

March 31, 2012  
Saturday  
8:30am - 1:00pm

*"This is an opportunity to step away from the persistent obligations of daily and weekly parish life and engage in learning and focusing on God's purpose for your life. It is our hope that this event will strengthen your congregation and renew your call to meeting and serve your neighbor in a new way."*

### *A vital congregation has*

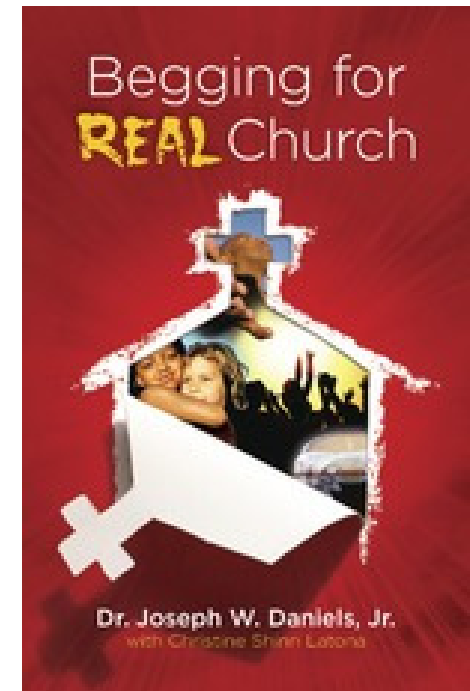
- Inviting and inspiring worship
- Engaged disciples in mission and outreach
- Gifted, equipped and empowered lay leadership
- Effective, equipped and inspired clergy leadership
- Small groups and strong children's programs and youth ministry

## Western North Carolina Conference

*"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and through seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. The fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world is the vision Scripture holds before us. The Methodist Church affirms that Jesus Christ is the son of God, the Savior of the world, and the Lord of all. Respect persons of all religious faiths and we defend religious freedom of all persons. Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20 provide the Church with our mission: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.'*  
-Book of Discipline 121- Rationale of Our Mission -



Lake Norman District  
United Methodist Church



***God's Call to:***

***All Pastors***

***All Laity***

***All Members of All Churches***

***March 31, 2012***

### LOCATION

**Greater Vision UMC  
11901 Eastfield Road  
Huntersville, NC  
Rev. Alexis Anthony, Pastor**

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## Joe Daniels

Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr. is the Lead Pastor of the **Emory Fellowship (a United Methodist Congregation)** in Washington, D.C. During his leadership at Emory, the congregation has grown from an average of 55 people in weekly worship attendance to over 400. Emory seeks to be a "Real church for real people" and has been acknowledged numerous times for its role in changing lives and changing communities. Joe has been happily married to his wife, Madelyn, for 25 years. God has blessed them with two children, Joia and Joey, as vital anchors for their ministry together.

It's not about us; it's about what God wants to do through us--not just the authors, but all of us. Some of the statements of introduction we make might strike you as statements you can make about yourself.

- We are beggars and vessels for REAL Church.
- We have been taught by thousands of people, hundreds of congregations, and many leaders from across the country about the power of being Relevant, Enthusiastic, Authentic and Loving. We continue to learn from each person we encounter and hear what they are doing to be more REAL.
- We are in awe of and humbled by all God has done and will continue to do with and through those who give themselves away in REAL ways to do God's will.
- We offer what we've learned in books, events and learning hubs of all shapes, ethnicities and sizes.

*"Dr. Joseph Daniels is a transformational leader in the life of the Church and humankind. His wisdom and forethought, as shared in **The Power of REAL**, provides the reader a realistic view of Church through Dr. Daniels' eyes; and, it helps each reader connect to the God within them. As with **Begging for REAL Church**, focused on the desire for Church relevancy, **The Power of REAL** is a must read for denominational leaders, pastors and laity who want to better understand*

*making the Church relevant today and in the future. This book is a powerful resource, which needs to be read by leaders across our nation.*

*~ Bob Brown, Chairman and CEO, B&C Associates, Inc.*

*For Pastor Joe Daniels, "REAL" is "Relevant, Enthusiastic, Authentic and Loving." Joe is all of these things and he has built a vital congregation. In research, we call this a "primary source" because it is the honest account of the struggles and wisdom of a real pastor. It is a resource in practical divinity, where what we know about how humans work and how God works can come together for Christian disciples trying to make church real. It is written in a very accessible style that will make a good "coaches manual" for both clergy and lay.*

*David McAllister-Wilson, President, Wesley Theological Seminary"*

**VISION FOR MINISTRY Becoming a vital congregation**