



# VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the Mountain West United States

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## 2022 OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLESSINGS!!!

April 11 -12	SPRING PREACHING CONFERENCE   First Baptist Church - Laurel, Montana
June 9 - 11	NEHEMIAH'S WORK RETREAT   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
June 15 - 18	ELIJAH'S TEEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
June 27 - July 1	CALEB'S KIN CAMP   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
July 11 - 15	SENIOR HIGH CAMP   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
July 18 - 22	INTERMEDIATE CAMP   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
July 25 - 29	JUNIOR CAMP   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
August 18 - 20	MEN'S TRAIL RIDE   Castle Rock Baptist Camp
October 3 - 4	ANNUAL MEETING   Fellowship Baptist Church - Miles City, Montana



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**GREAT PREACHING—GREAT FELLOWSHIP**

**CHURCH PLANTING EMPHASIS—30 BY 30 VISION**

**OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MOUNTAIN STATES BAPTIST COLLEGE BLOCK CLASS**

The Class is called "Ministry Mechanics" – Call 406.628.4366 or visit [fbclaurelmt.org/msbcblock](http://fbclaurelmt.org/msbcblock) for more information.

## FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

First Baptist Church of Dillon, Montana has extended a call to Pastor Joel Smith. He and his wife Jessica and their eight children moved to Dillon and began their ministry in December. The children's names are Andrew, Samuel, Jonathan, Valerie, Benjamin, Natalie, Timothy and Charity. We welcome them to our fellowship and pray for the Lord's blessing on their ministry in Dillon.

Again this year we will be having an attendance emphasis for Easter Sunday April 17th. We pray your church will prayerfully seek to invite visitors to hear the wonderful resurrection story preached on this special day. Let's ask the Lord for a great harvest of souls for His Glory. Please let us know your attendance on Easter Sunday morning so we can encourage one another and give Him Praise.

We still have some openings to come to your church for a "Camp Emphasis" Sunday. We will show the "60 Year" anniversary video and share all about camp including the the "souls that have been saved and other spiritual decisions", the new buildings and the future. Please contact me and I will schedule your church for a "Camp Emphasis Sunday". Email: [PaulDHoover@icloud.com](mailto:PaulDHoover@icloud.com)

Pastors of fellowship member churches can send news articles from their churches to Pastor Paul D. Hoover to be included in future issues of this newsletter.

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**IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7



# IMBF PASTORAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Honoring those who serve among us and with us

**Dr. S.C. Schearer, Heritage Baptist Church, Great Falls, Montana | Psalm 121**

Pastor Sheldon Schearer grew up on a small farm in Hope, Michigan. He was saved at 14 at a youth rally in Lansing, Michigan at the South Side Baptist Church where Dr. Harold F. Sugden was the pastor. He had promised his Godly mother that he would go to a Christian college for at least a year after high school. His mother attended a ladies meeting and heard Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm speak. He told the ladies about Pillsbury Baptist Bible College and that they had inter-collegiate football. When his mother came home she said she had found just the college for him. In the spring of 1966 his pastor took some of the college boys to Pillsbury College Days and he was hooked. In the fall of 1966 he arrived in Owatonna, Minnesota for early football practice. For young Sheldon Schearer the campus was like "being in heaven". That year another football player told him about Pastor Frey's daughter from Wells, Minnesota, "that he just had to meet". Two years later Marcia Frey and Sheldon were married on June 14, 1969. Soon after he became his father-in-laws church youth pastor. Later on June 17, 1971 he accepted the call to Delevan Baptist Church in Delevan, Minnesota where he pastored for five years. Then he accepted the call to First Baptist Church of Elkton, South Dakota on December 7, 1975 and pastored there for seven years. In February of 1982, the Heritage Baptist Church of Great Falls, Montana asked him to candidate to be their pastor. He did candidate while attending the June meetings of the New Testament Association of Independent Baptist Churches held at Fairview Baptist of Great Falls. After he preached for the Sunday services the people of Heritage Baptist Church unanimously called he and Marcia and their boys Chad, Cory, and Casey to Great Falls.

In the past 39 years, the church has purchased two large industrial buildings with much remodeling and building. The first building includes the main auditorium, classrooms, prophets chamber and offices. The second building houses the Junior Church and a Fellowship Hall. The churches highest attendance has been over 450. Pastor Schearer has traveled extensively to many countries to help missionaries start works and to be an encouragement. These countries are Mexico, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Philippines, Russia, China, Nepal and England. Because of this many souls have been saved.

In 1991 he received his Bachelor of Pastoral Ministries at Mountain States Baptist College. In 1995 he became a chaplain for the Cascade County Sheriffs Office, preaching in the jail. On March 2, 2009 he became a Law Enforcement Chaplain for the Cascade County Sheriff's Office for Sworn Officer's and SWAT Team. He is also Chaplain for Benefis Health Systems of Great Falls. In 2001 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Mountain States Baptist College.

Life changed dramatically for Pastor and Mrs. Schearer on June 6, 2011. Marcia experienced a Ventricle Cardiac Arrest and was not resuscitated for 14 - 20 minutes, which left her with considerable brain damage. After five months of hospitalization and nursing home rehab, Sheldon was able to bring Marcia home. She is in good health but needs twenty-four hour a day care.

Some of the ministries that God has raised up at the Church include the Bus Ministry, the Heritage Baptist School founded in 1997 but closed in 2010 because of the changes at Malmstrom Air Force Base located near the church, also services at the Juvenile Detention Center, Gate Keepers Ministry to the elderly, and the missions program of the church with the goal of "The Sun Never Setting on The Worldwide Missions Outreach". The church has sent out missionaries from the church membership and now support sixteen missionaries.

In 2020, the church voted to call Pastor Richard Komondor to the position of co-pastor, which has been a blessing to the church. The plague of Covid - 19 has brought challenging times but the church continues their soul winning emphasis bringing in the "lost at any cost". February 6-11 the church will have Evangelistic Meetings with Evangelist Joe Mark and in November their Annual Bible Conference with Dr. R.B. Ouellette. The missions conference will be April 22 -23 and Evangelist Ken Lynch will be preaching May 29-31. Family Camp Meetin' will be August 10 -13 which will highlight our 42nd church anniversary as well as Pastor and Mrs. Schearer's 40th year anniversary as pastor. September 23-24 will be the Ladies Mini Spectacular and Evangelist Gary Gillmore will hold meetings October 2 - 5, 2022.

The future goals of the church include continued remodeling of the buildings, putting up a new steeple, upgrading the lighting system in building number two and "Staying the Course and Finishing Well". The IMBF commends the faithful ministry of the Schearers among us!!!



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