

## Around the Conference A Tale of Two Churches

by Tim McDonald, Area Representative for Central and Northern California

Two churches, two pastors, and one Conference Minister equals a beautiful double blessing. In April I drove four hours from Fresno to rendezvous with Conference Minister Steve Gammon, who flew into Santa Barbara. We then proceeded to meet Pastor Anthony Chaboya at Bethany Congregational Church in this scenic California beach city. Held in Pastor Tony's office was the first unofficial meeting of the pastors of all the churches in the central/northern California area. Prayed over by Rev. Gammon, our meeting was a delightful mustard seed event that I can only smile over, knowing that God's good and sovereign grace abounds over His two, little faithful churches.



*Bethany Congregational Church*

Bethany Congregational Church was birthed by a lady holding conversational English classes for the Japanese women immigrants beginning in 1907. From these classes many accepted Christ as their Savior. By 1913 a Japanese Congregational Church was formed. Today, Bethany has a wonderful vision that is continuing to reach Japanese and other international students studying in the U.S. They also honor those of a Japanese heritage with worship in their mother tongue while also expanding and enfolding those from other ethnicities with services in English. It is a great encouragement to see Bethany worshipping Christ as a multi-ethnic body of believers. Please pray for them to continue to grow and provide

the shade of salvation to all peoples in Santa Barbara and beyond.

Biola Congregational Church was birthed by Volga-German immigrants fleeing persecution in the Old Country. Many settled in Madera and Fresno counties of California's central valley in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Those near the little town of Biola (named after the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, 250 miles to the south) desired to establish a German-speaking church. A handful of farmers and their families began meeting in a small shack for prayer. This "prayer hut" was then moved to the middle of Biola in 1919. A permanent church was quickly built by



*Biola Congregational Church*

1921. There have been no services in German for many decades. However, the church has realized for a long time the pressing need to reach their Spanish-speaking neighbors. By God's amazing design a partnership with a Fresno church has brought a bi-lingual pastor to begin services in Spanish held in Biola Congregational Church. Biola Church also has a strong desire to see every tongue, tribe, and nation giving glory to Jesus Christ, our Savior. Please pray that this church may be a mighty witness to their community.

This has been the gracious tale of two churches, in two cities, with several languages and various cultures being blessed by one Lord, one Savior. *You were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* (Ephesians 4:4b-6)

May God give a double portion of blessing to His Church.

## 2011 Annual Family Conference

Plans are moving forward for next year's Annual Family Conference, to be held July 25–28 in Cleveland, Ohio. Committees are being formed, and in a couple of months seminars will be determined. As progress is made, information will be posted on the Ohio CCCC web site. Just go to <http://www.ccccohio.org/> and click on the 2011 Conference tab. By November, they should have profiles of the local committee (ministry team) members, and some prayer requests.

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## Does the World Hear Jesus in Our Hearts?

by Rev. Dr. Stephen Gammon, Conference Minister



Because we are the Body of Christ, when people observe and listen to us they should see and hear Jesus! Paul applied this principle to us as individual Christians, *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body* (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). He also applied this to local churches, *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it...* (1 Corinthians 12:27). For each of us as Jesus' disciples and for our local churches called to proclaim and reflect Christ it is good

to consider how we are really doing at communicating Jesus to this world.

Not long ago I heard a grandmother call in to our local Christian radio station to tell a story about her five-year-old grandson. When he was sick he was taken to see a doctor. With a stethoscope around his neck the doctor asked the little boy, "Can I listen to your heart now?" The boy replied, "Sure. You'll probably hear Jesus in there!" The grandmother explained that the little boy had asked Jesus to come and live in his heart.

I smiled when I heard this story because of the simplicity of that little boy's faith. I smiled even wider as the Lord reminded me He lives in my heart too and in the hearts of His people. But the question I was left to ponder is, "When people hear and observe me and when they listen to the hearts of our CCCC churches, do they hear Jesus?" I began to pray so. Then the Lord brought to my mind these insights from His Word.

1. People can hear Jesus in our hearts when we LOVE as Christ has loved us.

Jesus said: *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another* (John 13:34–35). Paul wrote to the church, *Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God* (Ephesians 5:1–2).

2. People can hear Jesus in our hearts when we FORGIVE as Christ has forgiven us.

When teaching us to pray, Jesus said: *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins your Father will not forgive your sins* (Matthew 6:12, 14–15). Paul wrote to the Church: *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you* (Ephesians 4:32). He also exhorted: *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you* (Colossians 3:13).

