

The Purpose for these Meetings

Kingdom Discipleship for Ministers is birthed out of a burning desire to help brethren who are in pastoral ministry to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" in preparation for purposeful kingdom advance. God's message to the church in Sardis was, "be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God". (Rev 3:2)

We want to gather in recognition that there are many ways in which we in Anabaptist-type churches are also falling short and in need - we desperately need to hear from God and recommit ourselves to the vision of Kingdom Christianity set forth in the life and message of Jesus. This message is being attacked, diluted, and weakened by materialism, individualism, and the influence of modern Christianity. We need to examine and strengthen the foundations.

The messengers of this kingdom are also being afflicted with weariness of body, turmoil and unrest in their spirit, needs in their homes, confusion in the churches, and distractions from the world. These messengers and shepherds need time to come away and be refreshed, purified in spirit, pastored, and equipped so that they can pour out their lives to others.

The Method

Pass it on - by teaching

- Foundational teaching: to provide a solid, Bible-based, Anabaptist understanding of the faith
- Practical teaching: to provide insight and equipping for pastoral ministry, study & preaching

Pass it on - by living

We seek to equip men with a kingdom vision, a pastoral compassion, a sensitive spirit, a love for truth, and a passion for preaching - by being with other men whose hearts beat with some of the same desires.

Our desire is not that the teachers simply share some information for which they have studied, but rather share from the outflow of their lives: what they feel meets the need of the hour, and what will strengthen areas in which our churches and ministers are most weak.

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, *lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes*. Isaiah 54:2

Our desire is:

To Strengthen the Stakes

- To examine, clarify, and reaffirm the foundations of the faith - so that the minister can teach and disciple with a clearer purpose and greater assurance
- To minister to the heart of ministers and encourage a Christ-like spirit of love and humility - so that the minister can serve in the truth and with a right spirit
- To broaden ministers' understanding of, and love for, God's word - so that the minister is better prepared to accurately expound the whole counsel of God
- To equip ministers for more effective preaching and pastoring of God's people - So that the minister can know a greater anointing and fruitfulness in shepherding the flock

To Lengthen the Cords

- To establish broader relationships with brethren who can help each other to greater faithfulness

We learn most as we come alongside each other and travel together up to the mountain of the Lord.

Pass it on - by digging in ourselves

Paul's instruction to Timothy to "take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine", is still an essential commission upon God's ministers today. We desire that the environment and interaction in these meetings encourage and challenge us in our own responsibility to be faithful in the ministry of God's Word.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Dale Heisey, Paul Weaver, David Alspaugh, and Alan Troyer

Feel free to contact any of us if you have questions. For general information about this event call Alan Troyer at (260) 450-2097

- To be disciplined by those who are making progress in areas where we are weak
- To break down walls of criticism and begin to honor, respect and learn from others of similar faith
- To seek God's will together concerning His purpose and the advance of His kingdom
- To fellowship, encourage and inspire each other

While brothers from various church affiliations are invited, we do not intend this to be an ecumenical conference. Rather it is intended to strengthen the function of each of our Anabaptist groups. We desire to promote a spirit of humility and brokenness throughout this week of meetings in relating to one another.

Synopsis

Session 1: Are we effectively healing the wounds and hurts within our congregations? Humility is the only attitude of heart from which grace will flow.

Session 2: An in-depth study of biblical principles for leadership in countering the adverse influences of our day.

Session 3: What is the minister's responsibility to his wife and family? Do they feel like a liability or an asset?

Session 4: Satan cleverly uses the same deceptions today that he did in the Garden of Eden. He deceives people into believing that they can cross over God's truth boundaries and actually become godlier.

Evening Messages: Inspiration, vitality and encouragement for the minister and his congregation.

Daily Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast 7:00-8:00	Breakfast 7:00-8:00	Breakfast 7:00-8:00
	Session I - 8:30-10:00 AM The Manifold Grace of God	Session I - 8:30-10:00 AM Ministering Grace One to Another	Session I - 8:30-10:00 AM The Healing Ministry of Grace
	Session II - 10:30-12:00 Maintaining Biblical Brotherhood Practices I	Session II - 10:30-12:00 Maintaining Biblical Brotherhood Practices II	Session II - 10:30-12:00 The Frustrated Shepherd
	Lunch Break - 12:00-2:00 PM	Lunch Break - 12:00-2:00 PM	Lunch Break - 12:00
	Session III - 2:00-3:15 PM The Minister's Responsibility to His Wife	Session III - 2:00-3:15 PM The Minister's Responsibility to His Family	
	Session IV - 3:30-4:45 PM Truth Testing Apostles and Prophets	Session IV - 3:30-4:45 PM Truth Testing Experiences and Teaching	
Light Supper - 5:00-7:00 PM	Supper Break - 5:00 - 6:00 PM	Supper Break - 5:00 - 6:00 PM	
Evening Service - 7:00-8:30 PM Maintaining Voluntary Brokenness	Evening Service - 6:30-8:00 PM David Alspaugh Lift up the Hands which Hang Down	Evening Service - 6:30-8:00 PM Amos Esh Overcoming Common Temptations of A Minister	

