

# THE CONCLAVE STORY

## How it Began

In the early years of Tulsa Christian Fellowship, the church was a pastor-led church. Bill Sanders and Chuck Farah were the pastors. Bill had been the pastor of Tulsa's Brookside Baptist Church. Dr. Charles Farah, "Chuck," was a Presbyterian who taught in the Graduate School of Theology, at Oral Roberts University. Chuck had read some material from Watchman Nee that spoke of the New Testament Church and how it could be duplicated in the contemporary church world. Bill Sanders, in his final days, before being fired as pastor of Brookside Baptist Church, had preached a series from Acts, in which he spoke of the attributes of the Apostolic Church and how the Holy Spirit was restoring elements of the New Testament Church in this present age.

So, when Bill and Chuck began working together at TCF, both of them had some idea of what the New Testament Church should look like and began to seek to implement their ideas at TCF. Neither of them had seen a New Testament Church, nor were certain about what it would look like, but they began to follow that vision.

Jim Garrett, who had been a Christian Church minister for twenty-nine years, joined Chuck and Bill in the TCF pastoral role in 1981. Jim had spent many years studying various aspects of the New Testament Church and had been looking for an opportunity to fully implement a New Testament Church in contemporary culture.

In the mid-1980's, as a result of his role as a leader in the Charismatic Movement, Chuck often spoke in various venues and in those presentations, he spoke of Tulsa Christian Fellowship's being a "New Testament Church." Many who heard him talk about TCF, wanted to learn more about this vision. Because of this, various church leaders would show up at the TCF office wanting to "study TCF." Usually, these surprise visitors met with Jim Garrett and sometimes they would begin their visit by saying, "I want to study you." Jim's thought always was, "What do you want to do, watch me work at my desk?" The unannounced visitor usually spent a day or two talking with Jim and a frequent departing comment was, "If you ever have a seminar on this, please invite me." Jim's response always was, "TCF is a work in progress, and so we don't feel that we are in a position to have any sort of seminar."

One of the ministries that Chuck and Jim launched at TCF was Tulsa Bible Seminary. About 120 students attended the school two nights each week – Tuesday and Thursday. Jim was the dean of the seminary. He also taught hermeneutics, Greek, homiletics, and church history.

In August, 1986, Jim and his wife, Barbara, were vacationing in Colorado, staying in a cabin near Bailey, Colorado. While in the cabin, Jim spent a considerable amount of time preparing his lectures for the fall semester of Tulsa Bible Seminary. One afternoon, while praying about the seminary, Our Lord interrupted Jim's prayer, with a word that had nothing to do with the topic about which he was praying. The word was clear and had an element of authority. Here is the word:

- Invite to a meeting everyone who has said to you, "if you ever have a seminar on this, invite me."
- This will be a meeting in which men of God will study the New Testament Church.
- This is to be a meeting where men of God come together to mutually pursue truth – this is not to be a meeting where men come to hear experts.
- Call the meeting, a conclave.
- Have the meeting in the spring of next year.

When Jim returned to Tulsa, he told Bill and Chuck about what God had spoken to him on the mountain in Colorado. Chuck and Bill enthusiastically said, "Let's do it!"

Jim sent letters of invitation to everyone who had said to him, "If you ever have a seminar on this, invite me." Many of these sent him the name or names of others who should be invited, and Jim sent them letters of invitation. The first Conclave was held in Tulsa, Tuesday evening through Friday morning, April 24-May 1, 1987. Twenty-four men attended. All meetings were held in the TCF building and the men who came from out of town were hosted by TCF families.

At the first Conclave, Jim Garrett presented four papers and Doug Fike, a Mennonite Apostle, gave a talk on the importance of covenant among local church members.

#### The Continued Life of the Conclave

At the conclusion of the Friday morning meeting, Jim assumed that God's command had been fulfilled, but the men at the conference disagreed. The group, as a whole, expressed a desire to meet one year later, but they did not want to stay in the homes of church members, nor meet in a church building – they wanted to meet at a retreat center, where they could live together and share life together. Jim responded that if such a plan were enacted, he wanted a planning committee to oversee the planning and the oversight of the conference. He said that he did not believe in "lone rangers," and did not want the role of "Conclave Director." In response, the group recruited Del Broersma, Upper Room Fellowship, West Lafayette, Indiana; Doug Fike, Communion Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana; and Jim Garrett, to be the planning committee for the 1988 Conclave.

