



ARE YOU NEW TO MINISTRY?  
WANT TO PREPARE FOR A MINISTRY THAT THRIVES?  
WHY NOT JOIN PEERS AND MENTORS FOR ONGOING GROWTH AND SUPPORT?

**CBFNC's Helping Pastors Thrive Will Begin Two New Cohorts This Fall :**  
*One for New Pastors and One for New Associate Pastors*

The **New Pastor Cohort** and **New Associate Pastor Cohort** are two-year programs utilizing a small group model involving 6 - 8 new ministers and 2 - 3 pastoral mentors. The cohorts meet at regular intervals during the two-year program and include four, two-night retreats at Saint Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC. Participants share the unique challenges from their own settings, explore the relationship between identity and practice, and delve into important topics with peers and mentors that inform effective leadership practices and enhance the arts of ministry.

Cohort mentors, participants and resource leaders establish outcomes and learning goals, as well as share in the selection of readings and other resources appropriate to themes and topics that emerge from the interactions in the gatherings. Participants learn to track personal progress and learning with their mentors, and cultivate an approach to self-assessment and evaluation.

All expenses related to involvement in cohort are covered by Helping Pastors Thrive, including retreat housing, meals, transportation, supplies and learning resources. Cohorts are intentionally small and limited to no more than eight pastors in their first years of ministry.

For more information, visit [helpingpastorsthive.org](http://helpingpastorsthive.org) or send an email inquiry to [shudgins@cbfnc.org](mailto:shudgins@cbfnc.org). Indicate whether you are interested in the New Pastors Cohort or the New Associate Pastors Cohort.

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