3. People can hear Jesus in our hearts when we DEMONSTRATE the character of Christ who lives in us.

After washing the feet of His disciples Jesus said: *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you* (John 13:15). Paul exhorted the Church: *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...*

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(Philippians 2:5). *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him* (Colossians 3:17). But friends, when we are failing to love, forgive, or demonstrate the character of Jesus Christ, even if we should know and give assent to the truth of the gospel, we are not communicating Jesus Christ to people who do not know Him, and if people should listen to our hearts they cannot hear Jesus. When folks listen to your heart, what do they hear?



## When? July 25–28, 2011

# Connecting in Christ at Gordon-Conwell Seminary

by Rev. Terry H. Shanahan, Northeast Regional Minister

Last month I wrote about the quality of the students coming out of Gordon-Conwell Seminary. This article is a continuation of that theme. Gordon-Conwell opened their doors for this academic season with a gala church fair. All of the churches and ministries in close proximity to the seminary were invited to have a display table and interact with the incoming students. I hosted our CCCC display and was able to connect with several new students and area pastors and churches. It was amazing for me to realize that we now have twenty-two CCCC churches in close proximity to the seminary, and more and more these students coming in are able to connect with our churches for their required mentored ministry. What great connections are being made for God's Kingdom through the ministry of the CCCC.

An additional opportunity I have on campus to connect with the students is at the monthly denominational chapels. Each denomination is given an assigned chapel time to be with their students under conference care. Our first chapel for the new school year was held September 23. I must relate to you an interaction that took place at chapel time that could only happen through God's providence, and clearly displays our *Connectedness in Christ*. After a time of devotion, presentation and discussion, two students who hadn't met

before began sharing their stories.

A first year student related that he was saved in a small church in Connecticut. The third year student he was talking to is a preacher's kid who said that at one time his dad had been pastor at that church. He gave his dad's name and then asked the first year student if it might have been his dad who led him to Christ. And

the answer came back, "No, your mom led me to Christ!!" And then came the most amazing conversion story of a troubled young teen going to a small Congregational church in his village and the pastor's wife sharing the Gospel with him. It was a most moving moment for all of us.

So you tell me, what are the chances that two of our students under conference care would meet for the first time only to discover that they have been *Connected in Christ* for years? There are no coincidences in God's Kingdom!! We who know the risen Savior remain connected in Christ through the years, through the miles and through any obstacles we may encounter. To Him be the Glory!



## The Ways We Deceive Ourselves

by E. Jeff Lord, pastor of Christ Memorial Church, Robertsville, Ohio

We all do it at one time or another in our lives. We really believe our self-deception, though that may not be our intention at the time. Over ten years ago, I bought a 1965 Mustang Fastback that I was going to restore one day. I did get started, but other projects got in the way. My Mustang is still unfinished. The Bible says, *...you who say, "We are going to a city and make a profit." How do you know what will happen tomorrow? What is your life? It is a puff of smoke that dissolves into thin air.* (James 4:13-14)

My son spoke to a man several weeks ago who was thinking about buying life insurance. My son presented the product and the price, but he had to think it over. Ten days later my son read his obituary in the newspaper. We tell ourselves, "I have plenty of time." Maybe we say this when we fail to prioritize!

The second untruth we tell ourselves is: "I can quit anytime I want to!" The real truth is that fewer than ten per cent who want to quit smoking actually make it. Over one-third of smokers say they really try but are "hooked." This habit is responsible for over half-a-million deaths each year. When it comes to alcohol over 100,000 Americans die each year from

this habit. Nearly twenty per cent of Americans abuse alcohol each day, and it is responsible for altering all sorts of behaviors. Over 14 million people in America struggle with this habit.

It is no coincidence that AA has a twelve-step program that starts with an admission of powerlessness over their habit, and includes spiritual models to help break the cycle of addiction. Some programs talk about God and others just refer to a higher power. We say we can quit, but the numbers tell a far different story.

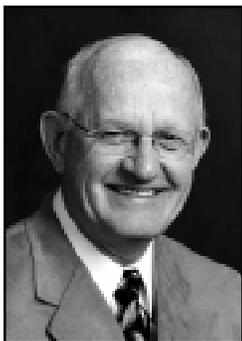
The third lie we tell ourselves is: "I do not have to attend church to go to heaven." Many people assume that everyone is automatically going to heaven when they die. While that is a nice sentiment, Jesus did more teaching on hell than He did on heaven. Why did He do that?

