

MEN 4 CHRIST NEWSLETTER

BROTHERS, WORKERS, SOLDIERS



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Men 4 Christ Mission

M4C is dedicated to leading men to become fully devoted followers of Christ. To support the spiritual needs of the men through Christ-centered relationships, ministry, and missions. A man who is fully devoted to Christ is intentional in his pursuit of God. His pursuit is evident in his relationships, in his prayer life, and spoken through his service. M4C exists to provide a framework through which this pursuit can be cultivated.

A Message from Dave

To my Brothers, fellow Workers and Soldiers,

It's a great privilege to be addressing everyone as the new leader of M4C. We have a strong group of men committed to the Lord and each other. I'm humbled to lead such fine men. I will do my very best to serve you in this new year. 2020 was a very difficult year for everyone. As a result, many people are still hurting and looking for answers. We don't have to look very far to find these people. They are all around us and we need to be ready to move when the Holy Spirit tells us to help someone. That means being prepared at all times.

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Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and encourage with every form of patient instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2. BSB

Christianity is more about doing than being. If we want to participate with God and help others, we need to put our faith into action. We need to be prepared and we need to prepare others.

This year Pastor Jack has placed an emphasis on discipleship. The day the discipleship training class was to begin Pastor Jack challenged the congregation to attend this class. That call to action resulted in eighty more people deciding to attend. Pastor Jack put his faith in action. Sometimes we need a little push to move out of our comfort zones.

I too spoke about challenging everyone to press further into our faith. I would be remiss in my leadership responsibilities if I don't push you a little farther than you think you can go. All the best coaches I ever played for did that. Here is what the best coach in the history of the world said about playing on his team.

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers—yes, even his own life—he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:26-27 BSB

In the same way, any one of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:33 BSB

Talk about a challenge! Jesus wasn't pulling any punches. He was looking for disciples that wanted to be all in. He's still looking today. Let's commit to moving forward in our faith and to helping others move forward in theirs. That way we can participate with Jesus in fulfilling his great commission!

Blessings,

Dave Pacella





Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

Date: Saturday February 27, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM–2:55 PM

Location: Mandarin Presbyterian Church

West Campus

2501 Loretto Road

Jacksonville, FL 32223

Cost: \$39. The Chick-Fil-A Lunch is included

Registration: [Register Here](#)

There are 12 seminars to choose from, 2 keynote speakers, the ISI Men's band and lunch provided by Chick-Fil-A.

7:30 - 8:30 Arrive & Check In

8:30 - 10:30 Welcome, Worship and Keynote Speakers

10:30 - 2:00 Morning Seminars, Lunch, Afternoon Seminars

2:00 - 2:55 Closing Session

Tools For Godly Men

On February 27th in Jacksonville FL, join together with The Men of God to be encouraged and equipped to lead in your home, church and community.

There will be:

- Two Keynote Messages
- 12 Different Equipping Seminars
- Every Attendee Gets A Chick Fil A Lunch
- All regional COVID protocols are being followed
- Starts on time (8:30AM) and ends on time (2:55PM)

Last year our M4C ministry was honored with the reward for the most men recruited from a church or organization with over 60 men from Crosswater attending. This year we would like to bring even more men from Crosswater to this awesome day of worship, fellowship and education in how we can become more Godly men to our home church and community. Please sign up for this life altering event by going to [Iron Sharpens Iron Registration](#)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

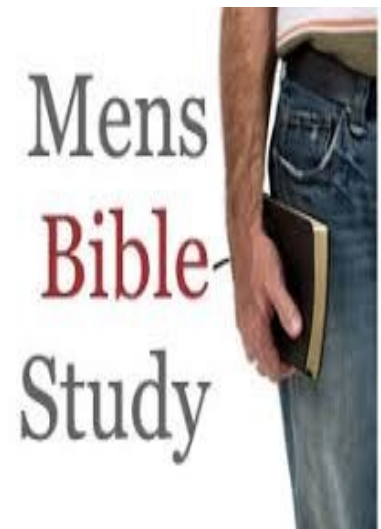
"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

There is one bible study each Saturday morning and one every Tuesday Evening:



Saturday Morning Bible Study:
Time: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Location: Old Sanctuary

Tuesday Evening Bible Study:
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Hub



BROTHERS IN BATTLE with Audie Dennis.....

Struggling to Make the Right Decision for Servitude/Discipleship

Why do we struggle with servitude/discipleship?

God's word tells us how we should serve one another with whatever gifts we have. Our prayer/quiet, time with the Lord helps us focus on what He wants us to do. Yet we still struggle.

What are the barriers to doing Gods will for our lives?

We do not want to give up our own plans. We are afraid we would lose control or things will change. We are not the type of person to get involved or maybe we focus on our own issues/problems. It also might be that we do not have time or we do not know what we can do.

So what can we do?

Get involved. Look at what ministries we have at CrossWater and try one that interests you. Do not wait until you have time because there will always be something to take up your time. Servitude helps us focus on helping others thus making some of our own issues seem smaller. Servitude is also a way to take the focus off ourselves as we help others. Additionally, Jesus told us that as Christians we must humbly serve others as stated in Romans 12:3-8.

Not long ago I was not involved in service and I had every excuse known to man. Some excuses I listed in this article but I finally got involved and found that I received more blessings than I was actually providing. Who knew! However, I still struggle from time to time as the devil tries to get me to focus on myself. But my faith keeps me grounded to what Jesus told us to do: love one another and serve each other. So take the first step and get involved today. There are many people less fortunate or just in need of your help. 2 Corinthians 9:12 states "The service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." So use your talents and gifts to help someone. You will be glad you did.

