



Dying by DEGREES

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT BY DR. RON COMFORT



Some time ago, a church where I have been for meetings on several occasions became pastorless, and I had been praying that God would lead a man to become the pastor who could take the church to the next level. It was a ministry with great potential. A few months later, as I was in an airport on my way to an evangelistic meeting, I saw a good friend of mine who had been on the staff of this local church. I asked him if the church had yet called a pastor, and he replied in the affirmative. He told me that their new pastor was young but that he had two degrees from a certain Christian college and two more degrees from a seminary. The educational degrees he had earned seemed to be the qualifiers for calling him as pastor. The "degree" criteria seems to be very prevalent now when churches are in search of a pastor.

How badly I wanted to ask my friend several questions about their new pastor! "What about his character?" "Can he preach?" "Does he have the power of God on his life and ministry?" "Is his family exemplary as a pastor's family should be?" I began to think about the spiritual condition of many churches across our country, and I wondered if our quest for knowledge and the prestige of education is not one of the reasons for the decline of powerful, growing, community-impacting churches. It appears that our movement has more conferences and seminars about reaching people on an intellectual basis than we have about the power of God. Very few of the great spiritual giants of the past that exhibited the power of God put a lot of letters after their names.

In Acts 4, verse 13, we read, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." In the book of the Acts, the power of God was manifested through preaching. After Peter preached at Pentecost, we read in Acts 2:37, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their

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Mike Pelletier

Richard Hester

Greg Baker

Charles Keen

	10:00am	7:00pm
Monday		Charles Keen
Tuesday	Charles Keen	Richard Hester
Wednesday	Richard Hester	Greg Baker
Thursday	Greg Baker	Charles Keen
Friday	Charles Keen	Greg Baker

Remove Not The ANCIENT LANDMARK Conference

JULY 14-18, 2008

SPECIAL EVENTS

ALL WEEK
Camp Barnabas - \$150
with Evangelist Mike Pelletier

TUESDAY
Golf Tournament - \$50

WEDNESDAY
Family Day

THURSDAY
Alumni Day/ ABCAA Meeting

FRIDAY
Youth Night

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heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Thirty-eight times in the book of Acts, a form of the word "preach" is used. They preached in the market places, in the synagogues, by the riverbank, at the Sanhedrin, in Solomon's porch, in the temple, and on Mars Hill. As it says in Acts 8, verse 4, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." One of the first questions that a local church should be asking when selecting a pastor is, "Can he preach?"

The power of God was also manifested through praising. In Acts 2:47 we read, "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" The positive and optimistic attitude is contagious, as is a pessimistic and negative attitude. I have never been with a pastor who exhibited the power of God on his ministry who did not major on the blessings of God rather than on the negatives. Paul and Silas praised God and sang praises in prison at midnight although their bodies were throbbing with the pain of the day's persecution. A praising Christian is a powerful Christian.

The power of God was also manifested through prayer. The church was born in a prayer meeting in Acts chapter 1, and it was maintained throughout the Book of the Acts by prayer. In two-thirds of the chapters of Acts, we read of a prayer meeting. Acts 4:31 reads, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." So a logical question for one who candidates for the pastorate is, "Does he know how to have his prayers answered?"

In conclusion, the power of God was manifested through purity. In each of the first four chapters of Acts, there is a display of the power of God; however, in Acts chapter five, we read of a man named Ananias. (The devil will always try to thwart the blessings of God after times of refreshing.) When Peter confronted Ananias and Sapphira with their sin, God sent judgment upon them for lying to the Holy Spirit. They had committed the sin unto death. The result of that purifying is in Acts 5:14, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." God blesses a pure preacher and a pure church. So the question for any aspiring pastor should be, "Is he living a godly life?"

Coming from one whose life and ministry revolves around the training of men and women in an educational institution, these thoughts may seem odd. I am for education and am absolutely convinced that a call to serve is a call to prepare. However, at Ambassador Baptist College we are far more concerned about the character of our students as they leave our halls than about the degrees they have earned. God's blessings on our lives and ministry are not determined by the letters after our name but by the power of God on our lives.

BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2008



Dr. David Baughan
Old Kanawha Baptist Church
Pratt, WV



Dr. David Cummins
Baptist World Mission
Decatur, AL



Dr. Bob Dalton
Ambassador Baptist College
Lattimore, NC



Nathan Deatrick
Maranatha Baptist Church
Shelby, NC



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THE AMBASSADOR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Attention all golfers: Plan to participate in ABC's annual golf tournament - The Ambassador Classic. This year's tournament will be held Tuesday, July 15, at Riverbend Golf Club in Shelby, NC. The registration fee is \$50 and covers cart, green fees, lunch and a goodie bag for each participant. Warm-ups begin at 11:15 AM, and the tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12 noon.

For more information, please contact the Information Desk at 704-434-0303 or email abeal@ambassadors.edu and ask for a Golf Tournament Brochure

Mrs. Wayne A. Egli in memory of
Mr. Wayne Egli

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Mason in memory of
Amanda Mason

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Lena and Charles Curtis

Mr. Bob Wivever in memory of
Bob Wivever's mother

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gregory in memory of
Arlie Gregory & Arnold, Bertha and Glenna Miracle

Mr. David Cox in memory of
Sherry Cox

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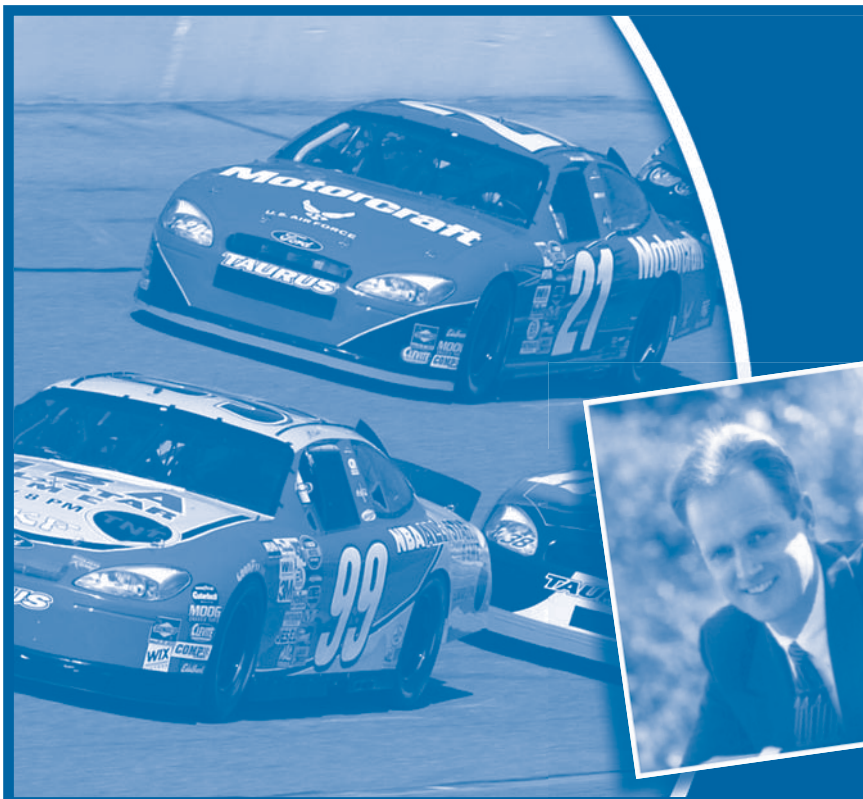
- * Timely completion of Gene Lasley Hall. Only \$40,000 more is needed
- * Wisdom for our 2008 graduates concerning God's will
- * Continued progress in the new Master of Ministries Program

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- * God's continued provision for Gene Lasley Hall
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 - * Powerful services during Spring Bible Conference

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION AT ABC

On Monday, March 24, 2008, Dr. Comfort announced to the student body that Alton Beal would become the president and Dwight Smith would become the vice-president of ABC in May of 2009. This change was agreed upon mutually by each person and the board of directors. An audio clip of Dr. Comfort's announcement and explanation has been posted on our website, along with letters from Brother Beal and Brother Smith.

