

The Importance of Christmas Traditions

The Cheshire's

One of our favorite Christmas traditions happens on Christmas Eve. We attend our church's service and then drive around the homes in Washington Park to look at the lights and Christmas decorations, we then head home to enjoy our Christmas Eve meal. The tradition is in our Christmas Eve meal. For decades we have chosen a specific ethnic food. German, Polish, Italian, English, Cajun, etc. It has not only broadened our pallets but allows us to learn and study cultures that are different than our own!

Cheshire German Dinner



The Gensler's

Each year we put up our Christmas tree soon after Halloween is over. We look forward to this



tradition and enjoy having our tree up for the extended period of time. It is fun to build the anticipation as Christmas day approaches. Many of our ornaments have special meaning and bring with them good memories of time gone by. Take time to create memories with your family this Christmas!



Merry Christmas from RPM !

Take a Christlike Inventory

How should you evaluate your previous year? I propose you look at it through the lens of the Bible. The Apostle Paul wrote from a prison cell in Rome, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (Phil 1:27). No matter what unexpected difficulties arise, we are to respond with a Christlike attitude. Our bullseye should be to strive for deeper faith. Paul continues, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ" (Phil 2:5).

Jesus maintained perfection in every situation. He prayed about everything and worried about nothing. Christ never became discouraged, rather His goal was to please the Father (Jn 6:38). He approached trials and suffering with patience, hope, and humility. God's main objective for the believer is not our comfort, but the transformation of our minds into the attitude of godliness.

Take an inventory of 2021 and note where you saw God on the move. Submit your challenges to the Lord and ask for His wisdom and direction. Trust in God for the proper outcome, regardless of your personal desire.



Tom Gensler, Director of Development, RPM



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

We Celebrate Jesus and Relationships He Gives Us

We are officially in the middle of the holiday season. As we approach Christmas and the end of one year to begin another, we reflect and see how God, through relationships, has extended His mercy and grace to us as a ministry, and in our personal lives as well.

RPM is a highly relational ministry, both internally and externally. Internally Tom Gensler, Christy and I are continually talking daily about what we are doing and where we are going. Chatting about how our families are, celebrating wins together, and lifting each other up in prayer in times of trouble.

Externally our lives consist of phone calls and meetings to plan the next season of Iron Sharpens Iron conferences. We are always looking for new men and ministries that will encourage and equip men at the conferences. We conduct countless calls and face to face meetings doing our due diligence to bring biblical, sound, men and ministries to our conferences.

We are also building relationships with pastors and leaders that we have met at ISI or a training we have conducted. We look for how we can best serve them and their church's needs to reach and grow their men.

Tom and I also meet with men individually to disciple, and to be discipled ourselves, because this IS the heart of our ministry, relational discipleship.



We are deeply thankful for your support that allows Tom and I to serve God in the way He has called us. It is only by God's hand that you and I receive ALL that we have. Thank you for your sacrificial support, first for your own church and then for our ministry. Glory be to God.

Our prayer for you and your family is that you will see God in a new light in the upcoming year and that He will be even more real and ever present to you.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Tom Cheshire, Executive Director, RPM

Year End Giving Update.....

We have raised \$5900 of our \$25,000 year end goal. Praise be to God alone!

Coming up...

Christmas - 12.25.2021
New Years Day 1.1.2022

O'Fallon ISI 2.19.2022
Terre Haute ISI 3.5.2022

Springfield ISI - 3.19.2022
Champaign ISI - 4.2.2022