Jesus told of a man in hell, and he asks that Abraham send someone to warn his five brothers to not go to that place. Strong language for a man who never had time for God. The statistics say that 60% of Americans who never attend church believe they are going to heaven. Numbers also tell us non-church attendees are more likely to be single, male, divorced, and feel less connected to society.

**Where? Crown Plaza Hotel Cleveland City Centre, Cleveland, Ohio**

## Trying new things... An important part of the DNA of a healthy church plant

by Dr. Ron Hamilton, CCCC Director of Church Multiplication



We've all heard this one. What are the seven last words of the church?

*We've never done it that way before.*

Godly church members sometimes believe that church form is sacred. One would be hard pressed to defend an order of worship from the Scripture. We read these words in the Bible:

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish*

*one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)*

*But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. (1 Corinthians 14:40)*

While we all have our preferences for worship style and approach to church programming, it is difficult to defend such things from a Biblical point of view.

New churches are effective in making new disciples because they are willing to try new things that established churches will not try and probably should not try. An established church should continue to do what it is doing if it is effective in

reaching people with the Gospel, developing disciples of Jesus Christ, and raising up new leaders. It should examine the form of its ministry when it is convinced that it is not effective and has lost touch with the community in which it ministers. Traditions are fine if they are done with excellence to the glory of God!

An intentional focus on seeing new possibilities for ministry is an important part of the DNA of a healthy church plant. A church planter designs a worship service that is relevant to the people being reached by the new church. Leaders of a new church develop programs to reach people in the context of where they live. A church that is not bound by tradition is free to experiment with different forms of ministry.

History shows that new churches try many new things that eventually become incorporated into the fiber of ministry of established churches. The Holy Spirit uses church plants to be the laboratory for ministry to a new generation. We do not encourage new churches to be anti-establishment ministries. We do encourage planters and core members of new churches to trust the Lord for new ideas about how people can be reached with the Gospel and developed into people who are devoted to Christ, his people and his mission.

## Shifting Sand

by Dr. John Kimball, CCCC Director of Conference Care and Church Redevelopment

This summer, my family and I were blessed to spend two weeks in Israel. While traveling down through the Judean Wilderness to the springs of En Gedi, one of Jesus' lessons



*Judean Wilderness*



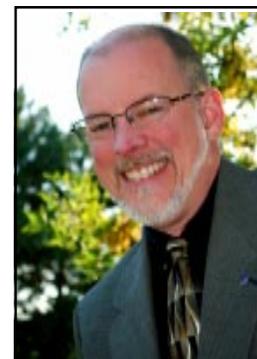
*Dead Sea Shore*

became very clear. Interestingly, that same lesson came to me again a few weeks ago as a challenge from my friend and mentor, Tom Johnston.

Driving the highway along the shore of the Dead Sea, on one side of the road were the tall, rocky cliffs of Judea; on the other side was the sandy beach bordering the Dead Sea — but the beach was full of sinkholes! The water table of the Dead Sea is shrinking

dramatically and the result is hundreds of life-threatening, methane-filled sinkholes — deep, unstable depressions that claim several lives each year. All I could think about was Jesus' lesson about building your house upon the rock (Matthew 7:24–27).

This lesson is important both for personal life and for the life and ministry of a congregation. Jesus teaches that it's not the house that is important (the framework), but the material upon which it is built (the foundation). When a church's life is waning — when things are not as they once were, or not as they should be — the immediate tendency is to change the approach, launch a new ministry, seek a new program or something similar. But if we apply Jesus' teaching to this context, we suddenly realize that all these are "framework" issues! And while some such change may indeed be needed, we can spend all our time building or altering the framework and completely miss the root cause of the problem: the foundation.



