



***"...I will build my Church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it..."***

CAMPMEETING 2007

Christian Community Church

201 East Pearl St., Brady, Texas

June 20th thru June 23rd

Mark your calendar and make your plans now!!!!

**Join Pastor Richard and Dorene Evans,
Christian Community Church, and the RMFI Family**

CAMP MEETING 2007

Powerful Worship, Anointed Special Singing,
Dynamic Prophetic Preaching, Life-changing
Ministry Workshops

Beginning...

Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 PM,

Thursday 10:00am, 2:00pm, and 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am, 2:00pm, and 7:00pm

Saturday 10:00am and 6:00pm

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Don't miss a single Spirit-filled session!

**Food will be served following
the Thursday and Friday
evening services**

For Additional Information

**Please call 325-597-3688 or
817-790-8181**

As I look ahead to the remainder of this year, I believe that God has an awesome plan for RMFI as a whole. It is exciting to see how He has orchestrated such an array of talents and gifts to come into one association and be bound together with such love and unity. He truly is preparing us for something great.

I see us reaching and being a light to our communities in an even greater way. Lets be open to new ways and even new technologies that are available to us to reach our world, our sphere of influence, our communities with the gospel. RMFI as a whole and as individual ministries can make a difference.

Remember our methods can change but our message stays the same. When we gather at Camp Meeting, bring with you the ideas that God has given you and share with us. Lets expect a divine interruption of God's Spirit when we gather together again!

Blessings,
RMFI President, Pastor Hall

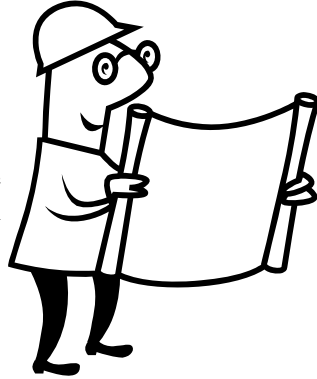
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INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

In 1 Timothy 3:2 the Bible says leaders in the church must be “blameless” (NKJV), “above reproach” (NIV). In recent days a number of stories have appeared in the media concerning well-known ministers forced to resign because of inappropriate or unwise actions.

The cause of Christ has been harmed and the respect for ministers significantly damaged. There are a number of issues addressed in Scripture that speak to the essential nature of integrity in ministry (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4), but let me encourage ministers and others in church leadership to especially guard their lives in six particular areas:

- **Guard your integrity by always being completely honest.** Do not pad your resume or reputation with false or inflated accomplishments. The Bible says God hates a proud look and lying tongue (Proverbs 6:17). Be a truth-teller in every area of your life, both in the big things and the little things.
- **Guard your integrity in your dealings with the opposite sex.** If you are married, covenant with the Lord and your mate never to be alone with anyone of the opposite sex. Men, be known as a “one woman kind of man” (1 Timothy 3:2; Ephesians 5:33). Ladies, be known as a “one man kind of woman.” If you are single, be careful in your conduct with the opposite sex. Treat them with the respect due a sister or brother in Christ. Avoid those private places where your hormones can override your will and you make a bad decision that can change your life forever.
- **Guard your integrity when it comes to money.** As a minister, require annually a full outside audit of your church finances. On the personal level, have nothing to do with



the direct financial responsibilities of the church. Do not have check writing authority. Do not handle or receive money, but direct individuals to the proper persons who handle the finances of the church. Never use a

church credit card for personal reasons. Use your own credit card for personal reasons. When you do use a church credit card, always document its use with a receipt and a description of how it was used.

Maintain accountability with someone in your church office or on your finance committee. Go the extra mile to be blameless.

Furthermore, realize people who love you will want to be a blessing to you. Develop an attitude of gratitude, but never one of entitlement. Ministers do not deserve nor should they expect special treatment. The Lord Jesus will properly reward them when they stand before him (1 Peter 5:1-4). If that reward is not sufficient, I would suggest you get out of the ministry and do so quickly.

- **Guard your integrity when it comes to your family life.** First Timothy 3:4 says leaders must rule their own house well and have children who are in submission with all reverence. Titus 1:6 adds that they must be faithful, “not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.” One’s family life is often an accurate reflection of his spiritual life. Godly men and women will raise up godly children who love Christ and obey the Bible. Few



areas of investment will yield greater reward.

