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Welcome to the Association!

During the past few months the following churches and pastors have chosen to become new affiliates of the Evangelical Association:

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Burlington, North Carolina

Pilgrim Reformed Church
Lexington, North Carolina

Christ Bible Fellowship
ChIPLEY, Florida

Rev. Dr. Shawn Kafader
Mount Prospect, Illinois

Mount Hope Church
Salisbury, North Carolina

St. Luke's Reformed Church
Salisbury, North Carolina



*A Message From
The Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister*

Putting It In Writing

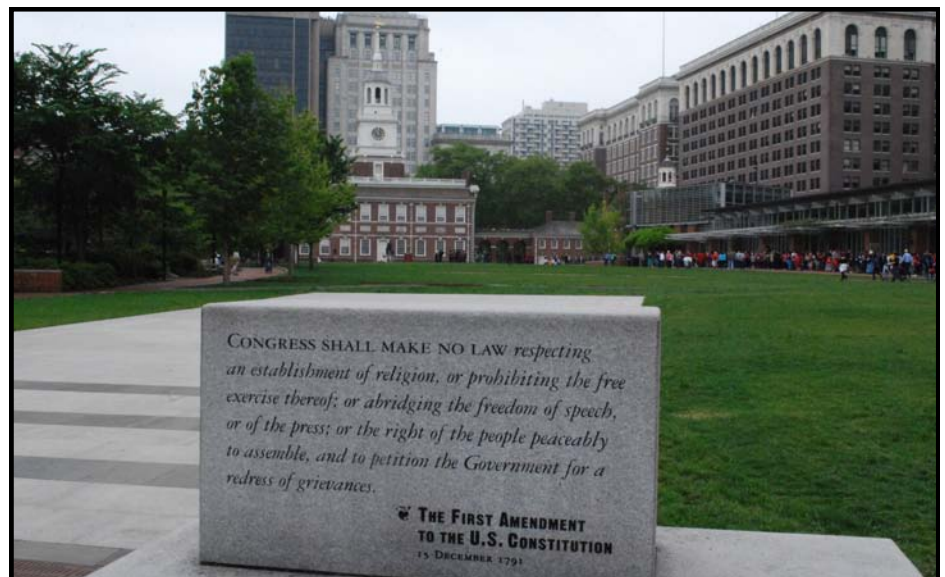
*Making Sure You State Your Beliefs Before
They Are Challenged*

Time magazine recently released an issue with a photo on the cover of two people of the same gender kissing and a headline that reads, "Gay Marriage Already Won. The Supreme Court Hasn't Made Up Its Mind - But America Has." Currently the U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act and California's Proposition 8, both of which affirm the biblical definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. In the midst of all this, many commentators, both liberal and conservative, are saying that **marriage is going to be redefined** in the United States and that the battle for traditional marriage is already lost in our culture.

Given the assault on marriage taking place in our society, I would remind you that the affiliation you or your church has with the Evangelical Association could well provide you with a valuable tool to show people where you stand on this very important issue. While

no one knows what legal challenges may eventually be brought against Bible-believing churches and Christian organizations that refuse to sanction same sex marriage, most opinions I've been reading on the topic suggest that the more ways our churches can **put in writing their adherence to a biblical view on the matter**, the better off they will be if ever called upon to defend their religious liberty.

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GREETINGS FROM THE EA PRESIDENT

The Rev. Bill Miller, President of the Board of Directors



This has been a season of regional meetings and lunch group gatherings! Because we are an association and not a denomination, these kinds of times are very important. We are strengthened by our coming together. It's been great to have our National Minister, Jim Barnes, come to the regional meetings. Jim has made many valuable contacts with folks at these gatherings. I personally know from speaking with some "first-timers" what a good impression he makes through his words and demeanor. We are blessed with having such a fine man as our National Minister. I would ask for your continued support of the EA and the National Minister's Fund (contributions may be sent to the national office). With Jim now serving full-time, we are trusting that the Lord will provide and thank all who have joined the support team.

BLESSINGS TO ALL

A Challenge to "Advance the Kingdom"

The Rev. Dr. Terry Downin, EA Board of Directors

During the Winter meeting of the Evangelical Association Board of Directors in Durham, North Carolina last month, one particular theme kept coming up – that of "Kingdom Advancement." The idea that the Spirit of the Lord is calling and challenging the EA to mature beyond having a mindset of simple "spiritual self and congregational maintenance" to having an intentional conviction to expand the Kingdom was the topic of much discussion.

