

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

Intentional Evangelism

Pastor, what is your evangelism temperature? Are you warm to evangelism, regularly praying for specific individuals to know Jesus and regularly looking for opportunities to talk to individuals about Jesus?

A study focusing on *Evangelism* in 1,000 Southern Baptist congregations during the years of 2013 and 2016 was recently completed. Thom Rainer’s research group interviewed what they considered to be the top 5% of pastors in what they refer to as the ‘growing category’ of the study. Pastors in this category were asked, “What is God doing in your church to see people reached with the Gospel?” and “What is happening that we can learn from you?”

The overwhelming answer was ‘**Intentional Evangelism.**’

Perhaps it would benefit all of us to become more intentional about evangelism. We can do that by:

- Intentionally praying for evangelistic opportunities
- Intentionally building relationships with nonbelievers
- Intentionally seeking to renew a culture of evangelism in your church
- Intentionally planning evangelistic community activities

Evangelism is important. It is where discipleship begins. We aren’t just looking for decisions. We are looking for disciples. Disciples are born through evangelism.

Nazarene Theological Seminary Offering

South Carolina Nazarene ministers are blessed with significant educational opportunities for ministry preparation including Trevecca Nazarene University, Nazarene Bible College (online), Nazarene Theological Seminary (graduate degrees), Carolinas School of Ministry, and a Spanish-language partnership with Nazarene Theological Seminary of the Southern Cone (of South America) located in Pilar, Argentina.

Several of our pastors are graduates of Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS). January is the month set aside for Nazarene churches in the USA to bless NTS. Dr. Jeren Rowell, recently elected president of NTS, is excited for the opportunity to lead our seminary into a strong future.

Many of our churches simply budget an offering, for which NTS is deeply grateful. However, the opportunity to “tell the NTS story” in the churches is also very important. I would encourage you to show the NTS video and to pray for NTS, in addition to offering your people an opportunity to give as the Lord directs. The video and other resources can be found here: <http://www.nts.edu/seminarianoffering>

The South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene exists to:

- start churches
- strengthen churches
- develop leaders

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Eddie Estep
District Superintendent



Hunger for God



Leadership
Development



Fruitfulness



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Bits-N-Pieces

NEWS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

TRANSITIONS:

Hartsville First: Dr. Jim Stocks is serving as interim pastor.

Manning New Start Community: Dr. Jim Thrower is serving as interim pastor.

Simpsonville LifeSpring Community: Rev. Sarah Sircy (Chris) will be officially installed as pastor on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Their first Sunday at Simpsonville was January 14, 2018.

Wallace: Rev. John Griggs has accepted the call to serve as associate pastor.

Winnsboro: Hunter Wooten and Carson Justice have accepted the call to serve as part-time youth directors at Winnsboro.

Andrew Caulder (from West Columbia Central) is available to lead worship at a church. While attending Charleston Southern University, he led worship at Charleston Calvary. He is now enrolled at NBC where he plans to complete a bachelor of ministry degree. He has worked with praise teams, bands, and choirs, and would prefer a church in the Columbia area but is willing to travel further if necessary. Andrew can be contacted at 803-546-4487 or acaulder96@hotmail.com.

Evangelist Bill Ulmet has several open dates in 2018. Contact him at 217.714.2973 or wulmet@juno.com.

2018 EVENTS TO SHAPE MINISTRY

Register your Lifelong Learning hours at: <https://learning.nazarene.org>

January 20

INSPIRE: SDMI Rally & Convention

Presenter: Frank Bealer, Director of Leadership Development/Orange
Venue: Seawell's Convention Center, 10:00 a.m. (2 LL hours)

February 6

Embracing Exile: Reimagine What It Means to Be God's People

Presenter: Dr. Scott Daniels
Venue: Camden First; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (4 LL hours)

February 19-20

Pastors' Prayer Retreat

Facilitator: Mike O'Hair
Venue: D. Moody Gunter Camp & Retreat Center (6 LL hours)

March 10

Peer-to-Peer Learning Day

Presenters: Kyle Poole: How to Teach a Membership Class
Kyle Himmelwright: How to Impact Your Neighborhood
Terry Weyman: How to Lead Change
Brent Walker: Preaching to More than the Choir
Greg Pressley: You Can't Make This Stuff Up
Venue: Greenville First, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (5 LL hours)

April 12-15

Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference

Estes Park, Colorado; www.whwomenclergy.org

April 19-20

Board of Ministry Assessment

Open to all South Carolina District Ministers
Venue: D. Moody Gunter Camp & Retreat Center

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: M19, February 11-13, 2019, Kansas City

2018 REVIVALS, RENEWAL SERVICES

January 21-23	Midland Valley Community	Rev. Chad Seabright
February 1-4	Ridgeville	Rev. Bill Ulmet
February 7-11	West Columbia Central	Dr. Stephen Manley
February 9-11	Orangeburg First	Rev. Kyle DeLong
February 11-14	Columbia Grace	Dr. Stephen Manley
February 18-21	Bishopville	Rev. Daryl Bogatay
February 18-21	Camden First	Rev. Billy Huddleston

RESOURCES FOR PASTORS

Reservations are now being accepted for **Sabbath Inn**, the South Carolina District Ministers' Cottage located on the district campground. Sabbath Inn was built to provide a place for rest, reflection, and rejuvenation for ministers and their immediate families on the South Carolina District. Any minister (ordained or district licensed and actively serving in a local assignment) or SC evangelist can reserve the cottage for up to three nights a year. Pastors may make online reservations at: <http://southcarolinanazarene.org/sabbath-inn.php>

The Board of General Superintendents declared 1 December 2017 as the effective date for the **2017-2021 Manual of the Church of the Nazarene**. An electronic version of the new *Manual* in English is accessible via nazarene.org/manual or by [going directly to its website](#). The printed version will be available in March 2018 as a sales item from Nazarene Publishing House.