

LEADERSHIP UPDATE of the Southeast Region

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Pastors: Please distribute to your delegates, leaders & congregation

Roll Away the Stone this Easter

In the spring of 2011, Peggy & I traveled with the EAST superintendents to the Holy Land. Although the local villages had certainly modernized in the past 2,000 years, many Biblical sites were preserved. One of our favorite sites was the Garden Tomb. A narrow trough was etched into the ground across the base of the small entrance into the burial crypt. An immense round stone had set in that sloped trough – easy enough to push across the cave opening to seal it, but requiring many men to push it upward, out of the way, for anyone to re-enter the tomb.

It's humbling to realize that Jesus anticipated His first followers questions and skepticism regarding His resurrection. He began by providing them the opportunity to enter the empty tomb and see the abandoned grave clothes for themselves. Then He appeared and spoke to various followers briefly. Over the course of Easter evening and coming days, He appeared over and over again in more extended experiences – allowing them to touch Him, talk while walking between cities, eating breakfast together on the shore, etc. He understood it would take time for them to sort through their confusion, doubts and skepticism. So He provided ample opportunities to be together and guide their understanding of how His resurrection could change their lives personally.

This Easter season, I challenge each congregation to realize that there are many people today, just as that first Easter, who are confused, have questions and are skeptical regarding the reality of a Living Lord. Too many times these individuals merely walk past our “sealed churches,” with little or no idea of the Truth contained inside. We need to exert the effort to roll away the stone - the barriers that are keeping others from hearing and experiencing the truth about God's love for them and the Life-Changing Message of Jesus. Let's reach out into our local communities, building relationships and connecting with others both off and on our campuses. May these contacts serve as connecting points to guide their faith-quest, and may they be encouraged to return on Easter, when they might come face to face with the empty tomb and a Risen Lord.

Supt. Darrel Riley



As seen at the Clematis Street News Stand

West Palm Beach, Florida

THE BIBLE Mini Series on THE HISTORY CHANNEL in MARCH:

For 2 hours weekly on 5 Sunday evenings, beginning March 3 – and running through March 31st - Easter evening, the Bible will come alive for everyone with a TV, computer or mobile device. The History Channel will be broadcasting this series free of charge. Spread the word. Watch it with your neighbors or relatives; form a small group or Monday lunch discussion group at work. (FMer Peter Soreco's witness at his newsstand)

EVERY PERSON A PASSIONATE PRAY-ER

May we be deeply devoted to one another, honoring one another above ourselves. Romans 12:10

March 2013	SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE	AL-GA or GCC CONFERENCE
Feb 24 – March 2	Hialeah: Ministerios Nueva Vision Pastor Belarminio Martinez (Dorcas) b.martinez@nuevavision12.com	Monterey: Acme Pastors Wade & Cindy Robinson chapelchick37@gmail.com
March 3 - 9	Hialeah: Ministerio A Dios Sea La Gloria Pastor Genaro Borrás (Aida) gborrás@att.net	Olla: Antioch Delegate E. W. Nugent 485 Hwy 770, Olla LA 71465
March 10 - 16	Holiday FMC (Whippoorwill Dr.) Pastor Lee Crist (Paula) Lee.crist@verizon.net	Olla: Summerville Pastor Glenn Roark (Levena) glenn.roark@bakerhughes.com
March 17 - 23	Holiday: Next Level Church affiliate Pastor Christian Farris (Tammy) Christian.farris@livenextlevel.com	Pineville: Edgewood Pastor Jim Williams (Cheryl) pjwilliams@juno.com
March 24 - 30 Holy Week EASTER – 31st	<i>May we reach out to others with a joy and hope that draws them to our churches and our Savior</i>	<i>May we reach out to others with a joy and hope that draws them to our churches and our Savior</i>

EACH CONGREGATION: INWARDLY HEALTHY and OUTWARDLY FOCUSED

40 OUTREACH IDEAS FOR EASTER

Families often think of flowers, colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and fluffy chicks this time of year. Outreach.com offers 40 spring ideas for helping your congregation to serve others off and on your campus, providing some “first touches” for building relationships with the unchurched. Check out the attachment – maybe a few of the suggestions will spark creativity for you.

BISHOPS VISION CAST

If you haven’t viewed the recent Vision Cast, or you haven’t discussed it in your small group or church yet, then go to the denominational website www.fmcusa.org and click on the Vision Cast link. Make sure to also download the accompanying articles and view the extra video clips.

“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, 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

SEND EASTER GREETINGS to our MISSIONARIES:

Recent newsletters, blogs and support information on each missionary 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

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



Women's Leadership Summit

June 7-9, 2013:

Spring Arbor University

Spring Arbor, Michigan

"Released into my world" Leadership Summit has a thrilling schedule in which you will hear and interact with a network of women facing life's challenges and making a difference in their communities and around the world. Be inspired and challenged by tremendous speakers as they share their wisdom and experiences:

Brenda Young, founder and director of Clear Blue Global Water Project as well as lead pastor at Cornerstone Church, Akron OH

Linda Smith, served as WA representative in the US House of Representatives; founder and director of Shared Hope International, founder of War Against Trafficking

Dr Delia Nuesch-Oliver, Missiologist, Pastor, Church Planter, Wife, University Professor, FMC Latin Area Director

Linda Adams, Director of International Child Care Ministries, mother, pastor, wife, college professor

Dr Carla Sunberg, Co-District Superintendent of E OH District Nazarene Church, President Wesleyan Holiness Women's Clergy, Pastor of Evangelism & Discipleship Ft Wayne Church of Nazarene ALSO: Workshops, fun, swimming, zumba, food, fellowship & more

