

MEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Men's Ministry Mission Statement

Our purpose is to support the mission of Woodburn Missionary Church to "take next steps together" through activities involving men.

We will:

- ◆ offer opportunities for men to grow in leadership and service within the church, family and community.
- ◆ encourage and facilitate the spiritual depth of men by creating an atmosphere of security, brotherhood, support, and accountability.

Our commitment is to continue growing in Christ, making disciples, and exalting His name through all activities.

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- Saturday January 21 Men's Breakfast (7:00 a.m.)
Guest Speaker: Rick Cooper, Open Door Church
- Wednesday January 25 Men's Leadership Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- Sun—Sat Jan 29-Feb 4 Men's Work Team to Birmingham, AL

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday February 8 Men's Leadership Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- Saturday February 11 Letters From Dad Study (7:00 a.m.)
- Friday February 17 Men's Retreat (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)
- Saturday February 18 Men's Retreat (7:00 - 11:30 a.m.)
- Wednesday February 22 Men's Leadership Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- Saturday February 25 Letters From Dad Study (7:00 a.m.)
- Wednesday February 29 Small Group Leader's Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH

- Wednesday March 7 Men's and Women's Joint Leadership Meeting (6:00 p.m. Conference Room)
- Saturday March 10 Letters From Dad Study (7:00 a.m.)
- Thursday March 15 NCAA Basketball Tournament
Buffalo Wild Wings - Chapel Ridge (noon - 5:00 p.m.)
- Friday March 16 NCAA Basketball Tournament
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- Saturday March 17 Men's Breakfast (7:00 a.m.)
- Saturday March 17 Men's Oil Change Saturday (8:30 - 11:00 a.m.)
- Saturday March 24 Letters From Dad Study (7:00 a.m.)
- Wednesday March 28 Men's Leadership Meeting (7:00 p.m.)



Be Strong and Courageous

By Gary Hahn

Four times in the first chapter of the book of Joshua, God tells this leader to be "strong and courageous." God gave these familiar words directly to this young leader. And to think: Here is a guy who, forty years earlier, was totally convinced that the Promised Land was Israel's to claim. When the twelve spies put it up to a vote, Joshua and Caleb voted to invade. But, as you know, they were overruled. So all of Israel had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years!

So, here we are, 40 years later, on the brink of entering into the Promised Land. And guess what? Joshua is being told to be strong and courageous. Are you kidding?! What happened? Wasn't this the guy who was so brave, confident, and convinced 40 years earlier? Why the reluctance and hesitation now? I think that God must have sensed that Joshua needed to be reminded.

Come to think of it, that kind of resonates with me! Sometimes life can wear us down and cause us to lose focus. We begin to waffle, doubt, and waver on our convictions. But God is still our strength. We can be assured that if He calls us to move forward, He will also direct our steps, provide the means, and protect us along the way. Sure, we will take some hits in combat, but the outcome of the battle is secure. WE will be more than conquerors through Christ!

So... where are you tending to be hesitant? What obstacles seem daunting and impossible to overcome? Brothers, take heart! Remember God's words to Joshua: "Be strong and courageous." Men, let's commit in 2012 to take next steps together! Are you with me?

Men's Small Groups



- ◆ GET ANCHORED IN YOUR FAITH
- ◆ BUILD NEW FRIENDSHIPS
- ◆ LEARN HOW TO STUDY GOD'S WORD
- ◆ HUNT THROUGH GOD'S WORD
- ◆ DISCOVER GOD'S GAME PLAN FOR YOU!!

Contact: Denny Adams @ 493-4829 or Halon Walton @ 632-4675

Men's Basketball

Tuesdays
7:00 pm
Thursdays
7:00 pm
Saturdays
8:30 am



Location: Activity Center

Proverbs 27:17

JUST AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER.

Meet Keith Knoblauch



Tell us a little bit about your family?

Debbie and I have been blessed with three wonderful kids — Kiley, Clint, and Katie, two terrific in-laws — Teresa and Abbey, and five fantastic grandchildren — Makayla, Karysa, Kayden, Camden, and Parker.

What is your occupation?

Nearly sixty years ago my dad started a trucking-excavating business, which we have been operating since 1980. I primarily operate a track-loader doing excavating for homebuilders and farmers.

What do you like to do when you're not working?

I enjoy yard work and especially attending Katie's and the grandkids' sporting events. I also enjoy, believe it or not, eating out.

What brought you to WMC and how long have you been attending?

In February 2005 we felt God was directing us to make a change in our church home. Kiley and Teresa had attended here several times as well as other friends, so we thought we'd give it a try. It only took a couple of Sundays to feel at home. Six years later we are so thankful to be a part of this body of believers.

