

MAC News

Leading Men to Live a Life of Significance in Christ

Men Abiding in Christ Ministries in Action-

- Men's Discipleship Groups on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- Thursdays—one-on-one discipling.
- No Man Left Behind workshops with leadership teams every other Wednesday and Friday at Eastminster Presbyterian and Sugarloaf United Methodist Church.
- April 21—Igniting Your Men seminar at Cherokee Retreat Center for Cherokee Presbytery.
- June 30—July 3—Igniting Your Men seminar at Montreat, NC for Presbyterians For Renewal Christian Life Conference.
- August 25-26—Men's Retreat for FPC Douglasville.

Intimate with Christ?

It's Sunday morning and I am finishing a retreat for Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Sunday mornings on these retreats include a three hour quiet time. During this period, each man spends time reading scripture, devotions, and most of all, talking and listening to God. My prayer is that this time will be used to become more intimate with God.

The message we heard this weekend was centered on intimacy with Christ. Through this intimacy, we abide and become fruitful for Him. Because of His fruit we become men of influence and are able to glorify Him not only in our quiet moments with Him but in our communities. Many of you know that one's influence becomes contingent on your intimacy with the Lord because you become transparent and others begin seeing more of Christ and less of yourself.

I was copied on an email last night from one of the leaders at First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville asking all their men to be praying for the Eastminster men on this retreat. I praise God for using this Ministry to build up a community of men known for their faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Please join me in giving thanks to God as he continues to grow this Ministry. I recently started working with Sugarloaf United Methodist Church and I'm gearing up for a Men's Conference that I will be hosting for the Cherokee Presbytery on April 21st. God's grace is abounding as he continues to lead me to work one-on-one with four men. Thank you for being a part of this calling and helping to enable this Ministry to further His kingdom.

- Pat



"Team Mac" at March Family Madness
March, 2007

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

A NOTE FROM BRIDGET'S HEART...

I'm going to tell you something that may shock you. As a mother of four children ages 1 to 7, I find that I am very tired. Not just days that I didn't sleep well the night before or days that are especially trying with a 3 year old little girl, but most every single day. Each day when the alarm rings to wake me up, or when Mary Emmalyn is at my bedside telling me that it's sunny outside, I think to myself, "How am I going to do this?"

I have a friend who once told me, "If you can't take a nap, take a shower." That's good advice. The shower is the one place in my house that I can be alone, at least for a few minutes. However, I can't take five showers a day. I'm happy to get at least one.

During this season of Lent, I have been more aware of God in my every moment. I remember one morning, while making my son's lunch and feeling especially exhausted, I prayed. I knew that there was no way that I was going to make it through the day depending on my own strength or energy reserves. I was tapped out. I remember praying for God to renew my strength and give me energy to get me through the day. I remember this so clearly because as tired as I was, I trusted completely that God would clear the fog and enable me to do what He needed me to do that day. By the way, He did.

We can all grow so weary of the demands placed on us by the world. Nothing of this world promises renewal and strength that lasts for eternity. Let's face it, even a 60 minute massage only lasts 60 minutes. God promises us strength, endurance and renewal. My hope is in the Lord and He is always faithful. Thanks be to God, His love endures forever.

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MAC MINISTRIES IS CALLED TO SERVE GOD BY:

- *Partnering with churches to build sustainable men's ministries, enabling leaders to reach all of their men for Christ.*
- *Discipling church leadership teams to develop a vision and mission for their men.*
- *Launching and developing men's discipleship groups to foster relationships with each other and with the Lord.*

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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

God continues to reveal the need to be dependent on prayer. Because of this, the Board of Directors and I would like to invite you to be a part of one or both of the following:

- An email distribution network for us to share prayer requests
- A team of people who would be willing to meet on a monthly basis to pray for protection, sustainability, and growth of the Ministry.

If you feel led to become part of the email prayer network or can commit to meet in prayer once a month for the Ministry, please contact Jim Ford at JFord@MortgageIT.com or 678-429-9089. Thank you for your continued prayer support.

GOD AT WORK THROUGH MAC MINISTRIES

He's the right man in the right place at the right time. And if you've been around the church for any length of time, then you know that that's not an automatic.

I'm talking about Pat MacPherson and his men's ministry. Pat bears the marks of one anointed by God for men's ministry. The marks of that anointing are these: a passion for connecting men with Christ; an understanding of how men are wired and what that means for enabling their Christian growth; a good grasp of how groups grow and work; a loyalty to the church and the men's place

in it; and last but not least, a capacity for building loving and gracious friendships with men individually. And to top it all off, Pat avails himself of cutting edge men's resourcing, with which he equips his men's groups.

That's why we're excited to have Pat walking along with the leaders of our men's ministry. He has provided the kind of wise counsel and encouragement that have taken them to a whole new level. May God continue to prosper his ministry!

Keith Hill
Sr. Pastor
FPC Douglasville

FINANCIAL GOALS TO SUPPORT MAC MINISTRIES

- We are continuing to build a financial support team with people who can commit to giving on a regular basis to Men Abiding in Christ Ministries. Please consider this opportunity to help further God's kingdom and contact me to find out how you can be a part.
- We are currently at 91% of meeting our minimum monthly budget.
- Praise be to God for all of you who have opened your hearts with prayer and support for this ministry. We couldn't do it without you!!