

MAC News

Leading Men to Seek and Live a Life of Significance

Men Abiding in Christ Ministries in Action-

- Monday morning group is currently discussing what it means to be a "normal Christian"
- Tuesday morning group will be starting on August 8 at Highland Commercial Bank.
- Wednesday morning group is currently studying Thessalonians.
- Wednesday night group at FPC Douglasville studying the book Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes.
- August 26/27—FPC Douglasville Men's Retreat.
- Sept. 30/Oct. 1—FPC Marietta Men's Retreat.
- Thursday mornings: one-on-one discipling.

4th Seed Sowing

I always rejoice when the Lord allows me to see some of His work that occurs from the seeds that are being sown. Especially when they are seeds that fall on hearts of men that in turn share with others what they have been given, such as the fourth seed sown on fertile soil from Matthew 13: 3-9. I recently received an email from a man stating....

Pat... You have made a difference in my walk with our lord.... I wish to be able to make a difference in others as you have made in mine.

The work that God has me doing becomes fruitful as these men recognize themselves as ministers and desire God to use them to reach others as stated in the above email. Another man that I have meeting with has recently asked Jesus Christ to come into his life. The excitement continued during our prayer time the following week when he asked for God to give him an opportunity to disciple others.

I have also seen this with another man who is currently facing some big changes in his life. In our last meeting, he shared his desire to fully trust the Lord in all he does as well as to seek out God's purpose in all areas of his life. Amazing, when considering that four months ago, this man had not considered the Lord as a point of reference when seeking guidance.

God continues to be faithful to Bridget and I. In our last newsletter, we shared that our mini-van needed to have the transmission replaced. The transmission's warranty was 30 days expired when it stopped working. Bridget took the opportunity to write the CEO of Chrysler to seek help. The CEO responded positively by agreeing that Chrysler should replace the old transmission with a new one. We now have the van back in working order and thank all of you who have been praying for God's intervention with this.

It is a privilege to be used in men's lives as shared above and I give thanks to God for his unending provisions and for all of you who partake in the privilege of sharing so that this ministry can abide.

— Pat



Mary Emmalyn, Jamie, Uncle Garland, Sean, Liam, Pat and Aunt Lil

"Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:8

A NOTE FROM BRIDGET'S HEART...

Recently, Pat and I took the kids to visit his Aunt and Uncle. We drove for what seemed like hours to the "country" in North Georgia. We'd never been before, though we'd been repeatedly invited. Our children got a taste of country. We met ducks, chickens, guineas, rabbits, Sam, the dog and Hoagie, the Pig. We surveyed a garden more diverse than the produce department at Publix. We heard about a 400' well with clear, unfiltered, sweet drinking water. Liam even watched a real chicken hatch out of a real egg!

When we left, we were laden with gifts: a dozen fresh *brown* eggs; a dipping gourd for Mom; and jars of honey (straight from the bees), deer stew and jelly.

I learned so much about giving during that visit. *And* about not being appreciated. Auntie and Uncle give because they possess a spirit of generosity. They give out of love and an understanding of all that the Lord provides for them.

I was sad to learn that their children don't seem to appreciate Auntie & Uncle's generosity. In fact, it made me a little mad to hear about how much *they* take for granted.

Then I realized: aren't we this way with our Heavenly Father? He showers us with every blessing imaginable; provides resources to get us out of life's mess; longs for us to spend time with Him. Yet, like Auntie and Uncle's children, we are selfish. We take all that He gives, and we barely take the time to say thank you. Some of us find it a burden to even "visit" with Him one hour a week just going to church.

It became clear to me that even though Uncle invited us to "come and see how the poor people live," God showed us how the truly rich do.

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**MAC MINISTRIES IS
CALLED TO SERVE GOD
BY:**

- *Discipling men one-on-one to change the world for Christ one heart at a time.*
- *Launching and developing men's small groups to grow men into disciples for Christ.*
- *Help churches build sustainable men's ministries, enabling leaders to reach all of their men for Christ.*

**PRAYERS &
NEEDS:**

- *Please be in prayer for God's guidance as I continue to plan for the retreats scheduled for this late summer/early fall.*
- *Please be in prayer that God uses the FPC Douglasville small group ministry that will be launched this fall to produce disciples.*
- *Please pray that God continues to provide strength, wisdom, and time to disciple the men that he brings in contact with this ministry.*

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GOD AT WORK THROUGH MAC MINISTRIES

Four years ago Pat invited me to meet with a small group on Wednesday mornings. In the group, it was easy to share life's pressures and trials with other men. They often could relate their own personal experiences to what I was going through. Meeting regularly, as we did, built a trust that made it easier to share personal situations. When we left our meeting each Wednesday morning, there was a confidence that each man would pray for the other during the week. It was rewarding to receive the support and encouragement from Pat and the other men as well as the challenge from Pat to have a closer walk with God.

Pat suggested that I start a men's small group at my own church so the men could have the opportunity to grow in their faith with other Christian men within the church. He offered advice and direction that would help me to disciple

other men. We have been meeting on Saturday mornings for two years now, and it has been rewarding to witness the faithfulness of these men.

Last year, I was asked to be the president of our United Methodist Men's Fellowship at my church. Pat encouraged me to accept God's call as he committed to meet with me twice a month and provide support I needed to lead this ministry. In our meetings, Pat listened, advised and encouraged me with direction in recruiting men and empowering a leadership team.

The time that Pat has given me has helped me become a more patient leader. Pat's guidance to give it all over to God so He can build the ministry through me and others has helped me grow in my own faith. Pat's mentorship and commitment has helped me and UMM become a better disciple maker for God.

**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 74% 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.**

- Tom King