

## ***Practical Presbyterians***

Also known as the Thumb Group Ministry (TMG) is comprised of clergy and elders from PC(USA) churches meeting together to address the practical ministry needs of thumb area congregations.

As God guides and leads us into new adventures in ministry we respond in creative ways to support one another and share ideas about worship, pastoral leadership and sharing our faith stories.



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**Interactive and useful  
support for area churches**

***The Strategically  
Small Church  
With  
Brandon O'Brien***

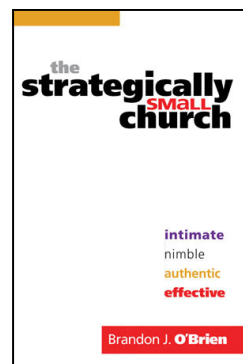
**April 30, 2011**

**9:00am- 4:00pm  
Registration 8:30 - 9:00am**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Croswell, Michigan**

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the lord, "plans to prosper you ... plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Our cultures' infatuation with big-ness—bigger cars, bigger houses, bigger businesses—has infiltrated the church. But smaller doesn't equal second rate. *Leadership Journal* editor and former pastor Brandon O'Brien shows how small churches are uniquely equipped for success in today's culture.



**The Strategically Small Church**  
**ISBN # 978-0-7642-0783-9**  
**Available at Amazon.com for \$10.87 + shipping**

O'Brien celebrates churches that are taking full advantage of their small size and analyzes how other churches can learn from their strategies. For example, strategically small churches:

- Facilitate a higher level of commitment from laypeople
- Focus attention on fewer programs, increasing effectiveness
- Nurture close relationships across age and life-experience barriers.

But perhaps most important, O'Brien asks churches to rethink what it means to be successful. Sometimes small is just right!

**There will be coffee, juice and pastries at registration as well as a lunch and snacks in the afternoon. Come and spend the day learning how to use your "small church" in a positive way.**

**Registration from 8:30 - 9:00 am**

**Session will start at 9:00am sharp!**

### **Session #1**

#### **Reimagining Ministry Success**

- Grieving loss of "big" church
- Letting go of the past
- Looking towards the future

### **Session #2**

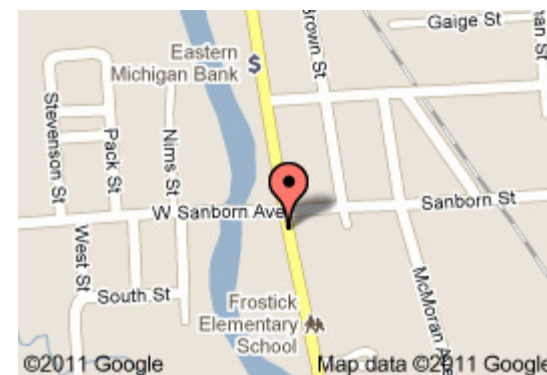
#### **Keeping it Real/Keeping it Lean**

- Where do pastors fit into small churches
- Intergenerational churches, using creativity to provide for everyone.

### **Session #3**

#### **Catch the Vision**

- Rediscovering your Mission
- Making the small church work



PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday April 19, 2011 so lunch can be planned accordingly.

Call Sally Pomeroy 810-679-4285 or email [spomeroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spomeroy@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP

minimal fee of \$15.00 per attendee