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From the Director's Desk. . .

Recently I was asked by a young man, "How do you know the will of God regarding taking a place of ministry?" That question is a challenging one to answer since it is very personal. In looking back over my ministry, I can see how God led me into various ministry positions, yet it is difficult to specifically share that with another.

Most of the examples that we have for New Testament believers are found in the book of Acts, a transitional narrative. God was dealing with the disciples, particularly Paul, in its pages. Obviously he did not have the New Testament scriptures to rely on for God's leading, and the result was often a miraculous working of God. However, these accounts may provide a glimpse of ways God might lead us today.

After Saul's conversion by a direct vision of Christ on the road to Damascus, God's direction seems to have been attributed mainly to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 13, the Holy Spirit led the Antioch church to send Barnabas and Saul on their first missionary journey. In a similar way, the Holy Spirit closed the door to Paul and Silas in Asia Minor and Mysia in Acts 16. As a result, a vision of a Macedonian man led them to sail to Greece and continue their ministry there. In Acts 21 the Holy Spirit warned Paul through other believers not to return to Jerusalem. Believing God wanted him there, Paul ignored those warnings as Luke writes, "...he would not be persuaded... saying the will of the Lord be done." Paul went to Jerusalem, was attacked, nearly killed, arrested, and ultimately taken to Rome. However God made it clear to Paul that he was serving in the will of God.

Today, knowing and doing God's will demands a spirit sensitive to God's direction through His Word. Through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, with whole-hearted willingness to do God's will, we must go wherever He takes us and do whatever He plans for us to accomplish for His glory.

Director's Itinerary. . .

Mar 18 - Watertown, FBC, Ordin. Council
Mar 19-21 - Fond du Lac, TBC, Bible Conf
Mar 22-30 - Ministry trip to First Baptist Church, Hulett, Wyoming
Apr 2 - Sturgeon Bay, CBF, SS/AM
Apr 3 - Book Study - Lebanon
Apr 3-4 - Camp Chetek, Pastors' Toolbox
Apr 7-8 - WFBC Ladies Retreat
Apr 9 - Fort Atkinson, FBC, Pastor Install
Apr 13 - Prayer Fellowship - Waunakee
Apr 16 - Pound, Section Eight, AM
Apr 20 - Prayer Fellowship - Oconomowoc
Apr 23 - Crandon, Lakeland BC, AM
Apr 30 - Manitowoc, Berean BC, AM/Aft
May 1-5 - Camp Chetek - Work Week
May 7, 14 Open Sundays
May 18 - Prayer Fellowship - Fort Atkinson

Prayer Requests. . .

*Churches Needing Pastors:

Faith Baptist Church, Beloit
Milwaukee Baptist, Butler
Calvary Baptist Church, Jefferson
Rock Lake Baptist Church, Lake Mills
Berean Baptist Church, Manitowoc
First Baptist Church, Necedah
First Baptist Church, Plainfield
Section 8 Baptist Church, Pound
Peninsula Baptist Church, Stgn Bay

*Pastors Family Requests:

+Mrs. Sara Prigge (wife of Pastor Chad Prigge, Fellowship Baptist Church of Watertown) surgery for cancer.
+Mrs. Pam Loggans (wife of Pastor Bob Loggans, Calvary Baptist Church in Watertown) is recovering strength.
+Mrs. Shirley Thompson (wife of Pastor Garry Thompson, Faith Baptist Church of Baldwin) is receiving radiation treatments for cancer.
+Pastors Mike Gordon (Hartford) and David Nothem (Campbellsport) are grieving the loss of their wives.
+Mrs. Beth Hollenbeck (wife of Pastor Steve Hollenbeck, East Delavan Baptist Church) is recovering from surgery.

For Your Information. . .



WFBC Ladies' Retreat

Speaker, Mrs. Miriam Marriott
April 7-8, 2017
Green Lake Conference Center
www.wfbcladies.org

FBFI - NTA

**Combined Meeting hosted by
Maranatha Baptist University
and
Calvary Baptist Church, Watertown**
June 13-15, 2017

Pastors' Family Camp

August 7-11, 2017
Riverside Camp - Amherst, WI
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WFBC Annual Meeting

Speaker, Pastor Matt Morrell
September 18-19, 2017
Calvary Baptist Church, Barron, WI
Pastor John Terpstra, host

Pastors & Wives Retreat

Speaker, Dr. Larry Oats
Feb. 19-20, 2018
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Elkhorn

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