***Early Bird Summit Registration A**, through March 15th, \$199, includes Summit registration, 2 nights lodging and 5 meals

***Early Bird Summit Registration B**, through March 15th, \$149.00, includes Summit registration, 5 meals, no lodging

***Standard Summit Registration C**, March 16-May 15, \$249.00, includes Summit registration, 2 nights lodging and 5 meals

***Standard Summit Registration D**, March 16 – May 15, \$199.00, includes Summit registration, 5 meals, no lodging

***Late Summit Registration E**, May 16 - June 7th, \$279.00, includes Summit registration, 2 nights lodging, **no** meals

***Regular Summit Registration F**, May 16 - June 7th, \$229.00, includes Summit registration only; **not** lodging or meals

***Cancellation/refunds** are available through May 19th and are subject to a 10% service charge.

***Cancellation/refunds** after May 20th are subject to a 50% service charge.

***Call the Women's Ministries International office, 1-800-342-5531**, and give the office secretary your **Leadership Summit Registration** choice, including the Alpha letter (A, B, C, D, E or F). Write a check payable to WMI Leadership Summit, write "**WMI Leadership Summit Registration**" in memo section of check and mail to: **Women's Ministries International**, 770 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis IN 46214 **OR** Go to www.fmwmi.com and click on 'Donate Now' at bottom left of page, complete the information and follow the prompts. Enter the cost and alpha letter (A, B, C, D, E or F) of the registration you select, including your phone number and email address in the "Notes" section.

ALABAMA – GEORGIA CONFERENCE NEWS:

Sat, March 23 ANNUAL CONFERENCE at Columbus: Christ Com Ch with Bishop Roller & Supt Riley
Registration: 9:00 – 10:00 Eastern; Conference 10:00am – 3:15pm. Bring everyone.

Pray for **Becca**, daughter of CCC staff member **Billy & Melanie Gross**, battling Burkitts Lymphoma

GULF COAST CONFERENCE NEWS:

Fri-Sat, Apr 19 – 20: ANNUAL CONFERENCE wkend with Bishop Roller & Supt Riley @ Edgewood
Friday evening gathering; Saturday conference: 9:00am – 1:30pm; closing luncheon.

May 5 or 19: FAMILY CAMP Emphasis Sunday (promote camp & take a special offering)

May 18: PASTORS MTG at Deville: New Hope Church; new study book discussion

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

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE NEWS:

ANNUAL FL TAX EXEMPT FILING DEADLINE

Pastors – don't forget: in Florida, you must file annually for your church to retain its **Not-for-Profit** status. This year the filing fee is \$61.25. Go to www.sunbiz.org anytime before **Tues, April 30** and complete the easy process. If you wait until **May 1**, you will be heavily fined and have to re-apply.

PASTORAL FAMILY NEWS:

- Congratulations to **William & Marianne Pena** (CMCs), and maternal grandparents Pastor Belarminio & Dorcas Martinez (Hialeah) on the safe arrival of baby Micah.
- Sympathies to retired elder **Roger Lewis** on the home going of his wife, Roslyn, following a battle with bone cancer. Roger's address: 818 Mendoza Dr. Kissimmee FL 34758-3411

SAC DATES:

<p style="text-align: center;">Fri-Sat, Apr 26 – 27 SOUTH ATLANTIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Light & Life FMC and Lakeland Park 5730 Deeson Rd., Lakeland FL 33810</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's our biggest gathering and celebration of the year.• Incredible worship & inspiring messages! Practical workshops! Fellowship & Meals!• Make sure your church brings its leaders to this incredible event
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MAY Clergy Cluster gathering or contact with Clergy Coach

May 8– Aug 8: Supt. Darrel on SABBATICAL; contact Regional Directors Steven Bell & Greg Kannon

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMER 2013 REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT LOCATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastors: bring a copy of your <i>Trimester (Jan – April) On - Purpose Reports</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sat, June 15 Central FL (9:30am - lunch) save the date - location TBA soon• Sat, June 22 West Coast (9:30am – lunch) Clearwater: Lake Palms Comm. Ch. (Pastor David Vos) Immediately following lunch, the Regional Leadership Team will meet 1:00 – 3:00• Sat, June 29 South FL Save the date – potential Family Event is being discussed.

JULY – AUG Clergy Cluster gathering or contact with Clergy Coach

Fri-Mon, July 5 - 8 SAC YOUTH CAMP at Camp Geneva. Theme: "Bridging the Gap."
More info coming soon; (Jaleadingham@gmail.com)

Th – Fri, Aug 8 – 9: West Coast Region: Lutz simulcast site for **Willow Creek Leadership Summit**
Register under Cornerstone group membership now; rates increase May 22

Fri-Sat, Aug 23 – 24: Overnight Cabinet Retreat at Lakeland (includes all Regional & Conf leaders)
Also that weekend: **BOA mtg** and **MEG Bd mtg**.

<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 2013 REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT LOCATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastors: bring a copy of your <i>Trimester (May - August) On - Purpose Reports</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sat, Sept 14 South FL (9:30am – lunch) save the date; location TBA• Sat, Sept 21 Central FL (9:30am - lunch) save the date; location TBA• Sat, Sept 28 West Coast (9:30am – lunch) save the date; location TBA <p>Immediately following lunch, the Regional Leadership Team will meet, approx. 1:00 – 3:00pm</p>
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Thu – Sat, Oct 10-12 SAC Ladies Retreat in Bradenton FL

OCT – DEC Clergy Cluster gathering or contact with Clergy Coach

Sat, Nov 16 SAC BOA Mtg for 2013 review and 2014 preparation

Fri, Dec 20 LMC deadline: LMC Checklist filed by pastor, Enrollment Form filed by candidate