

## Conference Responses

"It was truly the best church related conference I have ever attended. Todd is definitely a spirit-led leader and his passion for the lost clearly came through to everyone there. **I can truly say that my husband Mark (pastor in Xenia and Cedarville, OH) and I both came away transformed!**"

Marge Putman, Faith Community UMC, Xenia, OH

"WOW! I'm just now touching back down to earth after our amazing weekend with the Building the Church of God's Dreams conference! The Pohly Center for Supervision and Leadership Formation is rejoicing is rejoicing in the tremendous success of our leadership conference featuring Todd Braschler. Close to one hundred people from roughly twelve different denominations/faith traditions and over twenty-five different congregations gathered to hear a message that challenged the hearts of leaders to more fully invest in the people they serve – not only in the local church, but in the wider community, and to equip them to live out their giftedness and passion in ministry and service. The written evaluations of the day spoke volumes as to the impact and practical application of the material presented and the interactions among the participants and the speaker. **One of the attendees, Belinda Turner, wrote on her evaluation form, "I loved the conference. The absolute best that I have ever attended!"** She noted the presentation was "exciting and powerful, empowering!" Other participants were moved to tears by the power of the message and the movement of the Holy Spirit throughout the conference, and energized to return to their churches with renewed vision."

Mrs. Elizabeth Wourms,

Transformational Leadership Connection, Beavercreek, OH

"Todd speaks with warm, spiritual authority."

John MacDonald, High Street Christian Church, Akron, OH.

"...we weren't 'talked to' but 'shared with.' I've never [before] felt connected with the presenter as I have in this case."

Clyde Jester, Valley Mills Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN

"...I have something I can use to mature myself but not feel that I have 10 more things to do to add to a list."

Stacy Agne, Beavercreek Church of the Nazarene, Beavercreek, OH

"...Your key themes crossed all church boundaries. This was not a one-size-fits-all solution."

Pastor Bob Ingram, First Baptist Church, Eastampton, NJ.

"It didn't tell me what to do, but inspired me to discover my own gifts and to allow God to move through them."

Pastor Chad Delaney, High Street Christian Church, Akron, OH.

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### **Additional retreats offered through this ministry include:**

*"The Call of a Tile Mover—Worship Ministry Retreat  
"Fight Like a Man" - Men's Ministry Retreat*



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# Building the Church of God's Dreams

*Aligning a Fulfilling Ministry to Reach and Connect the Lost*



*An All-Church  
Ministry Retreat*

**TODD BRASCHLER  
MINISTRIES**

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## Introduction

### If God has a dream for the church, your church, what does that kind of church look like?

We gather from scripture so many details concerning the kind of church God intended us to be. And He promises a very powerful gift to the Body when we are passionate to stay on track with the purpose and dream God initiated for the church. That gift is the extraordinary **power and anointing of the Holy Spirit**. If you've ever been involved in ministry without a sense of the anointing of God profoundly present, you understand what a job ministry becomes - powerless, unfulfilling, lacking the vitality of what should be in the Body of Christ.

Many conferences/retreats bring us together, assume we have a few things to learn in ministry and/or leadership, allow us to purchase a notebook with blanks to fill in, and proceed to add to our knowledge. There is an assumption of our base of knowledge, and many speakers begin there and simply ADD to that base of ministry understanding.

The heart of this retreat is actually to **back away** from ministry for a day, assessing and challenging a church in four areas of alignment with the heart of God. There is a strong belief here in the calling of each pastor and the potential vision in each congregation waiting to be realized. The learning actually comes from personal application as a deeper, more meaningful picture of ministry is created through questions, illustrations, humor and challenge. Then, each participant is challenged to **realign** ministry in the areas "they" have identified, and commit to these passions for building the church God would bless.

## Four Alignment Challenges

### 1. Aligning an Intentional Vision

We're not talking about vision statements here. Instead, these are full, technicolor pictures of the church if God were given full sway with us. What would be happening in this kind of church? What would the worship be like? What would be happening in the lives of those who attend? What type of impact would this church have on a community?

- **Draws** a church back to the vision God has for the Body of Christ beyond calendar and activities.
- **Equips** participants with a greater understanding of the role and process of vision – both personal and church-wide.
- **Compels** listeners to align action, heart and direction with the passion and heart of God.

### 2. Building a 10 Story Foundation for a 10 - Story Vision/Dream.

The ultimate motivation and result of ministry done well is the blessings of God – more people. This seems to be a major motivation for everything we do in church. This section prepares a church for the blessing of God (more people) before they actually arrive. The action alone of preparing for more people breaks the heart of a church for the community, and demonstrates to God our readiness and passion for those we have yet to meet.

- **Re-aligns** individual areas of a church to readiness for future ministry to more people.
- **Impassions** a church to build and develop leaders, to locate and equip leaders for the future.
- **Lays** a broader foundation concept for ministry in the future.

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### 3. Organizing Extra-Ordinary Care and Development of People.

There is a disease in the church today that truly keeps us from the anointing and blessing of God. It is not intentional, but it certainly exists. It is the **indifference** to new and lost people we somehow often demonstrate in the midst of doing ministry. This aligning challenge helps to establish this concept as value in every ministry area.

- **Establishes** the difference between friendliness and biblical hospitality.
- **Drives** home the necessity and biblical concept of knowing our Spiritual Gifts and passion.
- **Envisions** a people development strategy for individuals and families who choose to attend this church.

### 4. Raising the Reward Value for Ministry Done Well – New & Lost People.

Using ministry to truly build and develop people, rather than seeing people as resources, as volunteers, as financial resources to grow a church. This section challenges a church to place a drastically higher value on new people coming through the doors of a church - to develop a broken, shredded heart for those in our communities who are lost.

- **Shreds** the heart of a participant for the soul of a new or lost person.
- **Raises** the value of guests as God's reward for ministry that has been done well.
- **Demonstrates** ministry solely compelled and impassioned to reach the lost and care for people.