

PARTNERING *Together* to Build the Kingdom

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BUILD ON THE BASE

All of our ministries must always be designed to "BUILD ON THE BASE" - The Great Commission. From time to time, we must examine the course, the path where we are channeling our energies and finances. The two Great Commission Symposiums scheduled in September will bring us together to refocus on the chief charge to the church—Evangelism. I am asking you to give priority attention to this church wide initiative. Not only are we focused on this initiative but another part of this structure that we build upon is Camp Meeting. June 15-19 is the scheduled date for this special event where we will experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with a fresh anointing as we Build the Kingdom of God together in these last days. Let's join together and see what God can do!

Michigan's four "E" Strategy for Ministry

*E*vanglizing the lost; *E*quipping for service; *E*ncouraging one another; *E*mpowering the saints

EVANGELIZING.

There are three dangers facing the church today. As we embrace changes that face our culture, climate, economics and times in general there are some cautions that we must be aware of. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us to be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Many believers and leaders are oblivious to this reality. As a result, they fall prey to predictable deceptions that can and will significantly hurt the churches ability to be 'light' in a dark world.

1. **Compromise**—It's one of the greatest perils facing us today. In our attempt to reach our we have produced weak believers with a real sense of a "tweaked gospel". The gospel is our only source for faith and practice. Yet these absolute truths are challenged.
2. **Carnality**— This is a primary reason so many of our churches aren't reaching new people for Christ. Instead of reflecting God's nature, many believers, including church leaders, continue to reflect the world's spirit of selfishness, rejection and mutual condemnation.
3. **Character**—The spiritual heart, revealed. It's not difficult to find ourselves loving the work we do for God more than the God we work for. When this happens we must pray and ask God to realign our ministry focus once again.

EQUIPPING.

Congratulations are in order to all of the graduating ministerial students from MIP; CAMS; BLT sessions. These students will be recognized for their accomplishments on Thursday June 19, 2009 beginning at 6:15 p.m. during camp meeting. Certificates and diplomas will be distributed by the State Administrative Team and Dr. Oliver McMahan, Theological Seminary Dean.

Love to Pray — is this months suggested book resource for leaders. Prayer Shop Publishing (www.prayershop.org) has produced some very powerful prayer tools to equip your leaders and others in prayer. This curriculum can be used in small groups, Sunday School or an all church 40 day prayer initiative.

ENCOURAGING.

One of the greatest opportunities we have among the network of Church of God family is Camp Meeting. It's a time of revival, refreshing and renewal as well as a time of encouragement. June 15-19, 2009 marks the date of our annual camp meeting which is held at the Ministry Center in Fenton, MI. Log on to www.micog.com to download poster and advertisement for more information. Nightly services will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. Child care is available as well as lodging and camp sites upon request. (810) 629-0460 ext. 13

EMPOWERING.

Breaking the Jewish Code Perry Stone, Charisma House Publishers. International Evangelist Perry Stone gives readers the keys to unlocking the amazing success of the Jewish people. This includes 12 secrets that will transform your life, family, health and finances.

Leadership Tips for Kingdom Builders

The Characteristics of a Leader

1. **A GUIDING VISION**—If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you get there? How can your followers trust you to get them there?
2. **PASSION**—The leader loves what he does and loves doing it, and the communication of that passion gives hope and inspiration to the followers.
3. **INTEGRITY**—This characteristic has three elements: a) self-knowledge-you are your own raw material; when you know what you consist of, and what you can make of it, then you can invent yourself. B) candor-honesty of thought and action cannot be faked; anyone who trims his principles to please someone lacks candor. C) maturity-experience in following is necessary for success in leading.
4. **TRUST**—This characteristic is the product of integrity. Trust cannot be demanded, it must be earned; it is given by followers, and without it, leadership ceases.
5. **CURIOSITY AND DARING**—The leader wonders about everything, learns about everything. The leader is willing to take risks, to experiment; he embraces errors and failures as the greatest of teachers.

These are not traits that you're born with, and cannot change. Leaders are not born, but made, and usually self made. Leaders invent themselves.

Adapted from: Bennis, Warren. 1994. *On Becoming A Leader*. Cambridge, MA. Perseus Books

GREAT COMMISSION SYMPOSIUMS

Promotional packets have recently been sent out to each Pastor from General Headquarters. The packet includes an information sheet, poster, flyer, and registration form. Registration may be done by mail, online at www.churchofgod.org or www.forwardtogetherinchangingtimes.com, or by phone at 800-323-7624

Symposiums on the Great Commission

East—Mt. Paran Central, Atlanta, GA.
September 14-15, 2009

West—Riverside Convention Center, CA
September 17-18, 2009

Speakers: Reinhard Bonnke, Loran Livingston,
Niko Njotorahardjo, and Ana Rut Diaz

RESOURCES

GREAT COMMISSION SYMPOSIUM PLANNING.

The following information will be valuable in your promotional efforts for the Great Commission Symposiums.

- **Registration.** Individual \$25. Couples \$40. Students \$10. Retired Ministers / Widows (Complimentary)
- **Registration Materials.** Folio, badge, program, copy of new Great Commission book, order form for Great Commission resources.
- **Registration Forms.** Available 24/7 via COG website
- **Housing.** East-Renaissance, Atlanta GA. West-Mission Inn, Riverside, CA.
- **Satellite.** Live satellite interaction.
- **Camp meeting promo.** There will be a DVD available at Camp Meeting to promote the symposium

THE GREAT COMMISSION INITIATIVE

This second phase thrust of the General Overseers three pronged emphasis will be launched at each symposium. All of the support material will be available. The Resource Power Kit will contain the following information:

- **Study Book**-Scripture guidelines on obedience to the Great Commission.
- **DVD**-Six lessons on the Great Commission and a menu of aids and helps.
- **Devotional Guide**-Inspirational devotions in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- **Manual for Children and Guide Book For Youth**-Training for the Master's Service
- **Sermon Notebook**-Resources for pastors in teaching and preaching.
- **Lapel Pin and Imprinted Pen**-For involvement identification and promotion.

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