

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 is Coming!

I hope you are making plans 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.nazarenepastor.org.

Why attend PALCON?

- Because we will receive quality pastoral encouragement and enjoy fellowship opportunities and inspiring worship.
- Because of the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new friends.
- Because it will be held on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville.
- Because this gathering is designed to encourage and resource ministers.
- Because it will fulfill annual C.E.U. credit responsibilities.
- Because it is designed to be of special benefit to bi-vocational pastors.
- Because the registration price is a real bargain!

Greenville First is planning to make their bus available for all South

Carolina ministers who would like to travel together in style. More details will follow, but the bus will probably leave early that Tuesday morning (PALCON begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m.) and travel home on Friday, May 14.

BESIDE STILL WATERS

Are you in need of a mini (one week) sabbatical? TNU has a program creating Sabbath rest time for pastors on the Southeast Region. Through this program, Beside Still Waters, a pastor can come to campus for a week of Sabbath. There is no agenda for you on campus; instead you are able to structure your time as you like. You can use the library, the fitness facilities, attend chapel and classes, or just do whatever you would like. Trevecca pays for housing and food for the week. You would be responsible for travel expenses. Over the past two years, TNU has had about 15 pastors come to campus for this program. The response from them about their time has been overwhelmingly positive. The pastors have been refreshed, rejuvenated, and renewed for ministry.

For more information, see <http://www.trevecca.edu/church.services/sabbath.program>.

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District Pastor*

Bits-N-Pieces

"Dates to Remember"

December

7 District Christmas Banquet, Brookland Baptist Community Center, 7:00 p.m.

January

4 District Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
16 Mid-Year Rally, Seawell's, 10:00 a.m.
25-28 Ministry Team Retreat, Myrtle Beach, with Dr. Jesse Middendorf

February

15-16 Pastors' Pre-Lent Prayer Summit

March

25 "Teaching Church" Seminar at Greenville First
27 Cooper River Bridge Run

May

11-13 PALCON at TNU

UPDATES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Pastor John Powell (Batesburg) undergoing cancer treatment; Rev. Hubert Richardson (retired pastor); Captain Greg Brunson (Chaplain, Summerville) deployed to Afghanistan; Pam Evans (upcoming surgery at MUSC), Gary Hayes (Rock Hill Celebration Place) recovering from knee surgery; Trenton Rupert (Charleston First PK) recovering from surgery; Rev. Ron Fite (Rock Hill First) recovering from back surgery; Kimberly Wells (Sumter Celebration pastor's spouse) and Patti Walker (York pastor's spouse) both recently hospitalized; G. W. Harrell (retired minister) recovering from surgery.

Congratulations to Pastor Dale Turner and the Manning NewStart church board on their excellent ten-year review.

The "first service" (November 8) of the NewStart effort being made in Georgetown had 67 in attendance!

The district's first "Teaching Church" Seminar, at Manning NewStart, was attended by 36 ministers.

Congratulations to Chaplain Bob Albert, who was recently endorsed as a healthcare/hospital chaplain in the Church of the Nazarene.

Interim Pastors: Roland Evans is serving at Columbia Grace; Barney Baggott will be serving at Winnsboro. Rick Grimes (Winnsboro) has accepted a call to plant a church in Toledo, Ohio.

THINKING AHEAD

- It is not too late to "adopt" a pastor and his/her family for Christmas. Please feel free to contact the DS for suggestions.
- 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?
- Think about bringing to your church a summer intern (youth, children, music, etc.) from TNU.
- Put on the calendar (April 2010) the date to select who will audit the church's books. This action is required, and will best take place in June, after the books have closed at the end of the church year (May 31).
- Focus on the Family offers a monthly bulletin insert emphasizing marriage and family. The bulletins are only .12 each and can be ordered in bundles of 50 or 100. If you are interested in providing your members with this great family resource, you can place your order by calling 800-692-9912.