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Do You Need Some Time Off?

Preacher...It's time for some time off! Why? It's been said, "Deal with your emotions or your emotions will deal with you." That's good advice.

When God created mankind, he placed emotions in our DNA, therefore, we need to learn how to deal with them. Often, people suffer from one of two emotional extremes: some are out of control emotionally; their emotions keep them on a constant roller coaster ride and they live in a constant state of turmoil. Their emotions rule their lives. The other extreme includes people who deny their emotionality; they think the key to emotional health is to be non-emotional. Both extremes are unhealthy.

Balance is the key. "We must become emotionally self-

aware and learn how to manage our emotions." (Emotional Fitness by David Ferguson).

As a minister, you are dealing with highs and lows of emotions constantly. What a task! Tiring isn't it? Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)

Here's a suggestion—Ridgecrest Conference Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

If you are a minister or a paid church staff member, you can enjoy an incredible \$29.00 per night room rate for up to four per room.

So why not take a little time out to refresh your own emotions. Call 800-588-7222 for reservations.

Florida Festive Celebration

Dr. Donnie Smith, Florida-Tampa Administrative Bishop, and a great team hosted this special event. As you know, Florida was hit by four different hurricanes last year.

This event helped the pastors and their spouses as they continue in the rebuilding process.

What an honor to help in the debriefing ministry. We stand together to help the pastors in Florida!

Inter-Denominational Leaders Conference

The Reformed Christian Church invited several ministerial directors from other denominations, including Dr. Bill Leonard, to help them as they construct “Quite Waters” a Counseling Center for their ministers.



The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of “Camp Complaining”
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start everyday with worship
To “Thank” is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We’ll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there’ll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where non are ever sad!

TCT Alive Broadcast



Pictured: Glen Fradenburg, CEO BSafe Online, Dr. Bill Leonard, CMC Director, Bishop Tim and Paula Hill

I was recently invited to appear on TCT Alive with host, Bishop Tim and Paula Hill.

It was great! Bishop Hill ask me to share about Ministerial Care in the Church of God.

Glen Fradenburg, CEO of BSafe Online,

joined me at this wonderful telecast. Glen shared about the avalanche of pornography on the internet and how BSafe could help prevent it taking over our computers. Experts tell us the core root of pornography is loneliness. What a dilemma to be a

pastor surrounded by people; yet, you are so lonely inside. If you need help please feel free to call me at 800-762-5656.

Thank you Bishop Tim and Paula Hill for allowing God to use you mightily for His kingdom.

Super Deliverance Weekend

Luann and I traveled to Richmond, Kentucky, to the exciting *Abundant Life* Church of God with Pastor Ed and Eulene Lainhart. Brother and Sister Lainhart have a wonderful ministry there.

The marriage seminar was so inspirational and the morning service was dynamite. God really broke through with a great anointing.

SABBATICALS

Remember we have four sabbatical sites for our licensed ministers. Please take advantage of these. Get some deserved rest!

The four sites are as follows:

Fulbright Sabbatical House—Cleveland, Tennessee

The Cleft—Clearwater, Florida

The Jericho House—Corbin, Kentucky

Wayside—Winchester, Virginia

If you would like to arrange a sabbatical at one of these four sites, please contact Terry McDaniel at 800-762-5656 for more information.

Minister's Care Time

Reverend Daniel Sylverston and I met to work on an area wide Minister's Care Time for our local Church of God pastors.

The purpose is to simply promote friendship. We stand with our General Overseer, Dr. G. Dennis McGuire, in helping the pastor at all times.

Marriage Seminar at Jesup-Parkway Church of God

Reverend Frank and Brenda Gupton invited us to do a weekend of ministry. One of the highlights was a marriage seminar. God really blessed this event.

These weekend events are entitled "Super Deliverance Weekends" and consist

of such topics as defeating depression, dealing with crisis, enjoying ministry and a Saturday morning marriage seminar

If you would like to conduct a marriage seminar at your church, please contact us at 800-762-5656.



We Want You To Bsafe

On a James Dobson radio broadcast it was stated that 10% of evangelical ministers and 30% of laity are sexually addicted to pornography. By the way, this is conservatively speaking.

The Church of God Executive Committee has endorsed the "BSafe" program for all Church of God ministers and laity. For the next year you can receive the following: Filter, firewall, ac-

countability reporting, pop-up blocker, anti-virus, spam, and spy ware killer for 50% off.

For instructions that will provide this great protection you've been looking for, contact my office at 423-478-7297.

It is a pornography prevention while traveling on the internet highway.



Restoration of Ministers

CMC is grateful to everyone who took part in the reinstatement process of our ministers this spring. We thank God so much for a church that is there to extend a hand of love, forgiveness, and restoration to a fallen shepherd.

Pastor Appreciation at Chester, SC

Many years ago my dad pastored the “Flint Street” Church of God. Today it is known as the *Fountain of Life* Church of God and is pastored by my brother-in-law, Wendell Scruggs.

Wendell is Luann’s brother and is married to a wonderful lady, Avis. They have one son, Jeff.

It was such an honor to be at the new church to honor Pastor Scruggs. He is doing a great work there. My dad would be so proud!



Here at CMC we are so glad to call you our shepherd!

Let the joy of the Lord be your strength. Remember, the joy of the Lord is not the absence of problems, but the presence of the Lord.

Alabama Ministers Training

Wow! This event has grown into a minister’s delight. Both ministers and laity can receive so much from the different speaker. Bishop Joseph Mirkovich and Ken Andrews are to be congratulated on providing this training opportunity.

I spoke on *How to Deal with Depression* and *Ministering in a World of Crisis*.

Luann ministered to people as they visited our CMC booth.

Intimate Life Training Conference



Dr. David and Teresa Ferguson hosted a partner’s conference of training for ministers in helping ministers and their needs. It was held at the beautiful Win-Shape Conference Center in Rome, Ga.

COG Seminary Panel

What an exciting opportunity to be a part of a question/answer panel dealing with the ministers’ life. Our COG Theological Seminary has such a wonderful faculty and produces such fine ministers.

MIP Commencement

What a privilege to sing at the MIP graduation and commencement. Dr. Larry Hess and the team always do a great job in preparing ministers for explosive ministry.

Congratulations, Dr. Hess, and the staff at Ministerial Development. We appreciate all that you do and pray the Lord’s blessings upon you. It’s like watching a seedling come forth with blooms watching the new ministers that you have blessed and nurtured.



SOUTH CLEVELAND REVIVAL

Dr. Leonard was invited to sing and share about Ministerial Care one night during a two-week long revival at the South Cleveland COG. Brian Sturgill, Music Minister, and Pastor Chris Moody, were gracious hosts.

If you would like for Dr. Leonard to speak at your church or event, please contact our office at 800-762-5656. He was an evangelist, senior pastor, Christian school administrator, and is a talented gospel singer.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE

SUMMER