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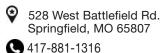
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Items of Interest

Hammond Spinet Organ, FREE to good home. Contact: Eva Leach 417-881-8447

Glad Tiding Assembly is selling:

Church Pews with Cushions. There are 4 different sizes to choose from ranging from 10 feet in length to 25 feet in length and 39 Pews in all. Asking \$50.00 for each or best offer. They are in great shape and would be great pews for an established church or church plant. Contact Wes Hansen or Pastor James McIntosh at (417) 866-2434. Buyer is responsible for pickup.

First Assembly of God in Lexington, Mo have 26 pews (108' length) to give to a church that needs them. They are in excellent condition. If interested, call Jack Blansit at 816.838.1779

Church Buses for Sale-Two:

Nixa First Assembly of God. 2006 Chevrolet 3500, Collins body, seats 14 passengers plus 1 driver. Both buses have automatic transmission, vinyl passenger seats, cloth driver seat, safety belts, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, backup alarm, manual bus door, tinted windows, rear heat and AC, front heat and AC, RCA rubber flooring. Both buses well maintained, thorough going over in shop in June. Low mileage! One bus has 34,000 miles, the other has 42,000 miles. Asking \$16,000 for 42,000 mile bus, \$17,000 for 34,000 mile bus. Contact Steve Randolph @ 417-763-5128 or church office 417-725-3075

New or Used Overhead or Video Projector. Missionaries Richard and Deborah Crabb. 573-578-6790 or richard.crabb@agmd.org

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Resource

For over ten years, we have consistently reminded the ministers and churches of our network of the purpose of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network leadership: Resource, Relationship, and Renewal. We come along side churches and minsters, find out what their God-given vision is, and do our best to help resource them so that they can accomplish that vision. We come along side to say, "Whatever you are going through, we are not leaving your side until you are all the way through it." That is relationship. And we as network leaders do our best to live and lead in such a way that it will lead our network into spiritual renewal.

For a few moments, let's focus on resource. For every believer, minister, and church, our mission is nearly identical. Our mission is to do our part to accomplish the great commission—to go into all the world and make disciples. Yet, each minister and church has a unique vision. This vision defines how God wants to use them to impact their community and their world with the gospel. It is key that each of us do not simply copy what someone else is doing. Instead, we seek God to discover his special design and plan to use us to change lives.

As network leaders, we challenge every minister and church to seek God to discover his best plan to use them to reach their sphere of influence with the good news. God's vision for us will always be larger than we could possibly accomplish on our own with what we currently have. It will always stretch us and challenge us to trust him to provide and to lead.

As ministers and churches discover their vision, we as network leaders desire to resource them to accomplish that vision. Often, when we hear that word, we think of money. And it is true that on a regular basis, we are able to provide financial resources to ministers and churches. Through church plant funds we help to jump start new works. Through church development funds, we are sometimes able to assist a church to get a fresh start as they turn the nose up to move forward and upward. Through church assistance funds, we are able to help a church which is struggling to pay bills or faced with a financial crisis. And, we are sometimes able to reach out to ministers who are in the middle of crisis to give them a little assistance to ease the load. All of this is possible because of the faithful giving of our ministers. When the network gives financial resources, it is not just the network leaders—in reality, it is assistance coming from each and every minister.

But the concept of resource goes much beyond monetary funding. Every executive leader and every ministry director desires to come along side of you to help you be the best that you can be. A wide range of opportunities to grow and to learn are provided by the network. These include such opportunities as camps, retreats, and summits which allow you to bring men, women, youth, and children to a quality event where they can interact with others and grow. Resourcing includes the Acts 2 Journey helping churches move to the next level, the Taking Care of Business Conference assisting churches and ministers to get the business side of life right, and missions training and resources to help your congregation realize they can be part of reaching the world for Christ. The list goes on and on of the ways we as network leadership want to help you to move forward in your vision.

Other times resource is simply helping you to connect with other ministries and entities which can help you move forward in what you are doing. This may include discovering what other churches are doing so that your knowledge and faith can be broadened. Or it may include information about a resource our national offices can provide or a particular company that can assist you with a particular need. Yes, many of these things you can find on our own. But your network leaders work to keep informed of people and opportunities which could help you progress.

