

LEADERSHIP UPDATE of the Southeast Region

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Pastors: Please distribute to your delegates, leaders & congregation

PREPARING for a NEW YEAR

How do you prepare for a new year? Peg and I are not big NYE party people, so our favorite way to observe NYE is to attend a local NYE communion service and then go home. We spend a quiet evening taking down the Christmas tree and straightening things up in anticipation of a fresh new year, then we get a good night's rest. New Year's Day morning we take time to reflect upon ways we sense God desires to transform us personally in the new year - a specific attitude, perspective or habit - and then we share those reflections and pray for each other.

Sounds pretty tranquil, doesn't it? I share that NYE tradition with a smile because 2 years ago on Christmas Eve we had just finished taking down the tree and were getting ready for bed when the phone rang – it was a hospital in Indianapolis. My sister in law had fallen and broken her hip, and Peggy needed to immediately fly up to take care of her. So instead of a good night's rest, we scrambled to book an air flight, pack a suitcase, and quickly drive to the airport.

Despite our best planning or intentions, life happens and things change. As you get ready for 2013, I encourage you to take these words to heart from Sarah Young (in *Jesus Calling*, Oct 29):

“Linger in My Presence a while. Rein in your impulses to plunge into the day's activities. Beginning your day alone with Me is essential preparation for success. A great athlete takes time to prepare himself mentally for the feat ahead of him before he moves a muscle. Similarly, your time of being still in My Presence equips you for the day ahead of you. Only I know what will happen to you this day. I have arranged events you will encounter as you go along your way. If you are not adequately equipped for the journey, you will grow weary and lose heart. Relax in Me while I ready you for action.” reflections from Ephesians 2:10 & Hebrews 12:3

2013 will be a great year for each of us personally and as congregations, regardless of the unexpected challenges or opportunities we might face, if we will commit to beginning each day by lingering in His Presence and following His Lead.

Supt. Darrel Riley

JANUARY REPORTING: GET IT DONE!

Ushering in a new year requires the completing of a few annual reports by those in church leadership. All forms are being sent to senior pastors both electronically and by mail hardcopy. Put a smile on lots of faces: complete these forms as soon as you receive them, rather than waiting.

Must Do Reports:

- FM Annual Data Report (file on-line)
- Southeast Region Annual On Purpose Process (send to Supt Darrel at riley661@yahoo.com)
- Pastor & Delegate Confidential Reports (send to Supt Darrel at riley661@yahoo.com)

Other Needed Information:

- HR: Notice of Change of Status or Benefit Form (to indicate any changes in your compensation, etc.)
 - 2013 FM Missions Partner Giving (send FMWM an indication of your anticipated giving for 2013)
- Contact Peggy at riley661@yahoo.com or call 407-277-1428 if you need additional copies or help.

EACH CONGREGATION . . . INWARDLY HEALTHY

THE JANUARY OUTREACH WINDOW:

Researchers report that the greatest outreach time of year is NOT Christmas or Easter, but rather January, when **people are most open to turning to a church** to help them keep New Year's resolutions, stop unhealthy habits, and work on relational issues. So be Spirit-creative and seize the opportunity - promote a special sermon series, offer a short term marriage or parenting class, promote an affinity group on dieting, exercise, budgeting etc., or launch a Recovery support group.

MEN STEPPING UP: 2.2.13

Family Life presents STEPPING UP: A CALL TO COURAGEOUS MANHOOD, a one day video event on Super Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013. "As football's elite athletes prepare for the Super Bowl battle on the gridiron, Family Life invites men to tackle an even bigger challenge: the battle for Godly, courageous living in their own lives, marriages, churches and local communities. Guys, tackle something besides each other." For more information go to www.mensteppingup.com

STAY CONNECTED:

No FM church is an isolated congregation; we are committed to being connected to one another. One resource for networking is the **2012 Yearbook**, available in hard copy format or as a disk. **The Yearbook** contains denominational information, as well as contact info for all clergy and congregations by conference. Pre-orders are currently being mailed out. If you did not pre-order a copy, call The Wesleyan Publishing House at 1-800-493-7539, which distributes FMC materials.

