

February 15, 2008

Dear Fellow Leaders of Youth,

The view from the front of a classroom can be pretty grim on Sunday mornings. I'm sure you often doubt if students even have a PULSE most days. You may wonder why you bother to show up to teach a bunch of stone-cold zombies. The GLORYbound 2008 Planning Committee sympathizes with you! We wrestle with our own students' greatest struggles, deepest needs and darkest hurts. What makes them so life-less? How can we breathe life back into our students? If your heart breaks for students as ours do, I'm sure you lie awake at night wrestling with the same questions.

Almost a year ago, the Lord laid upon our hearts a ray of hope from the book of Ezekiel,

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.**

**—PULSE theme verse, Ezekiel 36:26**

As the Committee began planning GLORYbound 2008, we realized there isn't much we can do but allow the Lord to transform the hearts of our students and jump-start their PULSE. We would like to invite you and your students as we "Check our PULSE" and watch the Lord fulfill His promise to remove our stubborn, self-willed hearts and replace them with hearts of flesh that beat for Him.

We have planned a weekend jam-packed with amazing speakers, Christ centered Bible studies, uplifting worship, awesome service opportunities, great food and a ton of fun. In this packet, you will find details about this year's Texas District LCMS High School Youth Gathering, GLORYbound, and everything you need to register. If you have any questions or concerns about the event, check out our website at [www.gloryboundtexas.org](http://www.gloryboundtexas.org). You may also email the event co-chairs, Adam Griffin and Bobby Walston, at [cochairs@gloryboundtexas.org](mailto:cochairs@gloryboundtexas.org).



We are truly honored to be a part of the planning team for GLORYbound 2008, and are excited to bring our own youth to PULSE. We hope we get a chance to meet your youth!

Thrilled to serve you and your teens in Jesus' name,

Ben Scheck, GLORYbound MC  
Youth Minister, Crown of Life Colleyville

Cassie Schermbeck, GLORYbound MC  
Director of Christian Education, Bethel Dallas





## GLORYBOUND 2008 BASIC DETAILS

**when:** November 28-30, 2008 (Thanksgiving Weekend)

**who:** Students in 9th-12th grade in 08-09 school year

**where:** Fort Worth Convention Center

**how much:** \$109 per participant if register by May 31st

**register:** Registration begins April 1st. Details are in this packet—just one form and a check!

### IMPORTANT DATES

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Registration Opens
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Early Bird Registration Postmarked (\$109)
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Regular Registration Postmarked (\$119)
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cancellation Deadline (forfeited deposit) Deadline for Hotel Reservations and Cancellations
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Final Payments Due</b> Late Registration Postmarked (\$139) Can cancel for 50% of registration forfeited
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	No refunds after November 1st, must pay in full

### PRAYING AND PREPARING YOUR GROUP FOR PULSE

God already knows who He is calling to be present for GLORYbound08. Begin praying now that He will reveal it to you as youth leaders and to your students as participants.

Once you initially register your group, each congregation will be sent a pre-gathering Bible Study, which will include a DVD to watch and discuss. While at GLORYbound, you and other adult leaders will be equipped to lead nightly "family times."

Before the gathering, there will be devotional challenges and prayer requests posted on [www.gloryboundtexas.org](http://www.gloryboundtexas.org) under "The Word." Check it out often as the postings will change. Know that God's Word found in Ezekiel and beyond will challenge, encourage, surprise you as your heart is fed and your PULSE is strengthened.

"TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD, AS I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDEFILED MOUTH THAT I MAY PRAISE YOUR NAME." — Psalm 86:3



*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. — Ezekiel 36:26*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### When and Where?

GLORYbound 2008 will be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Check-in begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2008 and check-out is 12 noon on Sunday, November 30, 2008. *Please make note—this is Thanksgiving weekend.*

### Who may attend?

**Student Participants:** GLORYbound 2008 is open to all high school youth who will be in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2008-2009 school year.

**Adult Leaders:** An Adult Leader is any adult over the age of 21, who will serve as counselors during the Gathering. An Adult Leader is responsible for the care and nurture of their youth participants throughout the Gathering experience. The Gathering expects Adult Leaders to attend all activities and participate with their youth. It is hard work to be an effective Adult Leader! However, there are great rewards in personal growth and the relationships built with your youth participants. Please be sure to discuss with your adult leaders their role in this Gathering. Adult Leaders will also lead small groups and stay in the hotels with students the entire weekend. **Because of the close proximity of adults leaders to students, we trust all adults have background checks done by your church. The ratio of adults to students is to be at least 1 adult to every 7 students. This is gender specific!** For example, if you only have 2 girls and 11 guys, you need to bring 1 female leader and 2 male leaders.