When I was pastoring, I had this dear man in the church who would do anything that was asked of him. He was so thankful that God had saved him that he dedicated his life in service. Often, when he would do some undesirable job, I would say to him, "Greg, thank you. I appreciate you." And he would reply, "Well pastor, we are all in this together...so we better keep our stories straight!" Greg was right. We are all in this together. We are co-laboring doing all that we can to reach the lost and to disciple the found. Please know that it is our privilege as network leaders to partner with you to provide resources to assist you (in) accomplish(ing) your vision.

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REFRESH MINISTRY WOMEN

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Resources



Are you looking for resources to assist you in your ministry journey? Then you have landed on the right page!

Our Refresh Ministry Women Mission Statement aligns with our network to provide resources for women in ministry.

Refresh is a safe place for ministry wives and women ministers to be renewed, resourced, and build relationships with others.

Because we recognize the unique calling on your life, we also understand how important it is to have access to information that is relevant to your individual needs. From small online connections to large group in-person events; from online media content to one-on-one coffee meetings: there is something for you.

- Connect Groups: launch each September and January
- Private Facebook: SoMo District Refresh Ministry Women
- Refresh Ministry Women Breakaway: a two-day conference in March
- Up-to-date blog posts on our website: FreshenItUp.org/blog
- Lunch & Learn: weekly sessions videoed and hosted by our network women
- Network of Women Ministers (NWM): professional development and leadership growth opportunities on our website: FreshentItUp.org/nwm
- Our team is here for you. Reach us at refresh@somoag.org or 417-881-1316, ext. 122

Please take advantage of what we have to offer. A resource is only a benefit to you if you use it.

Additional resources for ministers and ministers' families are also available. Here is a list of a ministries who offer their services for respite, counsel, and much more.

Tour of Life/Angelia Crane: Touroflifeatwillowcove@yahoo.com and Facebook: Ann Crane

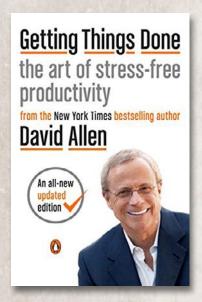
Sabbath Rest Retreat/Ed Shirrell: **Sabbathrest.net**<u>Assemblies of God webpage</u>: **Resources for Ministers**

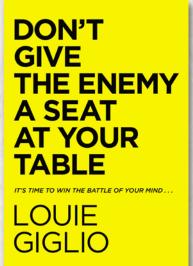


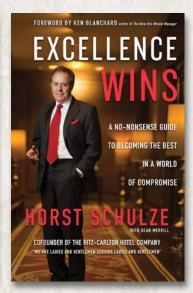


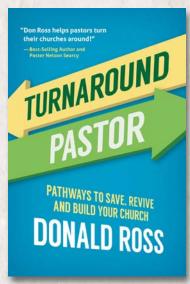


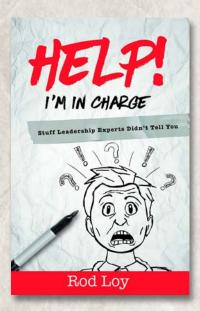
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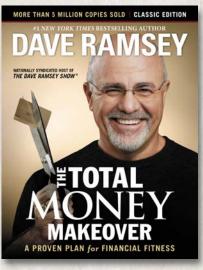


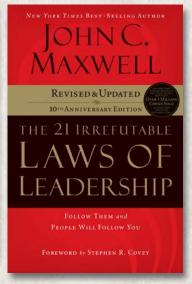


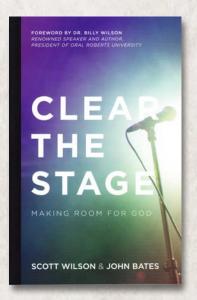












NETWORK SECRETARY



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Network Secretary provides valuable resources for ministerial credentials and churches





Credentials

The Network Secretary's office is responsible for processing credential applications and other resources for credentialed ministers.

Credential Applications

Assemblies of God has established three credential levels; Certified, License and Ordained. Interviews for credential applications are held three times a year:

- January (all levels; cert/lic/ord)
- June (only cert/lic)
- August (only cert/lic)

Credential Renewals

Every minister must renew their credential by December 31st. Renewal window opens first week of November.

