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Help, I'm tired of fussing!

You are not by yourself, we all are! You probably have a few people that are very good at "fussing." They seemingly can't get enough of it, and you have had enough of it. Right?

It's an incredible energy drainer. You know, "it's the little foxes that spoil the vine" scenario. These folks create the little irritating conflicts like, "I didn't like the service; it was too long," "The sanctuary is too hot, cold, or crowded," "Where's all that money going?" There's a constant murmur with them.

Remember this, God did not call you to fuss with them. He called you to a higher level, that is Shepard leadership. Satan wants you to fall into their trap. It's a vicious revolving door that will destroy your fruit and productivity for Christ.

I remember telling a church one time, "I'm not allowed by God to fuss with you: I'll discuss with you a need, looking for the solution, but I will not fuss with you."

Listen to Paul's Godly counsel to

Titus. "But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless" (Titus 3:9).

I have heard a statistic that needs our attention. Most pastors leave a church because of eight, that's right, eight people. It's usually a few that make life so miserable for a pastor until he finally leaves.

I had a quarreler to say to me one time, "Pastors come and go, but I'm here to stay." The Holy Spirit told me not to fuss with him. He finally left because he was unwilling to receive God's love.

Pastor, could you and I go into agreement today? From this day forward, we will operate in Titus 3:9. That we will stay on course and what God has called us to do. I'll assure you that life in the ministry will become a joy. Give yourself permission today! God already has. I'll discuss, but not fuss!!!



Lilly Endowment Project

Dr. Leonard met with pastors in the North Georgia area as part of the Lilly Endowment Project sponsored by the Church of God Theological Seminary under the direction of Dr. James Bowers.

Attention Overseer and CMC State Directors:

Please feel free to run off copies of *The Preacher* and send to the ministers in your state.

2004 National Retired Ministers and Widows Conference

Reverend Paul F. Henson's dream to reach these wonderful people becomes a reality at Lee University and North Cleveland Church of God. It was a pleasure to moderate the morning session on Saturday, May 14th, for such a beloved and respected man in the Church of God.

70TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Yes, Ministerial Care will be there. Please stop by our booth in the convention center. I will be there at certain announced times. It would be a great honor to see you and share a prayer together.



South Dakota Inaugural Galatians 6:6

The inaugural Galatians 6:6 marriage conference was held in Spearfish Canyon, South Dakota on May 3-4, 2004. Administrative Bishop Tom Gillum and his wife are responsible for this event. Ministers from Canada, Montana, North and South Dakota were present. The presence of God's love was strong in every person there. What an awesome experience. Thank you Bishop Gillum!

Careline Counselors

We are grateful to our Ministerial Care Careline Counselors. These professionals step in when I have to be away to help ministers who call our "800" number and need to speak with a counselor.

We honored each of them recently at a luncheon with a Certificate of Appreciation and a small gift.

Thank you for your help and support of this ministry.

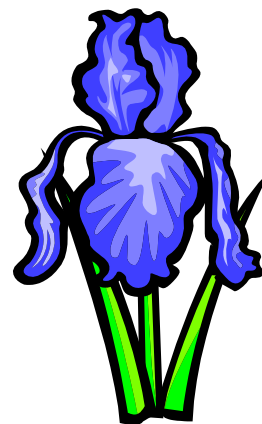
Ministerial Retreat Center

Pastor Rayburne Wilson has started creating a beautiful retreat center for ministers in Hiawassee, Georgia. If you are interested in helping, please contact him at 706/896-7624 or 706/896-3809.

2005 State Representatives Training

Our State Representatives are a vital part of Ministerial Care. They assist us in death crisis, support in restoration and constant encouragement to our ministers. Please mark your calendar for this great event in Spring 2005.

From all of us at The Center for Ministerial Care—have a safe, happy, and joyous summer!!!!!!



The Minister and Internet Pornography

Brethren, we are all in this one together. It's here. It's growing by great proportions. It is stated that 10,000 pornographic movies are produced every year in America. It's a weapon Satan has devised to weaken and defeat many ministers with.

Here at CMC we are tired of it. If you have advice, resources or would like to dialogue about it, call me. This is serious and we are serious about it.

If you need help, call me toll-free at 800-762-5656. This is a confidential number. Please pass the word on to a fellow minister.