

Saturday Morning Workshop Selections

- ❶ *A Time for Roots: The New Quest for History, Liturgy, and Authenticity* by Peter Merz & James Roland. As the pendulum of history swings, some people are increasingly dissatisfied with the hyper-individualism and the frenzied “me-first!” appetite of market-driven, “plastic” culture. This trend looks to the more ancient “human” experience of pre-industrial history for renewal of the present and seeks ultimate truth and spirituality as deep anchors of meaning for the universe. This workshop will explore the significance of this trend for the individual, church and society.
- ❷ *Living with Depression, It's not all Bad...Really* by Alan Jensen. Sometime in our lives, many of us have fought (or known those who have fought) with the beast of depression (whether we've named it as such or not). We've questioned, *Will the fog ever lift? How can you say you are a Christian and not continuously radiate joy and happiness?* Though not a therapist, Alan will discuss his own 40 year struggle with depression, with a purpose to encourage understanding, hope, healing and even...adventure by at least putting the beast on a leash. Among dozens of alternate titles for this workshop, the runners-up were *Stumbling through the Dark; A Long-endured Darkness; Is the Darkened Room Empty?*
- ❸ *From Bad to Worse. What happens when God doesn't exactly deliver?* by Mark Ryan. This workshop will include a biblical meditation with the intent of encouraging and equipping.
- ❹ *I'm Not A Barbie Girl in a Barbie World: On Beauty, Image and Who We Are in the Image of God* by Buffy Barrs. The world has filled our minds with ideas of what physical beauty is. Everywhere we look we see what the beauty industry and the commercial world is telling us we should want to achieve. How does this affect our self images? Whose standard should we try to meet? What is real beauty anyway?
- ❺ *Hey, My Parents Were Kids Too: A Two-Way Conversation* by Nancy Snyder. A special children's lecture.

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- ❶ *Raising Wild Things in Creation* by Alan Jensen. Recent research shows that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development – physical, emotional and spiritual. But instead of nurturing our children in the created natural order we have become alienated from it. The play radius around our homes where children have been allowed to play has shrunk to one-ninth of what it was in 1970. Can we re-engage our lives, or engage further, with the created natural world? Do the Scriptures give us any guidance for this? What is a healthy perspective and how can we live it?
- ❷ *Glorious Ruins: A Christian View of History* by Ian Barrs. Much of popular history today is written as "Mythologizing" or "Debunking." In contrast to these two opposite errors, Christians must seek a realistic, Biblical view of the people and events of the past. As believers in the Gospel, we more than anyone else should be able to accept the reality of "Glorious Ruins": the reality that there is both beauty and shame in the history of the Church, of the West, and of our countries. We should expect nothing else in the history of Fallen human beings.
- ❸ *The "As Is" Ministry: Ministering Beauty Through Brokenness* by Laurie Jensen. We want to reach out to others from a place of strength, but so often find ourselves in the midst of caring for others' needs "as is". I would like to discuss how that is not only our own experience, but Paul's as well. How do we care for others when our own limitations seem so glaring? What can we learn from the Bible and others' experiences about how beauty can be offered and seen in spite of the brokenness of our human condition?
- ❹ *The Lives of Others; The Life of The Outsider: Living In The Mess of Beauty* by Linda Anderson. The outsider has been central to literature in word and image. I hope to look at a few novels and films, especially the film NELL, seeking viable answers to the following questions: What can we learn about Self and about Community from the outsider? What do we learn about Boundaries, both legitimate and illegitimate? What do we learn about "living in the mess" that reveals reliance on God and appreciation of the deepest beauty in brokenness? How do we move from the blind ugliness of categorizing others, to the gift of sight: to see the beauty in brokenly beautiful lives, including our own?



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (lunch and high tea included)

				SUB	BALANCE
Student (18 & over)				\$25	
Single				\$35	
Couple				\$65	
Family (kids 17 & under)				\$100	
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS (continental breakfast included, <i>bring your own linens and bedding</i>)					
	A/C	Bathroom	Adults ___X	Children ___X	
Tent / Camper	No	Unattached	\$5	\$5	
Rustic Cabin	No	Unattached	\$8	\$6	
A-Frame Cabin	Yes	Unattached	\$13	\$10	
Dorm Room Bed	Yes	Self-contained	\$15	\$15	
				X (1 or 2) nights	
After August 31, add Late Fee (# people X \$5)					
					TOTAL DUE