Please visit the website at www.ambassadors.edu and listen to the announcement and the letters of response by both Brother Beal and Brother Smith



NOVEMBER 8, 2008

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RON COMFORT EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY

MAY - AUGUST 2008

MAY				
4	Pastor Gene Lasley	Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church	Gray, TN	423-239-6611
25-28	Pastor Bob Philbrick	Clinton Baptist Church	Clinton, ME	207-426-2211
29-31	Director Jeff Reason	Forest Glen Bible Camp	Brookfield, Nova Scotia, CAN	902-673-3228
JUNE				
1	Pastor Jonathan Highfill	New Testament Baptist Church	Clarks Harbour, Nova Scotia, CAN	902-745-0140
8-13	Pastor Delbert Oatsvall	First Baptist Church	New Lisbon, WI	608-562-3519
15	Pastor David McClellan	Bible Baptist Church	Xenia, OH	937-372-7957
28-29	Pastor Josh Teis	Southern Hills Baptist Church	Las Vegas, NV	702-388-7422
JULY				
6	Pastor Charles Whitfield	Grace Baptist Church	Birmingham, MI	248-646-2000
13	Pastor Timothy Braun	Heritage Hills Baptist Church	Blairsville, GA	706-374-7085
27- Aug. 1	Pastor James God	Bible Baptist Church	New Bloomfield, PA	717-582-8365
AUGUST				
3	Pastor Mike Brown	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Millville, PA	570-458-5870
10	Pastor Walter Coles	Good News Baptist Church	Chesapeake, VA	757-488-3241
13-17	Pastor Alan Fong	Heritage Baptist Church	San Leandro, CA	510-357-7023
24	Pastor Roger Pauley	Cranberry Baptist Church	Beckley, WV	304-252-9631



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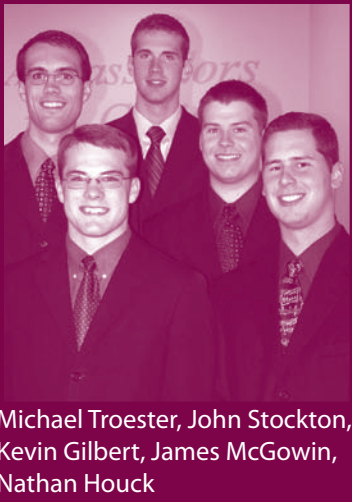


