

Feedback from 2008 Preachers' Conference

We thank the Lord that He allowed us to attend the conference and seminars in Samara. These classes helped us to learn to preach the Word of God correctly and accurately. We thank the teachers who helped us not only prepare sermons, but also learn how to live according to the Word.

We thank you for the syllabi, which were given to us during the studies, which helped us to learn the material well. We also thank you for the spiritual literature - the books and discs with copies of sermons.

May God bless these conferences, that they would occur annually in the future as well. Praise the Lord.

The brothers from the city of Kasimov in the Ryzansk region

I thank God for such a wonderful time when the Word of the living God strengthens the hearts of brothers and sisters. I am grateful to God for the people who voluntarily and by the stirring of their own hearts sacrificed financially. May God bless you in your work!

I am grateful to the sisters who worked and cared for the daily bread for the brothers. ☺ It was very tasty and they prepared it with love.

May God bless you!

I am grateful to the brothers and sisters who accepted the brethren who came from other cities.

Praise the Lord and thanks to Him for His mercy to be here at this conference.

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Dear brothers, I am heartily grateful that you have strengthened my heart and my soul. Your ministry, care, and exhortation are expressed in your visible devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ! I was tired, confused, and doubting if what I was doing was pleasing to the Lord. As the pastor of a church, I was ashamed of my life, and I was thinking about leaving the ministry. But you opened my way and lit my lamp. I thank you that you showed your love to Christ and His people and to my sinful soul. May the Lord return to you one hundred fold and more. The day will come when God will show His hidden help and strength that came through the sacrifices of others.

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The ministry of "Transfiguration" church in the city of Samara solves the main problem: it restores the authority of the Holy Scriptures in the life of man. And here there is no difference between a new believer, a mature Christian, or a person who is about to become one. I myself experienced huge blessings while studying the Bible in the church in Samara.

Dennis from the Perm area

Being a Christian and a servant for 15 years I searched and couldn't find such blessed ministries, servants, and such deep insight into the Scriptures by means of expository sermons, which brings about permanent changes in life and ministry. The ministry in the Samara church is probably the most blessed and inspired in the Russian brotherhood of the Baptist Union.

Praise the Lord for the ministry in the church and all the servants.

Ananka from the city of Nizhny Novgorod

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ that you conducted this conference. The Lord is with you, brothers. Such gatherings are necessary. Just as a breath of fresh air amidst emptiness, so such gatherings are as

necessary as a drink of cold water from the fountain of life. Instruction in the Word, fellowship with brothers, prayer to the Lord- all of this is for the continuation of the ministry for Christ in God's field. May the Lord bless you!

Sergei from the city of Chernushka in the Perm region

Praise the Lord that we could be at this Preacher's Conference and that we could hear the sermons and seminars. I especially liked the seminar "What happens when I pray". Before the seminar, I had many questions about prayer, for example, "Why should I pray if God does everything according to His will?" and so on. Thank you everyone who organized this conference. We will pray that next year we would have the opportunity to conduct this Preacher's Conference.

I also thank God for the Preachers' Institute in Samara. It has helped me in ministry in preaching. My relationship to the Word of God has changed; my faith has been strengthened in His power. I used to often experience disappointment, not knowing what I should preach about. Now everything has changed. Praise the Lord!

Alexander from the city of Uralsk in Kazakhstan

Brothers, we thank you for the instruction we received. We are amazed at your seminars. We will spread the knowledge we received here to our churches. We are grateful for the wonderful organization: housing and room and board. We wish that these conferences would be annual. God's blessings in your ministry,

The brothers from the church in Balakovo in the Saratovsk region

I used to be the commander of a Special Forces subdivision. I have been ministering for six years among the young draftees and among the officers and soldiers.

A big thanks to the Institute for such conferences where I gather strength, wisdom, knowledge from my mentors, who serve as an example of courage in ministry for the Heavenly Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And here I learned to be not only a warrior for the fatherland, but also to become worthy of the honour of being called into the army of our Lord Jesus Christ; to carry and arm the officers and warriors with the sword of righteousness- the Word of God.

