

Pastors Meetings – Spring 2024

Dear Pastors,

I know you have a lot on your plates already. Some of you have communication leaders in your churches, some of whom send me stories. There are many more churches from which I do not hear anything.

I'm sure there are things happening in your churches, whether it involves the church as a whole or individual members, that could be shared within our conference and union. Would it be helpful for me to email you once a month and ask what's happening? Are the calendars on your websites detailed enough to provide me with ideas of what, when and where things are happening?

Let me know how I can help you share the good things that are happening in your churches. The conference has several venues to use – the *Gleaner*, the print edition of *Mission Matters . . . in Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon* and the monthly e-newsletter edition of the same. We also have social media with Facebook and Instagram.

The *Gleaner* is printed six times a year and in the months when there isn't a print edition, they publish an online version. The print edition of *Mission Matters . . . in Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon* is inserted into the print editions of the *Gleaner* in March/April, July/August and November/December. The monthly e-newsletter comes out on the last Wednesday of the month.

Below are the deadlines for the various methods of communication.

Mission Matters . . . (print editions)

Deadlines:	March/April	July/August	November/December
Content to Eve	Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, May 14	Tuesday, September 17

E-newsletter

We have a monthly e-newsletter which goes out Wednesday of the last week of the month.

Deadlines

Month	Content Due to Eve	E-newsletter distributed
January	January 24	January 31
February	February 21	February 28
March	March 20	March 27
April	April 17	April 24
May	May 22	May 29
June	June 19	June 26
July	July 24	July 31
August	August 21	August 28
September	September 18	September 25
October	October 23	October 30
November	November 20	November 27
December	December 18	December 25

Gleaner deadlines (for the rest of the year)

Issue	Content Deadline
May/June print	March 18
June web	May 6
July/Aug print	May 20
August web	July 8
Sept/Oct print	July 22
October web	September 9
Nov/Dec print	September 16
December web	October 7
Jan/Feb 2025 print	November 4

What to Share

Baptisms, from the perspective of the new member, what it means to them

Evangelism

Community Outreach

Community Events

Members involved in ministry

Evangelism follow up

Special projects by various groups in the church

Please include print quality pictures (digital files at least 1 MB in size). Action shots are better than posed shots. Pictures should be separate files, not embedded in a Word file or PDF.