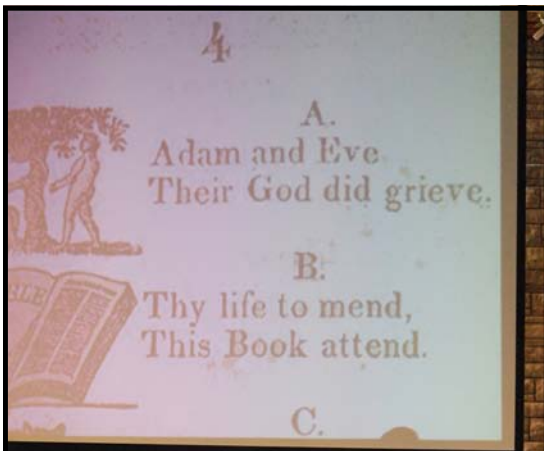
At first I thought it to be nothing more than the Great Commission couched in a different rhetoric, but then I began to sense that this is a direction of the Holy Spirit's leading. I believe the Spirit may be seeking to position us and prepare us for a movement which will be of His doing.

I reminded myself that I am no prophet, and then He reminded me that "the Sheep of the Fold know the Shepherd's voice when He speaks." I dare say that the Great Shepherd is speaking, and He is calling us and challenging us to ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM. We need to trust the Lord to handle the "ins and outs" and the "how to's" of it, but we must be convicted and intentional, willing and ready.

"...(Know your God), and serve Him with a whole heart and with a willing mind... Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build (His house); be strong and do it." (I Chronicles 28: 9,10)

Midwest Regional Challenges Christians to Adopt Biblical World View

The people of Cross Community Church in Berne, Indiana hosted the Upper Midwest Regional Gathering of the Evangelical Association in early April. The keynote speaker, Bob Gillespie, spoke extensively about the erosion of biblical truth in our society today. He made reference to a study that was recently completed which showed that contrary to popular belief, many young people who have departed from the institutional church, began their exodus in middle school and high school rather than in college (as conventional wisdom often dictates). In a society that has effectively imposed its own religion of secular humanism, scientific naturalism and moral relativism on recent generations, many young people have never learned how to actually defend the truth of Scripture from *Genesis* to *Revelation*. Gillespie called for a new approach to how we do church, including how we do Sunday School, focusing in on offering more serious apologetics and tools to help the faithful defend what they believe in an increasingly disbelieving society. A great need in the church today is for Christians to adopt a biblical world view instead of simply buying in to the prevailing trends of culture.



Singers from Cross Church lead praise and worship.



Bob Gillespie talks about how the Bible has disappeared from public institutions in recent years.



Pastor Chris Kruchkow welcomes visitors to the Midwest Regional.

Tell us what is happening in your ministry!!!
E-mail articles to ~ natmin@evangelicalassociation.org

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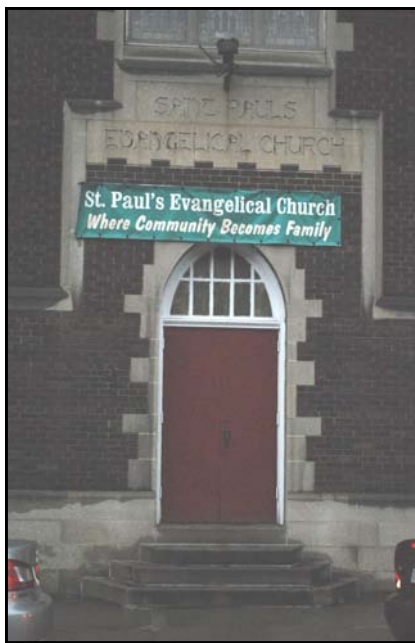
Getting to Know the Congregations, Clergy and Laity of the Evangelical Association

RESTORING A HEART FOR THE CITY

The Rev. Mark Zelewicz ~ St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Wheeling, West Virginia

At age 27, the Rev. Mark Zelewicz was diagnosed with a virus in his heart which left him with minimal heart function. He was on disability for the next ten years. While for some young men, such news would instill a fatalistic view of the future, Mark was convinced that the Lord had plans to heal him. Although it took a decade, the Lord did work His restorative power in Mark's life and his heart function came back as he was able to come off his medications.

During the time he was on disability, Mark was able to complete his theological training and began serving in an evangelistic ministry. Right around the time of his healing, the Lord led Mark back to the church he had known in his childhood where he was invited to begin an outreach ministry to the community.