And I am grateful to the mentors and the bishop Victor Semenovich Ryaguzov for the love and patience which they show to us. Your meekness and patience teach us to become more complete and to serve people and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Great blessings to you from Samara! We pray for you and hearty thanks!

Victor

I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to be at this conference. I am grateful to everyone who worked on conducting it. Over these two days I received many answers to questions that were worrying me, received exhortation, and rebuke!

I liked everything: the sermons, the seminars, breakfast, lunch, and supper ☺...

One thing I would like is more <Questions and Answers>, especially with the brothers who taught in the seminars.

Thank you very much for your labor! Praise the Lord!!!

David, city of Novokiybishevsk of the Samara region

Praise the Lord!

The conference is a blessing fed by the Word, which is living and active. God speaks to the heart. This is wonderful! Thank you for the hospitality and care.
May God bless you! We are awaiting the next meeting. “God reigns...”

The brothers from Toliati

First of all, I thank the Lord for His mercy that He allowed me to be at this conference, and I want to testify about the fact that the brothers are truly busy with God’s work by instructing passionate evangelists, of which there are not enough of in our country. I myself received criticism, rebuke, and instruction in this place from the Lord. And a greater fire grew in my heart for evangelism. And I looked more seriously at what I am doing today.

N. K., from the Omsk region.

This conference prompted me to more seriously and more zealously study the Word of God and preach it strongly, enthusiastically, and without distortion, as Jesus preached.

Victor from Samara

Dear brothers, praise the Lord for your ministry!

All that I received will remain with me for my whole life. Every book that was sacrificed by you will not be a gift given in vain. I have many trials in life:

- In life
- In the church (not everyone loves the Word)
- Spiritual

But I know that only one thing can help me overcome them – my personal, close relationship with God and His Word.

I thank you for your prayers. I thank everyone who sacrificed funds for holding the conference.

Dear brothers of the Samara church, I thank you for your labor.

- The brothers that arranged lodging and other comforts.
- The sisters- your labor in the kitchens- the labor of God’s children.

I want to note your kind attitude towards us without becoming irritated. For me it was a great example of Christian character.

Once again I thank you for the blessings and sacrificial labor in His name and His Word. May God bless you!

Sergei from the city of Ishimbai in the Baskiriya region.

Dear brothers and sisters!

I express to you my gratitude for your sacrificial love in Jesus Christ. The first thing that shocked me when I came here was your humility in ministry, and I wanted to minister in the same way that you do.

I thank God for those who sacrificed funds.

I thank God for the servants in the church. You are an example to me in ministry.

I thank the members of the church “Transfiguration” for your warmth, friendliness, and love.

I thank the mentors for their ministry in showing me an example by imitating Christ.

With love in Christ,

Anatoli, city of Gorno- Altaisk

Dear organizers! We thank you from our souls for the Preacher’s Conference. The fellowship with you and learning about the Lord inspired us to new aspirations and diligence for building up the kingdom of our Lord.

The brothers Georgy, Andrey, and Vitali from the city of Vozhski of the Volgogradskaya region

A wonderful conference, amazing exposition of the Word of God, which is so necessary for the churches, blessed fellowship, and wonderful organization of the conference! Thank you organizers of the Samara church and teachers for the celebration of the Spirit! It can always be better organized, and you need to think of the future, but the present generates the desire to be at a similar conference next time! Blessings to you, brothers, in this ministry that is necessary for all.

Sergei from the city of Nizhny Novgorod

Blessed brothers, praise the Lord for your labor.

I hope that God will bless it.

The desire of our hearts is that God would spread His Word, that it would reach the edges of the world through your ministry, labor, and love to this dying world.

Your brothers in Christ, Nizhegorodskaya region

Blessed is God, our Lord, and our Savior!

We are thankful to God for His mercy, strength, glory, and love in His truth, which has been shown to us at this conference.

