

LEADERSHIP UPDATE BRIEF for the AL – GA Mission Conference

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Friends – As Peggy is recuperating from her recent hospitalization, I'm foregoing my regular newsletter this month. In its place I am sending out a simple BRIEF to each conference. A heartfelt thanks from both Peggy and myself for your ongoing prayer support and expressions of concern during her illness.

Supt. Darrel

CLERGY FAMILIES in FOCUS:

- Elder **Greg Nitchman & Jeanne** have safely moved from GA to the Southern Michigan Conference. They are getting settled, gathering a core team for their church plant in the college town of Adrian, .and anticipating the wedding of their daughter Elizabeth on August 11. Send greetings to them at their new emails: nitchman.g@gmail.com and jnitch1960@gmail.com, or snail mail them at their home: 1052 W Maumee St. Adrian MI 49221.
- Congratulations to **Benjamin Bunn**, the son of Pastor Andy & Christi Bunn and grandson of Lewis & Amy Bunn (Birmingham: Emmanuel Church), upon graduation from high school.
- **Hannah & Meghan Shuffett**, teen daughters of Pastor Joe & Wendy (Pleasant Grove: Faith) are preparing for a short term missions experience this summer. They will serve at Love Bulgaria, an annual evangelistic outreach to villagers, under the direction of FM missionaries Al & Diane Mellinger. Contact Faith FMC to indicate your prayer and financial support of the girls by June 15. Also, congratulations to Hannah for high school graduation.
- **Pastor Keith Cowart** is taking a well deserved sabbatical this summer to refresh & retool for expanded pastoral ministry in the future. Pray for enriched family investments, new ministry exposures and invigorated healthy patterns during this break. Also remember the staff and congregation at Columbus: Christ Community as ministries continue in his absence.

APRIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP:

- **RED ALERT Action Plan Follow-Up:** Grab your 2012 notebook and turn to page 8.
Have you shared the State of the Work **“Discipleship Is . . .”** teaching with others yet?
Have you read the book **“Forgotten God”** and prayerfully thought about its application to your personal life as well as your congregation? (Contact Supt Riley to order a case of this book - 24 books at \$5.25 each – for use in Sunday school classes, small groups, evening classes, etc.)
Pastors, remember to complete the **Mid Year On Purpose Process Report** (p. 11-12 in your notebook) during July with your leaders
- Congratulations to the following new **AL-GA ELDERS:** Eric Newman, Sam Reid, Derrick Shields and Heath Williamson.
- The following candidates were accepted as **CMCs:** Nicholas Cash, Kenny Johnston and Shaun Saunders. All existing and new **CMCs and Mentors** should meet by the end of June for their first of three mentoring sessions. Check your **Mentoring Notebook** for Year 1 – Year 3 readings.
- Pray for new pastor **Shaun Saunders**, as he takes over leadership at Fayetteville: Word of Life.

UPCOMING DATES:

Mon – Sun, June 11 – 17: Supt Darrel will be at Family Camp in the Gulf Coast this week. Contact him NOW with any concerns as cell phone & email coverage is spotty at the Louisiana camp.

Sun, July 15: Supt Darrel meets with **AL Pastors in Birmingham**

Sat, Sept 29: FALL RALLY DAY at Columbus: Christ Community Church for AL-GA. Reserve the date now and make sure it is on both your congregational calendar, as well as personal calendars of all clergy and delegates.