St. Paul's Evangelical Church is an inner city congregation in the heart of Wheeling, West Virginia. Like many urban churches, St. Paul's has no off street parking and is located in a neighborhood struggling with the effects of poverty, crime and other challenges. Mark's ministry helped the church focus on the needs of people in the community as the congregation sought to fulfill the Great Commission in a difficult situation.

Within a few months of Mark's arrival at St. Paul's, the pastor of the church announced his retirement. The congregation soon invited Mark to become their new pastor. In 2006, the church departed from the liberal denomination to which they belonged and joined the Evangelical Association.

As they move into their 146th year of ministry, St. Paul's continues as a Spirit-filled congregation with a heart to minister to people. The church is currently seeking the will of the Lord as they determine how best to respond to God's call upon their congregation in the years to come.



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Getting to Know the Congregations, Clergy and Laity of the Evangelical Association

COMBINING LAW AND THE GOSPEL

The Rev. Lee Evans ~ Eagle Rock Christian Church, Wendell, North Carolina



Pictured here are Pastor Lee Evans and his wife, MaLena as well as Derrick Hicks (assoc. minister) and his wife, Tomeko.

Discovering how the Rev. Leowen Evans became **both an attorney and pastor** requires going back to the 1970's when, as a student at Wake Forest University, Lee determined that **he was not going into ministry**, and instead chose to attend law school. Although he wouldn't be a pastor, Lee decided that a good "compromise" would be to take up a career in the field of poverty law. His first job following graduation was with First Legal Aid in South Carolina and he later came back to his home state to work at North Central Legal Aid in the Raleigh/Durham area.

As is often the case with God's call upon a person, **the Lord had additional plans for Lee**, and by the early 1980's, he found himself with his own private practice **and** a position as the pastor of Cary United Church of Christ in Cary, NC.

Realizing that doing both jobs was more than one man could handle, Lee made the decision to give up his legal practice and enter into full-time ministry as he then became the pastor of Winston Memorial UCC in Winston-Salem, NC. In 1991, he was called to be the pastor of Eagle Rock UCC in Wendell, NC.

Founded in 1906, Eagle Rock Christian Church was part of the Afro-Christian Conference. In later years, through a series of mergers, the church became part of the United Church of Christ. In 2005, the people of Eagle Rock determined that the UCC no longer represented the theological perspective of their church, so they went through a formal process of incorporating the church under its original name of Eagle Rock Christian Church and have continued ministry to their community. In 2012, they affiliated with the Evangelical Association.



Throughout his career, **Pastor Lee has used his legal training to help churches all over the South with the technicalities of incorporating, filing appropriate papers with the state and the many other tasks that the average church board often knows little about.** At Eagle Rock, the church has worked hard to make certain that appropriate standards of Christian practice are incorporated into their by-laws. Using the "The Principles and Government of the Christian Church" which is a manual published by the Christian Church in 1894, the people of Eagle Rock have taken a stand to make it clear that as believers in Jesus, they expect members of their church to practice biblical Christianity and adhere to the standards of their tradition. In a time when Christians often live like unbelievers, the leaders of Eagle Rock are seeking to challenge their congregation to live lives worthy of the calling they have received.

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2013 Evangelical Association Convocation

First Reformed Church, Bluffton, IN

September 27 ~ 29, 2013

“The Light Has Come”

John 3:16-19



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Friday Night ~ DON FRANCISCO WITH MIKE BANTA



He's known best for his powerful story songs like "He's Alive", and "Gotta Tell Somebody", and songs of comfort like "I'll Never Let Go of Your Hand". For over 35 years, 25 albums, and two GMA Dove Awards, Don Francisco's ability to paint a picture and deliver a message through song has been the foundation of his worldwide ministry.

Mike Banta's abilities on guitar (both acoustic and electric) have astounded even very talented players. His compositions and sensitive playing are both lyrical and technically proficient. Mike adds to the trio vocally as well, with well-blended harmonies. His latest album, *No Words*, is a tour-de-force of guitar-based music.

Don's songs first hit the top of the charts in the 70's and early 80's, and hundreds of thousands around the world have witnessed their continual impact in concerts up to the present day. His newest CD *Let It Ride* contains all new songs and is a combination of his trademark "story" songs from the Old and New Testament as well as others of many different styles.