Are you a member of a small group and/or any other ministries?

I belong to a group of men called "Bible Boyz" which meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Denny Adams' place. I also feel privileged to help direct the loyal men who serve as ushers for each worship service.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." It just seems to be the very basics of Christianity. He loved us; we believe in Christ, His Son; we live forever with Him!

What has God been telling you lately?

To be thankful! Even though times seem tough and the world is in moral decline, our God is in control, and we as Christians can look forward confidently to eternal life with Him. In the meantime I feel truly blessed to be a part of a church in which many men are involved in their family's spiritual growth.

Bible Trivia

From which book did Jesus read when he went into the synagogue at Nazareth?

A. Jeremiah B. Isaiah C. Ezekiel D. The Psalms

The answer at: <http://www.woodburnmc.org/ministries/adult/men>



All Hands on Deck

November Alabama Work Trip

During the week of November 21, six families from WMC traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to work with Next Step Storm, the ministry headed up by Kim and Monte Brenneman. The primary focus of Next Steps is introducing people to Christ while helping them to rebuild and repair their homes. Though the destructive storms passed through the Birmingham area in April of 2011, there is still a massive amount of restoration needed. Many of the people in the area where Next Steps is concentrating its efforts are uninsured and trying to fund the cost of repairing or even replacing their homes out of their own pockets.



While working in Birmingham, the work team focused on 4 projects. They enjoyed having the opportunity to share the love of Christ while meeting a few peoples' most basic needs. One of the homeowners, James, has been working two jobs while trying to repair his house and care for his family, so progress has been slow. James said it was a tremendous encouragement to him to see so much accomplished in the short time that the work group was there.

Please join us in praying that people from WMC will continue to volunteer with Next Steps. A men's work team will be heading down to Birmingham during the week of January 29. Please contact Gary Richhart (341-2618) if you are interested in going along.

BRAINTEASER

If you had only one match, on a freezing winter day, and you entered a room which contained a lamp, a kerosene heater, and a wood burning stove, which should you light first.

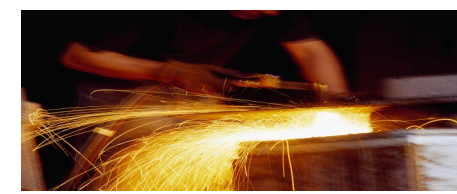
View the answer at the following link:

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sparks from the forge

Scriptural Insights
by Pastor Joel DeSelm

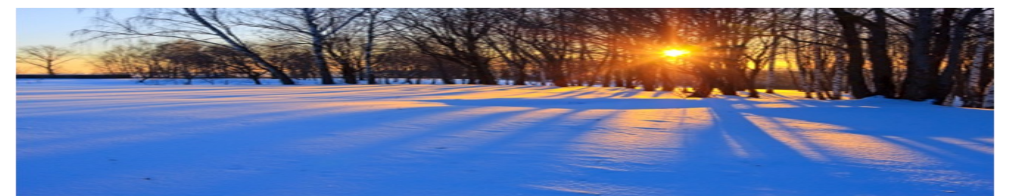


Winter is an interesting time of the year because the days are "shorter." Because of the tilt of the earth, the northern hemisphere catches less sunlight during the winter months than during the other three seasons. As a matter of fact, December 21 is actually the shortest *day* of the year, occurring on what is called the "winter solstice." There is more darkness during the wintertime than during the rest of the year. However, after December 21, the days become increasingly "longer." All of us have the anticipation of longer daylight, knowing that springtime will eventually occur.

There are spiritual implications of the winter season as well. Solomon tells us there is a "time" for all things (Eccl. 3:1-8). One of the lessons we can learn from winter is that there will be seasons of "darkness" in our lives. These include times of uncertainty, times of discouragement, and times when God seems very distant. However, the hope of every believer is that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. As the prophet Isaiah wrote, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light...."

Perhaps you are experiencing a time of "darkness" in your own life this season. Maybe in your own walk with God, or in your marriage, or perhaps in your ministry there seems to be this shadow or "darkness" that feels all-encompassing. I want you to be encouraged. God is near. May each of us echo the prayer of David in 2 Samuel 22:29 where he said, "You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light."

What a blessed reminder! What an encouraging word! What a timely prayer for each of us today!



Prayer Corner

- ◆ Pray for the Next Step Outreach work team as they minister to the people of Birmingham, AL.
- ◆ Pray that our men will step up and commit to attend the Men's Retreat coming in mid-February.
- ◆ Pray that our men would continue to exercise discipline in their personal time with the Lord, through prayer and reading the Bible.



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