Credential Transfers

When a minister moves out of the Network Area, their credential must be transferred to the district in which they reside.

School of Ministry

A resource offered to help students, ministers and pastors acquire the knowledge necessary for credentialing, to build strong values and character, and to develop the practical skills necessary for successful ministry.

Churches

The Network Secretary's office provides resources for churches and pastors. There are three categories of churches within our Network:

- Parent Affiliated Church (PAC)
- Network Affiliated (NA)
- General Council Affiliated (GCA)

We process the ACMRs, Church Affiliation Changes, address and status changes.

Pastor/Deacon Training

The Network Secretary also provides training for General Council Affiliated churches or for Network Affiliated Churches ready to upgrade their affiliation status.

Training will cover Biblical leadership in the local church and include discussion on establishing ground rules for board meetings and forming the church's policies and procedures.

Call the Network Secretary Office to discuss your church's need and to schedule a training.



MISSIONS
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RESOURCES by Rev. Carrol Deal

We live in an unprecedented time of vast available resources. With the touch of a finger it is possible to access information regarding almost any subject or interest. Who would have imagined that within seconds, a wealth of information could be accessible. Utilizing technological advancements makes modern resourcing fast, easy, and often very beneficial.

However, I contend that there are two types of traditional resourcing that are still far superior. The first resource that I recommend is the Word of God. Through daily study of the Bible we can not only know facts about God, but also find our way to knowing God, and having a rich relationship with Him. His Word will guide us in our daily lives, and to ultimately making heaven our home. Modern, easy, touch of the finger resourcing may be convenient, but it may not necessarily be correct, or what is best for us. God's Word will never fail us.

The other resource that I recommend is contact with God's people. True servants of God can help us to become what God wants us to be. They can guide us, and be an example, role models to follow. They will inspire us in our walk with God.

In 1984, my family and I relocated to Springfield, MO. I had enrolled at The AG Theological Seminary, and Gayle and I were processing to become missionaries to Africa. As we were determining what our new church home would be, we decided that we were most concerned about who would be our pastor. We chose Philip Wannamacher. We wanted him to be our shepherd. In retrospect, we made a wise decisions. He taught us so much about kindness, and how to lovingly lead a congregation. What a resource!

Wednesday Bible studies were our favorite services of the week. Gayle and I were thrilled. Each service was filled with many ministerial legends. Some were older missionary pioneers, church planters, heroes of the faith that we had heard and read about, and we got to be in church with them. We were so blessed to sit in the midst of these remarkable servants of God. We drank from the well of their wisdom. These great men and women of the faith were remarkable resources for us. There are so many wonderful believers all around us. Let us not forget to draw from these giants of the faith!

Missionaries

The Network Missions Department processes applications for individuals desiring to enter the Mission field whether for US Missions or AG World Missions.

Southern Missouri currently has over 180 missionaries serving in various mission fields. The Mission Department opens up doors of opportunities at Area events and Network Council for missionaries to connect with local Pastors and churches.

Gideon 300 Plus

Gideon 300 Plus is a yearly fundraising arm of the Missions Department to support newly commissioned missionaries, missionary associates, veteran missionaries and a special project. Individuals and churches can participate in this Network Missions Campaign or implement their own Missions giving projects. Gideon 300 Plus contributions can be submitted via our website: www.somoag.org.

Churches

The Missions Department provides resources for churches that desire to promote missions.

Missions Convention

Resources are available at the Network Missions
Department to assist your church in hosting a Missions
Convention.

Faith Promise Challenge

The Network Missions Director or any of the Network Mission Representatives can visit your church to teach the importance of collecting a Faith Promise.

Missions Flag & Banners

Churches can take advantage of borrowing a variety of country flags from the Missions Department to be used for their Missions convention or service. Mission theme banners are also available upon request.



RESOURCES

to Enhance the Business of your Church!

