

Prayer & Planning Retreats

One-On-One Coaching



An important part of our Pastoral Coaching Ministry is three times each year we gather at a retreat center or isolated cottage to pray and seek the mind of God for a vision and plan for the church. Vision is not made by committee. Vision is a God-revelation direct to the heart of the man who seeks Him. Vision doesn't come from a book or a conference seminar. Vision is God's voice to the heart of the pastor revealing God's calling, plans and purposes for and through that individual pastor. Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing." Prayer and Planning Retreats train the pastor to seek the mind of God for his plans and then train him to systematically pursue those plans.

Our *Parakletos: Alongside Ministry* of visiting your church congregation three weekends a year for preaching and teaching on prayer is an ideal setting for this Prayer and Planning coaching to take place. We will arrange a retreat center or cottage nearby where we can be away from the distractions of ministry and focus on the voice of God and good ministry disciplines for three days (actually 2 1/2 days, Monday noon to Wednesday noon).

The retreat expenses are not included in the yearly coaching fee of \$1,200, so that the church may decide the best location locally where food and lodging expenses are reasonable.

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Prayer and Planning has worked effectively with all kinds of pastoral ministries, youth pastors, worship pastors, children's pastors, administrative pastors, and assistant pastors. The whole pastoral staff will benefit by learning to do these strategic planning sessions.

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Sample Prayer and Planning Agenda

#1 Prayer and Planning – Focus on Vision

- A Variety of Exercises and Self Evaluations
- Seeing the Big Picture – Hunger for God
- Nehemiah's Example
- Setting Priorities in Disciplines, Habits, Priorities
- Steps to a Prayer-Filled Life and Ministry
- Where to Get a Ministry Vision, Articulating, Casting, Pursuing Vision
- Goal Setting – goals, strategies, steps
- The Art of Getting Things Done

#2 Prayer and Planning – Focus on Preaching

- Follow-up on Vision, Goals, Strategies, Achievements
- Word-Centered Preaching
- Christ-Centered Preaching
- Preaching for Results
- Anointed Preaching
- Using the Altar & Prayer and Anointing

#3 Prayer and God's Presence – Focus on Presence

- Moses example
- Pursuing the Shekinah Glory
- Soul Saturation with 1st Love
- Asking and Believing for Miracles
- Becoming a Man of Prayer
- Becoming a House of Prayer

These are just samplings of possible agendas. Specific agendas will vary by location and ministries. This is not cookie-cutter coaching but specific need based coaching.

If you are interested in this kind of intense year-long coaching with Prayer and Planning Retreats please contact me, Richard LaFountain at PastorDickLaf@gmail.com or visit our [CONTACT PAGE](#) for other ways to contact us, and let's begin discussing the possibilities.