

Shepherd to Shepherd

"Stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord" Micah 5:4

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District Superintendent



Hunger for God



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From My Heart to Yours

ANNOUNCING

School of Stewardship

**Building More and Better Givers:
Developing Holy Generosity in a Modern Church**

**Saturday, March 24, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Columbia, South Carolina



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They say, "Nothing in life is free." They are wrong. In 2012 the South Carolina District will be sponsoring a "School of Stewardship" - an intense one-day stewardship seminar that will be absolutely free to our pastors. Thanks to a generous donor, the cost of this event has been paid in full. This on-site district training event, facilitated by Dr. Mark Lail, director of Stewardship Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene, will teach pastors how to build more and better givers by fostering a culture of holy generosity. It is designed to be practical, motivational, and fun. Pastoral participants will also earn Continuing Education credit.

Topics covered will include: Heads Up in a Down Economy, Teaching Tithing in a Skeptical World, From Zero to Steward in Seven Difficult Steps, Understanding Generational Giving Trends, and more...

While there is no registration cost for this event, we are asking every participant to register by contacting Rachael Watts at nazscdist@cs.com. This will allow us to provide enough handouts. These days one of the most valuable resources for pastors is in the areas of stewardship. I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity.

Eddie Estep
District Pastor

Bits-N-Pieces

Prayer Requests: Dennis Johnson (retired camp manager) recovering from shoulder surgery; Amanda Watts (Hartsville First children's pastor) recovering from leg surgery; Pastor John Powell (Batesburg) undergoing cancer treatment; Jimmy and Brenda Haynes ministering in Swaziland (now home for a couple months); the 2012 Ministry Team Retreat Cruise (Jan. 30 - Feb. 4); please join us in praying for an awakening movement of the Holy Spirit on the South Carolina District.

The annual **SDMI Mid-Year Rally** and the **SDMI Convention** are being combined into one event to be held on January 14, 2012. Our speaker will be Rev. Kerry Willis. There will also be district SDMI elections and General SDMI Convention delegate elections that take place at the Mid-Year Rally.

The South Carolina District will be hosting a **Holiness Summit** on October 14-17, 2012, at the campground. Dr. Nina Gunter, Dr. Nelson Perdue, and Dr. Tim Green will be preaching. The summit will begin with the Sunday evening service and conclude with a Wednesday morning service. Morning and evening services will be held on Monday and Tuesday with a morning seminar/workshop/Q&A in addition to each morning service. Afternoons will be free.

The **National Nazarene Black Conference** will be held July 5-8, 2012, in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hyatt Regency. The theme is "The Power of One."

Congratulations to **Pastor Billy Williams** and the Orangeburg Memorial church board on a very positive six-year pastoral review.

Pastor Dan Swan (Rock Hill Grace) has accepted a position as hospice chaplain in Statesville, NC.

Chad Seabright is a registered evangelist (SC District, Aiken NewStart) who has been traveling in evangelism for the last year. If you have a Sunday or Sunday night available and need a rest, he would love to come preach for you. He will be in the area for the month of January and February and looking forward to any opportunities to share the Word of God. He has been well received in several of our churches. You can contact him at chad@enkindleministries.com.

Nazarene Safe provides resources to equip local Churches of the Nazarene in creating safe environments for God's family. Central to implementing a safety system is the development of sound policies and preventative procedures. Every church should do background checks on children and youth workers. You may have recognized that your current plans need to be refreshed or more strongly enforced. Strategies for fulfilling these needs are found on this website. Membership resources (\$100 a year plus \$5 per trainee) include sexual abuse awareness training (for all your workers), policies and procedures, screening documents, and much more. See www.nazarenesafe.org.

"2011-2012 Dates to Remember"

January 14	SDMI Mid-Year Rally/SDMI Convention
January 27-28	SC District TNT
Jan. 30-Feb. 4	District Ministry Team Retreat Cruise
Feb. 20-22	Pastors' Pre-Lent Prayer Summit
March 24	District School of Stewardship
May 10-11	Board of Credentials/Board of Studies Assessment Days
June 17-24	District Family Camp Meeting
July 22-24	District Conventions and Assembly
October 14-17	South Carolina District Holiness Summit