Of his ministry as a whole, Don says, "A song can affect body, soul, and spirit, simultaneously opening doors and shutting out the world. When the Word of God is alive in a song, He can touch the deepest parts of the heart. My calling is to write songs that live like that."

Don and Mike continue to travel the world today, their concerts featuring Don's best-loved story songs, as well as others by each of them that reaffirm God's grace and unchanging love for His people.

"You can't hear too much about grace, healing and forgiveness," they say. "We've known so much of it in our own lives that we just want to be vehicles for God to deliver that message, and to bring freedom, joy, and healing with it."

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Saturday Morning ~ **ROBERT ROGERS**



Robert experienced a tragedy of Biblical proportions when he lost his precious wife and all four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003. Through his immediate trust in God, Robert has risen above adversity and shared his compelling message across the country and with ABC, CBS, CNN, Montel Williams, Integrity Film & Video, the Billy Graham TV Crusade, and Focus on the Family. An accomplished worship leader, pianist, songwriter, and author of *“Into the Deep: one man’s story of how tragedy took his family but could not take his faith”*, Robert teaches others to *live a life of no regrets* with his inspiring words and original songs at the piano.

Saturday Night ~ **REV. PERCY MCCRAY**



Rev. Percy W. McCray has been the Director of Pastoral Care at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) at Midwestern Regional Medical Center, Zion, IL since 1996. As a fully ordained minister, he is a member of the United States Chaplain Association (USCA).

Rev. McCray has ministered to celebrities, dignitaries, and political leaders throughout the country as a motivational and inspirational speaker. He also travels extensively as a seminar facilitator to churches and pastors across the country training and helping communities establish healthcare ministries. He is an author who hosts the Chicago based radio show “Health According To Your Faith”, and has been featured on and in national and local

TV, newspapers, and magazines. Rev. McCray opened the National Republican Party prayer breakfast in N.Y. City in 2004, twice named “Most Influential African American of Lake County”, and honored as a Susan G. Komen “Pink Tie Guy”!

Rev. McCray is a Chicago native whose mission and calling is to empower everyone to lead in their own lives, at home, in their community, and the world! His mandate to Victoriously Apply Love Order and Responsibility back to a hurt and dying world rests on invoking the powers, rights and benefits of being a genuine and unique creation of God!



Mark Your Calendars and Plan To Be There!!

Watch for more information coming in July!

Is It Time for You (or your Church) to Join the Evangelical Association?

Affiliation with the EA is open to entire congregations as well as to individual pastors, students and lay people. Perhaps you've been reading and hearing about the EARCCC for a while, but you've never stepped across the line to actually affiliate with the association and become a part of the network. The EA is only as strong as those who choose to affiliate with us each year, so if you have never signed on, please visit our web site (www.evangelicalassociation.org) where you can download and print an application form. If you need to know more about the EA or if your church would like to have an informational presentation, please contact the national minister's office at natmin@evangelicalassociation.org or 877-424-1472.

BULK COPIES OF THE NETWORKER ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like a bulk shipment of ten copies of each edition of the Networker to make available to the members of your church, just contact the national office at~
natmin@evangelicalassociation.org
or toll free at
877-424-1472

Putting it in Writing *(continued from page 1)*

When a church or individual applies for recognition in the Evangelical Association, the process involves signing an annual agreement with our *Statement of Faith*. Each year when an individual or congregation renews their affiliation with us, they are essentially **going on the record, in writing, as supporting the biblical definition of marriage as affirmed by the Evangelical Association**. Should our First Amendment rights on this issue ever come under attack (which they may if the ball keeps rolling in the direction it is going), being able to show that your congregation has **consistently and continually chosen to maintain affiliation with an association of churches that supports the biblical guidelines for human sexuality** could prove a valuable tool in defending your religious freedom and your right to perform only those marriages that are biblically sanctioned in your sanctuary.

I know that many of you who receive this newsletter have **never actually affiliated** with the Evangelical Association. **Perhaps the time has come for you to sign up and join with fellow believers across our land** who are prepared to take a stand for the truth, regardless of the direction our society chooses.

Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter are the application forms for both individuals and churches. **We welcome entire churches** (usually by a vote of their leadership board or congregation), **pastors** (who desire recognition of standing) and **individuals** (both clergy and lay people who simply want to stand with us). If you would like to learn more about the Evangelical Association or to schedule a presentation at your church, feel free to contact me at the national office (phone 877-424-1472 or email natmin@evangelicalassociation.org)

THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Affirm the Following:

- The Trinitarian name of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively as attested in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. The Scriptures are the guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm sanctity at every stage of human life.
- The Biblical guidelines for human sexuality: marriage as the union of one man and one woman, fidelity and holiness in marriage and chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel of salvation in every word and deed. We are sent by Christ into all the world to proclaim the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship and submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

PASTOR, STUDENT or INDIVIDUAL Application Form

Evangelical Association of Reformed & Congregational Christian Churches

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Be it known that I,

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Name of your church/ministry _____

Address of your church/ministry _____

desire to apply for recognition in the Evangelical Association of Reformed & Congregational Christian Churches. I affirm the Purpose, Organization and Statement of Faith of the EARCCC as well as the validity of the Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed and other historic creeds of the Reformed Protestant Christian heritage. If a pastor, I agree to hold to the biblical standards of a minister as found in 1 Timothy 3-5 and throughout the Bible and will connect with other clergy in my area for the purpose of fellowship, accountability and encouragement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Other items which need to be provided along with this application:

Ordained Ministers should enclose...

- A theological perspective paper providing an overview of your theological views and understanding of the historic Christian faith; a statement of your faith pilgrimage, call to the ministry and understanding of Christian ministry, and an overview of your understanding of the Christian church in our culture today.
- A copy of your ordination certificate or other proof of ordination.

Licensed Ministers should enclose...

- A letter of request for recognition of your license from the local church that has granted the license. This letter should testify to your faith, knowledge and maturity. It should also define your track of preparatory study or training and clearly state the parameters of the ministry for which you have been licensed.

Seminarian or Bible College Students should enclose...

- A paper or letter describing your faith pilgrimage that has brought you to the point of pursuing theological training. This document should also mention the name of the school you are attending and the names of any pastors or churches with whom you are currently partnering in ministry.

All applicants should include annual dues with this application (*please make checks payable to "Evangelical Association"*)

_____ Pastor (Ordained) \$60 _____ Individual (Lay Person) \$30
_____ Pastor (Licensed) \$60 _____ Additional support for General Fund
_____ Seminarian or Bible College Student \$60 _____ Additional support for National Minister Fund

_____ Check here if you **DO NOT** want to be listed in any directory or on the web site of the EARCCC

Once this application and all required documents have been received, you will be contacted by an area representative of the EARCCC to complete the recognition process.

Thanks so much for your interest in the Evangelical Association. If you have questions, please contact:

Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister at 877-424-1472 or natmin@evangelicalassociation.org

Please return application to:

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CHURCH Application Form

Evangelical Association of Reformed & Congregational Christian Churches

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Be it known that this church,

Name of Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Web site _____

Contact Person Name _____

Contact Person Phone Number(s) _____

Contact Person E-mail _____

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Officer Signature _____ Date _____

Officer Printed Name _____

Title _____

Other items (not required) which we hope you will provide along with this application:

- A copy of your church's Constitution and By-laws.
- A brief written history of your church

Support Enclosed (please make checks payable to "Evangelical Association")

_____ Church Dues (suggested minimum \$2 per member)

_____ Additional support for General Fund

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HEALTHY PASTORS NEEDED FOR HEALTHY CHURCHES

Rev. Steve Darr, First Congregational Church, Torrington, Connecticut

For Adam and Eve walking in the Garden with God was commonplace. Fellowship with their creator had become a special time for them, a time they looked forward to each day. But this day was different. Something had changed, or should I say “man” had changed. Instead of anticipating God’s fellowship and preparing to greet Him, Adam and Eve hid. Maybe they hoped He would not notice the change, or maybe they hoped He would pass them by, so they hid in the trees.

The Creator noticed the difference. The one created in His image was not waiting for Him, not ready to walk with Him, not in fellowship with Him. So God calls out to man and asks where has he gone? Adam replies that he heard God in the Garden but he is overcome with a new emotion he had never felt before - fear. He was afraid of his creator and he hid due to his nakedness, not the physical kind but the spiritual kind. Adam and Eve had covered themselves with leaves. What God would see was the nakedness of their sin - disobedience. No matter what covering Adam and Eve made, it would not cover up

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Ministry Opportunities

PENNSYLVANIA ~ Grace Church, 12 Dromgold Road, Shermans Dale, PA is seeking a part-time pastor (perhaps a retired pastor who lives in our area). Our web site is www.graceatdromgold.org. Exact duties and time could be determined after discussion and would depend on your desires and our ability to pay. Initial contact can be made to Dr. Bob Gasull at 717-582-8671 or bgasull@embarqmail.com

