

11/12TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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THEME:

CHRIST-CENTERED

NEXT
SPRINGS
ACADEMY

SEPT. 15

8—10 AM

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Behold, I Will Make All Things New, Isaiah 43:19 Thrusts as we move into our 11th/12th Anniversary Year

God will make all things new. God takes the initiative and gives new life to us.

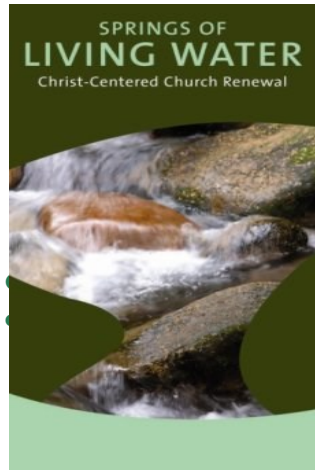
Basic Thrusts in Springs

In deep listening, we feel led to 7 thrusts in Springs 1) Christ-centered, 2) Prayer/Spiritual Discernment, 3) Servant Leadership, 4) Balance, 5) Building Partners, 6) Teaching and Shepherding, 7) Research & Writing.

Christ-Centered

The call of Christ to new life is guiding our way. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "The church is com-

munity through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. Christ is the source of Life Giving Water for us.



David S. Young, *Springs of Living Water, Christ-centered Church Renewal*, forward Richard Foster

Prayer/Discernment

In our life with Christ, we are continually drawn to prayer and to a closer walk. In each decision we seek the mind of Christ.

Servant Leadership

Christ as servant is our model of leadership. As we serve we hold the needs of others in trust and go to the Springs.

Partners in Christ

Many new partners are joining in through Springs Academies, in churches and in districts all working in renewal spiritual We discern and follow where God is leading our church

Next Academy for Pastors on Tuesdays beginning September 15, 2015 — 8-10 am ET
Foundations for Church Renewal

An Exciting Journey of Training for Pastors to Lead Renewal in a Church

The Springs Academy for pastors and ministers has been so well received. Over phone, classes have 5 two hour sessions in a 12 week period. This is spiritually oriented servant led teaching and discussion on a path of renewal building on the strengths of church

Fall Course Offered

Level 1: Foundations for Church Renewal. On spiritual growth/servant leadership/renewal path Winter 2016 Feb., 2016
Level 1: Saturday morn. From 8-10 a.m. with bivocational emphasis.

Spiritual Disciplines Folder and devotional *Celebration of Discipline.*

Exciting class discussions on focused readings.

A group in the church walks along and learns about church renewal.

Shepherding calls by David after each session. Summary paper, CEU.



**Springs Academy
taught by phone
north to south**

*The servant
is one who
humbly
serves Christ,
our Shepherd*

**Children's
Lessons**



A Ten Year Journey in Renewal: What is happening now...

In the 20th year of three hours of Saturday morning prayer, a vision came for church renewal, and that it wouldn't be a rushing geyser but a spring bubbling up.

The next Saturday the same vision came and with it, the woman at the well in John 4. with four dynamics of renewal —the thirst, the encounter, the transformation and mission.

From there we went to the Ministry and Mission Planning Council who sent us out to see what could happen. Now 10 years later, we are in a season of gratitude for new life for individuals & churches.

NEW VITALITY

Persons and churches practice spiritual disciplines together.. A deeper life of prayer, new unity and being on a spiritual journey develops., Persons learn servant leadership from scripture. Newcomers, returnees, and baptisms occur. Children, youth, young adult, adult ministries develop as well as ministries in word and deed.

Among the Services

Spiritual Disciplines folders on web site as churches grow deeper.

Springs Academy for pastors completes 5 classes with new fall classes

Clusters of churches formed who support one another in renewal

Widened Springs Institute for pastors and churches in renewal.

It is exciting to hear about renewal

- The Quinter Church had significant response Lenten folders. Ten Bible studies and entering the renewal process with a Leadership Team — Western Plains
- County Line Church reaches out to their community with a well received invite-a- friend Sunday and has grown significantly. — Western PA
- Exciting new life is hap-

- pening at the Sugar Grove Church in W. VA. reaching out, new building. — Shenandoah
- Pleasant Hill Church had the first run of a trolley with 9 teams going out into their neighborhood visiting 71 families. Persons are gaining new spiritual energy through use of disciplines folders, finding new life in ministry. — Western PA

- Friends Run and Smith Creek in W. VA. work together in exciting youth events reaching out to hungry and new health ministry with Bible study, — Shenandoah
- Nearly every day we hear of positive steps forward, that with a renewal team at work a church is using spiritual disciplines folders and discerning a Biblical passage for a vision.