Location

This week of meetings will be held, the Lord willing, at Beulah Grove Campground located at 605 Barber-Werner Rd. Mendon, OH 45865. (Mendon is about 25 miles west of Lima, OH)

Meals

All meals will be provided (see schedule)

Lodging Information

Campground lodging is free and consists of cabins and rooms with beds. You will need to bring bedding (e.g. sheets, pillows, etc.) and bath supplies (e.g. towels, wash cloths, etc.). Sleeping bags in place of bedding would be an option. **There are also camper hookups available.**

If you would rather not stay at the campground, there are two motels where we have arranged special rates. **PLEASE NOTE: You will want to reserve your room as early as possible due to bookings for a local event in Celina, OH the same week as this event.**

Comfort Inn (24 mi) \$105.00/Room + tax
840 N Washington St (Mention Kingdom
Van Wert, OH 45891 Discipleship for this
Ph (419) 232-6040 price)

America's Value Inn & Suites (11 mi)
1321 Celina Rd \$95.00/Room + tax
St. Marys, OH 45885 (Mention Kingdom
Ph (419) 394-2341 Discipleship for this price)

For lodging questions call Mose Schwartz at (419)733-5471

Airport Information

Fort Wayne International (FWA)
Fort Wayne, IN (approx 1 hr 15 min away)

Dayton International (DAY)
Dayton OH (approx 1 hr 20 min away)

Columbus International (CMH)
Columbus, OH (approx 2 hr away)

NOTE: Past attendees have asked about the possibility of wives coming to these meetings. While this would be a blessing, it has some logistical challenges. We have decided to keep it just for the men at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Application Form

Please Print Clearly (*) Indicates required info

NAME*

ORDAINED OFFICE*

NAME OF CHURCH AFFILIATION*

NAME OF HOME CONGREGATION*

ADDRESS*

CITY, STATE, ZIP*

PHONE* (Home or Cell)

EMAIL (optional unless wanting email confirmation)

Lodging Needed* YES NO (Circle One)

There is no cost to attend. The costs of this event will be covered by brethren who support the vision of these meetings. There will be opportunity to give towards this expense if any one desires to do so.

MAIL or FAX your completed Application Form to:

Mose Schwartz
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Berne, IN 46711
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You can also apply on our website under "announcements":

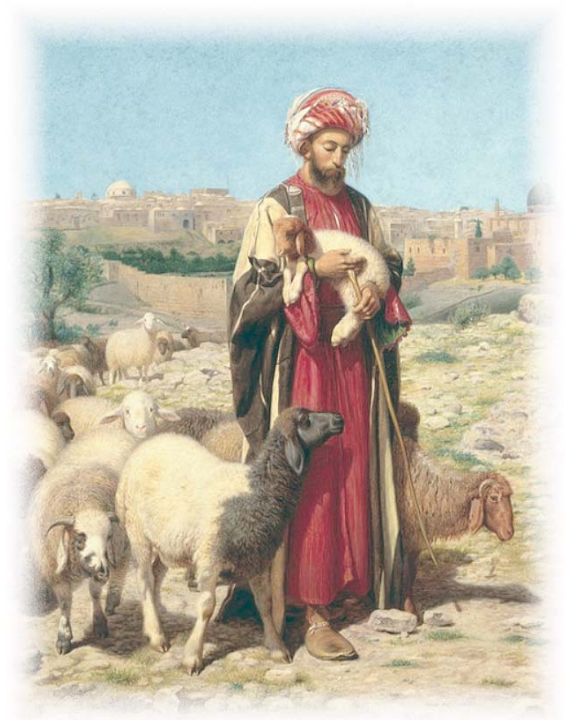
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We invite...

- Your ministry team (bishops, elders, pastors, ministers & deacons.)
- Your missionaries (currently on the field or on furlough)

to join us
September 3 - 6, 2024,
to seek God in prayer, discipleship,
inspiration and fellowship with
other ministers.