- **Guard your integrity with solid theological competency.** Often moral and ethical sins grow out of a defective biblical and theological life. Failing to cultivate a healthy understanding of theological truth like the sovereignty and holiness of God, the sinfulness and depravity of man, the process of sanctification and the necessity of biblical wisdom, and the centrality of Christ and the crucified life, you begin to think and then live in a manner that is foreign to the clear teachings of Scripture. Nothing will be more valuable in avoiding this danger than a steady diet of biblical exposition, whereby you are continually exposed to the totality of God’s revealed truth. What you believe will determine how you live. Belief and behavior always go together.
- **Guard your integrity with the model of ministry you pursue.** God calls you to be shepherds of his sheep. You are not called to be CEOs or drill sergeants. You are not called to be ranchers or dictators. You are certainly not called to be spiritual superstars or celebrities. There is no place in the church for spiritual superstars, who, like proud Diotrephes, love to have the preeminence (3 John 9). No, preeminence is rightfully reserved for only one and his name is Jesus (Colossians 1:18). Do not lose sight of the fact that you are sinners saved by grace. Do not lose sight of who really matters, it is Jesus. Do not lose sight of how you serve, it is with integrity as you imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1) in every sphere of your lives.

By Daniel L. Akin

<http://erlc.com/article/cultivate-integrity-in-ministry>

Stepping out on Faith: Is There a Writer in You!

Christian Book Market

The Christian book industry aims to win souls and sell books, in that order. "Our paramount mission is evangelization," says Esteban Fernández, president of Editorial Vida a division of HarperCollins. The good news for the industry is that the two goals are compatible.

According to the Association of American Publishers, the religious book market grew at a rate of 8.5 percent a year between 1997 and 2004, with net sales last year totaling \$1.3 billion. So,

instead of being a specialty market as it has been in the past for a select clientele which shops at specific stores, the

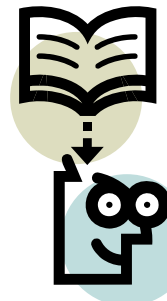
Christian book market is now highly competitive and selling to a much larger audience.

Some of the biggest bestsellers of the past few years have been Christian titles: The Prayer of

Jabez, The Purpose Driven Life, the Left Behind series, and Joel Osteen's new book. The world is wide open for good books for Christians. And, of course, churches are also a great market for religious titles. Many larger churches now support or have their own bookstores, even if opened only on Sundays after services.

RMFI Looks to Get Involved.

As a way to expand the ministry opportunities of RMFI and it's member ministers and pastors, RMFI will explore the possibility of developing several publishable book proposals. RMFI board member RA Evans has been prayerfully exploring the idea of developing several books that would be the copyright property of RMFI. The books would serve two purposes; to add membership to the Body of Christ by saving souls and also to generate revenue for RMFI supported ministries and missions.



Writers Needed

We have many ideas for books and we're looking for sermons/stories.

We're looking for sermons with solid biblical principals tied together with a good Story! If you have an exceptionally

good sermon or story, let us know.

Below are some initial book proposals being considered for submission. Consider them and prayerfully discern as to if one or both may fit with your ambitions as a writer. You can submit your story using the form on the following page.

- **Becoming More Alive: Living Life Based on Biblical Principals** (Bible based stories that illustrate a biblical principal)
- **Pearls from the Pulpit: 365 Daily Jewels** (One to two pages each with Bible verse)

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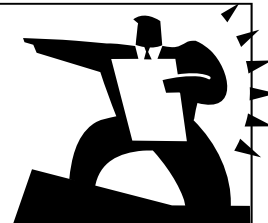
CHRISTIANITY TODAY BOOK AWARDS 2007

Awards were presented in 10 categories, with another 12 books given awards of merit.

Award winners are:

- **Apologetics/Evangelism**—The Language of God by Francis Collins (Free Press)
- **Biblical Studies**—Jesus and the Eyewitnesses by Richard Bauckham (Eerdmans)
- **Christianity & Culture**—The End of Memory by Miroslav Volf (Eerdmans)
- **Christian Living**—Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? By Philip Yancey (Zondervan)
- **The Church/Pastoral Leadership**—Simple Church by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger (B&H Publishing)
- **Fiction**—Dwelling Places by Vinita Hampton Wright (HarperOne)
- **History/Biography**—Upon the Altar of the Nation by Harry S. Stout (Viking)
- **Missions/Global Affairs**—The Mission of God by Christopher J. H. Wright (IVP Academic)
- **Spirituality**—The Divine Embrace by Robert E. Webber (Baker Books/Baker)
- **Theology/Ethics**—The Shadow of the Antichrist by Stephen N. Williams (Baker Academic)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- **June 17, Father's Day**
- **June 20-23, RMFI Camp Meeting and Conference, Brady Texas—**
- **July 4, Independence Day Holiday**
- **Aug 24 —Christian Community Church Anniversary Service**
- **Aug 25—RMFI Board Meeting**
- **Sept 3, Labor Day Holiday**



The Vision: Revival Ministers Fellowship International

While driving a truck across the country some years back, my father, Richard Evans Sr. said that the Holy Spirit began to move on him as he started noticing a sizable number of small churches. Dad asked himself some questions.

