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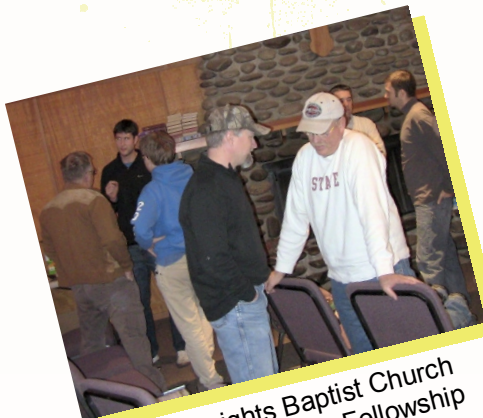
Here are this month's updates:

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

In October, Mike began to cast vision for broadening the intercessory prayer ministry at our home church, Greater Gresham Baptist Church. The new vision involves mobilizing 2-4 volunteers from each Adult Bible Fellowship (like Sunday School) to pray during the music portion of the worship service they attend. Following this prayer time, the intercessors return to the service for the message, continuing in a spirit of prayer, especially during the response time of the service. Volunteers were first mobilized for the 9am Sunday morning service, and this month are also covering the second service at 10:30. Expansion of the ministry to the Saturday evening service is coming next month. The end goal is to have 8-12 volunteers praying for each service every week. A secondary goal is to use the ministry to disciple and equip people in the area of corporate intercession.

A few weeks after the prayer ministry began during the early service, our pastor, Keith Evans, wrote, ***"For the last several weeks the 9:00 AM service has had the most energy and I've felt the most freedom in preaching."*** He went on to say that, among other factors, ***"I also directly attribute the prayer that is taking place for that service. Thank you for what you are doing. I am excited about it spreading to the other services."***

This is the same prayer strategy Mike has used for years when preaching on the road: recruiting a small group of volunteers to pray during the music portion of each service. We've seen great fruit as ordinary people, with humble hearts



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Men's Retreat — Fellowship



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and faith in God, cry out for the Lord to move during corporate times of worship. We share this with you to spur you on, possibly to give leadership to something similar in *your* church. What if every church began to mobilize intercessors from Sunday School classes to pray during the music portion of their worship services each week?

Men's Retreat

This past weekend, November 4-6, Mike led a retreat for 16 men from Terrace Heights Baptist of Yakima, WA and preached for their Sunday a.m. service. During the retreat, he preached the series, "Death to Personal Fame: A Case Study of John the Baptist." Through the weekend, Mike led the men to have 2-man reflective moments, allowing them to process what they were learning and how God was speaking to each man. One participant wrote about his overall experience at the retreat, ***"For myself, and where I'm at today, it was the most profound experience I've ever had, aside from my wedding and boys' births."*** Ben Finch, Retreat Director, reported, ***"For myself and every man which I have spoken to, we found what we were seeking. God showed up through His Word and prayer. Permanent life change — starting, continuing, being perfected."***

On Sunday morning, Mike preached a challenge to the church and 17 couples, many with their children, knelt before the Lord at the altar to recommit their family to serve the Lord. Fathers led their families in this time of renewal — a truly beautiful sight.

We hope these reports serve to remind us all that God is at work, and He answers our continued prayers. Thank you for standing with us!

Simply Devoted, Debbie & Mike

Upcoming Ministry Events

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| Nov. 14-16 | Northwest Baptist Convention
Booth / Networking
Eugene, OR |
| Dec. 29-30 | Richland Baptist Church
Richland, WA
Youth Winter Retreat |

Every Monday Night: Men of Simplicity
Fall dates available!

For a complete schedule go to
www.simplicityministries.org