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## Banquet and Ministry Updates

Our Annual Banquet is **April 27, 2023** at the Fetzer Center at WMU and we are excited to have you join us. Come to hear what God has been doing through Shepherd's Heart from people who have experienced His work firsthand.

We welcome Pastor Jeff Whitacre as our speaker this year.

Jeff is the Senior Associate Pastor of Calvary Bible Church. His ministry experience as a missionary and pastor has given him a vision for how to care for people through some of the hardest parts of life by giving the hope of the Gospel. He has a unique relationships with Shepherd's Heart because he is a *mentor* of Bert Lumetta and was a *mentee* of Mark Bonham.

We will also be blessed with live music from Pete & Bergie!

Pete & Bergie is the collaborative music outfit of Christopher & Hannah Peters. Having led worship together at Heritage Christian Academy from 2010 to 2012,

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were married in 2018. Hannah and Chris enjoy living life and leading worship together. They release an EP with original music every year on their son's birthday April 3rd. This year's album will be their third. Check them out [here!](#)

As always, we will have a wonderful meal, and we are excited to bless you with many door prizes through our famous drawing.

If you would like to volunteer, host a table, donate a door prize, or sponsor the banquet, please click below to get more information.

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## Managing Director Update



In late January, the board decided to push the date of the banquet back. The reason for this change was the urgent need for Bert to have back surgery in early February. He is thankful for all the prayers that have been voiced to God for his surgery and recovery. Thankfully, the surgery went well and he is recovering well.

During his recovery he will be limited in the amount of work that he is able to do but hopes to resume at full strength soon.

There continues to be a great need for biblically based counseling services in Southwest Michigan. We are thankful that we are able to serve in this way. If you or someone you know needs guidance through a trial, please connect them with us - we are here to help.

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Mark continues to minister to couples through counseling and the Loving Well courses and training. He is actively working with our ministry partners in Arizona and Argentina, and there are plans brewing for a follow-up resource to Loving Well - Stay Tuned! Loving Well is also being translated into Hungarian and we are looking forward to seeing how this resource will continue to help couples around the world.

Please pray for Mark and Mary as they serve and reach people in many other locations. They have trips scheduled soon to advance the ministry of Shepherd's Heart far beyond West Michigan.

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