

**Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results**  
**Thomasville District Book Study September 2011**

The major portion of our first clergy meeting for this appointment year will be devoted to our 2011 Book Study. This year's study is **Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results** by Lovett Weems, Jr. and Tom Berlin. This book is an excellent and timely book. Like our book study last year, this book challenges the current way most of us "do church". **It is imperative for everyone to read the book prior to our meeting. I was extremely disappointed last year to realize that some came to the meeting without reading the book!** It will not take a long time for you to read. The assignments below are for individual pastors to briefly remind us what the chapter is about, and what we can take away from the chapter. Do not teach: just summarize the main points. Small group discussions will follow. Linus Pauling said that to have a great idea, one has to have many ideas. I trust that we will discover together a couple of great ideas for growing our churches forward in making disciples as we share our ideas and thoughts about how we can more effectively make disciples for the transformation of the world.

**Please note that our clergy meeting(s) will start at 9:45 A.M. (instead of 10:15 A.M.) in order to give us some additional time for the book study.**

**Note the following presentation assignments in each of the three sub-districts.**

**Presentation Assignments for Bainbridge/Kolomoki**

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Lowery Brantley</b>
<b>Chapter 1: A Biblical Mandate for Fruitfulness</b>	<b>Jean Watson</b>
<b>Chapter 2: An Invitation to Labor for God's Harvest</b>	<b>Charles Puryear</b>
<b>Chapter 3: The Two Most Powerful Words for Fruitful Leadership: <i>So That</i></b>	<b>Donna Sue Roberts</b>
<b>Chapter 4. From Fruitful Management to Fruitful Leadership: The Power of Vision</b>	<b>Randy Mosley</b>
<b>Chapter 5: Fruitful Leadership in Established Congregations</b>	<b>Dwight Bishop</b>
<b>Chapter 6: Serving God's Vision: One Pastor's Story</b>	<b>Martin Loyley</b>
<b>Chapter 7: Giving Life to the Vision</b>	<b>Lynn Roberts</b>
<b>Chapter 8: Sustaining Fruitful Leadership: Learning to Lead Yourself</b>	<b>Kirk Loyless</b>
<b>Chapter 9: Planting, Watering, and Praying for Growth</b>	<b>Jay Roberson</b>
<b>Epilogue: Aren't You Amazed by What God Can Do?</b>	<b>Lowery Brantley</b>

### Reading Assignments for Thomasville/Cairo

Introduction	Lowery Brantley
Chapter 1: A Biblical Mandate for Fruitfulness	James Sapp
Chapter 2: An Invitation to Labor for God's Harvest	Garth Duke Barton
Chapter 3: The Two Most Powerful Words for Fruitful Leadership: <i>So That</i>	Michael Finn
Chapter 4. From Fruitful Management to Fruitful Leadership: The Power of Vision	Sue Jackon
Chapter 5: Fruitful Leadership in Established Congregations	Ronnie Wills
Chapter 6: Serving God's Vision: One Pastor's Story	Rick Tuner
Chapter 7: Giving Life to the Vision	Paula Lewis
Chapter 8: Sustaining Fruitful Leadership: Learning to Lead Yourself	Betty Lou Miller
Chapter 9: Planting, Watering, and Praying for Growth	Mike Mobley
Epilogue: Aren't You Amazed by What God Can Do?	Lowery Brantley

### Reading Assignments for Albany

Introduction	Lowery Brantley
Chapter 1: A Biblical Mandate for Fruitfulness	Bryan Gerstel
Chapter 2: An Invitation to Labor for God's Harvest	Don Adams
Chapter 3: The Two Most Powerful Words for Fruitful Leadership: <i>So That</i>	Jason Dillard
Chapter 4. From Fruitful Management to Fruitful Leadership: The Power of Vision	Leigh Ann Raynor
Chapter 5: Fruitful Leadership in Established Congregations	Cathy Green
Chapter 6: Serving God's Vision: One Pastor's Story	Dennis Lanning
Chapter 7: Giving Life to the Vision	Carrie H. Myers
Chapter 8: Sustaining Fruitful Leadership: Learning to Lead Yourself	Kent Miller
Chapter 9: Planting, Watering, and Praying for Growth	Randy Spicer
Epilogue: Aren't You Amazed by What God Can Do?	Lowery Brantley