

## **“Growing A Vital Congregation”**

### **A Conference of Envisioning and Ministry Discernment**

***Vitality is not a measure of how young or old your ministry is or how small or large your congregation becomes. Vitality is measured by how healthy your ministry is and how God can use you to bear fruit for the Kingdom. A healthy church grows into the Church that God intends it to be.***

#### **Friday**

- 7:00 – Gathering and Prayer
- 7:15 – Setting the Course (What Will We Hope To Accomplish)
- 7:30 – Founding Story and Ministry Vision of Christ Memorial Baptist Church
- 8:00 – Our Present Story and Context of Ministry (Looking at Strengths and Catching the Spirit)
- 9:00 – Debriefing and Evening Prayer

#### **Saturday**

- 8:30 – Breakfast
- 9:30 – Gathering Devotion and Prayer
- 10:00 – Reflections from Friday Evening Session
- 10:30 – Pastoral Reflections and Challenges (A View From The Pulpit)
- 11:00 – Vital Signs – Marks of A Spiritually Growing Congregation  
(ABCOPAD Commission on Growing Vital Congregations)
- 12:30 – Lunch
- 1:30 – Health Check and Setting the Course Towards Vitality
  - Setting Priorities
  - Establishing Directions
  - Ministry Assignments
  - Maintaining Momentum and Accountability
- 3:30 – Prayer and Commissioning

Luke 6:43-49 (NIV)

<sup>43</sup>For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. <sup>46</sup>“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? <sup>47</sup>Every one who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup>He is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon rock; and when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup>But he who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation; against which the stream broke, and immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

