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# Christian Workers' Conference 2003

Life Impact

**“PREPARE TO WIN”**

Remember, the Christian life is a battle, not a game.

For those of you in and near the Spokane area . . .

Plan to attend the 2003 Christian Workers' Conference

**Thursday - Saturday, March 20-22**

**Stop By and Visit Us at Our Booth #418**

Our primary passion is to assist  
Pastors and Church Leaders in

**FOCUSING . . .**

on God's priorities for personal life and



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**“Serving those who serve others from behind a pulpit or from behind a badge”**

## New Stafford / Hippe Has Arrived . . .



**Sullivan Jerod Robert Stafford**

**Weight: 8 pounds, 10 ounces**

**Length: 20 inches**

**Parents: Rich & Dawna Stafford**

**The 2003 model of a Stafford/Hippe arrived at 10:16 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19th, (also our son, George II's birthday)**

**Sullivan's arrival was welcomed by his big brother, Richie.**



**After nine months of construction, this little man has finally taken his first breath of life.**

**Mom and dad and brother and grandparents, are all doing well . . .**

## Enormous Loss of Pastors Reported

A report, by Dr. Sam Logan, presented at the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents (FESP), indicates U.S. Pastors are 'dropping like flies.' There is an incredible dropout rate. FESP met in Coronado, CA January 2 through 4, 2003.

Included was a survey from "Focus on the Family" that indicates on the average, across the country and across all denominations, 1,800 ministers leave the ministry *every month!* That's 21,600 pastors a year—an attrition rate of 2 to 3 an hour.

"What are churches doing that are driving away the shepherds?"

Less obvious though, is the fact that more ministers are leaving the ministry than all U.S. accredited seminaries combined re replacing!

Significantly, church buildings could sit empty, be boarded up or be turned into commercial property. A bulwark segment of American society and history, possibly even American architecture, may be vanishing and are—at least, on the endangered species list.

Taken from: "The Inland Northwest Christian News," February 2003, p.1

**Is it possible to encourage your Pastor  
and family too much?**

**The more the leadership of your church honors and serves your Pastor and family, the more God will bless your church.**

**Test this and see what happens.**

### QUOTATION CORNER

"Never look down on someone unless you are kneeling to help them."

"You can never find new lands if you don't lose sight of the shore."



# Just 4 FUN . . . More Church Bulletin Bloopers

These are more actual clippings from church newspapers and bulletins.  
It's amazing what a little proof-reading would've prevented.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to help cripple children.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Attend this meeting and you will hear an excellent speaker and heave a healthy lunch.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 P.M. ...prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off old clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement on Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.  
Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J. F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

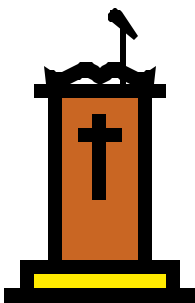
Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

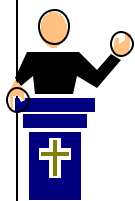
The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Evening massage - 6 p.m.



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## To Summit Up

**George:** Continuing ministry at Korean Presbyterian Church—Serving through August 2003

March 2 @ Grace Church, Osborn, ID

Monthly Chaplain's Training / Teaching 2 spring classes at MNW

3rd Sunday of each month — Bengé Community Church, Bengé, WA

April 16 @ Valley Fourth Church, Spokane, WA \* AWANA Club,

June 8-13 @ Deary Community Church, Deary, ID \* DVBS

July 6-24 @ Camp Cocolalla, Cocolalla, ID (Teen, Jr. High and Jr. Camps)

July 27-Aug 2 @ Camp McCullough, Tacoma, WA

**Daryl: March - Christian Workers' Conference**

Continue to Pray for Faye and Daryl for strength and wisdom regarding health and ministry development. Daryl is working with a number of churches and church leaders in developing ministry strategies.

"Prayer without faith is  
only wishful thinking." Con-  
nie Pryor

## ESM Web Page Development in Progress

Stafford Studios ([www.staffordstudios.com](http://www.staffordstudios.com)) is actively developing our ESM web site. Their professional assistance has improved our site by adding links, notes, resources, and other practical information for Pastors and church leaders. Our newsletter is now available on line as well. Visit our site and keep up with our latest adventures.

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