

# LEADERSHIP MATTERS

from Dr. Roger Yancey, Director of Missions

The partnership of Pastors and Deacons in ministering to the church family is of significant importance to the health and wellbeing of every church. As I have spent time with many of the Deacons in the churches of our Association I have been asked when another time of training will be made available that is specific to Deacon Ministry. So we are glad to share with you that this coming November you will be able to have time with Dr. Jim Henry on of the foremost leaders in the area of Deacon Ministry.

Join with other Pastors and Deacons from churches throughout the TEBA and have a great time of fellowship and learning. We will be gathering at Trinity Pines Conference and Retreat Center located on Lake Livingston on 4341 FM 356 in Trinity, Texas. You will have a nights lodging, two meals, access to the lake and time to be together as a ministry team.



### Our Special Guest Speaker

Jim Henry served as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando from September 1977 to March 2006, when he retired and was given the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, "Brother Jim" is a graduate of Georgetown College in

Kentucky and earned his B.D., M. Div. Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also pastored churches in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Dr. Henry is one of the most respected Christian leaders of our day. He speaks for conferences and conventions throughout the world, has authored many books, and serves on numerous boards and commissions, and has completed two terms as President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is eminently qualified in the area of deacon training. He pioneered video training of deacons by teaching the first deacon training course ever produced on videotape nearly 30 years ago. His study, *Deacons: Partners in Ministry and Growth*, produced in the Fall of 1997 by Sampson Ministry Resources, is now in over 7,500 churches.

Dr. Henry is married to Jeanette. They have three children and 5 grandsons. "Brother Jim's" hobbies include reading, fishing, jogging, golfing, and travel.

### Special Offer for Sr. Pastors

For all Sr. Pastor's who register 6 Deacons with their church will receive their own registration for free. We are committed to your church's developing Deacon Ministry. We look forward to seeing you at the retreat.

In Kingdom service,

## DEACON'S RETREAT

**NOVEMBER 4-5, 2011**  
Trinity Pines Conference Center

Topics to be Covered

The Deacon:  
Being and Doing  
*Who he is & what he does*

The Deacon:  
Faithful Servant  
*Service in Love & Faithfulness*

The Deacon:  
Responsible Husband  
*Providing Love and Care for Your Greatest Asset*

The Deacon:  
Blessings of the Office  
*The many ways God Blesses*

The Deacon:  
Pastor's Teammate  
*Serving together for Kingdom Impact*

### WITH TIME FOR QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Who will want this training?**  
**Current and active deacons, prospective deacons, and inactive deacons.**

**What does it Cost?**  
\$42 for 3 in a room  
\$49 for 2 in a room  
\$79 for 1 in a room  
(Limited Availability)

**Includes one nights stay with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.**



## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

5	Labor Day-TEBA Office Closed
1-18	Week of Prayer for Texas Missions & Mary Hill Davis Offering
12	Credentials Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., TEBA
12	Senior Adult Council, 10:30 a.m., TEBA
12	Nominating Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m., TEBA
13	Pastor's Conference, 12:00 p.m., TEBA
13	Associational Council, 1:00 p.m., TEBA
15	Preteen Camp Planning Team Meeting, 10:00 a.m., TEBA
20	Church Development Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., TEBA
24	Hispanic Basic Training, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., TEBA
27	Hispanic Basic Training, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., TEBA



### How to Diagnose Terminal Illness in your Church

(Adapted from an article written by Danny R. Von Kanel)

Ten diagnoses for determining a sick church and

6. **"We have no children or teenagers in our church."** A church without children and/or teenagers is a church with no future.

**Solution:** Hire a youth or children's minister and remove barriers that may make them feel unwanted. Teach the people to accept their music, hairstyles, dress, etc. Include them in the ministry and decision-making processes of the church.

7. **"Our membership is dying off or moving away."** There are too few to do the work of the ministry effectively. Small memberships with large facilities risk sudden closure when finances or manpower shrinks.

**Solution:** Consider a merger with another church, sell your facilities and build something smaller, or evaluate your continued existence. A merger or relocation may spawn excitement and life for the future. If not, dissolve gracefully and with a reputation of honor for the Lord.

8. **"No one has accepted Christ as Lord in a long time."** New converts speak of excitement and correct purpose. Absence of new believers suggests misdirection or death.

**Solution:** Launch an evangelistic emphasis and make sure all ministries remain true to the spread of the Gospel message. People are still searching for love, acceptance, peace, joy, meaning and purpose in life despite what the world may be telling us.

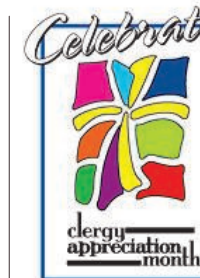
9. **"We are fighting among ourselves over worship and leadership styles."** Any type of disunity within the church is condemned and usually leads to a split. 1 Cor. 12:13-28

**Solution:** Try a blended service or offer two services – traditional and contemporary. And, allow the pastor to be the shepherd of the earthly flock and support him in prayer and ask God to keep him on vision.