“I wonder if these churches were orphaned?”

“Do these pastors, like so many other pastors in small churches, have to hold down a job in order to pay the utilities of the Church?”

“Was this church body able to support the pastor and his family?”

Dad wondered if these churches had other churches to fellowship with and did these pastors need other pastors for fellowship and encouragement. All of this ran through his mind. Eventually, as God moved my father to pastor a church in Brady (Brady Revival Center), he remembered those churches all over Texas. His congregation embraced his concerns and Brady Revival Center started regular monthly fellowship meetings with other churches.

My father's plan was that a special offering would be received for the local pastor and his wife who were hosting the meeting. This would encourage the pastor and his congregation both emotionally (to see the church full) and financially (allowing them the money to do those special things that were on their hearts). He went on to explain how that if the church was not able to provide refreshments because they didn't have enough people or if they were limited on money then the congregation of Brady Revival Center would help by providing the refreshments.

After it reached the point that there were as many as twelve (12) churches attending the monthly fellowship meetings, Dad felt it was time for Brady Revival Center to step aside. The decision was made to develop a new organization that could support this new vision that God had given him and the members of Brady Revival Center. Christian Community Church was created and Revival Ministers Fellowship International was started. The board of Christian Community Church and Brady Revival Center set in place a plan to financially support the new RMFI. God has continued to bless RMFI as other churches, ministries, and individuals continue to give by tithing, special offerings, or fifth Sunday gifts.

RMFI began with just a simple little vision and Dad says he sometimes still wonders just how big this picture [organization] will get. “You know it has gotten so big - that I had almost forgotten where it all started.” RMFI has grown from the original vision that God had given him and he says that he is pleased that God is providing new servants, pastors, churches, and ministers to take

RMFI into that next vision. Leading RMFI into this next level of growth as a supportive member to the Body of Christ is a diversified Board of Directors. As Chairman of the Board, Richard also focuses his effort to being the General Overseer of RMFI and has watched as God has blessed the growth of the organization making opportunities to work in the mission fields.

The overall vision of RMFI is not only to bring fellowship to the local church, but it is also to take revival around the world. We are already doing this by supporting various ministries with our prayers and financial support. Some of these ministries include Jim Hester Missionary Ministries, Orlando Miller's Foreign Missions Outreach, Waltham Prison and Mexico Ministry, Prison Ministry of Dr. C. C. Stokes, just to name a few. RMFI has helped support both large and small group mission trips in the United States, into the southern part of Mexico and just across the Texas-Mexico border.

Bro Justin McFarland (a public school teacher in Texas) makes regular trips to Mexico visiting Pastors such as Juan Alvaro in Puyipa, Chiapas, Mexico to cultivate relationships and opportunities for churches to fellowship and support their soul saving efforts in Mexico. Rev Marshall Hall (pastor of New Life Ministries Alvarado, TX) has made regular trips to Palenque Chiapas, Mexico on behalf of RMFI to evaluate and verify that the investments we are making are being used with integrity. Dr. RA Evans (a college Professor in Harrisonburg VA, specializing in education) has also made trips to Palenque, Puyipa, and Acuna, Mexico, and will go to Poneloya Nicaragua in a few weeks. He has also traveled to numerous locations in the United States to explore opportunities to extend the RMFI fellowship opportunities with member and non-member churches to impact not only the Church Body but the communities where these churches reside. Pastor Richard Evans Sr (pastor Brady Revival Center in Brady TX and RMFI Chairman) continues to travel both nationally and internationally to support, embrace and encourage the pastors of churches to fellowship with other churches and strives to encourage the pastors and their congregations both emotionally and financially. These are just a few of the wonderful opportunities that God has allowed RMFI to support.

As we look ahead, we believe that God has an awesome plan for RMFI and its member churches. It is exciting to see how God has orchestrated such an array of talents and gifts to come into association and be bound together with love and unity. God is truly preparing us for something great. I see us reaching and being a light to our communities in an even greater way.

By Dr. RA Evans Jr.

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WRITERS WANTED CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Christian theology is a big part of many people's lives. Every day people discuss and debate the topics and sub-topics of Christianity in hopes to learn from each other and develop a better understanding of the Christian faith. These people also express their thoughts by using such outlets as writing, poetry, and artwork. If there is one person that expresses himself through creativity, then there are twenty that admire that creativity.

RMFI is making a call for submissions for two proposed Books.

