

The Advanced Challenge

Eight men have completed The Advanced Challenge! In previous years these men initially stepped up and joined other men to take The Challenge - 10 men, 10 weeks, 10 challenges. The Challenge stretches men in their individual spiritual growth. Now in The Advanced Challenge these eight men have defined and implemented a ministry element centered around spiritual leadership which expands their skill set and experience level in the Lord's work!

Following is a brief summary of portions of their individual challenges. A special congratulations to these men on completing The Advanced Challenge, devoting extensive time to their individual spiritual growth and helping others in and outside the church. You will notice positive changes occurring from these new aspects of Germantown ministries!

Al Gabriel

Al originated a means to build Christian values into the dating experience for teens. Through a father/daughter date or a mother/son date the child experiences structured Christian values and etiquette. Proper dating behavior is promoted while building a stronger relationship between the parent and teen. Social and religious values are taught and self-esteem built. Well done, Al!

Greg Krech

Greg is coordinating the Teach to Teach event for L2L. The program provides high school students an opportunity to teach a Bible class to their peers and younger age groups. The students are given insight to lesson preparation and delivery. With feedback from adult teachers the student teachers will improve their teaching skills for current and future use in the church! Way to go, Greg!

Matt Marek

Matt formulated a technique to collect and archive traditional and devotional hymns to praise God through a cappella music. Recordings of singing from Germantown worship services, devotions, VBS and youth group events will be placed on CDs or accessible to an iPod for distribution to members living at the Kirby Pines assisted-living home. CDs are already available! Exceptional, Matt!

Efrain Marrero

Efrain established a vehicle for support to the Heart Group ministry. This structured-based support includes a setting of expectations and a how-to approach for the leader to maintain enthusiasm, a healthy atmosphere and focus on God within the Heart Group. Periodic workshops will occur during the year. The 1st leadership workshop was held in early November! Superb, Efrain!

Jeff Spence

Jeff developed a personalized Bible study to teach the Gospel to a non-Christian. The study includes a series of lessons to bring others to Christ while allowing the teacher to be comfortable in presenting. A notebook of lessons, a tri-fold summary guide and a brief "business-card look" overview were produced. This is a great method for one-on-one Bible studies. Outstanding, Jeff!

Barre Thrasher

Barre left his comfort zone to do something he has never done before - teach a youth group class. Through preparation, study, development of lesson plans and teaching the class a new skill was acquired. Teaching 3 class sessions in the Fall quarter brought forth growth as a teacher and stronger relationships with the 7-8 graders in the Germantown Youth Group! Wonderful, Barre!

Bryan Turner

Bryan created a toolkit to enhance his personal Bible study. The method integrates historical documents and scholarly writings. Resources covered topics and settings of culture, social strata, events, rulers, themes, etymology and other subjects. This comprehensive toolkit can be used for studies of books or passages. The toolkit has already been used with the Book of James! Great, Bryan!

Archie Vest

Archie launched a website to spread the word of God using as the guide Mark 16.15. The site includes message boards to interest people to read God's word. Daily Bible verses are presented and prayer requests taken. An active and controlled blog related to the site's weekly theme is available. Excellent, Archie! Check the site out:

<http://godslovingmessage.yolasite.com/>

What 2 Watch 4

January 23

Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) Pre-convention Events Forms

Due date for L2L coordinators to ensure forms are prepared and given to Dee or Glenn Daily.

February 27

Daily Bible Readers' (DBR) Ministry Potluck

For DBR ministry participants; after the 10:30 AM worship service; sign-up begins February 6.

March 5

Women's Leadership Challenge Reunion

Ladies who have completed The Challenge are invited to attend. Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6-8 pm for food, fellowship and a discussion of The Challenge experience - past, present and future. Sign-up begins February 20.