



Resourcing pastors to
build lives that thrive

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fall 2018

Upcoming Events

Pastors Day 2019

January 31, 2019 9 AM to 3 PM

Date Night for Pastoral Couples

March 4, 2019

Welcome to Thrive BBQ

February 25, 2019

Unfinished Business Groups

begin the week of February 25, 2019
(daytime and evening groups available)

Ministry Wives

small group meets monthly

Healing Care Ministries

Training Seminar May 1- 4, 2019

We Can't Do It Without You!

All of us at Thrive want to thank all of you who so faithfully and generously partner with us in serving pastors, church leaders and their families. Your generosity has enabled us to encourage, educate and resource these spiritual leaders in significant ways one life at a time. We are excited to highlight two ways that your donations have been making a difference during the past six months.

Launching Our First Thrive BBQ June 2018

Thrive partnered with Pearable Retreat Centre in NOTL and Shepherd's Heart Ministry Canada to provide eight pastoral couples with an evening of food, fun, relationship building and marriage enrichment. Great conversations happened over a delicious BBQ meal lovingly prepared by Seared Catering. A leisurely meal time allowing couples to build relationships with



others in ministry leadership and with the Thrive team. An opportunity to try their skills at water balloon launching produced a lot of laughter (and a little healthy competition). Couples were introduced to Carsten and Linda Pellman pastoral marriage specialists, who shared some simple but effective ways to deepen conversations with your spouse and express love in the 'simple moments' of life. Bonnie and Perry from Pearable are wonderful hosts with a heart for ministry leadership families, who provided a warm inviting environment.

This evening was so well received that we plan to continue to host Welcome to Thrive BBQs. Our next one is planned for February 25th, 2019.



Unfinished Business Groups

There is a real need for leaders to have access to safe places and safe people where leaders can be honest about the challenges they face in ministry and life. Unfinished Business groups, based on formational prayer, are one of the 'safe' places that Thrive provides. Currently your donations are helping to provide two 14-week groups – one for men in church leadership and one for women who are ministry leaders or spouses of pastors. Those attending consistently talk about their deepening relationship with God and his transforming work in their lives. Participants continue to refer others to the Unfinished Business groups as a personal testimony of the significant changes they have experienced in areas of their lives where they felt 'stuck'. We celebrate with them as they walk in more freedom.

The demand for these groups is growing. We are responding by providing opportunities for Thrive's pastoral team to attend training in formational prayer in May 2019. Our next groups begin in February 2019.

What's New at Thrive?

Thrive Welcomes David Forrest to Our Pastoral Team

David has been married to April for over 50 years. He has 50 years of experience in leading multi staffed congregations. Dave has also functioned as a missionary evangelist in over 30 countries. In his own words – "Our journey had its share of difficulties and often discouragements; but ultimately we emerged to joy in the morning." Dave is looking forward to providing one on one support for pastors.



Date Night for Ministry Couples

Thrive is thrilled to announce that we are partnering with Shepherd's Heart Ministry Canada (SHM) and Pearable Retreat Centre to offer 'Date Night' - a group for ministry couples. We will come together three or four times a year providing an opportunity to build relationships with other pastoral couples and deepen relationships with spouses. Each evening will include dinner lovingly prepared by Bonnie and Perry of Pearable Ministries, teaching by Carsten and Linda Pellman of SHM and a little fun. Our first Date Night is planned for March 4, 2019.

Thrive Is Ready to Serve You

Want to be part of a monthly Women in Ministry Small Group?
Would you like to speak with one of our pastoral advisors?
Are you challenged with a sense of being overloaded or overwhelmed?
Being bullied? Visit www.churchbullying.org and/or email us.
Know someone in church leadership who may benefit from our services?

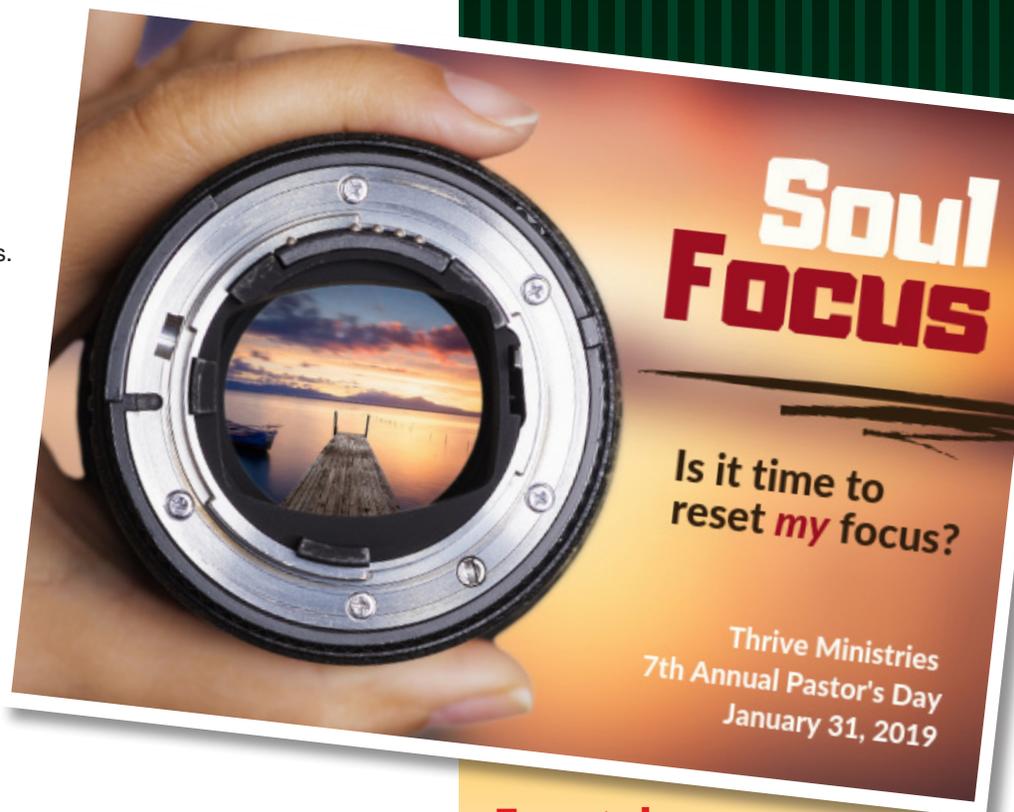
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Your donations help:

- Provide burnout prevention coaching & education
- Resource small groups for pastors
- Equip church leaders to deal with bullying
- Support Annual Pastors Day

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TEL: 1-855-488-7020 (credit card donations)
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Ever taken a selfie of your soul? Maybe it's time.

Join us as guest 'soul care specialists' Sandra Broadus and Paul Bramer of Emmaus Formation Centre lead us in an encouraging and interactive day designed for ministry leaders and their spouses. We will...

- Learn key insights and practices that foster spiritual health and transformation.
- Explore spiritual conversation.
- Discover current practical resources for your own soul care.

JOIN US
Thursday, January 31 2019,
from 9 am to 3 pm, including lunch
at Harbour Fellowship Church
in St. Catharines.

Register online at Thriveministries.ca
Email info@thriveministries.ca



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