

# Planning the Sermonic Year

## October:

Gather calendars for upcoming year:

- US holidays
- Conference events
- Conferences and trips

Place all important dates on master calendar, including:

- Wichita Convocation
- Lincoln Campmeeting
- Women's Events
- Christmas, New Year
- Easter
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day

Schedule Vacation with wife

Place 4 Communion in master calendar

Locate 3-6 week blocks (uninterrupted) for sermon series

## November:

Prayerfully gather sermon series ideas from

- Books
- Bible Reading
- Church Needs
- Current Events / Culture

Prayerfully develop\* 3-6 week series for each:

- Vision (January)
- Stewardship or Prophecy (Feb)
- Life/teachings of Christ (Easter)
- Values/mission of Cornerstone (July/Aug)
- Marriage/parenting/family (September, after Labor Day)
- Christmas (Christmas)

Prayerfully develop\* 3-6 week series for 3 or 4 of the following:

- Spiritual discipline(s)
- OT Bible character(s)
- Adventist distinctive(s)
- Christian living (basics)
- A Bible book?
- Prophecy?
- Etc.

Place series into master calendar with 1-3 week breaks between them.

(\*Note: Fully developed series will include all information on Series Planning Worksheet)

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### December:

- Invite guest speakers for available dates (in rank order):
  - Ron Carlson, Conference President
  - Harry Rimer, Ministerial Secretary
  - Youth
  - Roger Larsen, Pastor of South Church
  - Morgan Kochenower, South Church Associate Pastor
  - Authors, Seminar leaders
  - Pathfinders
  - Church Planting Naysayers
  - Cornerstone Elders
  - Union College Religion Faculty
  - Union College Unionaires
  - Covenant Players
  - Etc.
- Write all into master calendar
- Share master calendar with all ministry team leaders
- Share completed Series Planning Worksheets with:
  - Worship Coordinator – Kathy Story
  - Bulletin Typist – Pilar Pedraza-Bailey
  - Graphic Artist – Justin Watts
- Plan 2 public ad campaigns:
  - Family (September, after Labor Day)
  - Christmas?
  - Easter?
  - Money Management?