In August, 1987, Doug and Jim traveled to West Lafayette, where the three members of the Planning Committee planned the 1988 Conclave. The topics to be presented were agreed upon and the date was set. Jim Garrett was assigned the task of finding the meeting place. Jim looked at several retreat facilities. After several frustrating attempts to find a suitable place for the conference, he almost booked the Adams Mark Hotel & Conference Center in Kansas, City, but for some reason, felt hesitant about that arrangement.

For a number of years, a somewhat secret meeting of fifty leaders of the Charismatic Movement, men from many denominations, had met at Marianist Apostolic Retreat Center, at Glencoe, Missouri.<sup>1</sup> Doug Fike had been a part of those meetings. In a phone conversation with Jim, Doug said, "Why don't you try Glencoe?" At first, Jim was hesitant, but in a day or so he called the retreat center office, explained the nature of the Conclave, and the dates desired. The supervisor, with whom Jim spoke, replied, "I cannot give you an answer. We must pray about it to see if we are to invite you to use our retreat center." One week later, the supervisor called Jim and said that after prayer they wished to invite the Conclave to meet at MARC. So, the 1988 Conclave of New Testament Elders was held at the Marianist Apostolic Retreat Center, May 17-20, 1988.

From the very first, each year has been, and still is understood to be, the final year of the Conclave - unless there is a clear witness that the Conclave is to convene the following year. This philosophy has been enforced because experience has shown, tragically, that when the Holy Spirit has inaugurated something, men have tended to organize it and keep it going after the Holy

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<sup>1</sup> The Post Office at the little village of Glencoe was closed several years ago, and so the present address of the center is Eureka, Missouri.

Spirit is through with it - it has fulfilled its Holy Spirit designed purpose, but men won't let it die. Year after year, the witness has been given that the Conclave should convene the following year. There was ambiguity about this matter, at the close of the 2017 Conclave.

For the first several years in which the Conclave met at MARC, all study papers were written and presented by Jim Garrett. This pattern was broken in 1992, when Clay Sterrett distributed hand-outs and presented a talk on finances in the church. The following year, Jim Garrett, Clay Sterrett, and Gordon Wright gave presentations. In the ensuing years various participants have given papers or talks on a variety of subjects related to the New Testament Church.

2006 had a different format than other Conclaves. After Jim Garrett presented a paper, *The Question of Unscriptural Practices in the New Testament Church*, brothers from several different churches presented a symposium on worship in the New Testament Church.

In the early years of the Conclave, a significant number of leaders from Mennonite Churches participated. When the Mennonite Churches began to vigorously campaign for the ordination of women elders, Jim Garrett presented a paper in 1994, *An Analysis of the Arguments for Female Leadership in the N.T. Church*. The conclusion of the paper was that elders should be male. As a result of this paper, all Mennonites ceased attending the annual Conclave.

#### The Growth of Relationships

One of the great blessings of the Conclave has been the sense of brotherhood that has developed between the men who have attended. As a result of these relationships, the attendees have learned to trust one another. One expression of this trust is that it has enabled various ones, especially those involved in some sort of trans-local ministry, to visit local churches, sometimes assisting in resolving conflicts in the church, sometimes restructuring leadership, and sometimes teaching and conducting retreats. The sense that "we are in this together," has been a source of strength and encouragement.

Although the Holy Spirit called the Conclave into being to focus on information (i.e., learning about the New Testament Church, defining it and implementing it), in recent years the relationships that have developed have become as important as the information. In the minds of some, the relational aspect of the Conclave has become more important than the papers and the impartation of information. One brother recently stated, "I live for six months on the inspiration and encouragement I receive at the Conclave."

The Conclave Prayer Chain has become one means of fostering these relationships - brothers' prayers meet one another at God's Throne.

#### The Planning Committee

In the early years, the Planning Committee for the following year was appointed at the last session on Friday mornings. Jim continually tried to step back from being on the committee, but that never did seem to work out. Some years, for one reason or another, the committee was not able to function (usually because of personal schedules). When that happened, Jim Garrett ended up being the planner and facilitator of the Conclave for that year.

While Jim Garrett and Gordon Wright were traveling on a train in Russia, in 1992, they discussed a number of ministry issues. One topic that came up in their discussion was the difficulty that always seemed to manifest itself in getting the Conclave Planning Committee to function consistently. The more they talked, the more the idea of having a permanent Planning Committee began to develop and, in time, they concluded that this is what should be done.

When they returned to the states, Jim Garrett contacted and received commitments from those whom he chose to be on the permanent planning committee: Gordon Wright, Ron Eigsti, Billy Joe Young and Jim Garrett. Billy Joe Young was chosen as the committee chairman. From that time onward, there has been a permanent Planning Committee. The permanent committee first functioned in planning the 1993 Conclave.

