



## RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

### SUPPORT FOR PASTORS RPM

RPM works to equip, enable, and encourage men to take an active role in the church. A man who is overwhelmed, over-extended, or neglecting personal needs is not equipped, enabled, or encouraged.

Among those most susceptible to burn-out in the church are our pastors, who often feel compelled out of concern to take on more and more responsibility.

RPM is aware of this, and as an aside to our usual work, we strive to support pastors not only in men's ministry, but in their personal and spiritual well-being. The most concrete example of this is our pastoral retreat giveaway.

Ten percent of offerings received by RPM at each of our four ISI events annually goes toward funding pastoral retreats. A drawing is held at each ISI conference and our *Leading Noble Men* conference in November, and pastors are selected for an expenses-paid weekend for two at the Chiara Center, a tranquil and beautiful Christian retreat in Springfield, Illinois (winners are allowed to select a different venue for their weekend if they desire).

This year, we had the funds to present six pastors and their wives with retreats. The point is to give these couples a quiet getaway to restore and reconnect. The giveaway is a small part of RPM's ministry, but it helps fulfill our mandate to be an asset to pastors.

#### THIS YEAR'S WINNERS:

Kent Hollis, Meadowbrook Community Church; Warren Brose, Berlin Christian Church; Bill Holley, Creve Coeur Christian Church; Alfey Austin, World Gospel; Matt Embry, Mosaic Church

(Leading Noble Men winner to be announced)

### CALENDAR

#### MOTHER'S DAY

May 12

#### IGNITE TRAINING

May 11

1st Baptist Church  
Woodlawn IL

#### FATHERING ADVENTURES

July 19-21

Little Galilee Christian Camp  
Clinton IL

#### LEADING NOBLE MEN

November 7

1st United Methodist Church  
Springfield IL



## ON THE TEAM!



While Tom Gensler and Tom Cheshire are the work-horses at RPM, we don't want to discount that they are surrounded by a team of caring Christians who contribute in a variety of ways.

One of these people is Dave Edwards, who sits on the board that oversees the non-profit work of RPM.

You may recognize the Springfield attorney as the head of the Edwards Group, LLC. But Dave is also a practicing Christian, and has followed RPM since the beginning. A year-and-a-half ago, he joined the board.

"I grew up in Springfield, and met Tom Cheshire at church long ago," Dave says. "I did some legal work for RPM. Tom's daughter worked in our offices at one time, and they've used our offices for bible studies.

"I grew up in a home where faith, the church, and the bible were important, so I have a legacy as a Christian. I've seen the need for this type of ministry. Men so often don't have the relationships they need or any real engagement in church.

"My faith has deepened over time as I've learned to trust God, and I try to use that as a board member. I'm there to give perspective on finances, operations, that sort of thing.

"I want to see RPM continue with the conferences and continue to engage with local churches, leveraging God's message through their work."

Thanks, Dave!

## GENSLER'S CORNER



Men, don't forget Mother's Day this Sunday. We live in a fast-paced, distracting culture, and it is easy to forget important things such as honoring our wives. Selling that excuse to your spouse might not be easy if you forget this important holiday, however.

Also important in our daily lives is remembering to stay engaged with God's Word. Did you know RPM has an app for that? It's called RPM4MEN, it is absolutely free, and you can find it in the Apple iTunes store or the Google app store.

RPM has partnered with Back to the Bible to provide this neat little addition to your phone's home screen. The app features a spiritual assessment that helps men identify areas of spiritual growth/opportunity. Based on that assessment, the app sends out timely Bible verses and thoughts to help you stay close to God's Word.

RPM engages with app users through exclusive offers and Iron Sharpens Iron conference audio. Also, you can get RPM's own *Manhood Minute*, which is sent out by our team every Monday at 6:30 a.m.

If you have not downloaded the RPM4MEN app, get it today!

Tom Gensler

*Your support of RPM actively encourages and assists local church pastors. Your prayers and financial contributions make this ministry possible. Together, we are RPM!*



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