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Saturday
JUNE 3, 2017

THE BANNER

Quotable Quotes

from the President's Report, Part 3 and Friday's seminars



"Do not look for His power unless you're dwelling in His presence."

—John Stumbo, U.S. C&MA president



"When you marry hospitality and truth, it just works."

—Joel Bubna, pastor, Hope Community (C&MA) Church, Olmsted Falls, Ohio



"Nothing is more sustainable than the church. Nothing done

in Jesus' name is ultimately sustainable without the church."

—Tim Crouch, vice president for International Ministries



"We have to get past the idea that it's 'those people out there' [who

struggle with porn]."

—Nick Stumbo, executive director at Pure Desire Ministries, Gresham, Oregon



Melissa MacDonald

People's responses to the Spirit's stirring Friday night could result in "tens of thousands of souls" in heaven, remarked President John Stumbo at the service's conclusion.

"When you and I reach out to one, and they come to faith in Christ, it often changes an entire generation and generations to come," John said.

Mark Ashton, pastor of Christ Community Church (CCC) in Omaha, offered three challenges to propel the Alliance family forward. First, the Jerusalem challenge: to "reach one more."

Second, the Judea and Samaria challenge: to plant or co-plant a church before Alliance Council 2019.

"What is it that keeps me up at night?" Mark asked. "It's the idea that there are a half million people in my own backyard who are headed to a Christless eternity." This angst is why CCC has daughtered or granddaughters 10 churches in the past 10 years.

Whether in rural or urban settings, "we need all kinds of people with all kinds of church plants," Mark said.



Grace Worship Team

Third, the ends of the earth challenge: to increase giving to the Great Commission Fund by 25 percent.

"Eternity hangs in the balance," Mark said, fighting back tears. "I just can't live with the idea of untold millions passing in the night without having heard the name of Jesus."

He continued, "Oftentimes the gap between what we're

doing and what we're dreaming about doing is just money. . . . We've got to be raising up Great Commission funds to make this happen."

Mark ended his message by encouraging anyone with doubts about meeting any of the three challenges to come forward and pray for one another. "God can turn your 'no way' to a 'let's go!'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¿Deseas estudiar en programas acreditados en los EEUU? Visítanos en el Booth 167 para información de programas de educación a distancia donde usted o alguien de su iglesia puede estudiar y obtener un grado sin tener que dejar su ministerio.

"I have a Hispanic leader that needs training, but I can't afford losing him to school!" The Alliance Centers of Theological Studies (Booth 167) provides MSP, BA on pastoral ministries, and MDiv through our Alliance accredited schools and our district's Distant Learning Services.

LADIES! Prepare to bring a "first fruits" offering to the Women's Global Gathering, 11 am, Saturday, for our Isaiah 61:1 project. Women reach women. The poor. The brokenhearted. The captives. The prisoners. More.

Alliance Perspective on Law and Culture—Colorado Springs, September 22-23, 2017 For the first time, the Alliance legal counsel is bringing together the best thinkers and communicators to provide an Alliance perspective on the latest legal, political, and cultural issues in the United States. This information will be presented in a way that will be immediately applicable for church leaders. Register through Events at www.cmalliance.org. Early bird registration is \$99; cost is \$119 after July 31.

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Wonder how YOU can help our international Alliance workers in their ministry to reach "the least of these"? Come to Booth 172, MERCY MARKET, and find out how easy it is to be involved. Don't underestimate YOUR ability to have an impact!

Want to meet our ethnic pastors? Have questions about how to witness to an ethnic friend? Stop by Booth 166, 8:30-10 p.m., to meet and greet African pastors on Saturday. Don't miss this time to be encouraged and to encourage them!

Church Ministries will have a drawing for a book, *A Practical Theology of Assessment*, Tuesday-Saturday. To enter, fill out your coupon and bring it to Booth 162.

Interested in assisting your "newest neighbors" with learning English or completing their immigration

paperwork? Stop by Booth 166, Multicultural Ministries, to pick up a schedule of special Council seminars designed to help you or your church begin this journey.

Got luggage? We have beautiful luggage tags! Stop by Booth 166, Multicultural Ministries, with your coupon to receive a FREE, COLORFUL ALLIANCE LUGGAGE TAG. You must present the coupon because quantities are limited.

57 percent of pastors have struggled with pornography. They battle in isolation, overcome by shame. Through our PD Leaders program, Pure Desire Ministries provides Christ-centered recovery options to church leaders ensnared in sexual addiction. Learn more at Booth 39.

IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE! The Chaplain Banquet location (Sunday 6-9 p.m.) has been changed to Hyatt Taft A & B.

Andy and Beverly Bishop are 40-year C&MA missionaries whose work the Lord used to help found CAMA Services. From Europe to Asia to Eastern Europe, the Bishops served near most of the conflicts and disasters in the 1970s and 80s including a tour in Russia directing CoMission activities in the '90s, stepping into the unknown and trusting God because . . . *You Never Really Know til You Get There!* Available on Amazon as an E-book.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: **ADVENTURE FORWARD**



MANY THANKS to Todd Weir and Jim Weir and the Children's Ministry Team from Fairhaven Church in Dayton, Ohio, for creating an engaging and memorable Council experience for our Alliance kids. Stop by rooms A210-216 to express your appreciation.

READ THIS! Because of today's full schedule, the evening service will begin at 7:15. There will be no pre-service.

ALLIANCETRIVIA

Question: In the same year William Booth founded the Salvation Army, three significant events occurred in A. B. Simpson's life.

Name two of them.

The first three people to bring the correct answer to Development Booth 138 will win a prize. (*Answer in tomorrow's BANNER*)

Friday's Trivia answer: **Finley, the guard llama of Valley Farm.** Check out our Sustainable Community Development program of Toccoa Falls College at www.tfc.edu.

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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners (Isaiah 61:1).

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