**Primary Adult Leader (PAL):** All communication between the Gathering committee and the congregation will be done through *one* Primary Adult Leader, whom we like to call our "PAL." The PAL is responsible for returning all forms and payments for GLORYbound to the Registrar by the designated deadlines.

**Adult Volunteers:** An Adult Volunteer is any adult over the age of 19, interested in serving GLORYbound 2008 in various areas such as tech and stage help, registration check-in, games, etc. All those interested should apply using the Adult Volunteer Application and Reference forms available on the website ([www.gloryboundtexas.org](http://www.gloryboundtexas.org)) by September 1, 2008.

### What are the costs?

The registration fee covers program, speakers, bands, activities and two meals. It does not include lodging, transportation, parking (\$10-16/day), most meals, and adult leader costs. Be sure to consider these costs when you set the price for your students. We have arranged for special discounted pricing from three hotels in downtown Fort Worth ranging from \$85 to \$89 per night + city tax per room (based on quad occupancy). Hotels may also assess a "rollaway" charge. All hotels are within walking distance of the Convention Center. To avoid an additional \$100/per participant fee, you **MUST** use one of the three designated hotels. You will receive information about these hotels in your registration confirmation.

GLORYbound requests that all payments be made with ONE CHECK per congregation. Each payment check should be drawn on the congregation's or youth ministry's bank account for the entire group. The initial deposit is to be sent in with your Church Registration form. Make checks payable to GLORYbound 2008. A \$50 fee will be assessed for checks returned with insufficient funds. The GLORYbound Planning Committee has set the following registration fees & dates:

**A \$35 non-refundable deposit per participant is due with registration.**

**Registration begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. Final payments will be due October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Early Bird Registration Rate	postmarked by May 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$109.00
Regular Registration Rate	postmarked by August 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$119.00
Late Registration Rate	postmarked by October 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$139.00
Non-Gathering Hotel Fee*		\$100.00

\* To avoid a \$100 per participant fee, all GLORYbound 2008 participants must stay in one of three designated hotels.



## 4 Registration Packet

### Registration made simple. Period.

Registering for the weekend is easier than ever before. Simply...

1. Read all enclosed registration materials. Decide on a cost for your students. Promote GLORYbound 2008 to your students.
2. Decide the number of spots you want to reserve for both adults and students.
3. The Primary Adult Leader fills out the Church Registration Form.
4. Write a check for your deposits and mail it in with your registration form. *Your church is NOT registered without both a deposit check and a registration form.*
5. With your registration confirmation you will be given information about designated hotels with discounted rates ready to take your reservations. Those attending GLORYbound 2008 will need to make their own hotel reservations by **October 15th**. You will select from one of three Gathering hotels based on availability. Please do not contact any hotels until you have received your registration confirmation.
6. Additional information concerning hotels, a more detailed schedule of events, emergency information and service opportunities will be included in your registration confirmation materials sent to all Primary Adult Leaders. You will also receive Bible studies and group activities to help prepare your group for the weekend.
7. Distribute the "Individual Registration and Emergency Medical Form" to all student and adult participants.

### What forms are needed?

Before GLORYbound weekend, the Primary Adult Leader (PAL) only has to fill out the "Church Registration Form." By November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will send an emailed Excel form to all PALs to collect the names and contact information of all participants. Before leaving for GLORYbound, PALs will need to have two copies of each "Individual Registration & Emergency Medical Information Form" (two-sided). Upon arrival in Fort Worth, the PAL will turn in one form per adult and student. There is no need to return these forms before the Gathering.

### Can I request additional spots or cancel spots?

Once you receive your registration confirmation, the PAL may reserve additional spots, simply by emailing [registration@gloryboundtexas.org](mailto:registration@gloryboundtexas.org) with your church code (on envelope), church name and the number of additional spots. Then mail a \$35 non-refundable deposit for each additional spot to GLORYbound08 c/o Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 1401 Cross Timbers Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028. Again, your spots are not confirmed until deposits are received. If you are requesting additional spots after November 1<sup>st</sup>, payment must be received in full at the late registration rate. If you wish to cancel spots, simply email [registration@gloryboundtexas.org](mailto:registration@gloryboundtexas.org) with your church code, name and number of spots. You must do so by October 15<sup>th</sup> (deposits are non-refundable). After October 15<sup>th</sup>, you may cancel for a 50% refund of total registration if by October 31<sup>st</sup> (refund checks to be mailed after event). *After November 1<sup>st</sup>, no refunds will be granted and all registered spots must be paid in full.*

### Promotional Items

Included with this mailing is a promotional poster. Other promo items are available to download on our website [www.gloryboundtexas.org](http://www.gloryboundtexas.org).

