

EIBCC Monthly Meeting

Present:

November 19, 2015

Prairie Flower Baptist: Jonathan Rocha

Stonebridge: Trisha Young, Robin Werling

Wildwood: Ron May, Gary Davidson

Grace: Dave Kirk, Jason Blackley, Aimee Marino

I. Welcome and Prayer

II. Announcements

- A. No meeting in December- Have a Merry Christmas!
- B. "Morning With the Pastors"
 - i. January 21st 8:30-11am at Kava House
 - ii. Overview of Biblical Counseling, what it looks like in your church
 - iii. Invite your ministry friends and connections!
- C. It is not too early to begin thinking about next year's Biblical Counseling Training Conference in North Liberty.
 - i. Dates: September 23rd & 24th
October 14th & 15th
November 18th & 19th

II. Ministry Updates

- A. Stonebridge
 - a. Praise:
 - i. Robin: having excellent experience with ACBC supervisor
 - ii. Trisha: seeing victory with a counselee and their advocates
 - iii. More people are being exposed to and catching the vision of biblical counseling
 - iv. Six women are in the process to be counselors
 - b. Struggles: spiritual warfare for counselees and counselors alike
- B. Prairie Flower Baptist
 - a. Praise: Things have slowed down for pastors Dave and Jonathan, which has allowed them to breathe and push forward with things that need to be done
 - b. Struggles: currently counseling a family who will not do homework, and

husband won't come for marriage counseling

1. If folks don't do their homework, it is a good idea to spend the session doing the homework the counselee failed to do, setting aside what the counselor had planned
 - a. Communicates importance of homework

C. Wildwood

- a. Praise: had a counselee share with the elders the transformation he has experienced through counseling
 - i. transitional pastor is training folks/counselors to be prayer partners after the service
- b. Struggles: discouraged counselors. Will be going through "Step by Step" book, which should help provide perspective and hope

D. Grace:

- a. Praise: seeing fruit at different levels within the body.
 - i. House church leaders taking on responsibility, ownership, and desire to counseling of their house church member
 - ii. Seeing folks come to Christ in the counseling room
- b. Struggles:
 - i. Sustainability- working through what it looks like to have tiers of training and supervision

III. Making Biblical Counseling a Part of the DNA of Your Church

- A. Starts with Staff catching the vision and receiving training. Pastors, youth, children's ministry, small group leaders... everyone.
 - a. Especially vision casters and teaching pastors. These folks are easily able to see the congregational ramifications of a soul care-focused body.
 - b. Define terms well. Break down the "I'm not a counselor" mindset.
 - c. Make it easily accessible for staff to understand and be trained.
 - i. Set money aside for scholarships to help staff get to training conferences
- B. Look at every program in your church.
 - a. How does soul care look in each of these areas? What does it look like to do comprehensive discipleship/ practicing the "One Another's" of Scripture at each level
 - b. Children's ministry? High school? Your church's finance team? How would discipleship be enhanced if soul care was implemented in each of these areas?

- c. Biblical counseling doesn't have to be another program, and it shouldn't be. It can permeate everything
- C. Define values and expectations of your church leaders (elders, small group leaders...)
 - a. What do you require from your elders? Your small group leaders? Is it enough for them to facilitate conversation, or are they expected to answer difficult questions biblically, disciple, and shepherd?
 - i. Fulfill Great Commission, make disciples
 - b. Re-orient training to include soul care as a requirement, and cast vision well as questions come up
- D. Make your budget reflect the value of shepherding within your church.
 - a. Counseling Care
 - b. Training (this could include materials for training, funds to help scholarship leaders to conferences...)
 - c. Resources (books and pamphlets to equip the general body)

IV. Discussion and Questions

- A. Resource Center
 - a. Includes books and pamphlets to care for the body and to equip the body, with a suggested donation
- B. When are equipping classes offered?
 - a. Grace: 10 week class on Sunday mornings in the Fall (September-November), and a 10 week class on Sunday mornings in the Spring (January-March). Some of these classes are only 10 weeks, some are a 20 week class split into two 10-week sections (ex: Biblical Soul Care)
 - b. Stonebridge: Turbo groups for new group leaders who meet for eight weeks for intentional leadership training, including Soul Care

V. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting:

Morning with the Pastors Meeting

Thursday, January 21st at 8:30am at Kava House.