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Men's Ministry On A Roll

NM2 is growing - Don't be left behind.....



Happy New Year, brothers. Welcome to 2010. What a ride God has in store for you. I'll keep it short and sweet - **WAKE UP!** No more sleeping at the wheel. This year, right now, resolve to draw close to God. This isn't a New Year's resolution - this is a **REVOLUTION.** In these pages - look for opportunities to serve, to pray, and to have fun - as only men can. Above all - look for support, accountability, and understanding from men who share the same walk you do. You are not alone - hop in and let's go!

The Keys:

The Men's Ministry exists to build up the body of Christ through service and activities that create fellowship opportunities, build moral character, promote personal responsibility, and develop lasting relationships and Christ-centered families.

We need each other:

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Proverbs

27:17



SURVEY SAYS.....

Men, one of our goals for 2010 is to build our NM2 database of men in our church and our community so that we can improve communication about the ministry, what we do, who we serve, and why we do it. In the coming weeks, we will be sending out a survey form for you to provide contact information (especially email). It



will also allow you to provide feedback on the ministry, what we can do to better serve you, and what you may be able to do to better serve others. Please take the time to fill this out and get it to us. If you already have - thanks. There will be a drawing at the April Men's Breakfast for those that return the survey - just in time for golf season!!

Let's Clear Up the Stat: "What Happens When a Man Accepts Christ First"

**By Pat Morley, Man-In-The-Mirror
Ministries**

For more than a decade a bogus stat has circulated that compares the percentage of entire families that come to Christ based on who in the family converted first---father, mother, or a child.

The most common form is, "If a child is the first person in the family to accept Christ and join the church, the rest of the family will do the same only 3.5% of the time. If the mother is the first, that percentage goes to 17%. But if the father is the first to accept Christ and join the church, the rest of his family will follow 93% of the time!"

We have tried in vain to authenticate or corroborate this stat. It's circular--everyone claims they got it from each other!

Why don't we clear this up once and for all? The only reliable stat of which I am aware is a statement I personally heard Billy Graham make in a 1987 crusade in Denver, Colorado. I wrote about it in *The Man in the Mirror* in 1989,

"In a Denver crusade, Dr. Billy Graham spoke about this verse of Scripture (Acts 16:31), indicating that they had learned that in homes in which the father came to faith in Christ first, the entire family came to faith in sixty percent of the cases. When the wife came first, forty to fifty percent of the families all accepted Christ. And in families in which a child came to Christ first, twenty-five percent of them saw their entire family become Christians."

Patrick Morley, 1997, The Man in the Mirror, "Chapter Eight: Children: How to Avoid Regrets," Grand Rapids: Zondervan, p. 113

Hmmm.... I wonder if all this could have started as misquoting what Billy Graham said in 1987, or what I put in print about what he said in 1989?

In any event, this is a stat we can all feel comfortable using.

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WHAT'S UP?

Sunday School @ 9:30/11:00

Room B in the new wing - men only bible study and accountability. Contact Craig Dailey for more information.

Mondays at 6:45 PM

Our ongoing men's accountability and leadership group. Contact Brian Cornwell at briancornwell@msn.com for more information.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Our ongoing men's Bible study. Come grow with fellowship and the Word. Contact Nelson Rodman at nelson.rodman@us.huhtamaki.com.

Wednesdays at 6:30 AM

Our *semi-closed* Catalyst group facilitated by Phil Huber is an accountability and encouragement group centered on the Word of God. Contact Phil if you are interested at pandshuber@juno.com

Fridays at 6:00 AM

Men's Bible Study with great fellowship and accountability. Contact Craig Dailey for more information.

Coming soon...

Men's Night - come fellowship and relax as you ease into your weekend. Ping Pong, Pool, and sometimes a flick - just men being men.

Men's Breakfasts

Our quarterly staple in the Men's Ministry. You always leave full. Good fellowship, great food, and an awesome message.

Men's Retreat

Men's Retreat at the High Braes is June 4-6. This year we will be having a Men's Sunday Service in the chapel. Speaker to be announced. Sign-up early while there is space. Contact Scott Rapp for more information.

Calendar of Events

April 3, 2010 @ 8:00 AM

Men's Breakfast

June 4, 5, & 6, 2010

Men's Retreat at High Braes

July 17, 2010 @ 8:00 AM

Men's Breakfast

October 2, 2010

Father/Son Paintball

October 23, 2010 @ 8:00 AM

Men's Breakfast

Men's Night

Look in the bulletin for dates & times

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