Go to our website, **somoag.org**, and click on the logos to learn more about these resources.

somoag.org/business_finance/about



































CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



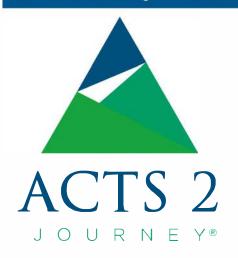
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Resources for Leaders & Churches

I don't need to tell you how challenging it is to lead a church forward in today's culture. As a pastor or ministry leader you are living that challenge every day. It is our passion to help you by providing multiple resources to help you grow as a leader, and to help your church become the church God intended it to become. Here are just a few of the resources available from SMMN Church Development:

Acts 2 Journey

Each year we provide an Acts 2 Journey Cohort that consists of four weekend retreats spread over ten months. The Friday session of each retreat weekend is for Lead Pastors and their spouse to receive training about time management, dealing with conflict, leading change, and building teams. The Saturday session of each retreat is for the Pastor and their leadership team (ideally 5 to 10 people) to ASSESS the health of the church, establish VISION, discover and embrace core VALUES, create STRATEGY, and then EXECUTE those strategies to achieve their objectives. Plan now to join us for future cohorts forming for 2023 (see below).



2023 Dates

Discovery Weekend= January 20-21

Retreat 1= March 10-11

Retreat 2= May 19-20

Retreat 3= August 25-26

Retreat 4= October 27-28

Location based on participating churches

The Pastor's Strategic Playbook

I recently completed my master's in strategic leadership through North Central University, and *The Pastor's Strategic Playbook* was the result of my three years of study and research to receive that degree. It is written to help pastors and church leaders to create the strategy needed to move their church forward. If you would like to purchase a copy, please send an email to GPerkins@somoag.org and ask for details.



HealthyChurchJourney.com

CHURCH PLANTING



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BY CHRIS WIGGS, REACH MISSOURI NETWORK

Fall 2022

FROM A DREAM TO REALITY- OUR STORY

The highway curved slowly uphill until we were greeted by a large blue sign that read "Missouri Welcomes You." The St. Louis Arch reflected the sun and we could feel all of God's promises coming into fruition. For years we would drive through Missouri on that I-70 bridge feeling the pull on our heartstrings to plant a church. We never knew when or how but we knew in our bones God had scattered the seeds of a dream that only He could make happen.

As lead pastors we had the privilege of seeing so many lives transformed by the love of Jesus. How could we leave the comfort and safety of an established church? How do we pick up our family and move our children where we don't know a single person? Where would we find the courage to do something completely new?

The day came when we felt led to call the moving truck and move forward in obedience. We didn't know where we would live, work or even what neighborhood God was calling us to! All we knew is that God said "GO." And we did! We moved to St. Louis ready to change the city for Jesus. Like many other church planters we had the heart and the vision with no idea where to begin. That's when Reach Missouri Network stepped in and provided the resources we needed to make this God dream a reality.

There are many people just like us that feel called to plant a church but they don't know where to begin or what steps to take. Reach Missouri Network offers support, training, administration and guidance during the pre-launch, launch, and post-launch of a church plant. Do you feel God calling you tp start a new church? Below are a list of ways that RMN can help resource you.

HOW WE PROVIDE INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIP-BASED **NETWORKING FOR CHURCH PLANTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



- Provide a network of relationships with established leaders and coaches throughout the complete process of church planting
- local pastors and churches and other local and non-local church planters and their



- Provide leadership development, identification, and development of key leaders and team building for pastor/board and pastor/staff/team
- Provide guidance in the development of church ministries and sustaining spiritual and numerical growth



- Provide and assist with marketing and fundraising strategies
- Assist with the recruitment and development of church teams and core groups
- Provide administrative assistance for legal publications, networking, general office, accounting and the building of administration



- Ongoing mentorship, training and leadership development
- Ongoing health checkup of leadership and ministries through
- Help with people assimilation into the local church and the local church



- Collaborate with community and church and accomplish Kingdom initiatives larger
- Recruit new church planters and promote, consult, and encourage healthy churches to effectively parent a new church

"RMN has provided us their wisdom & experience to help grow our vision. Their financial resources paid for our many of our pre-launch community events where we added members to our launch team. They also provided relational care on a personal level- caring about the pastor, not just the plant."

