

## **SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MEN N MINISTRY**

### **Charters**

We continue to struggle in South Carolina to get increases in Chartered Churches. We lost 113 Churches in June 2023 due to disaffiliation. We now have 57 Active Chartered churches for 2024. We have 122 charters that have lapsed. We will continue to reach out to those churches in the future.

### **EMS**

We had a total of 13 active EMS members with 10 expired in 2023 and 35 lapsed. Most of our EMS comes from our Conference Leadership Team.

### **Prayer Ministry**

We continue to promote the Upper Room Prayer Wall. We have had an increase in SC men connecting to Live Bold. We continue to provide a Prayer Room at our annual Men N Ministry Conference each year. As a part of that, we provide a prayer line number for individuals to call or text prayer needs or concerns. These were led by our Chaplain and Prayer Advocate.

### **Spiritual Retreat**

The S.C. Methodist Men's Annual Conference was held at Journey Church, Columbia, SC on February 24, 2024.

The weekend began with the SC Men N Ministry Golf tournament Friday morning. The largest turnout to date, we had 43 Golfers hit the links at The Spur at Northwoods in Columbia. It was a good day to play and some guys even had a good day of golf. The winning team this year was the team of Ronald Friday, Howard Lofton, James Anderson, and Al Morton. They had a winning score of 61.

Friday evening Journey hosted a small group gathering at the Church.

The event "Cigars & Scriptures" was hosted by Ty Williams, with the discussion being led by Journey's Pastor Rev. George Ashford. The topic of the night was how to "act like a man".

The event started with a low-country shrimp and grits dinner. Wow and thanks was said over and over. It was a cool evening outside with everyone sitting under a large tent and around the fire pits, which made for a very uplifting and blessed time together. We were blessed even more because SC Bishop Jonathan Holston was able to join us. Over 100 men were able to gather with us.

Saturday was a great day. Ty Williams, Journey Church, and Rev. Trevor Miller, Mt. Horeb Church, Lexington, sharing the emcee job made it both interesting and enjoyable. Thanks guys. Our speakers: Rev. Rosario Picardo, Mosaic Church, Bevercreek, Ohio, Rev. Percival Reeves, Sanctuary Church, Charlotte, NC, and Rev. Steve Brown, Marion District Superintendent. Each did a masterful job explaining how you can act like a man in your daily walk at home, on the job or just living day to day. Many thanks for a very informative and spirit filled day. There was praise from everyone we heard from after the event. Again, thank you to everyone who was involved in making it a Blessed day.

### **Teaching Churches**

In 2023 we had 4 Districts hold Teaching Church events. The SC Conference has a \$400 fund available to each district to help with the cost of the event. We are hoping to expand on the number of Districts hosting a Teaching Church event in 2024.

## **Leadership**

Pastor Trevor Miller continues to send out a weekly “Living Word Devotional” to our Email Constant Contact list. This is sent every Monday with daily devotionals for that week with follow up Scripture for each day. He will continue thru 2024.

## **YoungER Men**

We continue to focus on YoungER Men’s Ministry. Several of our Districts have provided contact information for men to work to help build YoungER Leadership. Some of our District Leadership Teams have younger men on them. Our “Act Like a Man” Event in February should help us reach some younger men.

## **Scouting**

Roland Finch, now in his fourth year leading Scouting in South Carolina, has assembled an awesome team. With Scouting now moving past the problems of the last several years, the outlook is once again bright for the future.

## **Goals for 2024**

The Conference Leadership Team has set as our main goal to help the Districts without Teams, to work with the DS and District Lay Leaders in locating men to build those teams. As a personal goal, I have committed to visit each of the 12 Districts this year. God works in mysterious ways as the pandemic showed us. Who knew we could see and talk to each other so far apart. Zoom has become a different and necessary tool we all use. Still nothing beats an in person gathering. Our February Annual Conference has been and continues to be the key to our success in South Carolina. We, in the Leadership roles in the Men N Ministry in South Carolina or any State, must set the example for those who will follow us. Each of us has a circle of influence, sometimes we know who is watching our every move but you may well be the only Christian some people ever know. Set a good example.

Respectfully Submitted,

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