REPRODUCE LEADERS:

A major function of a leader is to always be developing other leaders. That involves equipping **lay people for ministry** inside the church as well as out in the community and beyond. It also involves identifying and encouraging those who feel a **call to vocational ministry**. During early January, contact Supt. Darrel if you have an **LMC** who wants to proceed as a CMC candidate, or if a **CMC** is eligible to move toward elder ordination. Also, all existing CMCs are to have completed at least one course per year. MEG Interviews for potential & existing CMCs will take place in February.

EVERY PERSON A PASSIONATE PRAY-ER

Father, I pray that Your beloved children may prosper in all things and be in good health, even as their souls prosper. (3 John 2)

JANUARY 2013	SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE	AL-GA or GCC CONFERENCE
Dec 30 – Jan 5 New Year's	Clearwater: Lake Palms Pastor David Vos (Peggy) davidhvos@yahoo.com	Birmingham, Emmanuel Pastor Andy Bunn (Christi) andy@bunnmedia.com
Jan 6 - 12	Bishop David Kendall & Lavone Bishop David Roller & Yvonne Bishop Matt Thomas & Marlene	Bishop David Kendall & Lavone Bishop David Roller & Yvonne Bishop Matt Thomas & Marlene
Jan 13 - 19	Supt. Darrel Riley & Peggy	Supt. Darrel Riley & Peggy
Jan 20 - 26	SAC Regional Directors: Central FL: Greg Kannon S FL: Darrel Riley West Coast FL: Steven Bell	AL District Leader: James Andy Bunn (Christi) GA District Leader: Keith Cowart (Pam)
Jan 27 – Feb 2	Clermont: Casa Redencion CPP Pastor Anthony Owens (Lidia) pastoranthony@casaredencion.com	GCC District Leader: Sam Tinsley (Lillian) saltey1000@aol.com

EACH CONGREGATION . . . OUTWARDLY FOCUSED

IT'S NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS:

Hang onto your catalog **Better Giving**, a joint publication of ICCM (International Child Care Ministries) and SEED (micro-enterprises) and use it for personal birthday & anniversary giving, as well as church-wide missional giving during Lent, Easter or VBS. Pick a country, pick a project or pick a product. Lost your copy? Download a PDF at bit.ly/iccmseed or call 800-342-5531

“IF . . .” – NEW 2013 FM MISSIONS RESOURCES :

The Theme IF is from Phil. 2:1 - *“If you have any encouragement, any comfort, any fellowship . . . ”*

The following FREE items are available from FM World Missions to resource YOU to be missional:

- DVD with 12 (one a month) missions video segments, and Photo Gallery of +800 pictures
- Coordinating monthly bulletin insert templates & IF posters
- Children’s Activity Pages and Youth Resources
- Sermon Resources & Adult Bible studies

Use these materials one Sunday AM or PM per month, in Sunday School, in small groups, etc.

ORDER items online at <http://fmcusa.org/fmwm/if-2013-missions-theme/> or call 1-800-342-5531

PARTNER with our SOUTHEAST REGION MISSIONARIES:

Recent newsletters, blogs and support information on each family are available on-line at www.fmcusa.org (then scroll to bottom of homepage and click on **FM World Missions**):

Josh & Susy Fajardo (Spain) JFajardoM@aol.com

Mike & Maria Long (Greece) Longmm@the.forthnet.gr

The Thessaloniki congregation has received official church registration status from the government

Rick & Cookie Ireland (Haiti) rick.ireland@yahoo.com

GULF COAST CONFERENCE NEWS:

Prior to Dec 31: **Pastors complete the *Annual On Purpose Process Report* with their leaders**
to review 2012 and prayerfully prepare for 2013

January 1, 2013: New processes begin: HR Pension auto-draw, and billed WAVE contributions

