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One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

One Priority

Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.

CMBA Annual Business Meeting – November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

CMBA Annual Business Session – Online. In lieu of an on-site, face-to-face annual business meeting, CMBA will hold a virtual annual business meeting for the election of officers for the next year, approval of the budget, and any other business items that need attention. The meeting will also involve a review of the activities and progress of CMBA since October 2019 and plans for the coming year through October 2021.

Where: Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81156129685>.

Who: The pastor (or the pastor's representative) plus a layperson from each church.

What: An agenda will be available and distributed the week of the gathering.

Future Church Moment Two

Speaking in CMBA recently, Will Mancini declared that the functional Great Commission in North American Churches has become — North American Churches have turned Proverbs 29:18 — “Where there is not vision, the people perish” into “Where there is no vision the people cherish things of lower importance.”

George Bullard's Response: This calls for a renewed focus on making the main thing the main thing — fulfilling the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment. Focus on God's empowering vision and creating and nurturing maturing disciples.

— From the forthcoming book, *Future Church: 7 Laws of Real Church Growth* by Will Mancini and Cory Harman. Baker Books, 2020. (CMBA is working on a purchasing a quantity of these books when they are available within the next 30 days. If you want one or more copies for your church at a deep discount, send an email to CMBA@ColumbiaMetro.org with your request.)

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

On Monday evening, November 2nd, our associational Baptist Women's leadership, along with the leadership of the Gethsemane Baptist Association, premiered a video presentation of the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. This annual event was not able to be held live due to the pandemic.

Our Woman's Missionary Union — Women on Mission — Sisters Who Care are actively organizing as they go through a relaunch. Ralphetta Davis of Concord Fellowship Baptist Church is the president. Cathy Locklear, on the CMBA staff, provides support to them.

Take a look at their online service and prayers for the various regions of the world at <https://youtu.be/7zu01EtTBI>.

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