



Great God

Great Men

Our Vision: Build an on-growing relationship between Jesus and men of all ages, both inside and outside the church, by mentoring men and engaging in small groups, while also recognizing each man's unique fit into the body of Christ.



Have you told your pastor you are praying for her/him lately?

October 2021



What does this picture have to do with men's ministry? Maybe nothing or maybe it is a reminder that we need to take the time to enjoy God's wonderful creation. I am vacationing back where I grew up in Rhode Island, enjoying family, old friends and God's wonderful and beautiful creation. I do want to take time to let you know of a few spiritual growth opportunities we have coming up.

Kansas

Chapel Hill launches "Courageous Conversations: A safe place to explore hard questions" They will gather online only at 4pm Central Time Zone. Please go to the Chapel Hill website on each Sunday of the series: www.chwichita.org and click on the link provided on the home page. You do not need to pre-register. Each segment of the four-part series will feature a short presentation by the speaker and the remainder of time for questions and answers. See flier below for more information.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

A safe place to explore hard questions about faith. Sundays, 4:00 p.m. Central
Join online at www.chwichita.org



October 3rd

"IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY DO PEOPLE SUFFER IN THIS WORLD?"

William P. Young (Paul), is the author of *The Shack* which has also been made into a movie. Paul gets refreshingly "real" on the tough topics and will address suffering, unanswered prayers, and why God doesn't intervene to ease struggle and pain.

"SCIENCE OR FAITH OR BOTH?"

Dr. Se Kim, a scientist and pastor's wife, is a national expert on the relationship between science and faith in Christianity. For those who struggle as to whether they can believe in science and still be a person of faith, this conversation is for you.



October 10th

"WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? WHY SHOULD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN?"

Rev. Dr. James Bryan Smith (Jim) our own teaching pastor at Chapel Hill and author of several books including his best selling *The Good and Beautiful* series and *Embracing the Love of God*. For those who question the need for God in life and seek proof that Jesus even existed or was resurrected from the dead, Jim will address this along with the beauty of living in the Kingdom of God.



October 24th

"HOW CAN A GOOD AND LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?"

Rev. Adam Hamilton is the Senior Pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Adam recently preached a series of sermons titled, "A Thinking Person's Faith". He will be speaking about what Heaven will be like, what Hell is, who goes to Heaven and Hell, and more. This is a conversation you won't want to miss.



November 14th

Please go to the Chapel Hill website: www.chwichita.org and click on the banner at the top of the opening page. If you do not use Zoom, please go the website about 15 minutes earlier because you will be asked to download the software so you can participate in the webinar. I assure you it is safe and will not pose problems for your computer.

NEBRASKA

COME and SEE – Be a Part of ...

Jumpstart: Ideas and Inspiration for post pandemic

WHO/WHAT: A four-hour gathering for all **men and women in Nebraska and Kansas** interested in hearing and sharing messages of God's activities and the hope that God brings.

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, Hastings, Nebraska (614 N Hastings Ave)

WHEN: Saturday, November 13, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

CONTENT: Lunch and refreshments/snacks, PLUS a variety of speakers, music and worship by:

- **Rev Dr Charles Murithi** of Grand Island, NE, Prairie Rivers District Superintendent leading worship and communion
- **Music – Kevin and Heidi Cheng** of Central City www.kevinandheidicheng.com
- **George Houle** of Wichita, KS, President of Great Plains UMMen – Importance of discipleship and small group development to rekindle spiritual growth
- **Joyce Solomon** of Merna, NE, Vice President of Great Plains UM Women – UMW missions, ministries and more!
- **Ryan Siver**, Site Director of Camp Fontanelle, amazing camp opportunities for youth and families
- **Pastor Laura Stubblefield**, United Campus Ministry at University of Nebraska at Kearney – what's up on campus?
- **Doyle Henke**, Grand Island First-Faith UMMen, scouting and its blessings
- **Roger Selley**, Hastings Grace UMMen, opportunities and needs for missions
- **Kathy Murphy-Buschkoetter**, Blue Hill UMC, Lay Leader of Prairie Rivers District

REGISTRATION and COST: \$10.00 payable on arrival (pastors free and scholarships available if needed for lay). **PLEASE email or phone/text that you plan to come** so we can plan food and notify you if there happens to be a cancellation due to covid.

