

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

The SLD Newsletter this month features 10 men who have stepped up to increase their spiritual growth, a new family to Germantown and a note on the Ministry Summit 2008.

Glenn

“... he who leads; with diligence ...” Romans 12:8

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The Challenge

The Challenge was accepted by 10 men! These men have committed to spend time and effort in leadership development. Over a 10 week period these men will be challenged to grow spiritually on an individual basis. During the next few weeks please pray for these men as they complete 10 challenges in the Men's Leadership Challenge.

- Sam Bush
Ken Cope
Daniel Gooch
John Goodfred
Andrew Howell
Greg Krech
Alan McClurg
Marti Neill
Dave Simpson
Scott Smith

MINISTRY SUMMIT 2008

Theme "Pathway to Discipleship"
all elders, deacons and ministers should attend
Pray - Plan - Fellowship - Take Action

Friday, February 22
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, February 23
8 a.m. - noon

Family Focus

The Taylor Family



Family Focus is proud to introduce to you Tom and Sue Taylor. The Taylors placed membership here at Germantown in May of 2007.

Tom is the owner of Tom Taylor Realty. Sue is a coordinator for the MBA program at Union University. They have three grown children; Lucy, Cameron and Jessica.

Tom grew up in Brooksville, MS. His mother took her children to services of the Baptist, Methodist and other denominations every Sunday.

Sue grew up in Liberty Hill, TX and was raised in a Christian home, her father serving as an elder. Sue briefly attended Abilene Christian University.

Tom and Sue met here in Memphis and married in 1987. They list as their interests the grandchildren first; followed by football games, tailgating, yard work and decorating.

Tom and Sue have expressed a desire to be a part of the work with the retirement homes that our church assists. We are so glad to have them here to work and worship with us.

Let's all make sure to meet Tom and Sue Taylor and get to know them better in the new year.

- Latina Brumfield -

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

Pathway of Discipleship Part 1 of 3

A kick-off event occurred at the Elders' Breakfast on Saturday, January 26. A focus statement was introduced to the congregation. The statement

“Walking with God and His family in His ministry to His world”

summarizes a long term vision for our congregation, in which the congregation as a whole and members individually take a journey. This journey encompasses our lives and the lives of people we encounter each day.

To represent our focus statement a logo was developed:



The logo displays a pathway which we, as Christians, take. The pathway is one of discipleship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The way is winding and narrow, but leads us to more experiences, challenges and opportunities to grow in our faith, serve God and let others know of Christ, the Redeemer of the world.

In the February, March and May issues of this newsletter we will look at aspects of the Pathway of Discipleship. Each article in the 3-part series will provide some insights into the Pathway of Discipleship.

- Part 1 What is it?
- Part 2 What are the expectations for the congregation?
- Part 3 What should I do?

Our “Pathway of Discipleship” logo and “Walking with God and His family in His ministry to His world” focus statement will be visible to the congregation in the coming weeks. Both will be discussed via articles in the bulletin, displayed by banners in the hallways, presented on the visual screen in the auditorium and much more; including lessons and sermons.

Become familiar with the logo, the focus statement and what you can do at Germantown to be on the pathway which will influence other people's lives by doing the will of God.

Pathway of Discipleship What is it?

The pathway is the avenue we, as Christians within the Germantown congregation, focus our talents, time and energy to the Lord's work and to the spiritual growth of our members. This pathway can lead each member to an increased recognition of the benefits of the Christian life, to a higher sense of urgency for our own spiritual maturity, to commit oneself to more ministry involvement and to act on sharing our faith with other people. The extended journey on this pathway can and will take many turns. The journey will: lead us in and out of the aspects of the worldly view, but we must persevere to the our goal; lead us to some failures along the way, but we must keep in mind our successes; and lead us into a long, extended road of different obstacles, but we must continue to live and learn as we mature in our faith.

Discipleship is the manner we view progress along the pathway. The Germantown congregation is made-up of distinct individuals with many outstanding God-given talents. As we each develop our talents we can become even more effective in the Lord's work by aligning our efforts to a focused goal. The Germantown church of Christ is a loving, caring and unified body. We want to be focused on being more effective Christians. Our movement along the pathway, individually and collectively, demonstrates the movement of our life as a disciple of Christ.

Thus, the Pathway of Discipleship is how the members of our church unify in the Lord's work at Germantown and how, as individual Christians, we contribute to that work. A focus statement has been developed to summarize this idea in a concise manner. The members of the congregation at Germantown will move along the Pathway of Discipleship by:

“Walking with God and His family in His ministry to His world”.

As disciples we are to follow Jesus Christ, our Master. What pathway did Jesus take? While he was on earth Jesus ensured his relationship with God the Father was kept. Also, our Lord built human relationships; some were very close relationships; and Christ identified his followers as his family. Jesus not only went into people's houses, including the houses of sinners; but, he went into their lives. Jesus lived a life of caring for people; he lived among them, taught them, touched them, healed them, and even died for them.

The Pathway of Discipleship is a road the members at Germantown are to take. Let us, as the Germantown family of God, live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Let us walk the pathway together; unified; growing spiritually; focused; and sharing our faith with others we meet.