We are thankful to you, brothers, for your hospitality, care, warm reception, and passionate love, which have been shown to us in the preaching of the Word of God, and also in your care for all our needs.

We thank you, brothers, for your love to the Word of God.

The brothers from the city of Omsk

Beloved brothers!

I thank God for such conferences! For your hearty welcome and care! For the Word which rings, encourages, and prompts to labor! May Christ support your arms and render to all by His great mercy and love!

The brothers of church “Regeneration” in the city of Toliati

Much was revealed to me as new. It was as if the Lord shone personally in my heart. It was as if I renewed my repentance, although I repented a long time ago – in 1969.

Pavel, Chapaevsk

It was a very blessed conference. Here you really realize the full importance of your ministry, hearing how God, through His Word and His servants, speaks directly to the heart. At this conference, and partially at the seminars, you again receive many answers and spiritual charge for further ministry.

Praise the Lord.

Constantine Ignatiev from the city of Otradni

I will remember these blessed days, spent in the walls of this church, my whole life. I will always remember and thank the Lord my Saviour that the mentors, with their example, helped me fall in love from the beginning with the Lord and His Word. I will always pray for you, blessed brothers! I thank God for you!

Peter from Ulyanovsk

I am very thankful to God for the work of these brothers and sisters in the organization of the conference. I gathered for myself many truths from the study of the soul in the seminars by Timur Rasulov. It was a wonderful encouragement in brotherly fellowship during the breaks and wonderful meals. I also give a separate thanks to the sisters-cooks. This conference is truly a wonderful celebration of God's truths.

Evgeni from Penza

I came to the conference for the first time and was pleasantly surprised by the number of brothers, listeners, and preachers. I am glad that the whole time was devoted to the Word of God. I would have liked to go to all the seminars, but I had to choose. This conference filled me with the true Gospel, filled me with the Spirit, and filled me with joy and strength in Christ. I would like to be here again in fellowship, exhortation, and praise to God. One wish is to praise God more in song. Praise the Lord that I could come here!

Dimitri from Novokuibishevsk

I thank the Lord for this conference, for the brothers, which He gathered here. My heart is overflowing with joy when I see and feel the work of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of brotherhood and love. Praise the Lord Who moves to such labor and such fellowship. With the love of the Lord,

Michael, from Uralsk in Kazakhstan

I thank the Lord and all the brothers, who participated in the conference, for their care and warm welcome. I really enjoyed the seminars "Biblical self-appraisal", "Biblical principles to solve conflicts", but especially "What happens when I pray?" The subject of prayer especially interests me, and what I heard teaches, corrects, rebukes, and enriches with the fullness of truth. I received answers to many questions in my life, which occupied and tormented me in the last few months. In my heart settled sureness that the Lord doesn't leave me and leads me with His hand. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all the participants of the conference in the church in Samara. To Him be the glory.

Andrey from Western Kazakhstan in the city of Aksai

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to participate in this conference. I thank everyone, who organized and conducted! The sermons and seminars brought healthy spiritual food, which is so necessary to the soul!
God is working through you!
Praise the Lord!

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Praise the Lord that this conference again showed: the Lord is living. We saw the answers to our prayers. The Lord sends workers to His field. I am thankful that at this conference we had instruction and spiritual support. And may the Lord bless so that through these conferences the Kingdom of God may grow.

Sergei from Nizhni Tagil

I am thankful to God also for those who labored in organizing and conducting the Preacher's Conference in the city of Samara from the first through the third of June 2008. Thank you for the

interpretation of the Word of God by Steve Lawson. Thank you teachers in the seminars. I am thankful for the presented gifts of literature.

Pavel from Donskoye of the Orenburg region

Thank you, brothers, for the conference, reception, and organization.

I was at the seminar with Eric Abdunabiev. I thank him for his experience, which he shared with us. I would ask that more such conferences and practical seminars be organized.

