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In the very near future, we will be opening registrations for **Connect25**! Connect is our annual gathering of FEBC churches, and the goal is in the name. We want you to connect with like-minded people from around North America who share your values and beliefs, your desires, and your struggles. We want to encourage you in whatever ministry you may have, wherever you may serve. The stated purpose is "Connecting you with people, information, and resources to help you do ministry better."

This is not just a business meeting, nor just for pastors. Our desire is that pastors, elders, other church leaders, and congregation members would attend and explore what Connect has to offer. Connect is an opportunity to learn more about our Fellowship and our ministries, to learn more about the other churches you are fellowshiping with, to learn more about global missions work, and to learn practical ways to more effectively reach your own community for Jesus.

The annual meetings are a small portion of the Connect schedule, and the meetings are engaging and enjoyable. I know it is hard to believe, but in recent evaluations, multiple attendees have stated that the business sessions are among their favorite things at Connect.

This year, we are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker will be Mark Clifton. Mark is the Senior Director of Replanting at the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a pastor, author, professor, mentor, and coach. He has planted and revitalized churches in both Canada and the United States and is an expert in church revitalization. Mark will be speaking to us about the need for renewal in every church, regardless of size or status.

Have kids? Bring them along! While the adults are enjoying Connect sessions, the young kids will be enjoying a VBS-style program, while the teens can choose between attending sessions, helping with the kid's program, or hanging out with a family that has teens.

Connect25 will be held **July 10-12 at Crosspoint Bible Church in Omaha, NE**. Watch our website and your email inbox for registrations to open soon!

Connect is just one way that your Fellowship is striving to serve you. Thanks for your support and especially for your prayers!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stone".

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