



From the Pastor...

# February

At our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, January 22, the delegates voted to invite Mark Barnard, president of Blessingpoint Ministries, to come to Heritage Bible Church “to conduct a seminar designed to improve the health of our church, to give us direction and guidelines as we prepare for the pastoral transition, and to prepare our church for growth.” Mr. Barnard explains:

## **THE EIGHTH LETTER SEMINAR**

What This Seminar is About:

- An “Eighth Letter” seminar sets the stage for hearing what the Lord is saying to your church. It enables church leaders to discern how Jesus has been speaking to their church using the Seven Letters to the Churches in Revelation 2-3 as a model. While most Christians are familiar with the way Jesus speaks to them as individuals, this seminar explores how He speaks to a church as a whole and how to respond to what He says to your church. Hearing and responding to what Jesus says to your church can spark a fresh sense of blessing on your ministry! If you have not already done so, you should begin this process by reading the book, *The Eighth Letter*, by Mark Barnard and Kenneth Quick. (Copies of this book are available at the church office.)
- The seminar introduces biblical teaching that helps a church discover Jesus’ perspective on their ministry. Churches seeking to set a new course gain a fresh sense of direction. Stalled churches discover the reasons they seem stuck. Churches that seek a “waypoint” in their ministry, discerning where they have been and where they are going, also benefit. Leaders discover how to hear what Jesus is saying to their church in an ongoing manner.

What This Seminar is *Not* About:

- This biblically based seminar is not about church growth principles per se, but rather it explores how Jesus is speaking to your church and how to respond to what He is saying. By responding to Him, you equip your church for a more healthy and fruitful ministry.
- This seminar is not a formula for a successful church. It’s more of a divine assessment of your ministry. We review the blessings, challenges and crises your church has faced. We discern what Jesus is saying to your church through its history. This process requires spiritual preparation that is worthy of both prayer and fasting.

What about logistics?

- The seminar has four sessions and with breaks lasts between 3½ -4 hours. It answers such questions as: How does Jesus view our church and how is that different than our perspective? What are the seven questions every church must ask? How does Jesus speak to a local church? How do we discern what He is saying to our church? And finally, how do we respond to what Jesus is saying to our church?
- The seminar is geared for a church’s leadership, their spouses, past leaders and potential leaders and especially those who know the history of your church. Anyone from your church is welcome though.

The Eighth Letter Seminar is tentatively scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an hour set aside for lunch. During the weeks following the seminar, we will research our church’s history and Mark will gain a feel for our church by the feedback he receives from church members. A second visit by Mark, called The Eighth Letter Retreat, is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening and all day Saturday on April 28 & 29. At this retreat Mark will identify significant events and issues in our history that have influenced where we are today. He will facilitate discussion from which we will be able to discern what the Spirit is saying to our church.

**Youth Super Bowl Party!** Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m. @ the Cain's. See Janis or Scott Burke for more info!

**Movie & Fun Night**

All are invited Saturday, February 11 at 5pm here at Heritage for a meal, some fun, and a classic movie (Charade). Please sign up on the foyer table.

**Southern District Men's Retreat**

will be February 17-18 - Friday night and Sat. till after lunch. \$50.00 per person. If you are interested in going see Pastor Hazard!

**Farewell Gathering for Mee- Young**

On Saturday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. @ Katy Vanderhoef's home.

**Venture Out BIBLE STUDY**

We will continue our study in James. We will meet Thursdays, at 10 a.m. @ the Clubhouse. See you there!

Our monthly V.O. luncheon will begin on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. @ Triple J's on Thomas Dr.



**"YOUNG AT HEART"**

For January will have lunch at Heritage Bible on the 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m. Don't miss it! Meat and Potatoes will be provided.

Dear Heritage Family,  
Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers, prayers, food and support before, during, and after my mother's death and memorial. I am so grateful and feel so loved. My family was so touched by all the delicious food provided in a beautiful setting with gracious service. I appreciate you all tremendously.  
Love,  
Helen Holmes

**Our Men's Meeting** for February will be Feb 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. @ the church. Sign up on the foyer table at church.



**Great Commission Women**

will meet for food, fellowship, and a brief lesson on Alliance women's work around the world on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Church! Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table if you plan to come.



Will meet on Sundays, February 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**New Sunday Evening Series: Finances**

We will begin an eight week study of Biblical finances using "Total Money Makeover Workbook" by Dave Ramsey on Sunday evening at 6:30 PM on February 26. Workbooks will be \$5. Please sign up on the foyer table.

**Facts & Figures** 

**Finances for January**

**For Jan 1 through Jan 31**

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget:	\$ 18,655.00
GOF Tithes & Offering Received( 5 Sundays):	\$ 20,463.29
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget:	\$ 4,305.00
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes & Offerings (5 Sundays):	\$ 4,092.66

**For Year to Date 2017, (based on 1 month and 5 Sundays):**

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 18,655.00
GOF Funds YTD Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 21,525.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings:	\$ 20,463.29
GOF Year to Date Budgeted/Other Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ (18,376.54)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ 2,086.74
GOF Balance as of Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> (175% of monthly budget):	\$ 32,664.83
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (5 Sundays):	\$ 4,092.66
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ (3,675.31)
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (250) and 24% of Tithes and Offerings (4,911.19)	\$ 5,161.19
Missions Fund YTD Disbursements:	\$ (3,109.95)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 5,778.90
Building Fund YTD Receipts:	\$ 25.00
Building Fund YTD Disbursements:	\$ (0.00)
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 3,910.49
Associate Pastor Fund YTD Receipts:	\$ 1,215.00
Associate Pastor Fnd YTD Disbursements: Compensations out of Assoc Past Fnd:	\$ (3,000.00)
Associate Pastor Fnd Balance:	\$ 23,982.51