



## RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

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# FATHERING ADVENTURES

RPM is your church's resource for reaching, discipling and mentoring men, and nothing is more crucial to the raising up of strong men in the local church than the mentoring relationship between a father and his son.

Set aside one weekend this summer to celebrate and strengthen that precious bond with fun activities, one-on-one time, and reaffirmations of what Biblical manhood is all about. Your stay at Little Galilee Christian Camp near Clinton, Illinois, will be a rewarding, life-changing experience that creates powerful life-long memories.

*Fathering Adventures* provides a balance of enjoyable group activities and intentional one-on-one time that lets you explore and enhance the most important relationship in your son's life.

Travis Bodden is someone who can speak to this. He first took his son to *Fathering Adventures* in response to a flyer posted at his church. They had a great time, and the two have attended the event three years in a row now.

"As dads," Bodden says, "we need to take time to make memories that our sons can reflect on. This is a great weekend to do that. They can see how we interact with other men, see how we work together.

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### COMING EVENTS!

**AUG 25:**

Bob Brady/RPM Golf Classic, Decatur, IL

**Sept 19:**

LEADING NOBLE MEN Conference, FUMC, Spfld.

**NOV 4:**

IGNITE PATHWAY training, First United Methodist Church, Spfld, IL

**NOV 18:**

IGNITE PATHWAY training, State Line Christian Church, Paris, IL



## FATHERING (CONT.)

"I was excited about the opportunity to be away from distractions and just hang out... walking, canoeing, swimming.... There are Biblical encouragements and group studies reinforced with scripture throughout the weekend."

Being a father is more than genetics. If you have accepted the responsibility of mentoring and nurturing a grandchild or other young person, this weekend in an adventure-filled environment is designed to inspire, equip, and empower you in that relationship as well.

Visit [www.rpmfm.org](http://www.rpmfm.org) for information and pricing. Registration runs through June 15.



## GENSLER'S CORNER



You've helped your mentee establish a spiritual discipline that includes Bible study, and you've discussed what manhood means for the Christian male. Over the next weeks and months, as he begins to apply what he is learning to his own life, you will serve as an encourager, an example, and a guide.

Don't forget that last part...to be a guide. Many attempts at discipleship have fallen by the wayside because the person being disciplined was expected to set the agenda:

*"What do you want to talk about?"*

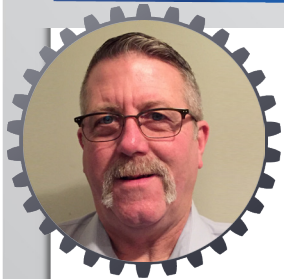
*"I don't know, what do you want to talk about?"*

If your mentee has something heavy on his heart, be ready to go there. But also have a solid game plan in mind. For example:

*"You mentioned you get in a lot of arguments...how about we look at verses on communication and conflict resolution this week...?"*

Tom Gensler

## AN ENCOURAGING EFFORT



In explaining to an interviewer the purpose of our *Ignite Pathway* training (we will feature that training in a future newsletter), the subject of Ferguson, Missouri, came up, and the racial strife in the St. Louis metropolitan area a couple years back. Churches in that region have brought men to *Iron Sharpens Iron* events, and this has led to RPM developing close relationships with pastors and church leaders. I am honored to be part of the North County Pastors' Association, and have taken part in discussions on how to repair cultural divisions, specifically by addressing the brokenness of male culture. Those churches are now working to build cross-cultural relationships through events like unity services, and a "pastor swap" that brings black pastors to white churches and vice versa. The hope is to foster understanding and move families into deeper relationships with one another.

The best way to get families involved is to get men involved. That is what RPM is about. We equip and encourage men to move from the audience to God's army. Church coaching, Ignite Pathway training, Fathering Adventures, ISI conferences...all these are meant to get men on their feet and into an active role in advancing the kingdom as God intends.

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