

# Spiritual Leadership Development

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## The Newsletter

This month's SLD Newsletter takes a look at friendship and the wise choice of friends.

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"... he who leads; with diligence ..."  
Romans 12:8

### Friendship

Friendship is more than a frequent contact with someone or even the sharing of mutual interests. Friendship has more to do with common values or belief systems. Our choice of close friends can have a direct impact on whether we remain faithful.

When we choose our close friends we should place a high priority on values and beliefs, including: encouragement, giving the benefit of the doubt, unconditional acceptance, going the extra mile with support, respect for our faith and communion with Christian friends in Christian behavior.

## Making Friends? Choose Wisely

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners,  
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! *Psalm 1:1*

A perverse man spreads strife,  
And a slanderer separates intimate friends. *Proverbs 16:28*

He who conceals a transgression seeks love,  
But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends. *Proverbs 17:9*

A man with too many friends comes to ruin,  
But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. *Proverbs 18:24*

Faithful are the wounds of a friend,  
But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. *Proverbs 27:6*

Iron sharpens iron,  
So one man sharpens another. *Proverbs 27:17*

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." *1 Corinthians 15:33*

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of the Germantown  
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we lead by being  
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This month **PAGE 2** of the SLD Newsletter highlights 9 women who have recently completed the Women's Leadership Challenge and 9 men and young men who have recently completed the Leading the Assembly class. These women, men and young men are examples of individuals who are increasing their spiritual growth!

## The Challenge

The 3rd Women's Leadership Challenge completed Tuesday, November 11. The 10 week course consisted of 10 challenges, which were specifically focused on an individual's spiritual leadership development. Each of these women stepped up to the task and gave a great effort in progressing in their spiritual growth. The women did an outstanding job in completing each challenge! Congratulations to the 9 women of the congregation who took The Challenge!



Carolyn Cole      Christy Pace      Krystle Howell      Jeanne Daily      Allison Smith  
Jennifer Blake      Jennifer Neill      Stephanie Gordon      Courtney Shelton

Please let these women know how much you appreciate their self-discipline to challenge themselves over a 10 week period. Also, I want to thank their families for allowing these women to take hours away from their family time. The women built stronger relationships and friendships with each other and each woman was encouraged in her spiritual leadership development. The benefits from The Challenge will continue into the future!



Tyler Huss      Carl Porter      Jeff Goode      Joseph Wilder      Bill Fiedler      Bryan Pace  
Jonathan Chapman      James Chapman      Kye Ruddy

## Leading the Assembly

Another Leading the Assembly class completed on Sunday, October 26. The class sessions included lessons on how to lead and allowed the participants to practice-lead elements of the worship.

The elements included:

- Reading Scripture
- Praying
- Comments at the Lord's Table
- Comments for the Contribution.

The content of the class stresses the responsibilities in leading the assembly, provides examples which can be used and allows the participants to practice leading the elements several times. Feedback is given to the participants so each can learn from their experience. At the end of the sessions each participant has several examples which they can use in leading the assembly.

Congratulations to these men and young men who have taken the time to increase their experience in this leadership role.