ALTON BEAL

May 11	Sunday AM	Pastor Richard Forsythe	Peoples Baptist Church	Penn Laird, VA	540-434-6554
May 11	Sunday PM	Pastor Jim Bailey	Valley Baptist Church	Edinburg, VA	540-984-8665
May 13	Tuesday	Mr. Bill Toothman	Marion Independent Baptist Church	Rivesville, WV	304-278-9756
May 14	Wednesday	Pastor Bruce Fincham	Bible Baptist Church	Culpeper, VA	540-825-9518
May 15	Thursday	Pastor Robert Warnick	Bayview Baptist Church	Colonial Beach, VA	804-224-3800
May 16	Friday	Pastor Steve Rebert	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Winchester, VA	540-667-8924
May 18	Sunday PM	Pastor George Riddell	Grace Baptist Church	Urbana, OH	937-652-1681
May 18	Sunday AM	Pastor Don Snow	Calvary Baptist Church	New Philadelphia, OH	330-339-1035
May 19	Monday	Pastor Albert Zito	Columbiaville Baptist Church	Columbiaville, MI	810-793-4120
May 20	Tuesday	Pastor Mark Booth	Calvary Baptist Church	Charlotte, MI	517-543-4028
May 21	Wednesday	Pastor Bob Taylor	Colonial Hills Baptist Church	Indianapolis, IN	317-253-5597
May 22	Thursday	Pastor David Mulvaine	First Baptist Church	Woodridge, IL	630-964-0221
May 25	Sunday PM	Pastor Dave Canedy	Marquette Manor Baptist Church	Downers Grove, IL	630-964-5363
May 25	Sunday AM	Pastor Gary Gritton	Calvary Baptist Church	Urbana, IL	217-367-2262
May 26	Monday	Pastor Levi Deatrick	Grace Baptist Church	Paxton, IL	217-379-3456
May 27	Tuesday	Pastor Ralph Irmeler	First Baptist Church	Divernon, IL	217-628-3468
May 28	Wednesday	Pastor David Shoaf	Independent Baptist Church	Bolingbrook, IL	630-759-1900
May 29	Thursday	Pastor Tim Tanner	First Baptist Church	Harrison, MI	989-539-7301
May 30	Friday	Pastor Robert Wall	Fostoria Baptist Church	Fostoria, MI	989-795-2185
June 1	Sunday AM	Pastor Doug Jackson	Community Baptist Church	Saginaw, MI	989-781-2340
June 1	Sunday PM	Pastor Jim McKinnies	Willis Baptist Church	Willis, MI	734-461-0352
June 3	Tuesday	Asst. Pastor Jim Swieringa	Faith Baptist Church	Muskegon, MI	231-766-3539
June 6	Friday	Pastor Delbert Oatsvall	First Baptist Church	New Lisbon, WI	608-562-3519
June 8	Sunday AM	Pastor Mark Poorman	Woodcrest Baptist Church	Fridley, MN	763-571-6409
June 8	Sunday PM	Pastor Dave Clear	First Baptist Church	Rosemount, MN	651-423-2271
June 9	Monday	Pastor Will Peterson	Coon Rapids Baptist Church	Coon Rapids, MN	763-755-3549
June 10	Tuesday	Pastor Lauren Bjokne	Lighthouse Baptist Church	Cottage Grove, MN	651-459-5974
June 11	Wednesday	Pastor Dennis Campbell	Granite City Baptist Church	St. Cloud, MN	320-251-2801
June 12	Thursday	Pastor Tim Riley	Berean Baptist Church	Detroit Lakes, MN	218-847-8914
June 13	Friday	Pastor Henderson	First Baptist Church of Elkton	Elkton, SD	605-542-5351
June 15	Sunday AM	Pastor Chad Prigge	Fairmont Baptist Church	Fairmont, MN	507-238-2790
June 15	Sunday PM	Pastor Darrell Mohler	Victory Baptist Church	Rochester, MN	507-289-2966
June 16	Monday	Pastor Dennis Seiler	Faith Baptist Church	Albert Lea, MN	507-377-5021
June 17	Tuesday	Pastor Julian Suarez	Faith Baptist Church	St. Paul, MN	651-771-5567
June 18	Wednesday	Pastor Mike Monte	Calvary Baptist Church	Robbinsdale, MN	763-533-9926
June 19	Thursday	Pastor Mike Toft	Island City Baptist Church	Winona, MN	507-450-0197
June 20	Friday	Pastor John Henderson	Bunker Lake Blvd. Baptist Church	Ham Lake, MN	763-755-6761
June 22	Sunday PM	Pastor Jon Watson	Calvary Baptist Church	Worthington, MN	507-376-4456
June 22	Sunday AM	Pastor Marcus Moffitt	Calvary Baptist Church	Sheldon, IA	712-324-3616
June 23	Monday	Pastor Neil Hannahs	Melgaard Baptist Church	Aberdeen, SD	605-229-1193
June 24	Tuesday	Pastor Richard Prettyman	Twin Cities Baptist Church	Bellevue, NE	402-292-4600
June 25	Wednesday	Pastor Ken Largent	Westwood Heights Baptist Church	Omaha, NE	402-333-8689
June 26	Thursday	Pastor Doug Robertson	West Omaha Baptist Church	Omaha, NE	402-215-3728
June 27	Friday	Pastor C. D. Kaighen	Grace Baptist Church	Harrisonville, MO	816-380-2850
June 29	Sunday AM	Pastor Robert Franseen	Eagle Heights Baptist Church	Kansas City, MO	816-454-7410
June 29	Sunday PM	Dr. Carl Herbster	Tri-City Baptist Church	Independence, MO	816-795-8700
June 30	Monday	Pastor James Barmore	Victory Baptist Church	Hannibal, MO	573-248-3527
July 1	Tuesday	Dr. Dan Deatrick	First Baptist Church of Wayland	Wayland, MO	660-754-6312
July 2	Wednesday	Pastor Bob Morgan	Crossroads Baptist Church	Carthage, MO	417-359-3388
July 3	Thursday	Pastor Rich Sevilla	Heritage Baptist Church	Cordova, TN	901-322-6300
July 4	Friday	Pastor Craig Caldwell	Cross and Crown Baptist Church	Clarksville, TN	931-645-8601
July 6	Sunday AM	Pastor Tracey Jones	Appalachian Baptist Church	Greeneville, TN	