So what is the foundation? It's comprised of our true spirituality before God. It goes directly to the heart — how deeply we live a life of devotion to our triune God (Matthew 22:37), and how that complete and utter devotion then pours forth our love for those around us (Matthew 22:39) and our passion for Christ's mission (Matthew 28:18–20). It is exposed in the depth of our prayer life, our appetite for God's Word, and our purposeful investment of Christ's truth, love, grace and justice into the lives of those we are personally discipling. In other words, if a congregation will not spend intentional and fervent time in intercessory prayer, if worship is all about what people like instead of a complete outpouring of love and praise to God alone, if the older generations will not pour themselves into the younger generations, if the study of God's Word is an academic exercise to gain knowledge instead of fostering real and ongoing transformation of every heart, then no ministry or program will be able to rescue that church from its inevitable demise.

A church can have the most phenomenal ministries and programs known to man, but if that body's foundation is not stable (i.e., the "rock"), the whole thing can collapse with a mighty crash. Our *LifeFlow* process works primarily with issues touching the foundation. When the foundation is solid, then we can build the proper framework for fruit that will last (Matthew 7:25; John 15:7–8, 16).

I now find myself reflecting on this "foundation" question almost every day. How about you? How is your personal foundation? How about your church? How is your congregation's corporate foundation? Will the result of the life we live together be remarkable endurance or a mighty crash? To learn more about *LifeFlow*, please give our office a call at (651) 739-1474.

## *Is it a Cold, or is it the Flu*

by Betty Mitchell, RN, parish nurse, Emmanuel-Bethel Church, Royal Oak, Michigan

### *Fast Flu Facts:*

- The flu is an airborne virus that is spread from one person to another, by droplets from a cough or sneeze.
- Although flu symptoms are felt throughout the body, the flu virus lives and multiplies primarily in the lungs.
- Upset stomach and vomiting are **not** symptoms of the flu. "Stomach flu" is usually caused by other microorganisms and is often referred to as the "flu."
- If you are infected with the flu virus, you may be contagious one day before becoming ill and 3–7 days after the symptoms begin.
- Once exposed to the flu virus, it may take one to four days before symptoms begin.
- If you become ill with the flu, get plenty of rest, drink lots of liquids, avoid alcohol or tobacco use. Antibiotics are not effective for a viral infection, like the flu.
- Have the sick person in the home use their own hand towel or use paper towels, as germs are often passed on towels. Use antibacterial hand soap during the season.
- Your best protection against the flu is to get a flu shot in the fall, before an outbreak occurs.
- **GOOD HAND WASHING (10–15 SECONDS)** is your best defense against colds, flu and other infections.

Source: SJM-OPNN, cdc.gov

<b>Is it a Cold or the Flu?</b>		
<b>Common Symptoms</b>	<b>Cold</b>	<b>Flu</b>
Fatigue	No	Yes
Fever	No	Yes (100–104F)
Muscle Ache	No	Yes
Joint Pain	No	Yes
Loss of Appetite	No	Yes
Headache	No	Yes
Cough	Yes	Yes
Stuffy Nose	Yes	No
Diarrhea/ Vomiting	No	No
Sudden Onset	No	Yes

(Another in a series on Eminent Congregational Christians by Alwyn York, historian for the CCCC.)

## Edward Winslow

Edward Winslow served as the diplomat of the Plymouth Pilgrims. He successfully represented their interests on several occasions in England. The friendship he forged with Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag Indian tribe was critical to the survival of the colony in its early days. His writings are a key source of information about the early days of the Pilgrims in America.

He was born in England in 1595 and was apprenticed as a printer in London. He moved to Leiden in the Netherlands in 1617, and joined Pastor John Robinson's church there. He worked with William Brewster at the Pilgrim Press, publishing books reflecting the Separatist outlook.

Winslow sailed on the Mayflower with his wife Elizabeth. She died soon after their arrival, during the Pilgrims' difficult first winter in Plymouth. He was married to Susanna White, the widow of another Pilgrim, on May 12, 1621. Theirs was the first marriage in Plymouth.

He was a valued leader in the colony, serving for many years as one of the assistants to the governor. He served three terms as governor, during the periods when William Bradford declined to serve in that office.

Edward Winslow is the author of some of the earliest accounts we have of the Plymouth colony. The first published work on the Pilgrims, *Mourt's Relation*, was published under a pseudonym in 1622. Winslow and William Bradford are believed to be its authors. Winslow was also the author of *Good Newes from New England*, published in 1624. In these books he relates the early exploration undertaken by the Pilgrims and their initial encounters with the Indians. The account he gives of the first Thanksgiving as part of a letter included in *Mourt's Relation* is one of only two primary sources on this event in existence. (The other is Bradford's *Of Plymouth Plantation*.)