Directions to the Iowa 4-H Center—Madrid, Iowa

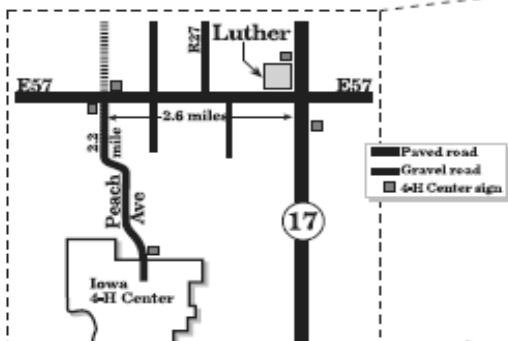
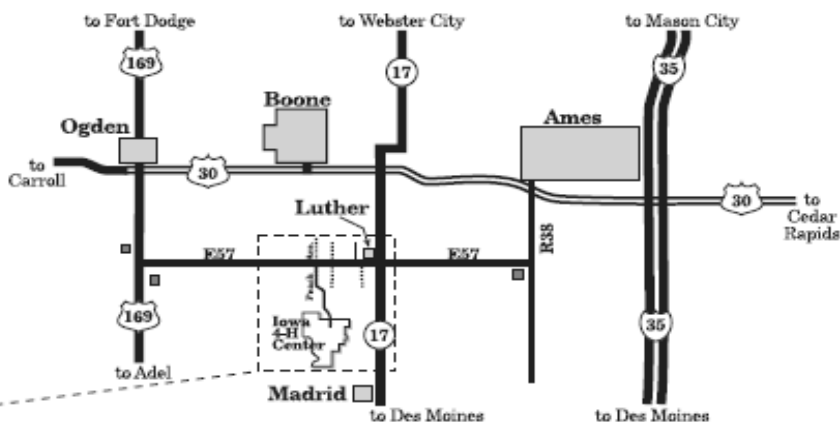
1991 Peach Avenue, Madrid, IA 50156 515-795-3338
www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter

Directions from Ames to Iowa 4-H Center

1. Proceed west of Ames on Highway 30 to Highway 17. Go south to Luther.
2. Turn west on E57 for 2.6 miles to Peach Avenue. Go south two miles following the road to the 4-H Center.

Directions from Ogden to Iowa 4-H Center

1. Proceed south of Ogden 5 miles on Highway 169 to County Road E57.
2. Turn east on E57. Turn south at Peach Avenue (the first intersection east of the Des Moines River). Follow the road to the 4-H Center.



Directions from Des Moines to Iowa 4-H Center

1. Proceed north and west from Des Moines about 30 miles on Highway 141 and Highway 17 to Luther.
2. Turn west on E57 for 2.6 miles to Peach Avenue. Go south two miles following the road to the 4-H Center.

Directions from Adel to Iowa 4-H Center

1. Proceed north on Highway 169 to County Road E57.
2. Turn east on E57. Turn south at Peach Avenue (the first intersection east of the Des Moines River). Follow the road to the 4-H Center.

We are excited to host this year's Iowa L'Abri Conference at the beautiful Iowa 4-H Center, located on 1,100 acres along the Des Moines River. The Center has eleven miles of trails through wooded bluffs and prairie and has wide open areas for soccer and volleyball. The Iowa Arboretum is less than one mile away and offers 40 acres developed as a "Library of Living Plants" with hundreds of well-marked trees, shrubs and flowers. Ledges State Park, best known for its dramatic canyons and bluffs, is about five minutes away as well.

The conference fee includes lunch and high tea. One or more persons may register on the same form and registrations **must be returned by Aug. 31, 2009**. If mailed after Aug. 31, please add a **\$5/person late fee**. Cancellations will be charged \$5. **We are unable to provide child care**, but the camp is designed for families with small children. If you have children and would like to tag-team attending the conference, it is a very rich area to explore

and enjoy. In order to keep the conference accessible to everyone, we have tried to keep costs to a minimum this year. If registration fees would prevent you from coming, please give us a call and we will see what can be done to help. Children five and under are free.

The 4-H Center offers heated, air conditioned, carpeted A-frame sleeping cabins containing nine beds apiece. Bathrooms and showers are in the nearby lodge. It also has rustic cabins and a larger cabin with heated, air conditioned dorm rooms with ten beds and one bathroom for each room. *NOTE: You must bring your own linens and bedding!*

If you would like to stay at the 4-H Center **after 6 PM Saturday**, you are welcome to camp or stay in one of the cabins, but **please arrange that with us ahead of time**.

MapQuest to 4-H Center: www.mapquest.com/mq/8-c0mvJMDk

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:		
Number of registrants:	Check number:	Total Due (from reverse side):	

For more information contact the Rolands in Storm Lake, IA 712-249-6668, roland@cafezanzibar.org

Make checks payable to "Café Zanzibar"

Send registration to James Roland, Little Field Abbey, 776 Hwy 110, Storm Lake, IA 50588.