

Re: Empower 2010 - Winter College Age Conference

To: The churches in the Great Lakes area

November 17, 2009

Dear elders, leading ones, and serving ones,

We are pleased to announce “Empower,” a winter conference for college age saints, held at the Ashland Woods Fellowship Center December 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Last year at our first Empower conference, we realized the value of covering an entire book of the Bible verse by verse. We would like to continue along the same lines this year as we study the book of Colossians. We hope this will be another time where the word is opened in a profound way, solidifying and grounding the upcoming leaders among the college age saints.

Colossians is a rich book on the place Christ holds in God’s plan. The saints in Colossae were already pretty good; they had hope, faith in Christ, love for each other and an orderly church. However, Paul prayed that they would be filled with the full knowledge of God’s will, so that they would walk worthily of the Lord in all things. In Paul’s struggle for the Colossians to grow, he shows them the preeminent place of Christ, he reveals the freedom that comes from realizing their death with Christ, and he paints a picture of a heavenly life in resurrection. This resurrection life is a “together life,” exhibited by the new man, where the church becomes the means to display Christ in resurrection. We hope that our college students, who already have a base in the Lord, will be uplifted by this time to live a new life in the new man. The burden for the ministering at this time will be shared among the leading serving ones in the Great Lakes region.

As we began doing last year, we will again have no special track (YAC) at Ignite for college age participants. Instead, we encourage all the college age to come to Empower. We hope that as many Empower participants as possible can go to serve at Ignite. Ignite will give the college students an opportunity to serve the younger saints. Additionally, we hope that the spiritual atmosphere at Ignite will be uplifted by those who attended Empower.

Serving ones and saints who will be providing transportation are encouraged to stay throughout the time to enjoy what the Lord is doing among the college age and/or to help with the practical matters. If there are any questions please contact Rex Beck (216.534.2290) or Jeff Brown (717.870.2540) for general inquires. REGISTRATION IS DUE MONDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Registration is through a point person in your locality using a Google Docs registration form (the same form that is used for Ignite 2010). Contact John Chou (johnnyh.chao@gmail.com) to know your church’s point person and Ben Carbrey (ben.carbrey@gmail.com) for Registration information. See [www.youngseekers.com](http://www.youngseekers.com) for more information.

Your fellow serving brothers, Jeff Brown, Mike Samulak, and Rex Beck

**Who:** All those who are college age (18-25) and related serving ones.

\*This is a college focused time; some exceptions can be made for desirous high school seniors.

**When:** December 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

\*We will start registration at 7 pm on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> at Ashlandwoods Fellowship Center; please do not arrive before then. Please eat before coming, we will not provide dinner this first evening

\*We will conclude Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. We encourage participants to drive to Toronto on

Wednesday afternoon to attend the Ignite conference. Ignite registration is Wednesday evening in Toronto.

**Where:** Ashlandwoods Fellowship Center

**Cost:** \$60.00