PENNSYLVANIA ~ Heidelberg Church located at 166 Colorado Street, Marion, PA 17235 has a position for a part-time minister, which could lead to a full-time pastoral position. Heidelberg Church has the facilities and potential for growth. Applicants are encouraged to email their resume to HEAC166@gmail.com

ALABAMA ~ St. John’s Evangelical Protestant Church, Cullman Alabama is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor who has a heart for serving our Lord. If you base your messages on Scripture, have a heart for ministering to the lost and hurting, teaching and providing for the spiritual growth of His children, then submit your application. We are seeking a dynamic Senior Pastor with a minimum of five years experience, an accredited seminary degree and a testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ who places a priority on evangelism and missions. Our normal attendance revolves around 500 in three services on Sunday. Cullman is a city of 15,000 with an outstanding school system, award winning park facilities and an ideal environment for raising children. We are located on I-65, one hour from Birmingham or Huntsville. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Interested applicants can check our website ~ www.sjepc.com.

For more information please contact Karen Hassell at 256-734-0344 or by e-mail at karen.hassell@sjepc.com

NORTH CAROLINA ~ Beck’s Reformed Church, located in the Piedmont-Triad Region (Lexington) North Carolina is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor. Beck’s believes the Bible is the inerrant, infallible, and inspired Word of God and Christ Jesus is heralded as Lord and Savior. Beck’s is seeking leadership that will Biblically direct and assist the congregation as it continues to build its vision as a community of faith and service. The church staff includes a full time Youth-Director, part-time Music Director, and a secretary. Beck’s provides a traditional and a non-traditional service, while offering scheduled programs for children through senior citizen. For more information and an application, go to www.beckschurch.com or contact the church secretary at 336-357-2369.

NORTH CAROLINA ~ St. Luke’s Reformed Church, Salisbury, NC is a mid-sized church of 90+ active members seeking a full time, Spirit-led pastor, to guide our church in her ministries and service to God. The church was established in 1873, recently affiliated with the Evangelical Association and is endeavoring to relate to present generations while preserving our heritage. Interested candidates should visit our website at www.stlukesreformed.org to become familiar with our church family. Contact information and qualifications for the position can be found by clicking the “Employment” button on the home page. Questions may be e-mailed to: bitsofnc@carolina.rr.com

OHIO ~ St. Paul’s Church, Trail Run, 43936 Joe Frobish Road, Sardis, Ohio 43946 is searching for a permanent part-time pastor. We have a small rural church and on a good Sunday we have 40-45 people present. We also have a 3 bedroom parsonage for the pastor and family with all utilities paid. For a complete church profile including salary package, please contact Marcia Stalder at 740-483-1236 or mmbymers1@hotmail.com



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Healthy Pastors Needed for Healthy Churches *(continued from page 11)*

their sin. Only God, through the shedding of innocent blood, could cover their sin.

Each day we are given the opportunity to walk in fellowship with God. In His Word we hear His call upon our hearts to join Him. All too often we respond like Adam and Eve, hiding among the trees when we hear His invitation to that walk. We hide behind our busyness, telling God that ministry work is taking up our time - we have visits to make, sermons to write, meetings to attend and Bible studies to prepare. We ask God to walk on by or we say, "I'll take a pass today" or "too much going on today to take that walk." Are we really too busy or are we hiding for other reasons? Does fear control us? Are we afraid to walk with God due to our own disobedience and our own sin?

Just as God knew where Adam was, He knows where we are hiding and why. He sees through our busyness and calls us to come to Him and walk with Him. He reminds us that we do not need to fear, the sacrifice has been made and we are forgiven, our sins are covered by the blood of the Lamb. He beckons us to come closer and spend some time with Him today. How will you respond?

Don't let your ministry work get in the way of your relationship with God. I've been there and done that and found myself hiding, fearful and burned out. Many pastors have found themselves weary and worn out only to discover that they are no longer taking time to fellowship with God. Before we dive into our ministries, we need to take time to walk with Him, listen to Him and restore our relationship with Him each and every day.

For the church to be healthy, her pastors must be healthy. Healthy pastors take the opportunity to bare themselves before God and trust in His grace and mercy to sustain them, renew them and lead them. If we want to be effective leaders in our churches then we must step out from behind the trees and walk with God.

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