

# Shepherd to Shepherd

*"Stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord" Micah 5:4*

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## *From My Heart to Yours*

### **HOLINESS PASTORS AND INTEGRITY**

I recently had the privilege of joining several U.S. Army chaplains at Fort Jackson for an "Integrity in Ministry" seminar featuring H. B. London of Focus on the Family.

While listening to H. B. speak, I was reminded of the many parallels between ministry and piloting airplanes. Both can be exhilarating. Both can be filled with hours of tedious routine punctuated by moments of rushing adrenaline. Both are best accomplished with careful attention to details. Both can result in a crash and burn.

Pilots are taught to do pre-flights, where structural integrity and various systems are checked for safety. The goal is to ensure that everything is working as it should. The pre-flight can reveal things that would jeopardize a plane in flight, but which can be easily corrected if discovered on the ground.

Ministry inspections can be similarly helpful. May I offer the

following ministry integrity checklist?

- Do you have an accountability partner?
- Are you beginning to rationalize certain questionable actions?
- Do you have a feeling of invincibility? (Many a fall in ministry has begun with innocent carelessness and a sense of invincibility and invulnerability.)
- Are your financial dealings—personal and ministerial—marked by integrity?
- Are you cultivating healthy relationships at home and at church?
- Are you fatigued? (This can lead to spiritual depression and a sense of futility and make us most susceptible to temptation.)
- Are you maintaining personal intimacy with God?
- Do you like what you do?
- Are you grateful for your assignment?

Ministerial compromise leads to personal and family embarrassment and often invalidates a ministry. When one of us falls, we all take a hit.

Let's be faithful. Let's be fruitful. Let's be holy.

Eddie Estep  
*District Pastor*

## *Bits-N-Pieces*

PRAYER REQUESTS: Hubert Richardson (Batesburg, chemotherapy treatments), Chaplain Steve Survance (deployed to Ecuador), Ed Kessler (Charleston Cross Community, surgery), Luis Valverde (West Columbia Hispanic, undergoing medical treatments in Costa Rica), Cheryl Albert (Lexington Shepherd interim) at the passing of her mother, Ron Howard (DAB member) at the passing of his mother.

Twenty-one pastors participated this year in Camp Work Days #1 and #2. Thanks!

Congratulations to Sumter Wise Drive Church, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May.

Congratulations to Mike and Amy O'Hair (Midland Valley youth pastor) on the birth of Garrison O'Hair.

Thanks to your hard work and sacrifice, our World Evangelism Fund is now at 79.2%. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world are depending on us.

During pastoral searches, the following elders are serving in interim positions: Jerry Earles, Winnsboro; John Sanders, Summerville; Bob Albert, Lexington Shepherd; John Griggs and Garry Lee, Conway; Leonardo Cortes (Manning NewStart Hispanic pastor) is filling in at West Columbia Hispanic during the absence of Luis Valverde.

Scott Roberts and the Camden First Church board recently underwent an excellent pastoral review at the second anniversary of his service in Camden.

Brent Van Hook has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ron Pelton on the District Ministerial Credentials Board. Ron will be retiring from the pastorate and the Winnsboro Church effective May 31.

The Church of the Nazarene Church Loan Fund is now offering attractive new rates. Current rate for an established church is 4.75%, and the current rate for a new church is 4.25%. For information, call 877.293.8822.

Approximately 50 pastors attended the Centennial Training Day at West Columbia Central on Saturday, April 12, 2008. A Centennial Training make-up day will be offered Saturday, August 23, 2008.

Congratulations to Danae Kunselman (Columbia First PK), selected as a member of the South Carolina High School Sports Report All-State Volleyball Team as well as the Coaches Association of Women in Sports 3 A, 2007 All State Team, 2007 All Area Volleyball Team, and 2007 All Region Volleyball Team.

Congratulations to Jeff Estep, starting second baseman and pitcher for the SC AAA High School State champion Brookland-Cayce Bearcats.

Congratulations to Josh Estep, who was named to the American Midwest Conference (AMC) First Team and the NAIA Region IX First Team for the second straight year. Josh was also named to the All-AMC Rawlings Gold Glove Team.

## *Your Opinion Counts*

Last month we asked, "What do you and your family plan to do for fun this summer?" Responses included:

"My wife and I will do something that is not hazardous to the health of an 84 (in July) year old and an 80 year old."  
T. W. Mitchell

**The question for next issue: "What one word best describes the pastorate?"** Please forward your responses to [eddieestep@scnazdist.net](mailto:eddieestep@scnazdist.net) and I will list selected responses in the next issue.