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The Jenkins Institute (TJI) Fact Sheet

Founded by Jeff and Dale Jenkins in February of 2011 to serve preachers and honor the legacy of their Father, Jerry A. Jenkins, TJI began as two blogs and a webinar, yet God has blessed it to become so much more. Here's a look at its collective work thus far:

BETTER Preaching Conferences

- Over thirty BETTER conferences attracting nearly 2,000 preachers have provided instruction, encouragement, and support by some of the finest preachers in the Church. Among our offerings are one-day conferences to meet the needs of preachers in underserved areas, conferences for preachers in foreign countries, as well as leadership conferences and family seminars.

WEBINARS

- Designed to quickly address current issues and concerns faced by ministers, TJI's webinars provide forums for dialogue in a convenient and timely fashion.

FIRST YEARS

- First Years takes men who have been in ministry for 10 years or less and instructs them and mentors them in this highly interactive 3 day program that helps these men where they might be struggling or need more information and training.

MINISTER RENEWAL RETREATS

- These three-day, fully funded retreats are help preachers deal with difficult seasons in their work. Experienced ministers, professional counselors, and financial advisors spend group time, as well as one-on-one time, with ministers concerning struggles in their lives.

BOOKS

- Jeff and Dale have written more than twenty books, primarily for ministers, that have been published by TJI. In addition, a number of books and resources written by other ministers have also been published. TJI has given away thousands of books free of charge to encourage preachers in the brotherhood.

4 YOUR MONDAY

- Over 5,000 ministers around the world receive a weekly email from TJI. Five books and 250 weeks later, numerous ministers describe this as their weekly lifeline.

WISDOM

- One of our guideposts is to encourage excellence in preaching and ministry. Each Friday, one quote is sent to thousands of ministers encouraging excellence.

SCOOPS

- Nothing provided by TJI is viewed by more ministers and Church leaders than *The Scoop Blog*. On our website we host the largest and most widely used preacher search forum in churches of Christ.

PODCASTS

- *Preacher Therapy* began as a daily session during the Freed Hardeman University lectureship several years ago. Since its inception, thousands of preachers have attended these sessions to receive encouragement, advice, and support in their work. Two podcasts, *Preach Today* and *Preacher Therapy* have extended this opportunity to ministers around the world.

MENTORING 222

- TJI's mentoring program grew out of a desire to help ministers during their early years develop more fully in their work for the Lord. Young men in our mentoring program work with three seasoned ministers during a three-year cycle.

RESEARCH

- TJI's research wing has conducted more than 250 surveys and polls on various topics and issues through polling ministers and brethren to provide helpful research. This information has been shared with and utilized by presenters, college presidents, local congregations, and students involved in advanced degree work.

MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND

- During a BETTER Leadership conference, an Elder asked if there was a way we could help ministers when special financial needs arise. In 2019, the Minister's Relief Fund began to provide help with emergency financial needs which includes health concerns, etc. A special board helps in approving the needs and in locating ministers in need.

PRAYERS FOR PREACHERS

- In recent years, we began sharing a special prayer with every minister on our mailing list as he prepared for whatever Sunday might bring. While we know that many wonderful Christians are praying for ministers, we also want them to know that other preachers are also praying for them.

MINISTERS & MOCHA

- One of a number of "fun" efforts we are involved in is Ministers & Mocha. Having secured a rare or unique vehicle, we film a conversation with a preacher about his life and work. These episodes are not only fun, but we also learn within them many encouraging things about the hearts of our preachers.

CONSULTING

- TJI provides various consulting services for churches and church leaders who are struggling with issues such as Church growth, conflict management, Church health assessments, ministerial searches, salary negotiations, or ministerial coaching. In addition, we provide leadership training seminars, team building retreats/workshops as well as other similar opportunities. We partner with men who have hundreds of years of experience in working with healthy, growing, churches.