-STONE MOSS LIMITLESS CHURCH



CROSS POINTE CAMP



Curtis & Cindy Washam, Directors crosspointeretreatcenter@gmail.com

God's miraculous work in the lives of youth and kids at 2022 summer camps



335 First Time Salvations, 932 Recommitments, 479 Holy Spirit Baptisms, 559 Called into full time ministry, 1,191 healings

Thank you to all who came and worked at camp this summer!

SOMO Prayer Network

"Touching Heaven"

Fall Prayer Retreat

November 4&5th

Cross Pointe Camp

With: Joe Oden

National Prayer and Evangelism Director

National Prayer Center

To Register: Go to SOMOprayer.com or call (573)365-0600

SOMO Prayer Network

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." – James 5:16 (NLT)

One of the purposes of the **Southern Missouri Prayer Network** is to support Pastors and churches in having strong effective prayer ministry.

The following are areas that we can encourage or help you expand the prayer ministries of your church.

- Encouraging people to pray in a united prayer meeting on a weekly or monthly basis – tools for a dynamic prayer meeting!
- Tools to **develop a strong prayer team** this is individualized for your church or ministry under the guidance of the lead pastor
- Teaching and training for:

praying for people at altar times
praying for Revival or Renewal in the church
praying for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit
praying for your community
praying for Awakening in our nation
spiritual warfare
praying for healing and deliverance
other:

We want to come along side to start or strengthen the prayer ministries of your church.

For more information on the Prayer Network: Go to SOMOprayer.com





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Happy Fall!

We are here to encourage, partner with you, and provide resources to help you minister to the needs of women. Our purpose is to discover and develop biblical, godly resources to help disciple women in every stage of life.

The SO MO Women's Department offers events annually to connect and help resource the women of our Network.

Women's Prayer Event/Sectional Event

The New Year begins with a prayer event for each section. The prayer focus is

For Family, Local Church, Pastor's, District Office, and our Nation.

Women's and Girls Ministries "EMPOWERED" To Serve Spring Conference/District Event

This conference provides training for women to be effective in their place of ministry. On Friday evening there is an emphasis on one's personal relationship with God. Saturday there are sessions for training, resource, and encouragement.

"You and Me" Mother and Daughter Event/District Event

This event takes place at Cross Pointe Camp and Retreat Center. It is for Mom's, Daughters, Grandmothers, and Aunts etc. Such a special time to concentrate on our relationships with each other. Low key, and lots of fun and learning together.

Compassionate Heart Rallies/Sectional Event

These rallies allow women across the District to come together with a mission's emphasis and receive items for the Compassionate Heart Room.

Fall Retreats on The Lake/District Event

Fall Retreats are held on two consecutive weekends. Our purpose and desire is that women in the local church will become closer and unite together to do great things for the Kingdom of God! Various sessions pertaining to the needs of women today are available, and opportunities to participate in New Missions Projects are offered each year. Unlimited times of praise and worship during altar times conclude each service.

"Compelled by Compassion" Awards and Celebration Rallies/Sectional Tour

This tour starts at the end of September. These rallies provide opportunities to reach the women that do not attend the Retreats, and present to them the Missions Projects for the coming year. Awards are also presented at this time.

Christmas Project Events/Sectional Event

This ministry honors Retired Ministers, Ministers Widows, and Retired Missionaries of our District. Each church is asked to bring an offering for a monetary Christmas gift to be divided and given at Christmas time.

Our National Office AG Women offer these resources and many more online at *women.ag.org/Resources*

- "A Quick Guide for Ministry to Women
- "Equip Women" Free ministry leadership training.
- "Chasing Truth" Reading the bible in a year!
- "Bible App Devotionals"

Blessings as we work together for the Kingdom of God!





Resources





momentumtrainingseries.com

These courses are an affordable way to train leaders and parents in ways to enhance their ministry to students.



kidmin.ag.org/8goals

This book is great for parents or spiritual leaders who desire to see their students grow in knowledge and relationship with Jesus.