### Questions?

If you have questions concerning the Registration process, please email [registration@gloryboundtexas.org](mailto:registration@gloryboundtexas.org) or call Brandy Ramm @ (972) 539-5200 x105.



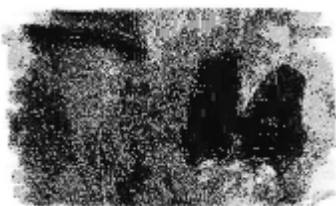
*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. — Ezekiel 36:26*

# EVENT DETAILS

## speakers

### FRED LYNCH

Fred is a dynamic communicator who uses the art of rhythm and rhyme to share the truth of scripture in a relevant way. At the age of 18, Fred help found P.I.D. (Preachers in Disguise) one of the first gospel rap acts. Today, Fred serves as a Campus Pastor at Oaks Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, where he lives with his wife D-Ann and their two children, Jordan and Asia.



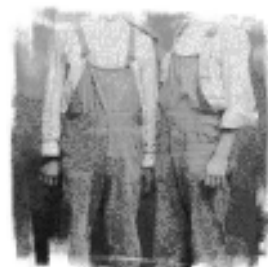
### DENVER MOORE & RON HALL

Authors of *Same Kind of Different as Me* — Denver

Moore grew up a modern day slave on a plantation picking cotton. Ron Hall grew up in Texas, wanted to be a cowboy, and ended up an international art dealer. When Ron started to volunteer in a Fort Worth homeless shelter, God changed both of their lives forever. Come hear the amazing story!

### PASTORS MARK SCHAEFER & PATRICK MILLER

Try to keep up as this dynamic pastoring duo of Water's Edge Lutheran Church in Frisco, Texas, jumps through scripture with more enthusiasm and energy than anyone you've ever seen. Get ready to get smacked in the face with Jesus-centered biblical teaching that just might change your life forever.



### PETE LUEDEMAN

Pete is a pastor at Beautiful Savior in Portland, Oregon, where he lives with his four daughters and his wife. He is so pumped to be at GLORYbound08. Pete will teach and lead us in worship on Sunday morning, sending us off with a mission to see God working back home!

## schedule

### FRIDAY:

2:00 pm Registration Opens (@ Convention Center)  
 3:00 pm Hotel Check-in Begins  
 4:30 pm Experiential Room (ER) Open  
 5:00-6:30 pm Dinner (provided)  
 7:30 pm General Session #1  
 9:30-11:00 pm Late Night Options & ER Open  
 11:30 pm Family Group Time

### SATURDAY:

9:30 am General Session #2  
 11:30 am Experiential Room (ER) opens  
 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (provided)  
 1:00-6:00 pm Sectionals/Service events/ER  
 Dinner **On your own**  
 8:10 pm General Session #3  
 10:30-11:30 pm Late Night Options & ER Open  
 11:30 pm Family Group Time

### SUNDAY:

9:30 am PULSE Worship (with Communion)  
 12 noon Hotel Check-out



## who else is on stage?

### **KARI JOBE** worship band

For over 13 years, Kari has been involved with worship groups that have ministered around the world. She will lead us into the presence of God with her gift of music. Her passion is to see people impacted and changed by His goodness, and to see the world changed by the reality and nearness of God's presence.



### **PETE COUSER** bible study leader

Pete is the Ministry Director at Summit Church in Fort Worth, Texas. At each General Session, Pete will take us deep into the Word of God to reveal to us the new spirit and heart of flesh God has offered us. He will help each and every one of us check our PULSE.

### **BEN SCHECK & CASSIE SCHERMBECK** masters of ceremony

Ben and Cassie both passionately love working with teenagers and feel so blessed to be able to do something for a living that they would do for fun—share Jesus with young people. They can't wait to see you and your students at GLORYbound 2008 to throw you a t-shirt, to make you laugh, and to guide you through a life-changing weekend.

*Ben* is the Director of Youth Ministry at Crown of Life in Colleyville, Texas, where he and his wife, Aletha, live with their three children. When you see him ask him about the time he was attacked by an octopus.



*Cassie* grew up in San Antonio and is a huge Spurs fan. She's been the youth minister at Bethel Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas, for 6 ½ years. You might not be able to tell when she is up on stage, but she has a LOT of freckles!

