## Building Healthy Churches Expositional Preaching

Preach the word! These were the words of a man who was coming to the end of his life and was seeking to impress on his protege a singular focus in his philosophy of ministry. The Apostle Paul exhorts his son in the faith,

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." (2 Timothy 4:1–2, ESV)

In a day and age where evangelicalism depends on just about any tactic besides employing faithfully those means which God has ordained to grow his church we need to hear these words afresh. We need to evaluate our own hearts and bring them in subjection to the Lord of the Church and trust that he will build his church by the means which he has ordained.

One of those means is expositional preaching. Where the inspired word is preeminent and Christ is glorified through the proclaiming of the good news every Sunday. This builds the church on a solid foundation, Christ and him crucified. (1Cor. 1:18-31)

## Expanding the Fellowship

One desire we all share for the Ministerial Convention is for enhanced relationships through fellowship. •Free time on Tuesday will remain just that – free. Pinebrook offers many options for activity – golf, swimming, basketball, tennis. •However, there will be some organized optional activities for those who desire their free time to be "together" time. •Pastor Cliff Boone will be arranging a hike to take advantage of the fall color in the Delaware Gap. •If you would like something a little more leisurely, Pastor Ralph Ritter will be organizing a shuffleboard Tournament.

All registered convention attendees will receive a number of free books related to the convention theme from such reputable publishers like Presbyterian and Reformed, Christian Focus, IVP, Shepherd's Press, and many others!

# DayOne

DayOne will be on hand selling quality books at an affordable price that will be of interest to both pastors and their wives!

#### **Attention Wives!**

We will be joining our husbands this year for the teaching sessions. In addition, Sharon Soper will be leading a separate time of sharing, encouraging and praying together. Please join us!



Featured Speakers: Tim Gibson – Josh Miller Cal Reed – Jason Hoy Tim Bertolet – Beau Coffman

#### **Registration Form**

Ministerial Convention - Oct. 2-3, 2018 Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center

Name:	
Street Address:	
City	State
Zip	
Phone	Cell/Home/Work
Email	
Church	

#### **Registration Fee (Check One)**

Individual	\$10
Couple	\$15 <u></u>
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Please return this portion with Registration Fee to : Keith Strunk 160 Roth Ave Hellertown, Pa 18055

#### Make checks payable to: Bible Fellowship Church Register by September 21, 2018

#### Be sure to make your own arrangements for lodging before conference arrival. Below are Pinebrook rates.

Individual Overnight	\$114
Couple Overnight	\$216
Individual Commuter	\$75
<b>Couple Commuter</b>	\$140
<u>Optional</u>	
Monday Night	\$30

Meals before the convention are NOT included.

## **Building Healthy Churches**

In conjunction with the Church Health Committee our desire as a Ministerial Convention Committee is to spend some time taking a concerted look at those marks which the Church Health Committee deemed necessary to build healthy churches. Our desire is to present each mark faithfully and with full conviction. We believe that as we move forward as a denomination it is paramount that each one of us are of the same mind and in full agreement with the Word. If we are an expanding fellowship of churches that are **united** to make disciples of Jesus Christ then we must take time to evaluate whether we are each building the types of churches that will secure and support true Christian growth.

In so doing we will consider in the next 5 years what it means to establish a healthy church and then take the next 5 years to examine the activities those established churches ought to be engaged in. This is what our 5 year plan looks like;

- Preaching and Teaching (the primary grace in which God visits his people and proclaims the gospel)
- The Presence of God (the gospel of Jesus Christ restores us into the presence of God)
- Making Disciples of Jesus Christ (bringing people into the gospel of Jesus)
- Leadership and Church Government (that which God instituted in order to protect the gospel)
- Membership and Stewardship (those who confess Jesus and bring themselves under those who protect the gospel)

We pray that you and **your elders** would join us in this effort and that you would commit to being present for our annual Ministerial Convention as we discuss this most important issue, Building Healthy Churches for the glory of God.

## Ministerial Convention 2018 Schedule

Tuesday, Oct	. 2, 2018	
8:30-9:30	Registration	
9:30-10:00	Worship & Communion	
10:00-11:00	The Meaning of EP: What it is	
	and is not -Tim Gibson	
11:25-12:25	The Mandate for EP: Preaching	
	as a Necessity -Josh Miller	
12:30-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-5:30	Free Time	
	Workshop on the Method of EP	
	-Tim Bertolet	
5:30-6:30	Dinner	
6:45-7:00	Business Meeting	
7:00-7:30	Men's and Women's Separate	
	Prayer Times	
7:30-8:30	The Mark of EP: Preaching for	
	the Long Run -Cal Reed	
8:30-9:00	Worship	
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018		
8:00-9:00	Breakfast	
9:00-9:30	Worship	
9:30-10:30	The Message of EP: Preaching	
	the Gospel in Every Text	
	-Jason Hoy	
10:30-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:50	The Minister in EP: A Servant of	
	the Text -Beau Coffman	
12:00	Lunch	

If you have questions concerning this year's ministerial convention email Andrew Barnes at andrewbarnessr@gmail.com

