

RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

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YEAR IN REVIEW: 2017

Men's ministry is coming alive! RPM contributed chapters to two new ministry books this year: *Engage: Building Your Church Based Ministry to Men* and *How to Disciple Men (Short & Sweet)*. We are encouraged to see continued interest by churches in finding ways to engage men.

The number of churches impacted by RPM's *Ignite Pathway* Church Leadership Trainings has grown this year. Since inception, this program has reached sixty Churches and 170 pastors and lay leaders all around the Midwest.

The four *Iron Sharpens Iron* conferences RPM organized in O'Fallon,

Terre Haute, Springfield, and Champaign equipped and inspired nearly 3,000 men. Next year's conferences are in the works!

Sixty-five golfers participated in the Second Annual *Bob Brady Auto Group Charity Golf Scramble* at the South Side Country Club in Decatur, Illinois this year, raising support for, and awareness of RPM Ministry.

Our **Fathering Adventures** annual camp-out reached max capacity for the second year in a row. Fathers and sons travel from all over the Midwest to experience this Transformational Weekend. Over 90 Fathers/Son's have partaken in Fathering Adventures

since we first offered it, and we have been asked to help facilitate similar camps elsewhere.

We continue to personally *Mentor* men in Springfield, Decatur, and around the Midwest in order to strengthen their walk with GOD, impacting their marriage, family, and local church.

2017 saw RPM host their first *Leading Noble Men Pastors' Conference*. This

has been a long time desire for RPM to put on a conference specifically to encourage and equip pastors in discipleship of their men. It was a lot packed into 4 hours, but ALL the pastors there were blessed. The conference was completely underwritten by several local businesses, for which we are very grateful.



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Shiloh, is out of the hospital! Our family was home for Thanksgiving Day, returned to Chicago for a few days at the start of December, and now we're home to celebrate the birth of our Lord with family and friends.

Shiloh is on an easily managed feeding tube. She will require additional procedures to dilate her esophagus, then a simple operation to fix her cleft lip. She is stable and happy.

With my daughter on the road to recovery and a normal life, and the rest of the family doing well, I can only praise God! I thank you all for your support, and look forward, with Tom C., to a renewed commitment to the cause of men's ministry in the new year.

Merry Christmas, Tom Gensler

CALENDAR

IGNITE PATHWAY Jan. 20, 2018 Decatur, Illinois

IRON SHARPENS IRON 2018!

O'FALLON, IL 2/17/18 Dan Hyun, Michael Crawford

TERRE HAUTE, IN 3/3/18 Vince D'Acchioli, Rod Cooper

SPRINGFIELD, IL 3/17/18 Jamaal Williams, JP Jones

CHAMPAIGN, IL 4/21/18 Kenny Luck, Leonce Crump

RPM EXPLOSION

RPM's vision is to see every man maturing in Christ in the local church. Our mission is to be a resource to the local church in the area of men's discipleship. This year, I have seen our mission being accomplished and our vision fulfilled in a variety of ways.

2017 has seen an explosion in churches reaching out to us to come alongside them in a coaching capacity. We are actively engaged in a coaching relationship with seven churches, and we have additional churches looking for coaching in 2018!

God has brought the increase and shown us great favor. He also helped us discover the right rhythm and price point to generate the greatest impact. We meet quarterly with the church leadership and make ourselves available by phone, email, and text in-between these

face-to-face meetings.

Churches have told us they love the coaching relationship with RPM because they see significant breakthroughs in creating a discipleship culture. We've witnessed countless "ah-ha" moments. It might be as simple as showing them, on their own calendar, that they are asking too much of their men. Or something more complex, such as how to create pathways which move their men deeper, spiritually.

RPM would love to be a resource to your church too!

Tom Cheshire

Your support of RPM encourages and assists local church pastors. Would you prayerfully consider a year end gift to RPM of 100, 250, 500 or 1,000 dollars so RPM can finish the year financially strong?



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