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Ministering to Ministers Foundation, Inc., Newsletter

March 28, 2012

Thank You Letter for MTM's Ministry

March 6, 2012

Dear Charles and the Ministering to Ministers Foundation,

Grace and Peace in Christ!

I want to express to you my deepest and most sincere thanks for the care and support you provided to me and to my wife and family during the most difficult time of my life.

As you know, I was forced to resign from my position of Senior Pastor at the age of 59 in the midst of allegations and unresolved conflicts in the congregation and in my own life. After 30 years of service as a pastor in our denomination, I received no support from either the church I served, or the denomination. My wife and I felt all alone and without direction or hope, except our belief that God would come through somehow, some way, some time - we didn't have a clue how, where or when.

Then you and the Ministering to Ministers Foundation

Future Wellness Retreats

Sunday, April 15 - Thursday,
April 19, 2012
Green Lake Conference Center
Greenlake, Wisconsin
Co-sponsored by Greenlake
Conference Center, Greenlake,
Wisconsin

Monday, July 16 - Friday, July
20, 2012
Carson-Newman College
Jefferson City, Tennessee
Co-sponsored by Norton
Institute for Congregational
Health
at Carson-Newman College,
Jefferson City, Tennessee

appeared and provided us the care we needed to catch our breath and begin the long process of sorting things out and finding the help and support we needed. The path ahead is not yet clear, but the hope is there. Although still unemployed, returning to pastoral ministry is possible. Because of the trauma and the healing processes we've completed, I will be a much better pastor or employee in whatever way the Lord uses me. Thanks for being there, for your caring support, for the Wellness Retreat, the personal contacts and follow up.

As a result of your work, I have already become more sensitive and supportive of pastors who are struggling in conflicted situations, and whole-heartedly encourage denominational leadership in our church and others to see the value in supporting working in cooperation with Ministering to Ministers Foundation to provide care and moral support for ministers who struggle personally, or struggle with unresolved congregational conflict brought about by lay leaders who seem more set on control than missions.

With deep appreciation for all you have done for us,

Name withheld by request

Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3, 2012

Samford University Birmingham, Alabama

Co-sponsored by Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

Contact us at

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for more information.

Non-refundable Registration

Fee: \$50.00 per family unit.

Retreat scholarships are available.

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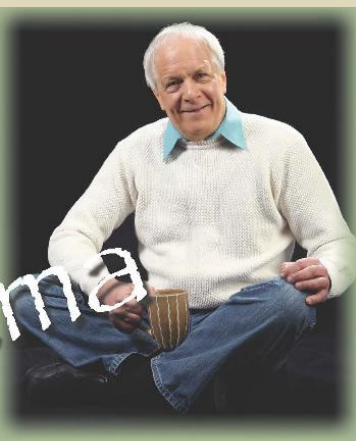
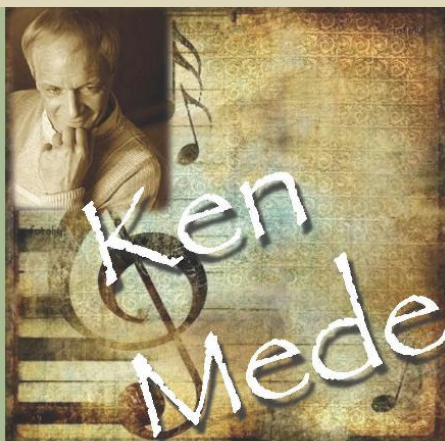
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First Baptist Church

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Tickets: \$15.00

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\$12.00 for group tickets of 20 or more • Call 800-519-9030

Tickets at the Door: \$18.00

Call 804-594-2556 for more information

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