2008 EVANGELISTIC TEAM

2008 SUMMER MEN'S QUARTET



Michael Troester, John Stockton,
Kevin Gilbert, James McGowin,
Nathan Houck



Donald Meader
PREACHER

May 11	Sunday AM	Pastor Wayne Golson	Community Baptist Church	Bradenton, FL	813-756-8748
May 11	Sunday PM	Pastor Andy Bloom	Central Baptist Church	Ocala, FL	352-694-2212
May 12	Monday	Pastor David Folsom	Central Baptist Church	Crawfordville, FL	850-926-9190
May 13	Tuesday	Pastor Michael West	Memorial Baptist Church	Ocala, FL	352-245-8326
May 14	Wednesday	Dr. Dan Jackson	Liberty Baptist Church	Sarasota, FL	941-371-8239
May 15	Thursday	Pastor John Reynolds	Volusia County Baptist Church	Orange City, FL	386-774-0181
May 16	Friday	Pastor Gary Wheeler	Victory Baptist Church	Jacksonville, FL	904-764-7781J
May 18	Sunday AM	Pastor Rusty Smith	Mikado Baptist Church	Macon, GA	478-781-2324
May 18	Sunday PM	Pastor Jeff Amsbaugh	Grace Baptist Church	Columbus, GA	706-323-1046
May 19	Monday	Pastor Nicholas Vance	Grace Bible Church	Dothan, AL	334-794-2337
May 20	Tuesday	Pastor Paul Alexander	Faith Baptist Church	Enterprise, AL	334-393-2774
May 21	Wednesday	Pastor Mike Rouse	Mountain View Baptist Church	Birmingham, AL	205-854-2741
May 22	Thursday	Pastor David Lewis	Ewell Bible Baptist Church	Ozark, AL	205-774-4127
May 24	Saturday Graduation	Pastor Dan Reed	Harvest Baptist Church	Acworth, GA	770-974-9091
May 25	Sunday AM	Pastor Dan Reed	Harvest Baptist Church	Acworth, GA	770-974-9091
May 25	Sunday PM	Pastor Steve Love	Philadelphia Baptist Church	Conyers, GA	770-483-7789
May 26	Monday	Pastor Wesley Agee	Grace Baptist Church	Gaston, NC	252-537-8887
May 27	Tuesday	Pastor Tim Daniel	New Testament Baptist Church	Kinston, NC	252-523-0648
May 28	Wednesday	Pastor Max Barton	People's Baptist Church	Greenville, NC	252-756-2822
May 29	Thursday	Pastor Eddie Hawks	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Rocky Mount, VA	540-483-9476
May 30	Friday	Pastor Floyd Holmes	Faith Baptist Church	Pinetops, NC	252-446-3495
June 1	Sunday AM	Pastor David Smith	Community Baptist Church	Perkasie, PA	215-541-1430
June 1	Sunday PM	Pastor Randy Starr	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Brogue, PA	717-927-9227
June 2	Monday	Pastor Volker Stoeckmann	Valley View Baptist Church	Northampton, PA	
June 3	Tuesday	Pastor Kevin Beard	Bible Fellowship Church	Luthersburg, PA	814-583-5416
June 4	Wednesday	Pastor Mike Edwards	Heritage Baptist Church	Woodbridge, VA	703-680-6629
