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A large church conference — a “super” conference if you will — has become an annual tradition at Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University. Typically featuring top Christian speakers, preachers and ministry leaders from all over the country, the conference has offered workshops on everything from missions to music and prayer.

This year’s conference, scheduled for Aug. 11-13, promises to be “super” as well, said TRBC Senior Pastor Jonathan Falwell. But it has a new, more specific name than just “Superconference.” It is being called the “innovatechurch 2008 Conference,” and is “designed for Christian workers and all those who have influence for Christ,” Falwell says.

In the last few months, as planners mapped out this year’s conference schedule, more ideas came and more speakers were added to the lineup. This year participants can expect to hear from: bestselling author **Rick Warren**, (“The Purpose-Driven Life”);
Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship; **Jim Cymbala**, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York City and also an established author; **Tom Mullins**, pastor of the 12,000-member Christ Fellowship church in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.;
and other noted guests. Several of Liberty’s and TRBC’s own scholars will give their time and talents to teach.

There will be six professional tracks (Healthy Churches, Healthy Faith, Healthy Outreach, Healthy Worship, Healthy Relationships and Healthy Leadership). Though offered before, but not emphasized, there will also be sessions on women’s ministry and reaching out to the abused, addicted and hurting.

It will all take place under the theme “Not I, But Christ.”

“Since Dad died last year, that’s the portion of Scripture God gave me to strengthen my heart and our church family,” Falwell says.

This year a special “get to know you” dessert reception will kick off the event on Monday night. Tuesday night is the Night of Praise, featuring TRBC worship leader Charles Billingsley. There will also be a pastor-to-pastor luncheon, hosted by Falwell. And as in years before, there will be several exhibitors and sponsors offering the latest products, services and resources for church leaders.

All conference attendees will receive a copy of the book, “innovatechurch”.

Registration is open now and discounts are offered for those who register early. The Super Early Bird registration deadline has been extended to June 30. For more details, go to www.trbc.org or call (800) 424-9592.