10. **"The Bible is not being preached and taught in our church."** A church without biblical preaching and teaching is a contradiction in terms. What characterizes the church is her reliance upon God's Word.

**Solution:** Return to God's Word. Get your church to affirm their adherence to God's Word in a business session. God said His Word is the only book that, "Will not come back to Me void." (Isaiah 55:11)

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"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17

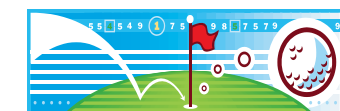
Clergy Appreciation Month (October) is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people..

There are two ways to help your pastors and their families feel appreciated:

- **Figure out what you can do personally.**
- **Share the concept of Clergy Appreciation Month with others in your congregation and challenge them to join you.**

Taken from *Focus on the Family, The Parsonage*, www.parsonage.org.

### Hospitality House 1st Annual Benefit Golf Tournament



Saturday, November 12, 2011  
Ravens Nest Golf Club in Huntsville

\$65 Early Bird price if paid on or before October 24th.

\$80 if paid after October 24th.

Player Enhancements  
Prizes Awarded  
Hole Sponsorships available

For more information or to register contact the Hospitality House at 936-291-6196 or email Debra McCammon at [debra.mccammon@gmail.com](mailto:debra.mccammon@gmail.com) or go to [thehospitalityhouse.org](http://thehospitalityhouse.org).

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**STAFF POSITIONS  
 CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES**

- **RiverPointe Baptist Church in Conroe**, is seeking a part-time Student Minister for grades 1-12. For more information call Chuck Dooley at 936-441-3113.
- **Security First Baptist Church, Cleveland** is searching for a part-time Associate Pastor. Please contact the church if interested at 281-592-7911.
- **Drew's Landing Baptist Church, Shepherd** is seeking a bi-vocational Youth Pastor. Please contact Pastor Chip Keel at 936-581-4044.
- **Hawthorne Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time bi-vocational minister of music to lead worship services on Sundays and special programs (Christmas/Easter) during the year. Please contact Pastor Jason Pennington at 936-662-6243 to discuss the position.
- **Under Over Fellowship** is in need of a donated passenger van or bus that could be used to transport the homeless to and from our church services. We would also use it for our Shower Ministry that takes the homeless to shower twice a week. If you can help please contact Jerry Vineyard at 936-447-0258 or jvwineyard@hotmail.com or visit us at www.underoverfellowship.com.

**PASTORLESS CHURCHES**

Center Hill* 16771 FM 1097 East Willis 77378	Oak Shade 1807 CR 2212 Cleveland 77327
Cornerstone 8200 Northway Dr The Wdlands 77382	Security FBC 21158 Hwy 105 Cleveland 77328-6121
Faith POB 869 Montgomery 77356	Silver Springs 29820 Dobbin Huffsmith Magnolia 77354
Harmony Fellowship 26811 FM 2978 Magnolia 77354	Trinity 7651 County Line Rd Willis 77378-4799
Honea* 16430 FM 2854 Montgomery 77354	Unity 8904 FM 787 West Cleveland 77327
New Sunrise* POB 907 New Caney 77357	Whispering Pines 15200 FM 1485 Conroe 77306-8914
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## InfoLink

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**PASTORS CONFERENCE**  
**September 13, 2011**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Dr. John Bisagno**

**\$5 Lunch**  
**TEBA Conference & Resource Center**  
**4489 N Frazier**

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## Dr. John Bisagno

Dr. Bisagno will speak about his new book "Pastor's Handbook."

**Pastor's Conference**  
**Tuesday, September 13**  
**Noon \$5 Lunch**

*Pastor's Handbook* is a major expansion and revision of author John Bisagno's previous work, *Letters to Timothy*, which collected more than one hundred brief chapters of practical insight for handling real life pastoral issues - "things that might have fallen through the cracks in seminary"-based on the author's fifty years in ministry. A decade into his retirement, Bisagno stills mentors young pastors and recognizes new challenges in this profession known for its high dropout rate. With that in mind, *Pastor's Handbook* adds helpful entries on such issues as "The Seeker Friendly Church," "Solving Worship Wars," "Multiple Campuses," "New Media," and "Home Groups" as well as "Internet Pornography," "Biblical Inerrancy," "Calvinism," "The High Cost of Overnight Change," "Homosexuality," "Christianity and Islam," and more than a dozen other topics. He also refreshes several of the original chapters, factoring in new world issues and his survey of pastoral colleagues.

**The first 20 Senior Pastors who email Barbara Lambert at barbaral@teba.org and attend the Pastor's Conference will be given a complimentary signed book.**

**THE WAY TO PEACE WITH GOD**

**THE PROBLEM-SEPARATION FROM GOD**  
 Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
**THE RESULT-SPIRITUAL DEATH**  
 Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
**GOD'S SOLUTION-HIS DEATH IN OUR PLACE**  
 Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
**YOUR SALVATION-BY FAITH**  
 Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."



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