

Weekend Prayer Seminars

Did you ever wish you could bring that conference speaker back to your church for your congregation to hear what you just experienced? Well, now you can. Pastor Dick LaFountain has just retired from 40 years of pastoral ministry and preaching and is available to partner with your church as he brings his gifts and anointing from God to your church family. This is not a weekend blitz or a flash in the pan one day preaching event but a month long ministry of preaching, prayer, teaching, and motivation.

What format could that partnership take?

- A Day in His Presence – a ONE DAY PRAYER TRAINING event
- A Weekend of Refreshing – Saturday and Sunday teaching/preaching
- An Intense Weekend with Jesus –a full weekend of prayer ministries
- Pastoral Training in Prayer and Planning – Three 3-Day Retreats

A detailed outline of each of these scenarios is available upon request.

Seminar & Preaching Topics

“Break Through” Preaching Series

- * Lord, Teach Me To Pray - Be Still and Know God (6)
- His Presence - The Lost Glory of His House (4) *Heaven, Heart, Home, House*
- Praying With Power (10)
- Praying Through the Storm (4) & Crying Out To God (4)
- The Prayer of Jabez (4)
- Forgiveness – *When You Pray, Forgive* (7)
- The Healing Touch – *Elders-Laying on Hands-Anointing with Oil-Prayer of Faith* (8)
- Deliverance Us From Evil – *Victor or Victim from Ephesians* (8)

Other Themes: (Consider involving us twice a year for spring and fall campaigns)

- Stinkin’ Thinkin’ – Phil 2:5 – *Let this mind be in you which was in Jesus Christ* (8)
- Love & Respect – Ephesians 5:25-26 Rebuilding your marriage relationship (7)
- Christmas Themes - Names of Christ (15) *Laying Claim to Jesus’ Name*

*Required for the first year to establish healthy prayer habits.

Samples of all these sermons and series are available on our web sites along with an abundance of helps for prayer and ministry.

<http://www.PrayerToday.org> and <http://www.MinistryToday.org>

“A Day in His Presence”

In Exodus 23:14-17 God sets the standard for all men in Israel that they were to all go up to Jerusalem a minimum of three times per year “to present themselves to God.” We believe that is a principle that pastors and congregations ought to emulate. Our ministry is based of calling believers into His Presence three times a year. We will visit your church three times during a year and preach on prayer and the presence of God and your pastor and pastoral staff will join with me in a coaching ministry of three 3-day Prayer and Planning Retreats to learn to incorporate prayer and God’s presence into their ministries.

All of our weekend ministries are faith-based, that is we will come on a conditional “free will offering” basis, with no specific honorarium.* The church’s responsibility is to provide transportation, lodging and food during the time of our stay with you.*

1st Weekend: A Day in His Presence (1 Full Day)

Sunday am Preaching – *“Be Still and Know”*

Sunday afternoon Seminar Teaching – *“Intimacy with God”: 6 Steps”* (workbook)

Sunday pm Preaching – *“Ichabod: The Lost Presence of God”*

Coaching of Pastoral Prayer and Planning – 3-Day Prayer and Planning

Monday – 12 noon Pastoral Prayer and Planning (at a retreat or cottage)

Tuesday – Full Day Pastoral Prayer and Planning (at a retreat or cottage)

Wednesday – 12 noon Pastoral Prayer and Planning (at a retreat or cottage)

2nd Weekend: A Weekend to Remember (2 Day Weekend)

Friday-Saturday – Quiet Prayer Retreat – *“Walking the Six Steps of Intimacy”*

Sunday am Preaching – *“The Healing Presence of Jesus”*

Sunday Seminar – *“Praying for Healing”* Exposition of James 5:13-18 (workbook)

Sunday pm Preaching – *“Deliver Us from Evil!”*

(Followed by Pastoral Prayer and Planning Monday-Wednesday)

3rd Weekend: Intense Times with the Savior (1 Full Day)

Sunday am Preaching – *“Praying With Power”*

Sunday afternoon Seminar – *Principles of Intercession* (workbook)

Sunday pm Preaching – *“Believing God in Prayer”*

(Followed by Pastoral Prayer and Planning Monday-Wednesday)

These Weekends can be done in any order except that *A Day in His Presence* will always be the first to set the pace for the rest. Preaching and teaching will be decided in consultation with the pastor. There are three themes: 1) Presence 2) Healing 3) Praying with Power.