Edward Winslow

In *Good Newes from New England* he relates the dramatic story of how he was able to save the life of Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag tribe. He had gone to visit the chief upon hearing that he was gravely ill. When Winslow arrived, Massasoit appeared to be near death. But after receiving first some fruit preserves and then a broth administered by Winslow, he made a dramatic recovery. In gratitude, Massasoit revealed to Winslow the plans that some of the other tribes were making to exterminate the English colony. Massasoit's friendship with Winslow lasted the rest of his life, and was the basis for the good relations the Pilgrims had with their Indian neighbors for their first generation in New England. Sadly, the son of this great friend of the Indians and the son of Massasoit would become bitter enemies, leading opposing forces during a brutal war. Josiah Winslow, the son of Edward, was governor of Plymouth and in charge of military operations during King Philip's War. "King" Philip, leader of the hostile Indians, was a son of Massasoit. (Nathaniel Philbrick's book, *Mayflower*, tells the story.)

Winslow was sent back to England by the Plymouth colonists in 1623, 1630 and 1634 to look after their interests there. After being sent back to England on a diplomatic mission once again in 1646, he never returned. With the Puritans gaining control of the government in England, he decided to stay there, and served in Oliver Cromwell's government. In 1655 he was sent by Cromwell as one of the three commanders of the expedition that captured Jamaica. He became ill on the voyage home. He died on May 8, 1655 and was buried at sea.

A portrait of him was made during one of his trips to England. It is the only likeness done from life that we have of any of the Mayflower Pilgrims. It hangs in the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.

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## Family Likeness

by Rod Edwards, pastor of Parkman Congregational Church, Parkman, Ohio

It is interesting to see similarities between some parents and children, between siblings, or even in more distant relatives at all age levels, and because of these similarities it is undeniable who we belong with.

The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthians in his second epistle to them, *You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.* (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)

Paul tells us to be imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1), but he takes it a step further by encouraging and challenging the

Philippian people and us in Philippians 4:9, *whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

These are not words of arrogance but words of a life that is in total submission and dedication to serving and living for the Lord. God has given us everything we need to live a Godly life, and that is why Paul is confident of this, that *He [God] who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus* (Philippians 1:6).

So if you want the peace of God with you, show forth similarities by following Paul and being an imitator of God for the glory of Christ Jesus.

## Missionary Letter from the Barrows

from Alden and Ginny Barrows, CCCC members serving in Brazil

Ninety years ago my mother and father used to attend the Punjab Praise and Prayer Union in India. Today these are still two powerful towers in Christ's kingdom that Satan would like to do away with. Dad courted mom by sharing Psalm 34:3 *O, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.*

In August we returned to Brazil. The three months from May to August were spent visiting some 15 churches and many more homes of friends and supporters. God supplied the car that took us over 5,000 miles in comfort and safety.

Our Brazilian pastor, Neri Corte, and the church leaders have done a great job in our absence, and the church has grown, spiritually and numerically. Though we are not teaching this semester at the seminary, our ministry continues in daily opportunities for counseling, prayer, making new contacts through chiropractic treatments and hospitality in our home.

A generous gift has made it possible to make some much needed repairs on our pastor's car, and to send him and his wife to the annual FIEL pastors and missionary conference for 5 days. It has been a joy to see this young man grow over the last 18 years from the time when we led him and his wife to the Lord, to his present status as a mature Christian leader.

Thank you all for your prayer support.

## Promotions to Glory

Rev. Conrad Heidel, Grand Blanc, Michigan, born 12/13/1919, died 9/29/2010. Joined the CCCC September 1963. He pastored Hope Congregational Church in Bayard, Nebraska, Thousand Palms Church in Thousand Palms, California (former member church) and served as interim pastor of First Reformed Church, Flint, Michigan (also former member church).

## A Contemporary American Prayer

(what some of our prayers may sound like to God)

Dear Lord, please make my boss more generous, make my wife more responsive, (or make my husband more responsible), make my children more obedient, make my creditors more forgiving, make my neighbors more understanding, make my investments more successful, make my body more healthy, make my life easier, so that I don't have to actually trust You for anything.

