

# 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*

### A GOOD PASTOR IS ALWAYS LEARNING

PALCON 2010 at TNU was great! We had 25 pastors among the 300+ who registered from the Southeast Region. The plenary sessions were inspiring and the many workshops were informative. Most enjoyable was the opportunity for fellowship, especially on the bus trip up and back. As I attended the workshops, I was reminded that "a good pastor is always learning."

With that in mind, I want to encourage you to take advantage of a few learning opportunities this summer. Dr. Moody Gunter will be teaching a workshop for pastors on the Tuesday afternoon (June 22) of camp meeting. "Personal and Church Finance" will be taught from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Several workshops will be offered on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon of our district conventions (July 26-27). NewChurch Specialties will be teaching a workshop, "Opening the Front Door and Closing the Back Door," especially for pastors on Tuesday afternoon.

I look forward to seeing you at Camp Meeting 2010. You will enjoy the ministry of Drs. Moody and Nina Gunter and Rev. Marvin Jones, as well as the morning devotions offered by several of our pastors.

*Eddie Estep*  
District Pastor

## *Bits-N-Pieces*

### UPDATES

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Rev. Hubert Richardson (retired pastor); Scott Adams (son of Great Falls Pastor Henry & Gale Adams) undergoing chemotherapy treatments; Camp Meeting 2010; the Jones and Smith families at the passing of Bill Jones, brother of Joe (Jones) and Sarah (Smith); Pastor Karen Lawson (Florence Family Life) recovering from ankle surgery; Rev. Mickey Smith (commissioned evangelist) recovering from surgeries.

The District Information Tour on April 24, 2010, was attended by a total of 153 people including 44 pastors.

Tony Lupton has been appointed as pastor of Georgetown NewStart.

## "Dates to Remember"

June  
20-27 District Camp Meeting

July  
25-28 District Conventions  
and Assembly

Nov.  
8-11 District Awakening Tour  
with Dan Bohi

Congratulations to Pastor Johnny Price and the Bamberg church, and Pastor Garry Lee and the Bishopville church, for their recent excellent reviews.

Rev. Harry Varn (Sheila) has accepted the call to pastor Winnsboro First Church and will begin their pastorate there on Sunday, June 6. Rev. Varn, a native of Charleston, has been pastoring the Somerset Lake Cumberland (Kentucky) Church for the last eight years. He is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College and Asbury Theological Seminary.

Pastors are encouraged to call their churches to prayer for our camp meeting on Sunday, June 13, and to bring a special offering from the church for the Check Night Offering on Friday night, June 25.

Congratulations to Pastor Roland Evans, who was officially installed as pastor of the Columbia Grace Church on May 2, 2010.

A special thanks to all who participated in Camp Work Days #1 and #2. The gift of volunteer service like this is why we are able to maintain our current level of operation. There was a grand total of 74 people (50 individuals from 20 churches including 15 pastors) who volunteered 1328 hours, (plus 34 children and adults from Greenville First worked a day at camp), with over 100 projects completed.

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.

In the last ten years there has been a 10% increase in licensed/ordained ministers in the Church of the Nazarene in USA/Canada. Seventy percent of our churches are under 100 in worship attendance. The average assignment tenure has increased to 4.42 years.

Rev. Harry Widener has retired as pastor of the Hendersonville First Church of the Nazarene after over 35 years pastoral ministry in Colorado, South Carolina, and North Carolina and is available for revival services. He may be contacted at (Home) 828-749-3166, or (Cell) 828-606-0707.

A District "Awakening Tour" is coming to South Carolina on November 8-11, 2010. Danny Bohi, a lay evangelist, will be touring our district. The locations for the evening services have not yet been set. We are already praying for a tremendous outpouring of God's Spirit. The district will be called to 30 days of prayer prior to these services.

M11 (The Quadrennial Nazarene Mission/Evangelism Conference) is coming to Louisville, Kentucky, on February 21-23, 2011.

### YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- Send photos of baptisms to the district office for the District Assembly video.
- Plan to receive new members before May 31.
- Check the status of your WEF and District Fair Share contributions and, if needed, plan a special offering to take you over the top on giving for others.
- Complete and submit your pastor's annual report online by June 10, 2010.
- Plan for your church books to be audited soon after the end of the church year.