

### **Ministry is the Pathway to Maturity**

Ministry is the pathway to maturity. It is not the other way around. You do not become mature by not ministering. A disciple of Christ ministers, and as he or she ministers to Christ for others then the persons discipling become matured in their faith.

The effectiveness of a pastor is not gauged by the performance of his ministerial duties alone. I believe it is measured and developed as the pastor disciples others and leads in a plan of discipleship. We as individuals need to be about discipling disciples, pastors, preachers, godly fathers, and Christ-honoring students. That is why we say, "Ministry is the pathway to maturity."

Ephesians 4:11-13 tells us, "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Notice the Bible tells us that pastors are to equip the saints so that they may do the work of the ministry, building up the body, till we all come in unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

There are two questions every believer should be able to answer: "Who am I discipling?" & "Who is discipling me?"

Every church should be answering two questions as well: "Do we have a plan for making disciples?" & "Is our plan for disciple-making working?"

I am grateful for the persons and those who are discipling and for those who are being discipled, but we must become more intentional. Ultimately, a true disciple of Christ is one who follows Jesus. Before you and I are able to go with the method of discipleship, we must have an intimate relationship with the Man behind the mission.

God used twelve men and their future followers to spread the gospel to us even today. Through the passing of the centuries, the gospel has been entrusted to us. Should we not live with the same **urgency** with which Jesus and the twelve lived?

### Senior Adults/Frontrunners

February 1 Free movie @ 9:30 AM

Graham Cinema

February 8 Free movie @ 9:30 AM

Paramount Theater

February 13 Sr. Adults Valentine Breakfast

8:30 AM, Western Steak House Goal is to have 50 attending! Special music by a guest group, free Valentine gifts. DON'T MISS IT!

February 19 Crossroads Ministries @ 6 PM

Mex-Am, Graham

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

February 3 Full Choir practice @ 10 AM

February 13 Valentine Breakfast; group singing

Choir practice 7:45-900 PM Wednesday nights Come be a part! We will be practicing for our March 18 Easter Presentation, "Hallelujah Praise the Lamb".

\*If you would like to purchase a choir jacket, see Sylvia Staley. If you purchased a jacket, payment of \$10 is due to Sylvia as soon as possible.

#### OLYMPIAN MINISTRY

February 14 - Valentine's Day Party
After we share about God's great love, we will play
"Love" Bingo and make Valentine cards.

February 17

Highlight Jesus - Highlight Others

Christian Service - Meet at the church at 1:30 PM We will visit a few of our senior shut-ins. Please let Amber know if you will be attending.

February 21 - Olympian Store

February 28

Theme Night: Copy Cat

Dress like someone in your family.

Bring a look-a-like picture of you with a family

Member.

Adults Valentine
Banquet
Friday, February 16
6:30 PM
\$20 per
couple

### YOUTH MINISTRY

February 10 - Youth Purity Conference in Kingsport, TN, hosted by Billy Wayne Ministries. Event cost is free. See leaders for more details.

February 17 - Youth Snow Tubing Trip to Hawksnest. Cost is \$35 per person. See leaders for more details.

Proverbs 22:17
"A merry heart does good like medicine"

## LOOKING AHEAD

February 11	"Growing Up"
	Discipleship group
	Every Sunday at
	4:45 PM. Sign-up
	sheet in Welcome
	Center

February 15	Circle of Friends Women's Fellowship
	7:00 PM

February 16	Adults Valentine
	Banquet @ 6:00 PM Cost is \$20 per
	couple. Sign-up
	couple. Sign-up sheet in Welcome
	Center

March 3	"Unspeakable Joy
Mai on o	in Advance, NC"
	Ladies Conference
	9 AM - 3 PM
	Tickets \$20
	Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center
	Welcome Center

# February Birthdays

Keith Crabtree	02/02
Gaynelle Tidwell	02/02
Carol Wilson	
	02/06
Sheila Glass	02/07
Willie Lane	02/07
Rhonda Willetts	02/11
	02/12
Gabby Hendrix	
Mike Fearnow	02/13
William Stewart	02/13
Nora Brooks	02/14
Doug Chanco	02/14
Matthew Fearnow	02/14
Jack Leonard	02/17
Virginia Shields	02/19
Eddie Gibson	02/21
Robert Cook	02/25
Brittany Christmas	02/26
Jennifer Rudd	02/26
Ronnie Bennett	02/27
Logan Barnes	02/28
Logan builles	02/20

# February Anniversaries

Jack & Grace Leonard	02/07
Christopher & Amanda Long	02/18



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

"GROWING UP"
Discipleship Group
Beginning Sunday, February 11
At 4:45 PM
Books are \$11. Get your
order in right away!

UNSPEAKABLE JOY IN
ADVANCE, NC
LADIES CONFERENCE
MARCH 3, 9AM - 3 PM
Calvary West, 155 Commerce
Place, Advance, NC
Tickets \$20 per person

Worship/Speakers/Art
Shopping/Encouragement
& More!