

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

"TEACHING CHURCH" DISTRICT SEMINAR

I have been thinking about how clergy best learn. Throughout my ministry one method of instruction and learning has been most effective in prompting personal development and facilitating ministerial understanding: peer-to-peer learning.

As a pastor, I always learned the most when interacting with other pastors. I am now finding peer-to-peer learning to be incredibly valuable as a district superintendent. That is why I am so excited about our first-ever district "Teaching Church" Seminar, to be held Thursday, October 29, at Manning NewStart Community Church.

Realizing the value of peer-to-peer learning, and the wealth of knowledge on our own district, our Mission Area Directors have planned two "Teaching Church" Seminars for this year -- at Manning NewStart (October 29, 2009) and Greenville First (March 25, 2010).

Manning NewStart is now 10 years old, and has grown from 0 to 200. They have purchased property and experienced building programs, including the one they are presently completing. In addition to seeing people saved, creatively reaching their mission field, and sponsoring a growing ethnic ministry, they have also sponsored Work & Witness trips to build churches in Central America. This is one of our strongest missional churches, led by a winsome, missional pastor.

This seminar is filled with opportunity:

- an opportunity to attend a seminar for only \$10, including lunch!
- an opportunity to interact and fellowship with other district pastors.
- an opportunity to gain C.E.U. credit.
- an opportunity to learn from one of our best pastors and church planters about what is working, and what isn't working, in his particular mission field.

The seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m., and conclude by 1:30 p.m. I hope to see you at Manning NewStart on October 29. To register, e-mail Rachael Watts at nazscdist@cs.com.

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District Pastor*

Bits-N-Pieces

UPDATES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Rev. Hubert Richardson (retired pastor); Captain Greg Brunson (Chaplain, Summerville) deployed to Afghanistan; Johnny Price (Bamberg) upcoming knee-replacement surgery; Chuck Kessler, brother of Ed Kessler (Charleston Cross

"Dates to Remember"

September

19 Panama Work & Witness Trip begins

October

2-4 NYI Breakaway, Camp Thunderbird

17 Children's Mission Fair

19-20 Pastors' Prayer Summit

29 District "Teaching Church" Day, Manning NewStart

November

8 District Advisory Board, 7 p.m.

13-15 Ladies Retreat, Hilton Royale Palms, Myrtle Beach

December

7 District Christmas Banquet, Brookland Baptist Community Center

January

4 District Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

16 Mid-Year Rally, Seawell's

25-28 Ministry Team Retreat, Myrtle Beach, with Dr. Jesse Middendorf

May

11-13 PALCON at TNU

FAIR SHARE UPDATE: At present, all but five of our churches are current on Fair Share Giving! Thank you so much for your faithfulness and commitment to others.

Howard and Sylvia Whiting will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in Maine on October 4.

Rev. John Gunter has resigned as pastor of the Wallace Church and is available for revivals and pulpit supply, beginning October 1. He can be reached at 803.420.4111.

Clover Church of the Nazarene will be in revival September 21-25, with district ministers preaching.

A NewStart effort is being made in Georgetown and we would appreciate contact information on anyone in that area we might contact by phone or personal visit and invite them to the services. Anyone having knowledge of a friend or relative there, please send requested information to the district office at nazscdist@cs.com, or Rev. Dale Turner at newstartchurch@ftc-i.net, or Rev G. W. Harrell at worshipserve@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to Matt Johnson and the Greenwood Community church board on their successful two-year review.

Due to the scheduling of the General SDMI Leadership Conference January 10-13, 2010, the previously scheduled DAB meeting on January 11 has been moved to January 4.

The dates for Camp Work Days #2 have been changed to May 3-5, 2010 (previously scheduled for April 26-28).

Rev. Bill Segur has accepted the call to pastor Simpsonville LifeSpring; Rev. Garry Lee has accepted the call to pastor Bishopville; Dr. Brent Van Hook has accepted the call to pastor Wichita First (KS).

THINKING AHEAD

- Consider "adopting" a pastor and his/her family for Christmas. This could involve receiving a love offering for the family, inviting the pastor and family to join you on a Wednesday night, having them share the devotional and then presenting them with gifts. Please feel free to contact the DS for suggestions.
- Begin to make Faith Promise plans for 2010, or for the November 2009 Thanksgiving Offering for World Mission.
- Put Baptism Sunday dates on the church calendar for this church year, and begin to advertise them.
- Put Membership Sunday dates (and corresponding Membership classes which should precede each date) on the church calendar for this church year, and begin to plan for them.
- The 21st Winter Olympics will be held February 12-28, 2010, in Vancouver. What sermon series or special church activities could you plan in conjunction with the Winter Games?