Classes on Spiritual Disciplines for Children

With adults and youth having lessons on the spiritual disciplines, we saw the need for lessons for children. So we asked Jean Moyer to write sessions for children that follow Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline, The Path to Spiritual Growth.

What a resource to teach children disciplines of prayer, simplicity, service, etc.

A foreword by David Young gives a backdrop on the purpose of the disciplines and the potential of these lessons.

There are many ways to adapt this resource for various levels. A teacher can adapt the creative lessons for your Sunday school or after school program or camp setting.

Contact David Young with any questions about these lessons, which are loose leaf..

How can your church become involved?



Annual Conference
Photo by Cheryl B Cayford

The ways a church can get involved are growing. Listening to the needs of pastors and churches, the Springs Academy was created so pastors would have an understanding of how to help their church renew.

Your congregation can be in the Springs initiative with other churches and ask, "Where is God leading our church?"

Three books, a notebook manual for the Springs Initiative, and the Springs web site with overview gives practical help. Much training and shepherding is done throughout.

Springs creates life patterns of personal spiritual growth and congregational spiritual growth and vitality

Growing out of that is servant leadership and training in an active, consistent style of leadership.

Individuals and churches learn dialogue & discernment for decision making.

If you feel a stirring that God is inviting your church to its next step of renewal, please contact David Young at 717-615-4515.

"Rather than find out what is wrong and fix it, find out what is right and build upon it."
David Young

Springs Institute widens its doors

The Springs Institute is for pastors and ministers who have a keen interest in Christ-centered Church Renewal and want to work with others as colleagues.

The Institute is a community of support with a multitude of services. You can go to the next step to...

- ◆ Continue shepherding
- ◆ Discern a renewal plan
- ◆ Implement your vision
- ◆ Do a learning unit
- ◆ Find resources
- ◆ Explore topics like discipling believers, new/old
- ◆ Form a cluster
- ◆ Go on a Renewal Mission Project to another church.

Pastors have flexibility to go at their pace and grow.

If you want to take part or have interest for a service, please contact David or Joan, learn options and create covenant of support.

New DVDs of Springs produced by David Sollenberger

With expert help from David Sollenberger, a new DVD on Servant Leadership has been produced by Springs of Living Water in 4 sessions with questions.

The first session is on the biblical foundations of servant leadership, the second is on principles and practice, the third on the Jesus

model of servant leadership in the woman at the well in John 4. The final session is about a path of renewal in a local church.

After each session there are questions for individual and group reflection.

Coming inside the DVD box is a resource booklet, with the discussion ques-

tions, the 12 principles and practices of Servant Leadership from scripture, plus many uses for this DVD.

Please let us know if you would like to have a copy-call 717-625-4515 or email.





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Christ -centered Church Renewal



Since 2004:

Springs of Living Water

Mission Statement:

To provide & embody a spiritually oriented, servant led ministry to assist churches to be spiritually vibrant congregations with an urgent Christ centered mission.

OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE:

To all who so generously offer their prayers, their time, talents, oversight, and their partnership as colleagues in renewal. God's grace has been real in many ways. If you would like to learn more about Springs, please email or call us. In gratitude, David & Joan



Testimonials: New Spiritual Energy; New Life

= "Taking part in the Springs Academy has been a refreshing journey in my own spiritual formation, and it has given me new energy, new perspective, and new direction in the work of the pastorate. I very much look forward to continuing my journey in the offerings of the Springs Academy."
Keith Funk, Pastor, Quinter COB

"I am not sure how the church can enter authentic renewal without being Christ-centered and transformed, and that is why I value what is taught in The Springs Academy. As we studied the process of church renewal, we were encouraged to deepen our walk with Christ through the spiritual disciplines that build the Christian life -- which, I believe, ultimately teaches the people of God to discern the will of God which moves us toward renewal."
Mark Ray, Leake's Chapel COB

= "My participation in the Springs of Living Water Initiative has energized me spiritually. Practicing the spiritual disciplines has deepened my relationship with God by assisting me with internalizing the teachings of Jesus." Richard J. Fischl, Lead Pastor, Codorus COB



Holding lanterns to take Christ's
Light out into the world,

= "Springs Academy has renewed my spiritual life personally and has brought new life spiritually back into the lives and hearts of the people in my congregation. A fresh new vision."
Barry Conn, County Line COB

= "Springs Academy has been a wonderful blessing to me personally and to the church which I serve, as we begin the Renewal Initiative. Dr. Young and the other participants have been encouraging, insightful, and very helpful as I began this exciting journey—looking upward, inward and outward. I have looked forward to our Saturday Morning Conversations. Merv, Lanctot, Pastor, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