Timur from Bezenchuk in the Samara region

This is my second time coming to the Preacher's Conference in your city. I would like to especially note the warm atmosphere of love, which rules in the conference. I really enjoyed the sermon about the qualities of the Word of God, and the seminars, which became to me a big blessing. Also it was very pleasant to receive as a gift such quality spiritual literature. I also give a special thanks to all the children of God who worked in this plan. I am thankful to the workers in the cafeteria, who greeted us warmly. I am thankful to the teachers in the seminars for their labor for building up the Kingdom of God. I am thankful to the organizers of the conference. But the biggest thanks is to our Lord that He looked after everything and let me be here.

Anatoly from Uralsk in Kazakhstan

This is my first time in Samara. Here I strongly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at the services and at the conference. My soul is filled with peace and is satisfied with the Words of the Lord. I am very grateful to everyone who organized this gathering of the saints. This is the great mercy of God.

Alexander from Omsk

Thank you, brothers that you love the Lord and want to convey His love and teachings, not in a diluted form, but just how it is.

(No signature) from the city of Ufa

I have great gratitude to God for the brothers and sisters who took part in the organizing and conducting of the conference. May God bless them! Everything was organized completely well. I give a separate thanks to those who participated in the organizing even with their sacrifices. May God give them one hundred fold!

Vladimir from Penza

I thank God and everyone who participated in the conducting of this conference. It was very well organized. May God bless everyone who sacrificed for its fulfillment.

(No signature) from Petropavlovsk in Kazakhstan

This was the first time I was ever at a conference of this kind. I would like to note the dedication of the brothers to the Word of God. It is pleasant for me to note not only the theoretical meditations but also the practical Christianity. The relationships of our brothers and the brothers from all the edges of the world to ministry of the Word placed joy in our hearts. The affirmation of faith, hearing the Word of truth clearly, receiving healthy spiritual food, you see more fruits of your own ministry: people are turning to the Lord. This is a great blessing. I heard the Gospel relatively recently. But with every day

of life, seeing the lives of true saints, you are affirmed of your faith, more seriously relate to the Word and desire to more and more serve the Lord.

(No signature) from the Omsk region in Sharapovka

We thank the brothers and God that the Lord let us be at the conference. The conference for us was a blessing, knowing the Lord and His Word. The closeness of the Lord was much felt at this conference: good preparation of the brothers- preachers and organizing. My desire is that we could have these conferences again.

From the city of Nizhny Novgorod

I would like to express my amazement about the conference. Here, it was like I was charged up with the spirit of peace and love, which reigns among all the brothers. I am grateful to God and all the preachers and teachers for their work and their simplicity in delivering the Word of God. The desire of my heart is to become a constant participant in these conferences. The conference was organized at the highest level in all respects. God's blessings to you, brothers, in your future work in God's field!

Ilya from the city of Uralsk in Kazakhstan

This is not my first time attending the Pastor's Conference in Samara. I am again convinced of the careful planning of the general sessions and seminars by topics. I rejoice at the high concentration of the Word of God, which was brought to us from the pulpit by preachers at the conference: Y. K. Sipko, V. S. Semenovich, and Steven Lawson. I can see the dedication of these brothers and other servants for the Gospel. The room and board system for the guests was well organized and regulated. I was encouraged to sing psalms (unlike newer styles) to have live music (piano), and to use songbooks, not semi-charismatic songs shone through a video projector. I also didn't notice the abuse of the hackneyed word "leader" which has become a cliché in today's church.

Although I understand that a conference of this size can't occur too often, I still wish we could meet more often at conferences or seminars for mutual encouragement. May God abundantly bless the people who took part in preparing and carrying out this conference!

Victor. Pastor of the church in the city of Orenburg

Dear brothers! We thank you for the organization of the conference at such a high level. We thank the brothers for the funds, which were sacrificed for acquiring books for us. The seminar activities were led at a high level. The material, which was taught, was substantial and useful. We will pray that the conferences would be held regularly.

With love in Christ and prayers for you-

The brothers from Ershov in the Saratovsk region