

International Shelby Conference 2008 Empowers Its Users

ORLANDO, June 20--Shelby Systems celebrates the success of the 18th annual International Shelby Conference held in Orlando, FL.

Hosted by the Customer Development Division of Shelby Systems, the conference was attended by over 650 Shelby Systems users, business partners, industry experts, and professionals. Everyone joined together for a time of fellowship, inspiration, networking, and learning. During the conference, attendees chose from over 200 lecture classes, forums, hands-on sessions, and exhibitor demonstrations.

"The Shelby event staff really cares about its user family," said Pat Crooks of Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Virginia. "We are all better employees because of [Shelby Systems]."

"I have been using Shelby v.5 for about two years, but only knew what I needed to do for my job each week," said Elaine Visgaitis of New Life Church Gahanna in Ohio. "Since the conference, I feel like I have a much better grasp of Shelby v.5 and all that can be done with it."

ISC 2008 featured the video introduction of the new Shelby Systems World Headquarters in Cordova, TN, new church management software, and additional training options. Shelby Systems also announced the new church software ministry solution, Aspire. Aspire incorporates people, resources, web sites, and event management with excellent publication and contribution solutions.

In addition to the three-day conference, ISC hosted a focus day specifically for denominational headquarters customers. This allowed these customers to gain training specific to their needs as headquarters customers and still attend the remainder of the conference for additional classes.

The keynote speaker at ISC 2008 during the opening session was co-founder and senior vice president of the NBA's Orlando Magic, Pat Williams. His message was a significant way to start the conference and was an inspiration to all who attended. The music provided by Darin and Kristin Lightfoot of LightfootLife, a ministry department of Artists in Christian Testimony International, was a perfect complement to Williams' message. ISC attendees had the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves during the conference banquet with America's "Minister of Encouragement," Dennis Swanberg.

Shelby Systems has wasted no time in preparing for next year's International Shelby Conference, which will be in Dallas, TX. The team is already establishing goals, designing themes, and scheduling sessions for ISC 2009.

"This year's conference in Orlando was a tremendous success," said Karen Bishop, Shelby Systems' events manager. "The best part is the camaraderie of the Shelby Systems family experienced in one place over a four-day span. We look forward to meeting together again next year for a wonderful time of learning and fun!"