

# TEAMMATES

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I came across a good piece on suggested behavior for LBA members. Let me summarize its main points. I would encourage you to share it with your board.

Tip #1- Keep the Kingdom First: decisions should be based on the good of the church and not personal preferences.

Tip #2- Attitudes are Contagious: be sure your's is congenial and charitable even when decisions differ from your preference.

Tip #3- Monopoly is not a Game: equal opportunity to speak should be extended to all members, not dominated by a few.

Tip #4- Speak Now: Members should express their opinions during times of debate and refrain from complaining after the meeting if decisions are contrary to their vote.

Tip #5- Cooperate with the Chairman: chairing meetings is more difficult than it appears. Find ways to make the chairman's job easier like not carrying on casual conversations when business discussions are occurring.

Tip #6- Avoid Trivia and Irrelevancies: strive to keep the main thing the main thing and stick to the subject under discussion.

Tip #7- Respect the Rights of Others: arrive on time and stick to the agenda. Do not criticize those who have a difference of opinion. Allow discussion to run its course before moving to close debate.

Tip #8- "Thus Saith the Lord": avoid presenting your opinions as the final word from God on the subject. You may be speaking *for* the LORD but you are not speaking *as* the LORD.

Tip #9- It's Okay to Pray: prayer before, during and after the meeting is both appropriate and recommended.

(A copy of the full document is available on request.)

## **PASTORS' GATHERING '07**

Now would be a good time to submit your registration for this special event that will gather Wesleyan ministers together from across North America for inspiration, instruction and networking. The dates are January 2-5, 2007 and the location is Orlando, FL. Registration is being handled on-line through the denomination's website, [www.wesleyan.org](http://www.wesleyan.org). Plans are nearly complete for the chartering of a bus to take Greater Ohio ministers and spouses to the Gathering. The bus will depart from the district office late afternoon on New Years' Day and will drive straight through to Orlando arriving mid-afternoon on Jan. 2. The bus will return to Columbus, leaving Orlando on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> and arriving early morning on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$150 per minister. A special spouse rate of \$100 will be offered. Registration deadline for the bus is October 31<sup>st</sup>. A 50% deposit will be required with your registration. NOTE: There will need to be a minimum of 40 passengers to secure

the bus.

A limited number of scholarships from the district will be available to assist pastors. Applicants must be serving in a pastoral role and have a need. Scholarships will be awarded first to pastors whose church has paid 100% USF.

### **YEAR OF THE BIBLE**

The journey through the pages of sacred literature continues. The OT describes the good, the bad and the ugly of its primary characters demonstrating that God can use fallible beings to accomplish his divine plan. May's NT readings mostly covered the work of Paul. Though he receives most of the recognition, it is very clear that his success grew out of a team effort.

### **MARION DAYSPRING DEDICATION**

The Dayspring congregation will celebrate the dedication of their beautiful new sanctuary Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The service will begin at 3:00 pm. Tours of the facility will be offered prior to the service. Pastor Wil Beers and his people invite you to join them for this joyous occasion.

### **FAMILY GATHERING**

Promotional materials for Family Gathering have been included with this mailing. A DVD has been produced using scenes from last year's gathering. It is being included in mailings to churches where we know projection systems are in use. If you do not receive a DVD but desire one please contact us and one will be mailed to you.

Pastor, we are depending on you to spread the word about Family Gathering. You are the chief spokesperson for the district in getting the word out. More importantly, your decision to attend or not to attend will set the pace for your congregation's participation.

For that reason I am prepared to make a special deal to the first ten pastors who apply. If you have never attended Family Gathering I will give you one night's lodging for you and your family in one of the comfortable air conditioned apartments on campus. I'll also buy supper at the dining hall for up to five persons in your family. You will need to register through George Holley at [georgeholley@hotmail.com](mailto:georgeholley@hotmail.com).

### **WELCOME TO NEW PASTORS**

In rapid succession three churches went from seeking to receiving new pastors. Port Clinton called Rev. John Wildman to serve as their pastor. He had previously been serving in the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Ron and Jean-Marie Lambert were appointed to serve at St. Marys. They have been working with Steve Chapman at Sidney. Bryan Feathers, from the district office, was appointed to serve as an interim pastor at the Springfield Church. He will be providing special leadership and discipleship ministries to this congregation.

Additional appointments include Dwayne and Gail Woodard who have accepted an appointment to the Washington Court House church. They will begin there July 1<sup>st</sup>. Oakfield has called Rev. Dan Hinkle to be their pastor.

### **CHURCH OPENINGS**

Churches currently without pastors are Londonderry Pine Ridge, South Webster and Toronto.

### **DENOMINATIONAL NOTES**

**INSURANCE-** The period for open enrollment has been extended one month. If you still wish to take advantage of the new health insurance plan act quickly to submit your application and first month's premium. Information packets with applications were to have been sent to all churches regarding the new health insurance plan. If you did not receive information contact 888-772-9682. This plan is offered

by Aetna Insurance and is available to all Wesleyan ministers and employees of Wesleyan churches, full/part time.

WIF Rates Increase- Good news for investors/savers! Wesleyan Investment Foundation has announced an increase in the interest they will be paying on accounts. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, accounts up to \$5,000 will bear 4.5%. Accounts between \$5,001 and \$35,000 will bear 5%. Accounts in excess of \$35,000 will bear 5.5%.

### **THE JEFFRIES CELEBRATE 60!**

Rev. & Mrs. Walter Jeffries will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 28, 2006. Walter and Charlotte (Shreve) met while attending Marion College (Indiana Wesleyan University). They have spent 60 years serving Christ, The Wesleyan Church (Western Ohio District), and The Salvation Army and continue to actively serve Him and others. Thank you, Dad and Mom, for the example you have been to your children (Jerry & Marilyn Brown) and your grandchildren (Becky & Chris Pugh, Scott & Susie Brown, Christy Brown)

### **La GRAN COMMISION**

Our newest church celebrated their official beginning on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. District Superintendent Jeff Mansell was on hand to officially welcome Rev. Marie Acuna and the congregation of the La Gran Commision Wesleyan Church into the Greater Ohio District. (They have been meeting for public worship since February.) They are sharing the facility of the Washington Court House Wesleyan Church. Members of this congregation were on hand for the special service and then shared in a fellowship dinner that featured excellent American and Hispanic dishes. La Gran Commision is already averaging in the mid-20's for worship. Please pray for Pastor Maria and her new congregation.

### **DISTRICT STAFF EXPANDS**

The District Office has taken on a new staff member to assist with the extra work load that exists in closing out the church year and preparing for District Conference. Debbie Lee is that new worker. She and her husband, Phil, attend Cypress Wesleyan. Some of you old timers may remember Debbie as a kid around Victory Campground. She is the daughter of Ken Beckley. Debbie will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### **WESLEYAN YOUTH CAMP**

Youth Camp kicks off on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Be certain to include it on your church's prayer list.

### **REPORTS**

A gentle reminder: do not forget to complete your various reports and submit them by their deadlines. Annual Service Reports are now past due. Ministers who do not submit their Annual Service Report will not receive their new pocket credentials at District Conference.

“Delegate Certification” forms and “Local Church Conference Information” forms are due immediately after Church Conference.

Annual Statistical Reports are due by June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you feel you have qualified for either the Excellence in Ministry Award or the Eagle Award please return these forms to the District Office by June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT**

David Lamus, son of Pastor Jesus Lamus, is launching a Christian band. They are searching for used sound equipment. If you can help contact him at 614-853-0245.