The first book *Becoming More Alive: Living Life Based on Biblical Principals* will be a collection of Bible based stories that illustrate a biblical principal for experiencing a more fulfilling life in Christ. These stories/messages should focus on biblical principals that every Christian should know and understand. Please avoid religious dogma or personal concepts. It is the hope that this book will work in a variety of different settings for individuals from all walks of life, and in order to do that, we must focus on Biblical principals and truths. The book will be composed of 12-15 chapters and each chapter will be approximately 4000 words.

The second book, *Pearls From the Pulpit: 365 Daily Jewels* will be a collection of those especially insightful and encouraging sparks that we have all had. It is that moment when it feels like God has just spoken to us personally. In the secular world we would call it a Paradigm shift, in education we call it the moment when the "light came on" and in some churches we would say "Our eyes were opened by the Holy Spirit and we understood" and some would say "we experienced an epiphany." These kinds of events often happen to pastors, Sunday school teachers, youth workers, and church staff all of the time but are not always shared. This book will provide an opportunity to share those little jewels with others. It is the hope that this book will be used as a daily reading activity and will encourage the reader to develop a daily bible reading habit. To encourage or expand this daily activity, each submission must contain Bible verses that focus the story. The book will be composed of 365 stories and will be no more than 500 words per story.

Anyone interested in contributing to one of these proposed books please contact Dr. RA Evans by mail (3151 Pride Cir Broadway VA 22815) or by Email (DrEvans@rmf-international.org) for submission guidelines and review information.

Dealing with difficult people by Rick Warren

One of the most important skills needed to succeed in ministry is knowing how to handle troublemakers. If you learn how to deal with difficult people early on, then you'll be able to pour more energy into ministry rather than needless conflicts. Jesus had to deal with a lot of difficult people. Here are FOUR methods he modeled through his life:

1. Realize you can't please everybody (John 5:30). Even God can't do that! One wants rain while the other demands sunshine.
2. Refuse to play their game (Matt. 22:18). Learn to say no to unrealistic expectations. Confront them by "telling the truth in love."
3. Never retaliate (Matt. 5:38-39). It only lowers you to their level.
4. Pray for them (Matt. 5:44). It will help both of you. Let God handle them.

Make this Bible verse your goal this week, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Rom. 12:18 NIV)

Revival Ministers Fellowship International

PO Box 1470

Alvarado, Texas 76009

Don't forget to send the highlights of what has been happening at your church so that others may rejoice in what God is doing in the Body of Christ. Send your news to:

**RA Evans
3151 pride Circle
Broadway , VA 22815**



Praise the Lord from New Life of Alvarado, God is still on the throne.....

We are planning our next community outreach on Saturday, May 12. We will be on the downtown square sharing the love of God through music and song, and also one on one evangelism. We have plans to cook and give free 1000 hot dogs and a bottle of water. We also will be giving out free 100 sacks of groceries to those in need. We have other outreaches already being planned to coincide with July 4th and Labor Day.

Since we have made an effort to focus outward to the community in a greater measure, we are seeing change coming to our body. An excitement and an expectation to see what God will do next has come upon the church family.

We have new people coming in to the church and getting saved. Praise the Lord! One young girl that had been visiting came in one particular Sunday with a question. She phrased it in such a way that I don't think we will forget it. She ask the greeter at the door –“Are ya'll gonna have a saving today?” The greeter, without hesitation replied – “All the time!”

So every time the church gathers together desire to, expect to, and plan to have a saving, a healing, a delivering, and a setting free of those that are bound!

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH—
BRADY SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS
WEEK OF CAMP MEETING**

- **Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day**
10:00 a.m.— Lavonne Walthall
6:00 p.m.—Evangelist, Bob Newman
- **Monday, June 18 –Wednesday, June 20**
7:00 p.m.—Revival Service with preaching by Bob Newman and singing by Rosa Newman of Coldwater, MS
- **Thursday, June 21—Beginning of Camp Mtg**
10:00a.m.—Darlene Hall
2:00 p.m.—Lavonne Walthall (Ladies)
2:00 p.m.—Dr. C. C. Stokes (Men)
7:00p.m.—Bishop George Lazerus
- **Friday, June 22**
10:00 a.m. Rosa Newman
2:00 p.m.—Alice Brown (Ladies)
2:00 p.m.—Gerry Gossett (Men)
7:00 p.m.— Richard A. Evans, Sr. (Ordination Service)
- **Saturday, June 23**
10:00—Dr. R.A. Evans (workshop)
6:00 p.m.—Justin McFarland (Youth Rally)

Prayer Concerns:

Bro. Joe Medrano from Brady has suffered a heart attack and needs our prayers. He is in ICU at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, TX. He had three stints put in one side of his heart, but was too weak to withstand the other side at time of this printing.

Christian Community Church members are fasting and praying for their upcoming revival and camp meeting.