

# 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 CHRISTIAN PASTOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I recently saw an ad in *Christianity Today* for a new book titled *A Christian Code of Conduct*. While reviewing the chapter titles (A Christian Husband's Code of Conduct; A Christian Father's Code of Conduct; A Christian Employee's Code of Conduct; etc.), I began thinking about a Christian code of conduct for pastors. What would be the chapter headings for such a book?

I would offer the following:

- Preach the Word in Season and out of Season
- Speak the Truth in Love
- Model Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Grace
- Demonstrate Integrity, Integrity, Integrity
- Evidence a Strong, Grace-based Work Ethic and Rest Ethic
- Observe Sabbath
- Pray
- Value Family (your first congregation)
- Maintain the Lord's Temple
- Be Holy; Be Pure
- Keep your Balance
- Demonstrate Three Old-school Virtues: Discernment, Winsomeness, and Patience

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District Pastor

## Bits-N-Pieces

### 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 recovering from surgery; Kimberly Wells (Sumter Celebration pastor's spouse) recently hospitalized; Scott Adams (Great Falls PK) recently hospitalized; Pastor Bill Watts (Pelion) recovering from heart surgery; the family of Rev. J. Reed Jones at his passing; Anne Watts (Orangeburg First PK) recovering from surgery.

## "Dates to Remember"

### January

- 4 District Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
16 Mid-Year SDMI 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/ Greenville First  
27 Cooper River Bridge Run

### May

- 11-13 PALCON at TNU\*  
15 TNU Palmetto Nazarene Golf Tournament

### November

- 8-11 District Awakening Tour with Dan Bohi

\*Register at:

[www.nazarenepastor.org](http://www.nazarenepastor.org)

Vance and Jeannie Sharpe are available to sing for revivals, anniversary services, or concerts. They can be contacted at 803.466.1985 or [VANCESHARP@aol.com](mailto:VANCESHARP@aol.com).

Congratulations to Pastor Ed Kessler (Charleston Cross Community) and Pastor Karen Lawson (Florence Family Life) for their excellent two-year reviews. Congratulations to Pastor Jerry Branham and Lancaster SonLight for the excellent six-year review.

Interim Pastors: Roland Evans is serving at Columbia Grace; Barney Baggott is serving at Winnsboro.

Dr. Allan Rashford (Charleston St. Andrews) will be a presenter at the Nazarene Black Conference which meets in St. Louis, July 22-25, 2010.

Congratulations to the Bishopville Church, which celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November.

### **PK TO PK**

Brad Lindsay (Charleston Calvary PK) works as a computer animator at Vicarious Visions – where he translates comic book legends to the screen. When Trenton Rupert (Charleston First PK) was recently hospitalized, Brad's company sent Trenton (and his siblings) several games for their various gaming systems (see photo of Trenton in the hospital).



Brad writes, "Working in animation was definitely a calling from God. My ultimate goal is to glorify Christ in all I do. I want Him to shine through me. God gave me these gifts, talents, abilities and I want to use them to honor Him. I like knowing people enjoy the work I do. Sometimes, I even get a foothold to share about how it's an answer to prayer that I got the great job I have. I can't wait to see where Christ will lead me in the years to come."

### **THINKING AHEAD**

- January is Stewardship Month. The newest addition of the annual Stewardship Month Resource Kit Series is now available from Stewardship Ministries. Authored by Dr. Stan Toler, *Planning Your Life Around the Kingdom* focuses on the big idea that God wants us to transform our world through generosity. The resources include sermons, letters, bulletin inserts, PowerPoint presentations, and age-group lessons. Each CD-ROM includes both English and Spanish materials. *Planning Your Life Around the Kingdom* is available free of charge but must be ordered online at [www.nazarene.org/stewardship](http://www.nazarene.org/stewardship).
- October 10, 2010 (10/10/10) is a Sunday. How could you use this date at your church?