Because of the Mennonites' pulling away from the Conclave, Ron Eigsti, Mennonite elder, resigned from the committee after the 1994 Conclave.

Sensing the need to broaden the representation on the committee, Robin Bayles and Clay Sterrett were added to the committee for the 1998 Conclave. However, in 1999, even though the Planning Committee had become a permanent entity, the same problem of schedules forced Jim Garrett, once again, to do the planning for the 1999 Conclave.

In 2003, the committee felt that Owen Carey should be added to the committee. Owen agreed to serve on the committee and he became a part of the committee in time to be involved in planning the 2004 Conclave.

In 2009, in order to lead the Mississippi Prayer Emphasis, Billy Joe Young left his role as an elder of the church in Corinth, Mississippi. The Mississippi Prayer Emphasis is a ministry that leads in racial reconciliation and state-wide prayer meetings. Billy Joe moved from Corinth to Jackson, Mississippi. Because he no longer was a leader in a local church, Billy Joe felt that it was inappropriate for him to continue on the committee.

The present members of the Planning Committee are Clay Sterrett (chairman), Owen Carey, Robin Bayles, Gordon Wright, and Jim Garrett.

#### How to Measure the Conclave

How to measure the effectiveness and what impact the Conclave has made on the Kingdom of God (positive and/or negative) will not be known until Our Lord rings down the curtain on history, and those in His Presence can see things through eternal eyes. It is noteworthy that during the 32 years that the Conclave has convened, 236 elders from 106 churches have attended one or more Conclaves.

Regardless of how one might measure the Conclave, its birth and its ongoing life has been in obedience to Our Lord's command. Furthermore, the desire of those implementing and those attending, always has been, *to God be the glory*.

## **Churches whose elders have attended a conclave 1987- 2018**

Agape Ministry, Muncie, IN	Dayspring Christian Fell, Waterbury, CT
Aquila Bible Church, Burton, OH	Downsville United Methodist, Downsville, LA
Arbor Fellowship, Elberta, AL	Eagles Nest Ministries, Mattydale, NY
Bartlesville House Church, Bartlesville, OK	Emmaus Church, Winchester, VA
Believers Christian Outreach, Manchester, NH	Faith Fellowship, Peoria, IL
Berean Fellowship, Tulsa, OK	Farmingdale Christian Church, Farmingdale, NY
Branch of Hope, Lynwood, WA	Fayetteville Christian Fell., Fayetteville, AR
Broad Ripple Christian Fell., Indianapolis, IN	First Baptist Church, Cedar City, UT
Center Harbor Christian, Center Harbor, NH	Forest City Fellowship, Rockford, IL
Chapel at Somerset, Somerset, KY	Fountain of Life, Kingston, NY
Christ Family Fellowship, Springfield, MO	Gathering of the Outcasts, Williamsville, NY
Christ Fellowship, Tulsa, OK	Grayson United Methodist Church, Grayson, LA
Christ's Church, Tulsa, OK	Guilford Community Church (England)
Christian Community Church, Philmont, NY	Harvester Church, Pontotoc, MS
Christian Community Church, Seguin, TX	Harvester Church, Tulsa, OK
Christian Life Church, Grenada, MS	Heartland Christian Fellowship, Washington, IL
Church of Believers, Yale, MI	Hendersonville Chapel, Hendersonville, TN
Colville Christian Fellowship, Colville, WA	Home Fellowship, Brady, TX
Communion Fellowship, Goshen, IN	Hope Fellowship, Aurora, IL
Community Fellowship Church, Staunton, VA	Hopewell Mennonite Church, Morgantown, PA
Copiague Christian Church, Copiague, NH	Houston Baptist Ch. Houston, MS
Cornerstone Chapel, VA	Howe Fellowship, Howe, IN
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Corinth, MS	In Jesus Name, Bristol, VA
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Ripley, MS	India Fellowship, Nagar India
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Weirs, NH	Jesus Inn Ministries, Tulsa, OK
Cornerstone Community Ch. Claremore, OK	Jesus Is Alive! Oklahoma City, OK
Cornerstone Community Ch., Winter Garden, FL	King of Glory Fellowship, Oshkosh, WI
Cornerstone Family Ch., Tulsa, OK	Laconia Christian Fellowship, Laconia, NH
Crossroads Church of Denver, CO	Lake Church, Angola, IN
Dayspring Chris. Community, Blacksburg, VA	Life Covenant Church, Fayetteville, AR
	Life Connection Church, Tulsa, OK
	Living Praise Fellowship, Eureka, IL

