



January 20, 2007  
**Bits & Pieces E-Newsletter**  
Baptist Network Northwest



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**Register NOW for Annual  
Ministry Workshop**  
Featuring Dr. Ergun Caner  
January 29-30

## Workshop Sessions You Won't Want to Miss

### **Fueling Spiritual Momentum in Your Church** Dr. Mark Wagner

Dr. Mark Wagner was a pastor for 18 years before becoming the President of Northwest Baptist Seminary 13 years ago. In addition to his duties as President, Mark teaches *Spiritual Development*, as well as *Pastoral Care & Church Administration*.

In this workshop Dr. Wagner will address "The many forces that would cause us to slow down and even stop in our spiritual growth in the church and how to keep moving in the church life."

### **Ministering in and Through Personal Grief** Pastor Mark Suko

Pastor Mark Suko, Discovery Baptist Church, Gig Harbor, Washington writes, "Having pastored for twenty-six years and served as Sheriff and Fire Chaplain for over twenty years I have ministered to many people at most levels of grief. However, having experienced personal grief with the sudden loss of my son-in-law to enemy fire in Iraq this past year has given new insights."

Mark will be answering the following questions and more, "How do we deal with grief personally and also minister to family and a grieving church? How can we reach out to others associated with the grief? How can we support those with family in the military during a time of war? The comfort of Scriptures has some insightful answers."

### **"He Says, She Says"** Dr. Larry and Linda Overstreet

Dr. Larry Overstreet & Linda Overstreet, Northwest Baptist Seminary. Dr. Overstreet has been in full-time Christian service for nearly 40 years, both in pastoral ministry and in Christian education. He is presently Director of the Doctor of Ministry program and Professor of Pastoral Theology at NBS. Mrs. Overstreet has served the Lord in various positions of ministry in the church, including teaching, administering, counseling of women, and leading small group Bible studies. She is presently the executive assistant in the Doctor of Ministry program at Northwest Baptist Seminary.

Their seminar will address the differences of life perspective in women and men. This does not mean that either the woman or the man is superior--it only means that we are different. The unexpected reaction of the opposite sex probably causes more distress than any other single factor in marriages. Much of this focuses on communication. This workshop examines the basic differences in the way men and women communicate, illustrating them from Biblical events and characters.

### **Ministering Effectively to Today's Youth** Pastor Scott Hetherington:

Scott Hetherington has been a public school teacher, a volunteer youth leader, a juvenile mentor/counselor, a coach a camp program director and is currently the Junior High Pastor at Antioch Bible Church. He currently spends much time speaking to community groups about internet safety and its impact on today's youth culture. He has received certification from the Redmond Police Department as well as from iSafe.org, a national training center for internet safety.

A good understanding of how today's youth are relating to one another and how they gather and process information, will enhance the effectiveness of sharing the message of Christ. In this session we will examine the current trends of how youth perceive and receive information, strategies for engaging them with truth, and dangers to avoid when navigating the world of technology. We will discuss how to deal with these issues with integrity and safety. There will be dialogue on strategies for programming your contact ministry, teaching curriculum and follow up in a manner that utilizes the latest technology.

### **Re-examining Your Worship Philosophy** Pastor Mike Best

Mike Best has been a Worship Pastor for nearly a decade the last two years at Silverdale Baptist Church in Bremerton.

Mike believes strongly that genuine worship is not contemporary, traditional or liturgical, but springs from leaders that love God and understand how to help their congregation express their appreciation of God. This session will focus on developing your philosophy of worship with particular emphasis on making sure the worship ministry is a fully integrated part of the whole church and on meaningful connection with the culture of your congregation.

### **Fifteen Ideas to Improve Your Church's Organizational Effectiveness**

Pastor Paul Hill

Paul Hill has been the Executive Pastor of Silverdale Baptist Church for 2 ½ years after serving in various positions with CRISTA Ministries for 15 years.

Life can become so busy with emergencies, counseling and getting ready for Sunday that we rarely take time to think about why we do what we do. Do you feel caught in the trap of repeating history? When have you taken time to think about doing things better? This workshop will look at ways to address the same old responsibilities from a new perspective.

## Current Trends in Theology Dr. Jack Willsey

Dr. Jack Willsey was a missionary in Japan with ABWE for many years before coming to Northwest Baptist Seminary where he teaches missiology and theology.

This session will be a brief survey of current theological trends affecting the trajectory and practices of local churches in America. Such topics as the emergent church movement, the role of women in the church, the “new perspective” on Paul, Bible translation methodologies, and changing patterns of church polity will be among several considered as significant for ongoing observation and evaluation.

<b>Workshop Schedule</b> (Tuesday January 30)				
<b>10:45</b>	Ministering Effectively to Today's Youth <i>Pastor Scott Hetherington</i>	Ministering in and Through Personal Grief <i>Pastor Mark Suko</i>	Fueling Spiritual Momentum in Your Church <i>Dr. Mark Wagner</i>	15 Ideas to Improve Your Church's Organizational Effectiveness <i>Pastor Paul Hill</i>
<b>11:45</b>	Re-examining Your Worship Philosophy <i>Pastor Mike Best</i>	Ministering in and Through Personal Grief <i>Pastor Mark Suko</i>	He Says, She Says <i>Dr. Larry and Linda Overstreet</i>	Current Trends in Theology <i>Dr. Jack Willsey</i>

Just in case the spiritual menu isn't enough to get you to Tacoma, how about the **Monday Night Dinner Menu:** (*catered by the pros, served by Tacoma Baptist Schools!*)

Creamy Chicken Romano, Garlic Dill New Potatoes, Sweet Baby Run Carrots, Traditional Hand Tossed Caesar Salad, Fresh Baked Dinner Roll with butter, Bavarian Banana cream fruit tart, gourmet coffee, teach and punch fountain service.