Message your contact information, and how many you are registering, to: Doug Kallesen, dkallesen@neb.rr.com or 402-563-1570 landline/voicemail or 402-909-4088 text/voicemail.

WHAT IF: If the covid situation worsens and we cancel, we would hope to re-offer this program at a later date.

SPONSORED BY: Prairie Rivers United Methodist Men and hosted by Hastings FUMC UMMen



Men,

You're invited to the next Man in the Mirror leadership webinar on mentoring! Our panel, featuring Brett Clemmer, Jeremy Schurke, and Pastor Michael Aitcheson, will be discussing how vital mentoring younger men is for the next generation of the church. But let's face it; it's also hard—and too often we let our insecurities and doubts keep us from answering this call. It takes place on October 12th at 7pm central time. Attached is the info.

Join the conversation as we explore what we mean by mentoring, why it matters, different methods, and the right next step for YOU as you follow Christ's lead.

If you ever wonder what's next in your discipleship journey, we don't want you to miss our next webinar: The Power, Promise, and Practice of Mentoring.

We're going to be talking about how YOU can put your faith into action and continue to grow by giving yourself away to another person.

Make plans to join us live on ZOOM or Facebook on Tuesday, October 12th, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern.

Hear from our panel as we demystify and discuss the ins, outs, and life-changing nature of mentoring. Time for your questions is included.

On behalf of the entire Man in the Mirror team, hope to see you there!

Register for this free webinar through [ZOOM](#)



Pastor Prayer Teams

Pastoral ministry can be challenging and often lonely. Our Pastors need to know that a critical mass of the men of their church really support them. They need aggressive intercession along with intentional affirmation to be the spiritual leader of the church. *Iron Sharpens Iron* launched PastorPrayerTeam.com to assist every willing church in mobilizing a team of men who will cover the pastor in prayer and affirm him every day of every month.

Our local church (St James UMC, Belleview, NE) initiated this prayer effort for our Pastor with positive effect. What seemed to work best was a personal, face-to-face invitation to 31 men of our congregation to commit to a once-a-month prayer for our Pastor. You do not need to recruit 31 men to begin.

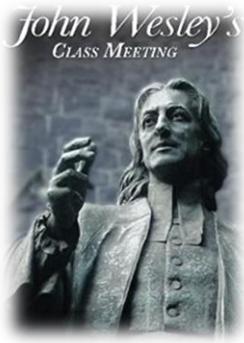
We explained that each man could pick how they wanted to pray, changing it if they wished from month to month. Some made face-to-face appointments, some sent a prayer via e-mail, some prayed with the Pastor over the phone, etc.

We chose not to even tell our Pastor what we were doing for the first month or so. The automatic email from the 'tool' to each prayer warrior just prior to 'their day to pray' was most helpful.

How to set up the 'daily prayer for your Pastor' (fairly simple) is detailed at:

www.pastorprayerteam.com

Feel free to holler if any questions! Craig Nordaker (402) 453-6666 or cnordaker@cox.net



“The Spiritual Growth Process: Sanctification”

CLASS MEETINGS:

We are using Dr. Kevin Watson’s book, [The Class Meeting, Reclaiming the Small Group Experience.](#)

If you are interested in being part of a Wesley small group that will meet weekly, at a time and a day we agree to, please Contact George Houle at ummwbb11@att.net and let me know.

For more information about Men’s Ministry, please go to:

United Methodist Men News:

<http://www.gcumm.org/news>

United Methodist Men Magazine:

<http://www.gcumm.org/resources/magazine> **Grab An Idea For Your Local Church**

If you are wondering what the General Commission on United Methodist Men might have on hand to assist your local congregation’s men’s ministry, check out all the free stuff at their web site. (Note, this is just a small sampling...)

Click in the “Resources” box to browse:

<https://www.gcumm.org/resources>

Literature & Brochures:

<https://www.gcumm.org/store/category/literaturebrochures>

Webinars & Videos:

[https://www.gcumm.org/resources/? filters%5Bcategories%5D=Webinars%2FVideos](https://www.gcumm.org/resources/?filters%5Bcategories%5D=Webinars%2FVideos)

Resurrecting Wesley’s Class Meeting with Technology:

<https://www.gcumm.org/resources/video-webinar-making-disciples-resurrecting-wesleys-class-meeting-with-technology>

While on the web site, browse around some (<https://www.gcumm.org>) to see what else you might want to come back to and check out later.

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