The three day pastoral coaching of prayer and planning is optional and only for those who choose to enter into the Coaching agreement. It is cost effective to do this while we are already on site.

*** Conditional Free-Will Offering Basis**

One week prior to our arrival bulletin inserts will be provided that explain our ministry and the “free-will offering” gifts that support our ministry. All gifts should be made out to the church or to Harvest Prayer Ministries in order to receive a tax receipt. Offering envelopes will be provided in the bulletin each Sunday, and a clearly marked receptacle in the foyer of the church.

*** Transportation and Lodging**

Mileage by car is 50.5 cents per mile, or by a lowest cost airline ticket (usually about \$300). Lodging can be in a local motel or a quiet home with a private bedroom and bath and a wifi connection would be acceptable. Of course if you are local to the Pittsburgh area we are close enough to return home each evening.

*** Church Retreats**

All retreats need to be scheduled locally at an appropriate camp facility where food service can be provided. Fees for the retreat are set by the local church.

*** Pastoral Prayer and Planning**

Pastoral Prayer and Planning may take place at a retreat or cottage provided each pastor has a private room for times alone with God. It will involve two nights beginning at noon on Monday and ending by noon on Wednesday. Meals can be provided by the camp or retreat or women of the church may provide the meals. An outline of our three Prayer and Planning retreats is available online.

*** Preaching Themes**

Our preaching themes are focused on prayer and intimacy with God. In every partnership the first theme that sets up off in the right direction is the theme of “*Be Still and Know God*” which reflects our general purpose of helping pastors and their people experience intimacy with God. There are several other weekend themes that are suggested in the above examples such as *Becoming a House of Prayer*, *Praying with Power*, *Experiencing Healing*, *Forgiveness*, *Deliverance*, *Stinkin’ Thinkin’*, *The Name of Jesus*.

Exodus 23:14-17

¹⁴ “Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me. ¹⁵ Celebrate the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in that month you came out of Egypt. No one is to appear before me empty-handed. ¹⁶ Celebrate the *Feast of Harvest* with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the *Feast of Ingathering* at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field. ¹⁷ “Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD.

STILL THINKING ABOUT IT?

You rightfully may be thinking “Who is this guy? Can I trust him in my pulpit?” I can’t agree with you more. Don’t let just anyone stand in your pulpit! You can download any of my messages from over the last 10 years online at www.grovecityalliance.org and selected message on prayer at www.MinistryToday.org. If you do not sense the anointing of God on these messages then by all means do not consider inviting me to your church.

If you like what you hear, but are not ready to enter into a year-long partnership, then you can try us out with a one-time preaching-teaching event “*A DAY IN THY COURTS*” in which I will preach on “the priority and passion for prayer and the presence of God,” and conduct the afternoon seminar teaching on *Intimacy with God*, then, if you like, he will meet with you and your elder board to discuss how your can partner together for the glory of God.

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young — a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.”

– Psalm 84.1-4

ONE DAY EVENT

“A Day in Your Courts”

Sunday am Preaching – “*Be Still and Know*”

Sunday afternoon 4-Hour Seminar Teaching – “*Intimacy with God*”: 6 Steps” (workbook)

Sunday pm Preaching – “*Ichabod: The Lost Presence of God*”

This one day of intensive preaching and teaching on Developing Intimacy with God is available to any church whether they enter into partnership with us or not. Contact us for more details about hosting this one day event in your church.