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New Name Introduced for MTM E-Newsletter

Last month, I introduced to you the first issue of MTM's electronic newsletter. It was given a temporary name - MTM Morsels.

Today, I am introducing the second issue with the name selected by the MTM Trustees - **MTM Messenger**. We are not going to call it a monthly e-newsletter, however, because at times there may be more than one issue per month.

I want to remind you again that the purpose of the "MTM Messenger" is to:

- Maintain contact with the friends of MTM
- Create awareness of the MTM ministry
- Engage your prayer support
- Encourage you to share the MTM story
- Enlist your financial partnership enabling MTM to offer C.A.R.E. to caregivers.

We would like for as many people as possible to receive the "MTM Messenger." Please send the name and email of friends and family who would like to receive the e-newsletter.

Dr. David Al Myers, long time MTM trustee, Chattanooga, TN, will serve as the "MTM Messenger" editor.

I hope the information you receive via this newsletter will not only provide a better picture of the mission and ministry of MTM, but that it will also encourage you to become a partner in the MTM Ministry through your financial and prayer support.

Charles H. Chandler
Executive Director

Support System Essentials

Navigating in the fog of conflict without guidance from trusted friends and professionals is a flight plan destined for a crash. Five support system components are essential if the minister/minister's spouse is to emerge from the fog of conflict without sustaining crippling wounds. Follow this link to read the article, "Five Relationships Every Minister Needs to Develop" -- [Essentials](#) .

What's MTM all about?

Our Mission:

The Ministering to Ministers (MTM) Foundation seeks to be advocates for clergy and their families in all faith groups who are experiencing personal or professional crisis due to deteriorating employment or congregation-clergy relationships.

Upcoming Retreats

July 12-16, 2010

Carson-Newman College
Jefferson City, Tennessee
Co-sponsored by Norton
Institute for Congregational
Health at
Carson-Newman College
Jefferson City, Tennessee

July 26-30, 2010

Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama

"Healthy ministers help produce healthy churches and healthy churches help produce healthy communities."

Soul Tending

-- Establishing a healthier rhythm to life --

Christian Fatigue Syndrome... it's a term I learned from author Ruth Haley Barton of The Transforming Center near Chicago, Illinois. Another author, Anne Jackson, calls it Mad Church Disease in her new book by the same title. These refer to the fact that life in and around the church often gets reduced to activity, busyness, and heavy expectations.

One of the main reasons life in the church ends up like this is the way its leaders are living: full speed ahead. And we have been stuck in that speed for a very long time. Another reason is that members of our churches have learned to equate Christian activity with Christian maturity. The busier we are, the "holier" we are.

We need to distinguish between the times when we are "on" and working for God, and times when we can just be with God, for our own soul's sake. Jesus understood this as he led his followers by regularly urging them to "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31). He created space for "soul-tending" by slowing down hectic ministry and making time for their souls through relationships, rest and rejuvenation.

We pastors and other Christian leaders need to take our lead from Jesus and establish healthier rhythms in our own lives or we will not make it over the long haul... and neither will the people we are leading.

Rev. G. David Korsen

Co-sponsored by Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

MTM Board of Trustees and co-founder of Soul-Tending.org

August 30 - September 3

Chanco on the James
Spring Grove, Virginia

LIFE AND FAITH TOUR



Karen Kingsbury, Speaker
#1 New York Times Best Selling Author

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Get ready to celebrate your faith while supporting MTM Foundation: The Life and Faith Tour is coming to a city near you! This one-of-a-kind Christian concert tour is bringing top contemporary musicians to Richmond, VA, Atlanta, GA, and Rockingham, NC, during summer 2010. Invite your friends and family along to celebrate the joys of family commitment, religious heritage and the American ideal - all while listening to your favorite Christian bands!

When tickets are purchased on-line, \$10 from the price of each ticket sold will go to MTM when you choose MTM from the list of organizations. The link to the website is:

[Life and Faith Tour Tickets](#) .

Sing along to songs you know by heart, and discover some new favorites. Cheer on popular artists like MercyMe, Shenandoah and Amy Grant. Enjoy a chuckle with Christian comedians Jeff Allen and David Ferrell. Mingle with thousands of concert-goers that share your values. And for the kid in all of us, hang out with everyone's favorite animated vegetables - the Veggie Tales!

The three concert stops will be:

June 19 -Richmond, VA

July 10 - Rockingham, NC

July 24 - Atlanta, GA

Order your tickets on line to benefit MTM Foundation's ministry.

	<p>C.A.R.E. became the purpose of MTM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communicating Advocating Reclaiming Equipping</p> <p>C.A.R.E. for ministers and churches as together they reach people for Christ.</p>
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