

APRIL NEWSLETTER

I have seen the Lord ! (John 20:18)

Mary was the first messenger of the resurrection of the Son of God. We are also called to be witnesses of Christ resurrection in the world, announcing that "we have seen the Lord", not only through our words, but thorough acts of love. We are a church of missionary believers who are called to be witnesses of the resurrection. Our Resurrection joy is abundant enough to share with all and still have more left over. May our church always be ready to become a living testimony of the risen Christ. May He always come into our midst, speaking a word of peace, and love that we may believe and, through us, all around us be also blessed and transformed.

In the month of April, we have the privilege and honor to be similar testimonies of Christ's resurrection - testimonies of His love and goodness shared with those around us. Our church will host the Pastoral Conference taking place before the 54th Convention of the Romanian Pentecostal Churches in the United States and Canada. The conference offers a center of holy communion to all Romanian Pentecostal ministers, pastors, elders, deacons (together with their wives), regardless of their administrative and denominational affiliations.

The theme of this pastoral conference is "Return to Revelation: The Imperative of the Centrality of the Word in Pentecostalism".

In addition to brotherly fellowship, the conference will occur within an atmosphere of prayer and teaching from the Word of God through the seminars that will be offered. We pray and hope that the relationships, communication and unity among the ministers will be strengthened in the Lord Christ. In this manner, we will have many and different opportunities to participate in the educational seminars, at the agapes that will be offered by Bethel Church, and during the worship service on Friday evening. In addition, the wives of the ministers will have a special time of fellowship on Saturday morning between 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

The educational seminars will emphasize, in turn, the relationship between the Word of God and personal devotion (Leonard Semenea); the role of the Word of God in pastoral counseling (Romeo Pelle), a special seminar will be offered to highlight the importance of Scripture in pastoral leadership (James O'Davis), and another will bring to our attention the

relationship that exists between the Word of God and the manifestation of charisma through spiritual gifts (Vasile Cinpean). All these seminars will abundantly demonstrate the priority and imperative of Scripture in all Pentecostal theology and experience.

Our church is called to service and to witness during this event. We kindly ask you to get involved as volunteers and serve where needed. We pray and hope that the meeting of pastors at Bethel RCOG Nashville will take place in an atmosphere of brotherly love, a spirit of prayer, and may the Word of God spiritually edify the hearts of the ministers, each one to receive encouragement and strength in the ministry in which he is placed, and each one's work to serve for the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:12). We are therefore honored and privileged to be the host of such an event. We pray that the Lord will give us the grace and the possibility for our visitors to see the resurrected Christ in us. May they be blessed - both the ministers, their families, and the churches where they serve. We thank you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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