Parents/Spiritual Leaders Pre-School/Elementary



ngm.ag.org/Topics-Resources/ Resources/Preschool-Elementary

This free daily devotional designed for elementary girls help them to discover Biblical truth in a way that helps them with practical application of scripture.



ngm.ag.org

This free guide can be used as a stand alone lesson for your elementary students regarding trending topics or used as a consecutive series.

ngm.ag.org

This free outreach event guide can be used in a variety of ways to teach the spiritual truths in Ephesians 6.



iumpstart3.com/

Energetic & Catchy Scripture

memory songs

Teen Girl



ngm.ag.org/Topics-Resources/ Resources/Teen-Girls

Free weekly devotionals for teen girls to grow in their relationship with Jesus.



ngm.ag.org/Topics-Resources/ Resources/Teen-Girls

A vlog for girls that pairs with hot topic leader guides on current events.



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Resources for Ministry to Men

SOMO Men exists to ENGAGE, EQUIP, and MOBILIZE today's man in today's local church to soar in their pursuit of Christ, and we offer dozens of resources to help. Here are just a few that are available to you through SOMO Men's Ministries:

Men's Summit

Each year we provide Men's Summit for men to gather in a spirit-filled atmosphere to experience God's transforming power and grace. Now offering TWO retreat weekends, each one features amazing worship, helpful workshops, powerful speakers, and lots of fun activities and competitions ranging from team dodgeball to checkers.

Disciple-Maker Workshops

SOMO Men will provide regional one-day workshops designed to help men disciple other men. Jesus told us to GO and make disciples, so we want to help each man in your church not only understand WHAT that means, but also know HOW to do that.

Men's APP

Check out the FREE Men's phone app for hundreds of FREE resources designed to challenge, encourage, and disciple men as they pursue Christ. Just download the app on your phone and you'll have the resources you need to lead a men's study group, or for your personal devotion time. See the graphic below to get connected to the app.

The SOMO Men's Team

Our greatest resource we provide are the people who serve in our Network Men's Department – Jason Jacques (360Man Missionary), Shannon Fox (ministry assistant), and myself. Jason and I are available to help get ministry to men launched in your church. Let us help you develop a men's leadership team or provide advice for ways to engage, equip, and mobilize men in your church. Shannon is the cheerful voice you hear when you call our office and she can connect you to everything available for the men of Southern Missouri.





somomen.com/resource



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Building Confidence in Boys

Every week it happens, and it's been happening for more than fifty years. Every week, Royal Rangers leaders from all across our district take time and energy away from other pursuits to prepare for an activity that will forever change the future of our families, churches, and communities. No, they're not building a time machine or performing some dramatic feat that will win the awe and admiration of the masses. These dedicated men and women are all doing the same thing. They're getting ready for their next Royal Rangers weekly meeting.

I know it may not sound like a life-changing, future-altering activity, and I'm sure there are times when every one of those leaders asks themselves if what they're doing really matters. Is all this really worth it? Let me assure you that it is.

Royal Rangers meetings are so much more than just a way to fill time while "real ministry" is taking place in the adult services. Yes, Royal Rangers meetings include game time, building things, making messes, and at times, a whole lot of noise. But every part of that process plays an important role in fulfilling our central purpose—to introduce boys to the saving knowledge of Christ and instill within them the confidence to walk the path of the Christlike life laid out for them, wherever it may lead.

Some may think it's a waste of time to teach boys about building campfires, changing flat tires, building model rockets, or making little wooden cars to race down a track. Yet, each of those activities, and the many others like them, help to develop skills and build confidence in boys and foster within them that small voice that says, "I can do this. I can succeed. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Some may think it's silly to spend ministry time playing kickball outside, dodgeball in the gym, or some crazy game a boy came up with at school today. Yet, every time we play a game or do something together that makes a boy laugh and smile, and he sees his leader smiling back at him, he knows that somehow he matters. He knows he's worth our time, he matters to God and he matters to us, and he really is important.

Leading boys through the process of growing into Christlike manhood requires time and effort, and it may take years to see the fruit of your labor. But what we do really is important because the things we do this week and every other week like it will fill the heart of a boy with value, significance, and confidence. His future will be different tomorrow because you made him a priority today.

Yes, we play games, and build campfires, and other silly things. But we're also building boys. And through that process, we're forever changing the world—one crazy kid at time.





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Resources

The 50 Plus Department has lots of resources available for any pastor or church to begin a 50 Plus Program and/or help recreate and take your group to a whole new level.

Here are some of the resources:



Please contact us if we can be of assistance.

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