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

As the Lord removes our hearts of stone and replaces them with hearts that beat for Him, we become more aware of the hurts, needs and struggles of those around us. As a part of PULSE GLORYbound 2008, you will have an opportunity to help meet the needs of the people of Fort Worth and serve the community in tangible ways. Upon registration, you will receive a list of "off-site" service opportunities along with group registration forms. Please prayerfully consider serving with your group during this "heart" changing weekend!



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# Texas District High School Youth Gathering

## GLORYbound 2008 Church Registration

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRIMARY ADULT LEADER)

Church Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

### Church Information

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

( )

City \_\_\_\_\_

( )

ST \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary Adult Leader Information (PAL)

**\*\*Be sure to fill out an Individual Registration & Medical Information form for yourself also.**

(CIRCLE) Male Female

Name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if desire information to be sent to house instead of church) \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

( )

ST \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (PLEASE print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_ Youth Ministry Professional \_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_ Teacher

#### Registrations Costs

(\$35 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration)

**Early Bird Registration Rate** \$109.00  
postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Regular Registration Rate** \$119.00  
postmarked by August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Late Registration Rate** \$139.00  
postmarked by October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Non-Gathering Hotel Fee\*** \$100.00

\* To avoid a \$100 per participant fee, all GLORYbound 2008 participants must stay in one of three designated hotels.

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students \_\_\_\_\_  
(the ratio to adults to students must be at least 1:7)

#### Enclosed Non-refundable Deposit (DUE NOW)

**TOTAL SPOTS** = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Texas District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod" Memo: GloryBound08. Personal checks are NOT accepted. Mail form and check to:

Lamb of God Lutheran Church  
Attn: GLORYbound 2008  
1401 Cross Timbers Road  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

(972) 539-5200 x105 registration@gloryboundtexas.org

#### Any special needs/requests?

*I acknowledge that the registration information is trustworthy and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Primary Adult Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I grant permission for the above listed PAL to attend GLORYbound 2008 with our congregation's students.*

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Individual Registration &  
Emergency Medical Information Form**

(TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS)

Church Code _____
Church _____
City _____

Name (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Grade (circle) 9 10 11 12 Adult

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Home Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Work Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Cell Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact person in case of emergency \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any special needs?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency and Health Information** (if yes to any questions, please provide explanation and pertinent information) :

Do you have:

- Heart Condition? \_\_\_\_\_
- Diabetes? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you subject to:

- Headaches? \_\_\_\_\_
- Seizures? \_\_\_\_\_
- Fainting? \_\_\_\_\_
- Sleep Walking? \_\_\_\_\_
- Activity induced asthma? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are any drugs ineffective in treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a reaction to:

- Bee stings? \_\_\_\_\_
- Penicillin? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other drugs? \_\_\_\_\_
- Poison Ivy, Oak, Sumac? \_\_\_\_\_
- Anything else? \_\_\_\_\_
- Any serious illness or surgery in the past 10 years?

Date of last Tetanus shot? \_\_\_\_\_

- Any condition that would prevent you from participating in activities? \_\_\_\_\_

- Sight or hearing impaired? \_\_Glasses? \_\_Contacts?

Please list all medications currently being used \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate anything else that would be important for adult leaders to know in case of an emergency \_\_\_\_\_

*I will participate fully in the GLORYbound Gathering and seek to help others do the same.*

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian Signature (for those under 21) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical and Liability Release Form RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

(TO BE COMPLETED BY ADULT PARTICIPANTS AND THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS)  
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In consideration for participation in the 2008 LCMS Texas District High School Gathering, "GLORYbound," we (I), being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf my child-participant if said child is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of home congregation) and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above-described trip or activity.

Furthermore, (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years] hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging to this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the above organizations, its directors, employees, and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

**(if the participant has not attained the age of 21 years):**

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him/her to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical and/or dental treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical and/or dental treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical/dental bills, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents, please initial if your home congregation and GLORYbound has permission to use pictures of your child in future promotional materials.

_____ Print full name of participant	Only participant need sign if 21 years of age or older. If under 21, <b>both</b> parents must sign unless parents are separated or divorced in which case the custodial parent must sign.
_____ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) telephone	
_____ Alternate phone number (work/cell/etc.)	_____ date Father
Hospital Insurance _____ Yes _____ No Insurance Company: _____	_____ date Mother
_____ Policy Number	_____ date Legal Guardian
_____ Physician	_____ date Participant, if age 21 or older
_____ Physician's phone	