Logos Fellowship, Peoria, IL  
 M & M Ministries, Crystal Beach, FL  
 Maranatha Christian Fellowship, Lincoln  
 AR  
 Maranatha Fellowship, Nevada MO  
 Maranatha Mennonite Chapel, Nappanee, IN  
 Menard Cowboy Church, Melvin, TX  
 Mill Creek Four Square Church, Lynwood,  
 WA  
 Mission Christiana, Mexico  
 New Covenant Church, Chardon, OH  
 New Covenant Fellowship, Manassas, VA  
 New Hope Church, WA  
 New Hope Bible Church, Strasburg, VA  
 New Hope Church, Effingham, IL  
 New Life Christian Church, Waterbury, CT  
 New Life Community Church, Haymarket,  
 VA  
 New Testament Christian Fell., Manchester,  
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 Oasis Christian Community, Waterbury, CT  
 Pakistan Church, IN  
 Plano Fellowship, Plano, IL  
 Riverbank Chr. Worship Center, Waterbury,  
 CT  
 River's Edge Fellowship, Montgomery, IL  
 Rock River House of Prayer - IL  
 Saugerties Christian Fellowship, Saugerties,  
 NY

Solid Rock Fellowship, IL  
 South Haven Christian Ch, South Haven, KS  
 Spring Street Gospel Church, Mason, TX  
 The Chapel, Somerset, KY  
 The Cornerstone Church, Fort Gratiot, MI  
 The Ecclesia, Wichita, KS  
 The Faith, Burton, OH  
 The Life Connection, Jenks, OK  
 The Savior's Community, Visalia CA  
 Trinity Christian Fellowship, Portageville,  
 MO  
 Trinity Mennonite, Morton, IL  
 Tulsa Christian Fellowship, Tulsa, OK  
 Tulsa Harvest Church, Tulsa, OK  
 Upper Room Chr. Fellowship, W. Lafayette,  
 IN  
 Upper Skippack Mennonite, Schwenksville,  
 PA  
 Victory Fellowship, Eubank, KY  
 Wall Lake Fellowship, Angola, In  
 Water Street Christian Fellowship, Decatur,  
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 Water's Edge Community, Buffalo Junction,  
 VA  
 Waterman Christian Fellowship, Waterman,  
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 Winnipeg Christian Centre, Manitoba,  
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## CONCLAVE PARTICIPANTS AND YEARS ATTENDED

(236 attendees: 1987-2017)

AGBANA, Francis	BAYLES, Robin
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ANDERSON, Peder 1991	1993
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ANDERSON, Tom	1995
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ANDERSON, Dave	1998
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ARSENAULT, Michael	2001
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BALDWIN, Shon	2004
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BALZAN, Roger	2009
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BARBEAU, Dave	2012
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	BERGEN, Jake
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BLACKWELDER, Randy  
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BLEASE, Dave  
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BOLDUC, Dennis  
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BOLDUC, George  
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BRANDON, Ronnie  
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BRYN, Andy  
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BUCK, Bryant  
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BULLER, Charles  
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BURTON, Danny  
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BUSH, Ben  
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CALLAWAY, Gary  
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CAMERON, Dale  
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CAMPBELL, Scott  
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CANTELMINI, Daniel  
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CAREY, Owen  
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CHELIKES, George  
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CHEVALIER, Jay "Butch"  
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CHIMENTO, Tom  
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CLOUSE, John  
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CLUTTER, Bruce  
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COLE, Dennis  
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CONNOR, Dave  
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CONVERSE, Robert  
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COOPER, Paul  
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CORDERO, Ken  
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CULVER, David  
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CURTIS, Jim  
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DAVEY, Tom  
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DAWNINS, Robby  
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DAWSON, Steve  
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DEAN, Michael  
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DENTON, Tim  
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DEVORE, Steve  
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DORSEY, Carlos N.  
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DUFRENE, Mark  
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DYKEMAN, Paul  
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EASTMAN, Chuck  
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FARAH, Bob  
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FARAH, Chuck  
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FAY, Jim  
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FIKE, Don & Shirley  
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FIKE, Doug  
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FORTIN, John  
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FOX, Robert  
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FRANCE, Bob  
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FRISCHKORN, Dick  
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FULLAGAR, Mike  
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GAILEY, Dan  
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GARCIA, Jose Bueno  
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HEREDIA, Daniel Ibarria

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HEREDIA, Emanuel Ibarria

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HEREDIA, Oscar Ibarria

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KOESLER, Gary

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NIEVES, Jose A.