Jan 31 deadline: **Annual denominational reports are due:**

- 2012 FM *Annual Data Report* filed on-line with Indianapolis (use new form)
- 2013 *Confidential Reports* by both clergy & delegates to Supt Riley (for 2013 appointments)

Feb 1 – 3: **Supt Riley onsite for weekend:**

 Fri Feb 1: BOA: Final Preparation for 2013 Annual Conference, 6pm at Edgewood FMC
 Planning Mtg for 2013 Family Camp, 7pm at Edgewood FMC
 Sat, Feb 2: Pastors Mtg, discuss ch. 8 – 10 of *The Solo Pastor* and turn in Annual Reports
 Sun, Feb 3: Supt Riley in local churches

March 31 **EASTER SUNDAY**

Apr 19 – 21: **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** wkend with Bishop Roller & Supt Riley @ Edgewood

May 5 or 19: **FAMILY CAMP Emphasis Sunday** (Promotion of Camp & Special Offering)

June 10 – 14: **FAMILY CAMP** at Church of God Campground in Pollock, LA

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ALABAMA – GEORGIA CONFERENCE NEWS:

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Sun & Mon, Feb 10 – 11: Supt Darrel will be on-site for the following meetings:

- Sunday, Feb 10: PM: AL-GA Exec Team Video Conference Mtg., 5pm Eastern Time
- Monday, Feb 11: AM: AL & GA Pastors Training & Fellowship Mtg: 10am Eastern Time
GA Pastors gather at Columbus: Christ Community Church
AL Pastors meet at Pleasant Grove: Faith and video connect with the GA pastors

Sat, March 23 ANNUAL CONFERENCE at Columbus: Christ Com Ch with Bishop Roller & Supt Riley

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE NEWS:

PASTORAL FAMILY NEWS:

- Welcome new pastor **Jason Roberts** (wife Carrie and children Andy, Alexis, Erica & Courtney) to team pastoral leadership at St. Pete: Cornerstone. Send greetings to them at: 5202 108th St. N St Pete FL 33708
- **Holiday FMC** (led by **Pastor Leland Crist** & wife Paula) relocated during December in order to right-size their campus. Their new facility is at 5330 Whippoorwill Dr Holiday FL 34690.
- **Next Level Church** (**Pastor Christian Farris**, wife Tammy & 5 daughters) has assumed the Holiday campus on Darlington Rd., and is currently renovating the buildings in preparation for a February launch. Welcome the Farris family: christian.farris@livenextlevel.com
- **Alex Silva**, delegate at **Boca Raton: Edifying Lives Ministry**, continues work to provide computers to Haiti for the seminary in Port au Prince & Hope University. If you upgrade to an I-Pad, etc., please **donate your former laptop** for ministry. Contact Alex at AlexBSilva@gmail.com
- Pastoral couples **Dan & Linda Hummer** and **Rich & Vunita Iske** are available to facilitate **THE ART OF MARRIAGE** weekends for churches in the conference. With Valentine's Day around the corner, this spring might be the perfect time to strengthen marriages in your congregation. Contact Dan Hummer at dhummer@knology.net for more information.

SAC DATES:

January 12: **Brazilian Pastors Mtg** with Supt Riley at West Palm Beach: Hope Fellowship, 3:00pm

Thurs, Jan 31: Annual denominational reporting deadline:

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JANUARY 2013 REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT LOCATIONS:

Bring a copy of your **SAC Annual On - Purpose Report** (2012 review & 2013 planning) if not sent earlier
Bring a hard copy of your **FM Annual Data Report** if you need help filing online.

- Sat, Jan 12 **South FL** (9:30am – lunch) W Palm Beach: Hope Fellow. (Pastor Jason Leadingham)
- Sat, Jan 19 New: **Central FL** (9:30am – lunch) Asbury Seminary, Orlando campus
- Sat, Jan 26 NEW: **West Coast FL** (9:30am - lunch) Holiday (Pastors Lee Crist & Christian Farris)

Each Regional Leadership Team will meet immediately following lunch, from 1:00 – 3:00pm