

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

This month's SLD Newsletter highlights the L2L Kickoff Banquet and the Daily Bible Reading small group ministry within Spiritual Leadership Development (SLD).

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Lads-to-Leaders Kickoff Banquet

Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) 2007 at Germantown will begin with the annual Kickoff Banquet.

L2L Kickoff Banquet
August 26, 2006
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Speaker - Eddie Lewis

Make your plans to attend the Kickoff Banquet for the 2007 L2L program. This program involves 3rd grade through college age students and their families. L2L focuses on the development of leadership skills. There are some events in which adults can participate with children or grandchildren!

The program allows for a great way to spend family time together as the students improve upon leadership skills. The students' confidence will be increased and their talents will be put to use in the Lord's church.

Even if you do not have children in this age group, you are still invited to attend the Kickoff Banquet.

2007 L2L Theme

"Be on alert,
stand firm in the faith . . ."

1 Corinthians 16:13

Humble Ourselves

As Christians we should be humble in the sight of God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ:

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up.

James 4:10 (KJV)

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him for he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NIV)

Daily Bible Reading

The Daily Bible Reading (DBR) ministry continues to be a success. The objective of DBR is to read the Bible each day and several individual members and families continue to meet this goal.

We also have daily Bible reading tracks available for those who would like to follow a schedule.

Track 1 - Read the OT and NT during 2006 and 2007

Track 2 - Read the NT during 2006

You can join the DBR small group ministry at any time! Let me know if you would like one of the tracks.

Members of the DBR meet periodically on Sunday afternoon prior to the evening worship services to read the day's passage. Our next meeting will be:

Sunday, August 6th at 5:30 pm
in Room 124

Come join us as we read God's Word together!

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for the members of the Germantown church of Christ as we lead by being Christian servants.

This month PAGE 2 of the SLD Newsletter stresses the need for dads to have a "fatherly talk" with our children to ensure they understand our Christian faith and why we act as we do.

Dads - Take Time to Pass on Our Beliefs

The Importance of Taking Time

As dads we have all been there - we don't have time to spend on some items that we know need attention. How did we get in this position? How can we adjust the crises in our life to ensure we attend to items that will bring the long term benefit?

As dads we must invest our time in the important matters of life that will have a big payback to the success of our children. On this topic the Book of Proverbs can be a big help to fathers! We find in the first 9 chapters of Proverbs a "fatherly talk" between a dad and his son. Of course, as dads we tend to point to the father as a mentor and coach to the son in life's issues. That analogy is well taken, but when we look at the larger picture we can also see the need for a discussion between one generation and the other; as a passing of knowledge via experience.

Proverbs - Instructions

The first portion of the Book of Proverbs provides 10 instructions from the father to the son. Here are the main topics of these instructions:

Instruction 1 - (1:8-19)

Choices are important

Instruction 2 - (2:1-22)

Wisdom is valuable

Instruction 3 - (3:1-12)

Behavior toward God

Instruction 4 - (3:21-35)

Behavior toward others

Instruction 5 - (4:1-9)

Give your faith to the next generation

Instruction 6 - (4:10-19)

Choose your friends wisely

Instruction 7 - (4:20-27)

Wise choices provide the right body

Instruction 8 - (5:1-23)

Warning Against Impurity and Infidelity

Instruction 9 - (6:1-35)

Practical Admonitions

Instruction 10 - (7:1-27)

The False Attractions of Adultery

Proverbs - Sayings

Stay away from corrupt individuals:

"My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent." (1:10)

Search for wisdom (making Godly choices in life):

"If you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God." (2:4-5)

Behavior toward God includes trust in Him:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." (3:5-6)

Give to God first and give to Him of your wealth:

"Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine." (3:9-10)

Actions toward the community include doing good to others:

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." (3:27)

Passing of beliefs from grandfather to father to son:

"When I was a son to my father . . . Then he taught me and said to me; Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and live; Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!" (4:3a, 4-5a)

Two reasons for marital fidelity: 1) God sees everything and 2) one can be entrapped in the sin of adultery:

"For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He watches all his paths. His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and he will be held with the cords of his sin." (5:21-22)

Take Time!

Fathers, have we allowed time to pass us by without the necessary discussions with our children that we need to have? Maybe. Have we missed opportunities to converse in-depth on important matters in life? Probably. Have we allowed urgent, non-important, minor issues in life to get in the way of a "fatherly talk"? Most likely. Does that mean we give up? Absolutely not.

We can always do better and we probably haven't done as bad as we think at times. All fathers can see mistakes or missed opportunities in interacting with their children. Let's put the past in the past and look to the future. Let's draw nearer to God and bring our families with us. Let's be the men God wants us to be!