New Features in Shepherd's Staff 2018

Features/Enhancements

- Supported customers can send a backup of their database to CTS.
- Help button on the Main Menu links to seminars, webinars, and manuals.
- Supported customers can watch training webinars within Shepherd's Staff.
- Press F1 to automatically open a help page related to the window on your screen.

Membership

Anniversaries Report

- New option allows you to display only Current Members. Selecting this option filters out nonmembers, people who have been removed as members, and people who are marked Inactive.

Church Roster Report

- When printing sheet-fed rotary cards, you can now choose to print the cell phone number instead of the work phone number.

Church Directory Export

- Column added for Ministry Group.

Visits by Household/Person Report

- “Group by” option lets you sort visits by date or name.

Dashboard, Membership Tab

- The calculations on the “Current” sub-tab now have print buttons, letting you see the people who comprise the number. (For example, Total Members, Total Baptized Members, Members Received in [year], and Members Removed in [year]).

Parents Of Report

- Includes the child’s birthdate next to the age.

Activity/Skill/Training Mass Update

- This feature has been completely redesigned to make it easier to update the entire list of individuals for an activity, skill, or training.

Church Register Funerals

- A column for the Date of Death has been added to the Funerals grid.
- When you add a funeral record, the Date of Death will now auto-fill with the Date Removed in the Person Record.

New Utility: Combine Info for Two People

- This utility combines all Person information, including visits, significant deaths, activity/skill/training records, and personal notes.
- The utility combines Attendance records, but it does NOT combine contributions. A notification will appear if you attempt to combine an individual who has contribution information. However, you can combine a person without an envelope and a person with an envelope.

Contributions

Statements

- "Do not show YTD total" checkbox hides the year-to-date total in the printed statement.
- Canadian format has two terminology changes: "Printed on" now reads "Date receipt issued", and "Signature" now reads "Authorized signature".

Finance

Accounts Receivable

- "Copy payment" button has been added to the AR grid that displays all payments.
- AR statements has a "No payments since" feature to isolate people who have not paid after a specified date.
- The AR accounts grid has an "Only active accounts" option (now the default).

Journal Entries

- When you enter a Journal Entry using the Add Again button, the date in the new entry remains the same as in the old entry (rather than reverting to the current date).

Subgroups

- The "Save As" feature has been added back in to allow you to copy Dynamic subgroups.

- Combined subgroups can be copied.
- The add/edit windows for Dynamic, Static, and Combined subgroups are now in .NET format.

Dynamic Subgroups

- The logical OR feature has been replaced with a checked listbox.

Static Subgroups

- You can now filter the people in the “Not in the subgroup” column by Current Members, Non-members, Male, or Female.
- The “Category” drop list now allows you to easily add and remove items.
- Instead of a red asterisk indicating when data has been changed, an icon now appears on the Save button if a change has been made.

Tech Improvements

- Software now automatically updates and upgrades (only for customers who have registered their database).
- New “Error Solutions” feature tells you if a problem you reported has been addressed in a feature pack or new software release.
- A “people recently in the database” window appears if you try to back up, restore, rebuild, or upgrade. This feature also detects when another user is using the database.