

MAC News

Leading Men to Seek and Live a Life of Significance

Men Abiding in Christ Ministries in Action-

- Monday and Tuesday morning groups engaged in a discussion on "Normal Christianity"
- Wednesday morning group is currently studying Thessalonians.
- No Man Left Behind workshops with leadership teams at FPC Douglasville and Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- November 30 through December 2—**No Man Left Behind** training session with Man in the Mirror
- February 2007—Eastminster Presbyterian Church Men's Retreat
- Thursday mornings: one-on-one discipling.

Revelations from a Men's Retreat

I am finding that most men don't know that we're called to be spiritual leaders in our homes. On a recent retreat for a group of 30 men, many of them shared their recognition that they were not the spiritual leader in their household. Many in fact, gave credit to their wives as being the spiritual leader.

These men want to glorify God with this calling and many of the men on this retreat proclaimed this desire to be that leader that God has called them to be. So what does this mean for these men as they returned home from the retreat?

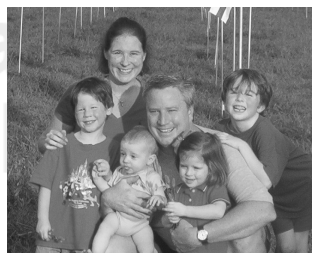
In Kent Hughes' book Disciplines of a Godly Man, he speaks of Ephesians 5: 25-33, by saying that we're called not to just grow our own relationship with Christ, but also our wives. It's nurturing our relationship with our wives in a way that drives them to seek Jesus out in every aspect of their life. One of the men on the retreat claimed a desire to pray more with his wife so she could hear him speak her name out loud to the Lord, knowing the encouragement this gives our wives.

As we come to learn, it doesn't stop there. We also are called to be spiritual leaders to our children. Some of the men shared their desire for their children to witness themselves putting Christ first in their lives. Letting their children see their parents pray together and spending time with Christ through prayers and reading scripture.

A 36 hour retreat ignited a group of men to carry out the Great Commission by starting at home. The president of the group shared a revelation on the retreat, stating that he understood our calling for each man in the congregation to be discipled. No Man Left Behind is God's desire and we must persevere in being a vessel to carry this out.

I am honored and grateful for this calling that God has placed on my life and I ask that you continue to pray that God continues to use this ministry to develop programs to disciple men for the glory of our Father.

— Pat



Bridget, Jamie, Pat, Liam, Sean, and Mary Emmalyn at the Field of Flags, 9/11 Memorial

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." Jeremiah 29:11

A NOTE FROM BRIDGET'S HEART...

These words from the prophet Jeremiah were read at our wedding. At the time, we selected the scripture because I saw it written on a bathroom wall and I thought it would be good for our wedding. We actually heard more of the words surrounding this verse, and I encourage you to read Jeremiah 29:4-15 to hear God's word as it relates to families and faith.

Six months ago, we hit a rough patch. It seemed as if the world was crashing down on top of us. We survived and thrived through that time through our faith and the hope that God promises us. As bad as things seemed back then, I wanted to share how awesome things have been recently.

This summer, we were so blessed to spend a good amount of time with family and friends. The kids and I spent three weeks up in Chicago with my folks. We visited with my Grandfather, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Pat drove us up and came back to pick us up. Alleluia! Our van made it there and back without trouble.

Upon our return, we celebrated Pat's Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary. We had such a great time planning and partying with friends and family that took such joy in the witness of how God blesses a marriage with love and fidelity.

In September, we celebrated Sean's baptism. This one was extra special because Sean was baptized right along side his twin cousins, Matthew and Jack! Our families all joined together for this sacrament of initiation to the Christian faith. My dear friend commented on how my Mother glowed during the baptism with her children and children's children there to witness the event. This is what God promises, plans for good and not for evil! Plans to give us a future full of hope.

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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.*
- *Partnering with churches to build sustainable men's ministries, enabling leaders to reach all of their men for Christ.*

PRAYERS & NEEDS:

- *Please pray that God continues to provide strength, wisdom, and time to disciple the men that he brings in contact with this ministry.*
- *Please be in prayer that God will continue to partner MAC Ministries with churches in developing discipleship programs.*

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GOD AT WORK THROUGH MAC MINISTRIES

In March, 2006, I received a phone call from one of our members at First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville telling me about Men Abiding in Christ Ministries.

In contacting Pat, I shared my vision and plans for the men's ministry at my church. I told Pat about my background and how I got involved in men's ministry at FPC Douglasville. I also told him about the past two years of doing various activities to get more men involved in the men's ministry that included breakfasts, cookouts and luncheons that met with very limited results with just the same men participating in all the activities. I told Pat how attendance at a men's conference and my experience at Cursillo energized me to expand the men's ministry at our church.

Pat told me about himself and his ministry in helping lead men to Christ. Pat related to me his experience

with the men's ministry at FPC of Marietta, which lead him to work with men wherever they are. Pat shared ideas on how to organize and expand our men's ministry. He worked with us to develop Vision and Mission statements to revitalize the men's ministry for FPC of Douglasville. He helped organize and teach a men's study group this summer using the book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. With Pat's guidance and planning, we hosted our First Annual Men's Retreat and started small groups on Friday mornings and Wednesday nights for the Fall.

Pat has been a "godsend". Pat has blessed our men's ministry with his guidance, leadership, organizational skills, and devotion to Jesus Christ. Men Abiding in Christ Ministries has set our ministry on the path of bringing men as disciples for Jesus. We thank God for blessing us with Pat. - Joe Cheak

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 79% 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!!