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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.

Church Planting Fellowship Online Gatherings This Wednesday

Initial gatherings of a Church Planting Fellowship are this Wednesday, September 29th by videoconference. One will be at 3:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. **For more information and to get the connection information contact Robbie McAlister at 803.315.2741.**

The purpose of this fellowship is to create a support and coaching network for people currently involved in planting new congregations and those who have a desire to explore or pursue this method for sharing the Good News with people who need to know Jesus and to grow as Christian disciples.

Your desire to be a church planter or part of a core team to launch a new congregational expression can be here in the Midlands. Or perhaps you feel a spiritual call to go to another place to plant a new congregational expression in another location around South Carolina, in North America, or somewhere around the world.

Launching new congregational expressions is an effective means of evangelism. This is particularly true if the focus is more on people who do not know Jesus as their Savior and Lord, as opposed to simply gathering in people who are already Christians in the location chosen for the new congregational expression.

New congregational expressions can be a free-standing congregation or a campus of an existing congregation. Each method contributes to the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

Upcoming Events To Move Forward Our One Priority

The Denominee Journey: Beginning on Tuesday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m. and many Tuesdays for the rest of the Fall is a series of videoconferences on The Denominee Journey in which CMBA is involved. This journey, led by Future Church Company founded by Will Mancini, serves as a succession plan for the next dimension of strategies to empower CMBA congregations as we move toward our next executive director.

CMBA Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1920 Cedar Creek Road in Blythewood. The agenda includes: a recognition and reception for Cathy Locklear on her retirement following more than 20 years of service to the association; a process report from the Executive Director Search Committee chairperson, Jacob Helsley; essential business, such as approval of officers and the budget for the next year; and recognition of new congregations received into the association.

Church Multiplication Collaborative: Wednesday, November 17th at the SC Baptist Convention building for pastors interested in sponsoring a new congregational expression. Out of this event, a Church Multiplication Cohort will be formed, composed of pastors interested in pursuing sponsorship of new congregations.

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