June 5	Thursday	Pastor Thomas Alvis	Mount Moriah Baptist Church	Powhatan, VA	804-598-5328
June 6	Friday	Pastor David Morris	Calvary Baptist Church	Scottsville, VA	434-286-2900
June 7	Saturday Youth Rally	Dr. James God	Bible Baptist Church	New Bloomfield, PA	717-582-8365
June 8	Sunday AM	Dr. James God	Bible Baptist Church	New Bloomfield, PA	717-582-8365
June 8	Sunday PM	Pastor Joel Long	Tabernacle Baptist Church	Williamsport, PA	570-322-2546
June 9	Monday	Pastor Dan Norton	Grace and Truth Bible Church	Hummelstown, PA	717-566-9329
June 10	Tuesday	Pastor Tom Krampert	Bible Baptist Church	Kreamer, PA	570-374-1398
June 11	Wednesday	Pastor Bruce Love	Bensalem Baptist Church	Bensalem, PA	215-639-5433
June 12	Thursday	Pastor Roger Rosenau	Springville Baptist Church	Springville, PA	570-965-2163
June 13	Friday	Pastor Mike Brown	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Millville, PA	570-458-5870
June 15	Sunday AM	Pastor Todd Falk	Wilton Baptist Church	Wilton, NY	518-583-2736
June 15	Sunday PM	Pastor Thomas Crichton	Greater R.I. Baptist Temple	Johnston, RI	401-231-4796
June 16	Monday	Pastor Roger Maxwell	Emmanuel Bap Ch. of Keene	Keene, NH	603-357-1036
June 17	Tuesday	Pastor Paul Gaylord	Hillsboro Baptist Church	Hillsboro, NH	603-478-3929
June 18	Wednesday	Pastor Bob Philbrick	Clinton Baptist Church	Clinton, ME	207-426-2211
June 19	Thursday	Pastor Mitch Bickford	Lee Baptist Church	Lee, ME	207-738-2747
June 20	Friday	Pastor Bruce Townsend	Calvary Baptist Church	Stratton, ME	207-246-4652
June 22	Sunday AM	Pastor Tobe Witmer	Lighthouse Baptist Church	Newark, DE	302-368-8050
June 22	Sunday PM	Pastor Terry Moore	Capitol Baptist Church	Dover, DE	302-734-2410
June 23-24	Mon - Tue	Pastor Doug Meader	Lakes Pond Baptist Church	Waterford, CT	860-442-0277
June 25	Wednesday	Pastor Danny Linville	Faith Bible Church	Mount Joy, PA	717-631-8200
June 26	Thursday	Pastor Bill Dillon	Immanuel Baptist Church	Clifton Forge, VA	540-862-1011
June 27	Friday	Dr. David Baughan	Old Kanawha Baptist Church	Pratt, WV	
June 29	Sunday AM	Pastor Finley Cutshaw	Cornerstone Independent Baptist Church	Rocky Mount, NC	252-937-3013
June 29	Sunday PM	Pastor John Stevens	Northside Baptist Church	Charleston, SC	843-797-2690
June 30	Monday	Rev. Frank Bailey	Northside Bap. Ch. of Monks Corner	Summerville, SC	843-810-9375
July 1	Tuesday	Pastor Tim Butler	Victory Baptist Church	Charleston, SC	843-795-8229
July 2	Wednesday	Pastor Bill Egerdahl	Grace Baptist Church	West Columbia, SC	803-794-8237