**The Monday schedule** will take place at Temple Baptist in Fircrest (Tacoma) starting with a 3:00 p.m. session with Dr. Caner followed by dinner at 4:45 p.m. at the church. At 6:00 p.m. Dr. Caner will speak before heading to Sea-Tac to teach at Liberty on Tuesday, Dessert will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by a panel on “Protecting Your Ministry” at 8:00.

**The Tuesday morning schedule**, at Northwest Baptist Seminary, will feature Youth Pastor Scott Hetherington at 9:00 a.m. on “Internet Safety and its Impact on Youth.” He is certified by the Redmond, WA Police Department and iSafe.org in the field. He serves as jr. high pastor at Antioch Bible Church in Seattle.

After fellowship and refreshments at 10:15, two workshop sessions will be held at 10:45 and 11:45 with several interesting options available. We'll be on our way home at 12:45 p.m.

**Registration** is \$50 per person and includes the dinner on Friday evening as well as a complementary copy of The Sermon Maker by Calvin Miller, if your registration is received by January 15. Send your full \$50 or a non-refundable \$15 deposit to: David Lunsford, FBC, P.O. Box 69, Ferndale, WA, 98248. Include your name, ministry, address, phone and Email address. Make checks payable to NARBC. (The bank hasn't caught up with our change yet.) If you didn't receive the conference brochure, call Dave Lunsford at (360) 384-3111.

**Addendum: Pre-registration** helps us make adequate meal and seating arrangements. It also will enable you to receive the gift book, "The Sermon Maker." This will be given to the first 120 that register. Please don't mail your registrations after Tuesday the 23, but do email your intent to attend to [pastordave@ferndalebaptist.com](mailto:pastordave@ferndalebaptist.com) (you can also register online with a credit card at "baptistnetworknw.org")

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## Coming Up: Spring Conference

This fellowship and enrichment event is for the entire fellowship (both full time and lay servants) and is held the week after Easter each year.

**This year:**

April 13-14, 2007

Silverdale Baptist Church

Emphasis on Team Building

Speaker: John Ruhlman Jr.

Church Planter, Temecula, CA



## Pastors and Wives Retreat

This time of fellowship, rest and rebuilding for pastoral staff and other full time ministry servants and their wives is held at Cannon Beach, Oregon in September of each year.

**This year:**

September 10-13, 2007

Cannon Beach, Oregon

Speaker: Dr. Bill Brown,

Cedarville, University



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## Pray for:

### Chuck Frerichs, **UPDATE** Director of Hispanic Ministries

Chuck is recovering from serious infections and is now in rehab hoping to return home from Yakima next Wednesday. Keep praying and thanking God for improvement.

### David Thompson, **UPDATE** NBHM Business Manager

There has been a measure of improvement after the steroid shot, but there is still need for improvement. He will see the Dr. next week> He asks for your continued prayers.

**Sad News via Neal Gardenhire** Maralyn VanAlstine passed away Monday morning, January 15th, at 9 AM. She had been hospitalized with pneumonia after a lengthy illness. Her services will be in Kalispell, MT. Bob VanAlstine spent many years in the NW involved in numerous ministries. Bob' address is 1204 5th Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901. Bob' phone number is (406) 257-1230.

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"THEREFORE MOST GLADLY I WILL RATHER BOAST IN MY INFIRMITIES.....FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG", 2 COR. 12: 9,10. V.10 IN MSG. - "NOW I TAKE LIMITATIONS IN STRIDE, AND WITH GOOD CHEER, THESE LIMITATIONS THAT CUT ME DOWN TO SIZE - ABUSE, ACCIDENTS, OPPOSITION, BAD BREAKS. I JUST LET CHRIST TAKE OVER! AND SO THE WEAKER I GET, THE STRONGER I BECOME."

Ever notice, big birds don't sing, just the little ones! Ever hear a vulture warbling out a sweet song? An eagle? But, how about a small canary? My experience is that the sweetest life-songs I've heard are from very humble, ordinary believers whose lives' sing the praises of our Lord. Many a big bird, (or big name, or big

reputed guy) have sure issued far too many woeful sour notes in my ears. "Lord, help us to know that true bigness is when we lose ourselves in you, our big God.....and YOU are our all in all! May we understand that any shadow of lasting influence we may leave on earth will only stay when YOU are shining upon our lives. Amen."

From Dick Christen

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## NBHM Revolving Fund Needs Investors

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Demand notes now yield 3.5% per annum, 3-year notes yield 5%, and 5-year notes yield 6.5%.

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compounded semi-annually or paid semi-annually. Our need is a sign of growth in many of our churches. Let's get behind them with our financial resources. Pass the word along.

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## Pray for Our Churches without Pastors

Roswell BC, Roswell, ID

Columbia Ridge BC, Vancouver, WA

FBC of University Place, WA

Montana Avenue BC, Caldwell, ID

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## The Beddoes' contact info.

Contact us at: (208) 371-0237 (business, will not change) Fax (NEW) 208-361-1471 home 360-479-1260. Mailing Address: 1710 W. Sunn Fjord Ln., Bremerton, WA. 98312. The current e-mail address [dbeddoe@whitneybaptist.org](mailto:dbeddoe@whitneybaptist.org) still works as does the new one [darrell@baptistnetworknw.org](mailto:darrell@baptistnetworknw.org). My office is located at Living Hope BC in Port Orchard, WA.

## Sharing in "Bits and Pieces"

"Bits and Pieces" exists to share items of interest of, by and for the Baptist Network Northwest.

Send items anytime to Darrell Beddoe: [dbeddoe@whitneybaptist.org](mailto:dbeddoe@whitneybaptist.org). or

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