## Changes and Opportunities

### Pastoral Changes:

Lake Grove, NY First Congregational Church of New Village  
Tim Schneider (Youth & Music Pastor)

### Pastoral Openings:

Brighton, CO Zion Congregational Church \*  
Pomfret, CT First Congregational Church \*  
Buffalo Center, IA First Congregational Church \*  
Paul, ID Ebenezer Congregational Church \*  
Rockland, ID Rockland Congregational Church (Part-time) \*  
Davis, IL St. Paul Church of Epleyanna \*  
Quincy, IL First Union Congregational Church (Director of Family Ministries) (NACCC)  
Blandford, MA First Congregational Church \*  
Chelmsford, MA Immanuel Church \*  
Foxboro, MA First Baptist Church  
Peabody, MA Second Congregational Church \* (Part-time)  
Atlanta, MI Big Rock Congregational Church \*  
Thompson Falls, MT Community Congregational Church \*  
Goffstown, NH Goffstown Congregational Church (Independent)  
Middletown, NY First Congregational Church \*  
Wellington, OH Pittsfield Community Church \*  
Scotland, SD United Church of Christ (UCC)  
Suffolk, VA Cypress Chapel Christian Church \*  
Wilton, WI Faith Congregational Church \*

\* = Conference member

+ = In process

## Health Tips

### Palliative Care

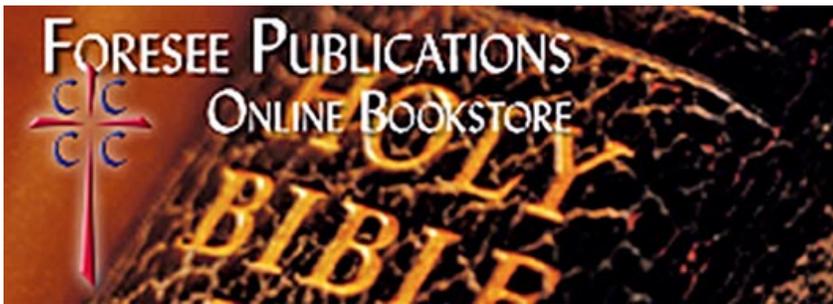
Palliative care is a medical specialty centered on improving the quality of life for patients and families facing serious illness. This care is provided by a team of palliative care doctors, social workers and nurses who work with the primary care physician to help improve communication between care givers and the family. The team helps coordinate care to facilitate the management of pain and symptoms of the illness and provide emotional and spiritual support.

The palliative care team looks at the whole person — medical, emotional, spiritual and social needs — both for the patient and their family members. It will assist them in understanding the choices for care. Palliative care can be provided at any time during an illness.

Hospice care provides care for patients with a terminal illness who are no longer seeking life prolonging treatment. Palliative care is provided at the same time as hospice care.

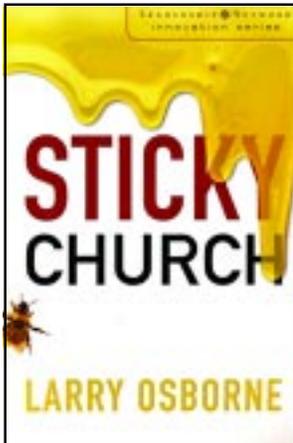
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*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19*

## **The Greatest Challenge Facing Most Churches Today...**



In *Sticky Church*, author and pastor Larry Osborne makes the case that closing the back door of your church is even more important than opening the front door wider. He offers a time-tested strategy for doing so: sermon-based small groups that dig deeper into the weekend message and tightly velcro members to the ministry. It's a strategy that enabled Osborne's congregation to grow from a handful of people to one of the larger churches in the nation—without any marketing or special programming.

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List Price \$18.99

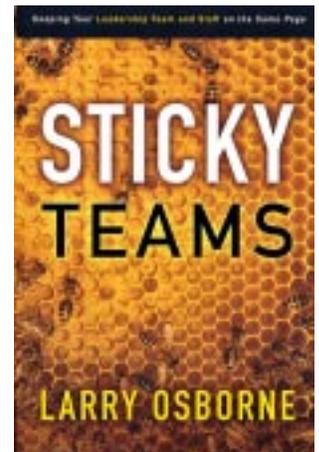
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When church board meetings turn contentious, what's a pastor to do? Drawing on his sometimes harrowing experience with church administrators, in *Sticky Teams*, Osborne shares practical wisdom for developing and maintaining a unified team. Discover how to overcome roadblocks to harmony, what to do when a member isn't working out, guide a congregation through controversial changes.

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