

# 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



### PALCON 2010

I want to encourage you to participate in PALCON (Pastors and Leaders Conference) 2010. This event, specifically designed for ministers on the Southeast Region, will be held at Trevecca Nazarene University, May 11-13, 2010. You can register at [www.PALCON2010.org](http://www.PALCON2010.org). (Deadline to register is April 27, 2010.) I am sending a letter to all church board secretaries to inform them of the value of PALCON and ask for resources to help you attend.

The theme for PALCON 2010 is *Rooted in Missional Passion*. The daily expressions of the theme will include CALL - The compelling nature of holiness; CHARACTER - The integrity of our heart; and CULTURE - The ministry in today's world.

I am encouraging every minister on the South Carolina District to attend for the following reasons:

- You will be encouraged and enriched by the specialized workshops, inspiring plenary sessions, and networking opportunities.
- You will have opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new friends.
- You will enjoy the campus of

Trevecca Nazarene University and Nashville.

- You will be connected with new and relevant resources for ministry.
- You will fulfill annual CEU credit responsibilities.
- The event is designed to be of special benefit to bi-vocational pastors.
- The registration price (\$179 inclusive) is a real bargain.
- The current registration list is stronger than at this time in 2004, and it is expected that the Southeast Region will surpass attendance of 2004 (398 persons).
- All Hispanic pastors will receive a \$50 discount from Dr. Roberto Hodgson's office and all plenary/worship sessions will be translated.

If we have 20 people sign up by April 27, we can travel together on the Greenville First luxury bus. Cost will be only \$20 each for the transportation. We would leave Greenville First at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, May 11, and return to Greenville First by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14. To register for the bus ride, please call the district office (803.794.2209) or e-mail Rachael Watts at [nazscdist@cs.com](mailto:nazscdist@cs.com) by April 27.

Eddie Estep  
District Pastor

# Bits-N-Pieces

## "Dates to Remember"

### March

- 25 "Teaching Church"  
Seminar at Greenville  
First
- 27 Cooper River Bridge Run  
(Pastors' Activity)

### April

- 5-7 Camp Work Days #1
- 24 District Leaders'  
Information Tour  
(Greenville, Columbia,  
Charleston)

### May

- 3-5 Camp Work Days #2
- 8 TNU Palmetto Nazarene  
Golf Tournament  
(Changed from 5/15)
- 11-13 PALCON at TNU  
(Register at  
[www.PALCON2010.com](http://www.PALCON2010.com))

### June

- 20-27 District Camp Meeting

### July

- 25-28 District Conventions  
and Assembly

### Nov.

- 8-11 District Awakening Tour  
with Dan Bohi

## UPDATES

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pastor John Powell (Batesburg), Rev. Hubert Richardson (retired pastor), and Scott Adams (son of Great Falls Pastor Henry & Gale Adams) undergoing cancer treatment; Pastor Karen Lawson (Florence Family Life) recovering from a severely broken ankle; Pastor Sammy Geddings (Sumter Wise Drive) recovering from torn Achilles tendon; Kimberly Wells (Sumter Celebration pastor's spouse) recently hospitalized; the District Work & Witness Team presently in Panama.

Rich Evans, director of Student Ministries at Real Life Community Church of the Nazarene in Portage, Indiana, is seeking a destination for a mission trip planned from July 17 - 24. Past mission trips have been to Florida, St. Louis, and Canada. Last year they spent a week putting in drainage tiles, doing landscaping, carpentry, plumbing, removing carpet, etc. If your church needs some of the same types of labor, please contact Rich Evans at 219.762.6544 (church office), 219.309.6739 (cell phone), or [revans@reallifecc.org](mailto:revans@reallifecc.org).

Pastor Richard Coleman (Lexington Shepherd) has agreed to join the leadership team working to see the new Camp Dining Hall become reality. Richard will be visiting our churches to tell the story and share the vision for this needed addition to our district camping ministry.

Dr. Larry Wagner, director of Carolinas School of Ministry, is available on Saturday, April 24, to meet with prospective and existing students to talk about the direction they should go as they move forward in their studies. He will be at West Columbia Central Church, between the hours of 9 a.m.-12 noon, and 1:00-3:00 p.m. To make an appointment, e-mail Dr. Wagner at [csmdir@gmail.com](mailto:csmdir@gmail.com).

Cherrydale Hispanic NewStart (Pastor Jonathan Saenz) will be officially organized as our newest church on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010.

The 2010 IMPACT Team Reunion at camp meeting will take place Sunday afternoon, June 27. Chonda Pierce, former SC District IMPACT Team member, will be the featured guest.

A District "Funding the Mission" Information Tour will take place Saturday, April 24, at three locations across the district: Greenville First 10:00 a.m.-12 noon; Columbia First 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Summerville 6:00-8:00 p.m. Information pertaining to the new funding formula for World Evangelism Fund (WEF), Pensions and Benefits, Trevecca Nazarene University, and District Fair Share will be distributed. Information on the newly-revised Annual Pastor's Report (APR) will also be shared at each meeting. This information will help pastors complete the new report. Rev. Greg Pressley, district secretary, Rev. Bill Harmon, district finance committee chairman, and Mrs. LaNora Jensen, district treasurer and district NMI President, will be the presenters.

Annual Meeting: *Manual* paragraph 113.7 states, "An annual church meeting shall be held within 90 days prior to the meeting of the district assembly." Since the assembly begins July 27, our local churches may conduct their annual meetings after April 29.