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PARGAS, Juan (Pancho) Francisco Heredia

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PARKER, Keith

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2017 Spiritual Warfare in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – James Garrett

Three Ministries of the Holy Spirit that Ought to Reflect in Every New Testament Leader: Encouragement, Peace and Confidence – Clay Sterrett

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2011 The Essential Component of Relationship in the New Testament Church – James Garrett

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- 2010 New Testament Church Leadership in the Local Church – James Garrett  
Positional Authority vs Kingdom Authority – Owen Carey  
Properly Dealing with Increasing Conflict - Clay Sterrett
- 2009 What is a New Testament Church? – James Garrett  
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Contemporary Alternatives to the New Testament Church Model – Clay Sterrett
- 2008 Because of Lawlessness the Love of Many has Grown Cold – Owen Carey  
Hearing God’s Voice/Are You Listening – Gordon Wright  
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- 2007 Evangelism in the New Testament Church – James Garrett  
The Responsibility of the Believer - Gordon Wright  
Transitions: Passing the Baton to the Next Generation – Clay Sterrett
- 2006 The Question of Unscriptural Practices in the New Testament Church – James Garrett  
Worship Symposium  
Worship in the Bible – Gordon Wright  
Elders, Worship Teams, Change and the New Thing – Robin Bayles  
Worship Team Development – Hallett Hullinger  
What is Worship? - Scott Goddard  
Worship & Praise, A Word Study – John Rorstrom
- 2005 Translocal Ministry in the New Testament Church – James Garrett
- 2004 The New Testament Church & Heresy – James Garrett  
Universalism & Ultimate Reconciliation – James Garrett (distributed for private reading)
- 2003 Division in the Local Church, A NT Perspective – James Garrett  
Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit – Gordon Wright  
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- 2002 Manifestations of the Spirit in the Corporate Meeting - James Garrett  
Home Groups in the New Testament Church – Clay Sterrett
- 2001 New Testament Perspectives on Ministry - Clay Sterrett  
How New Testament Churches Relate to One Another – James Garrett  
Finances in the New Testament Church – James Garrett
- 2000 Preaching in the New Testament Church- James Garrett

- Didaskalos: The Teacher* – James Garrett
- How New Testament Churches Deal with Change- James Garrett
- Good and Relevant Teaching – Clay Sterrett
- 1999 The Meeting: What took place in the weekly gathering of New Testament Churches? – James Garrett
- Relating to Various People in the New Testament Church, Especially those who are Difficult and Try our Patience – Clay Sterrett
- 1998 The House of Prayer – Clay Sterrett
- The Pattern of Prayer in the N.T. Church – James Garrett
- Biblical Patterns of Spiritual Warfare and Intercession – James Garrett
- Praying According to the Will of God – Gordon Wright
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- Fellowship, Commitment, Community – Gordon Wright
- Covenant in the N.T. Church – Clay Sterrett
- 1996 How N.T. Elders Lead – James Garrett
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- Avoiding Pitfalls as a Christian Leader – Clay Sterrett
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- Becoming a Great Commission Church - Gordon Wright
- As Those Who Would Give Account: How N.T. Elders Shepherd the Flock – James Garrett
- 1994 An Analysis of the Arguments for Female Leadership in the N.T. Church- James Garrett
- 1993 Dealing with Sin in the Lives of Christians- James Garrett
- \* Ordination in the New Testament Church – James Garrett
- The Ministry & Calling of the Prophet - Gordon Wright
- 1992 \*Church Planting Transitions: From Team to Council – James Garrett
- Communion in the Apostolic Church – James Garrett (This paper was not presented because of a change in schedule - One brother felt that we should have an extended time of prayer)
- Practical Issues of Finances Related to Church Life -Clay Sterrett - this was a talk, with handouts)

- 1991 \*The Role of Deacons in the New Testament Church – James Garrett  
\*The Relationship of Ephesians 4:11 to a Council of Elders – James Garrett  
The *Doulos* Principle – James Garrett
- 1990 \*Authority: a Biblical Overview – James Garrett  
\*Four Questions Concerning Elders – James Garrett
- 1989 \*The Work of Elders: A New Testament Job Description – James Garrett  
\*Getting There: How One Becomes an Elder- James Garrett  
\*The Standard: Scriptural Qualifications for Eldership – James Garrett
- 1988 \*Contemporary Apostolic Ministries in the Light of the New Testament –  
James Garrett  
Report on the 1988 Conclave – James Garrett
- 1987 What is a New Testament Church? – James Garrett  
\*New Testament Church Government in the Local Church – James Garrett  
\*Apostles and Apostolic Ministry in the New Testament – James Garrett  
The History of TCF House-Churches – James Garrett  
Church Discipline Procedure – James Garrett  
Covenant in Local Church Relationships (talk by Doug Fike)