miles to the church entrance on left.

### From York, PA and Points South:

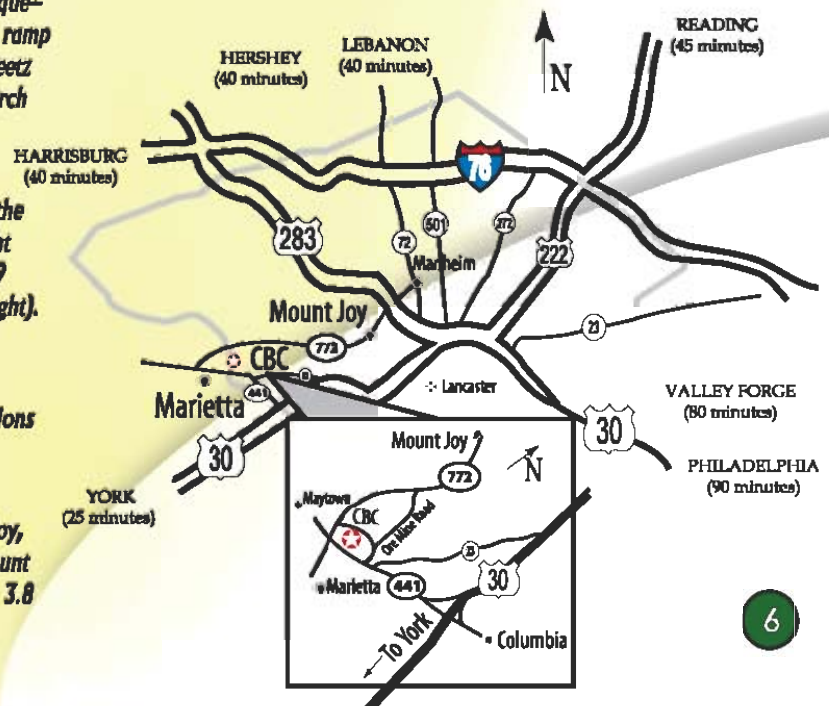
Take US-30 East. As soon as you cross the Susquehanna River, take the Linden Street Exit (Rte. 441). Turn right onto Linden Street. Turn right onto Rte. 441 at stop sign. Continue North on Rte 441 for approx. 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Ore Mine Road (Sheetz convenience store on right). Follow approximately .25 miles to the church entrance on left.

### From Baltimore, MD and Points South:

Take I-83 North to Rt. 30 East in York, PA. From there, follow directions from York, PA

### From Harrisburg, PA and Points West:

Take Rte. 283 East for approx. 20 miles. Take the Manheim/Mount Joy, Rte. 772 exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Follow into Mount Joy. At Traffic light, continue straight. Continue on 772 for approx. 3.8 miles. Arrive at the church entrance on the left.





# Why should I attend?



- Develop a strategy for family ministry in your church.
- Discover some ways your church can build marriages & families.
- Help your people restore broken relationships.
- How to start a pre-marital, re-marital counseling ministry.
- How to equip your parents to be the spiritual leaders of their families
- How to reach your community by ministering to families.
- Connect and interact with regional family ministry professionals.
- Meet and interact with other local family ministry leaders.
- Learn how to reach and minister to the single and blended families in your neighborhood.

Please register  
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