



Men's Resource Guide

**September
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**Resources to
equip you to
live for Christ**

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:10-14

A Building Faith— growing in your walk with God

A lot of men enjoy building things. Whether it's a backyard deck, a playground for your kids or grandkids, creating a business plan or making plans for retirement—"building" is often something that we men enjoy doing at some level.

When it comes to matters of faith, we'd like to encourage you to let God do some building in your life this year. That's why we have a new format for "Men's Gathering." We want every second Friday of every month to be a significant early morning event for you. Let's come together and open our lives to God and His Word so that He might do some construction work on our hearts. We are especially thankful that Pastor Moody is challenging us to "move beyond superficial Christianity."

We want to challenge you to think about the life of the spirit in terms of building—something that's not entirely finished quite yet. We are together in this process of letting God build something new in us. So view this as a time to come together once a month to be a witness and testimony to God working in you and us.

This resource guide is designed to help you explore some new resources to help you in this work of new construction. Perhaps you'd like to read a new book on prayer or theology. Maybe you'd like to find a place to start serving in the church. Or perhaps you like to have some media links or contact with other men through some partner organizations. If any of these are true, this resource guide is for you. We will be coming out with a new issue of this each month. Be sure to pick up your new copy at every month's Gathering.

So welcome to our new Men's Gathering and our all new men's ministries at College Church. We are all about engaging men who need Christ, encouraging men to pursue Christ and equipping men to live for Christ. So let the building begin!

PASTOR'S PAGE

PASTOR JOSH MOODY:

Senior Pastor Josh Moody, PhD., was born in Epsom, Surrey, in the suburbs of London, England. Raised in the Anglican Church, Josh attended boarding school until the age of 18. He attended Cambridge University graduating with a B.A. in history. Following graduation, Josh served for one year as a missionary in the Republic of Georgia and Azerbaijan. Josh returned to England where he served on staff at the Romford Evangelical Church on the north side of London. He then returned to Cambridge to pursue his doctorate in theology which he completed in 1998. Dr. Moody was a visiting Research Fellow at Yale Divinity School in 1997. Dr. Moody and his wife Rochelle met while at Cambridge. Josh and Rochelle are the parents of Josiah and Sophia. Dr. Moody has authored three books: "The God-Centered Life: Insights from Jonathan Edwards for Today," Regent College Publishing, February 2007. "Jonathan Edwards and the Enlightenment: Knowing the Presence of God," University Press of America, August 2005. "Authentic Spirituality," Kingsway Publications, March 2000. Dr. Moody is a regular contributor to the online magazine, Evangelicals Now, with his "Letters from America" columns. His article, "What Would Jonathan Edwards Say About Harry Potter?" was published in Christianity Today Online, July 2007.



PASTOR MOODY RECOMMENDS READING:

Seekers:

Two Ways to Live (online course)*
Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis *

When People are Big and God is Small, Edward Welch*
The God-Centered Life,
Josh Moody*

Foundations:

Knowing God, J.I. Packer*
Desiring God, John Piper*
Basic Christianity, John Stott

Missions:

Know and Tell the Gospel,
John Chapman
Tell the Truth, Will Metzger*
Telling the Truth, D.A. Carson, ed.*
Evangelism and The Sovereignty of God, J.I. Packer*
Let the Nations Be Glad, John Piper*
Life and Diary of David Brainerd,
Jonathan Edwards*

Discipleship:

Humility, C.J. Mahaney
Holiness, JC Ryle*
Pursuit of Holiness, Jerry Bridges*

Prayer:

A Call to Spiritual Reformation,
D.A. Carson
Valley of Vision,
Arthur Bennett, ed.*

Biography:

Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther, Roland Bainton
Autobiography, C.H. Spurgeon

The Church:

Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Mark Dever*
Stop Dating the Church, Joshua Harris*
Vintage Church, Mark Driscoll

Apologetics:

Can Man Live Without God?, Ravi Zacharias*
The Case for Christ, Lee Strobel*
The Universe Next Door, James Sire*
Escape From Reason, Francis Schaeffer*
The Reason for God, Tim Keller*
Authentic Spirituality, Josh Moody

Theology:

Systematic Theology, Wayne Grudem*
New Testament Commentary Survey, D.A. Carson*
Old Testament Commentary Survey, Tremper Longman III*
Institutes of the Christian Religion, John Calvin*
Gospel and Kingdom, Graeme Goldsworthy
The Atonement, Leon Morris
No Place for Truth, David Wells
Jonathan Edwards and the Enlightenment, Josh Moody

*available in the church library

Biblical Study:

The NT Documents: Are they Reliable? F.F. Bruce
The OT Documents: Are they Reliable and Relevant? Walter Kaiser
On the Reliability of the Old Testament, K.A. Kitchen
New Testament Introduction, Donald Guthrie
New Testament Introduction, Carson, et al.
OT Introduction, R.K. Harrison
The Canon of the NT, Metzger*
The Canon of Scripture, F.F. Bruce

Christian Leadership and Ministry:

Brothers We are Not Professionals, John Piper
Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders

Suffering:

How Long O Lord? D.A. Carson

Worship:

Worship by the Book, D.A. Carson

GET INVOLVED:

Want to get involved serving in ministry at College Church? Here are a few places you can plug in and the person to contact.

Kids' Harbor—Our ministries to infant through sixth graders. There are opportunities at all hours on Sundays and also on Wednesdays.

Contact Cindy, (630) 668-0878, ext. 128

KMs—Our ministry to junior high students.

HYACKs—Our ministry to high school students.

Contact Jessica, (630) 668-0878, ext. 109

Community Dinner with Friends—Our weekly dinners for the church body. People are needed to cook, clean and serve. A great way to serve as a whole family.

Contact Beth, (630) 510-0486

Ushers—Help people find seats, take offering and offer other assistance during Sunday morning worship.

Contact Jim, (630) 653-2909

Library—As a great resource to our congregation, the Library needs help on different days at different times with many varying jobs.

Contact Lisa, (630) 668-0878, ext. 138

STARS—Our Disability Ministry needs volunteers on Wednesdays, Sundays, Friday, and for their Shepherd's Arms Respite Program.

Contact Amy, (630) 668-0878, ext. 178.

Upward Basketball—As part of our sports ministry, Upward is an evangelistic basketball league. Upward is looking for coaches, refs, scorekeeper, and other helpers.

Contact Harper, (630) 668-0878, ext. 123



*Men—
Join us
in the
adventure!*

The Men's Ministry is heading to Vertical Endeavors on September 24. Vertical Endeavors is the Midwest's largest climbing wall. This is an activity that is easy for beginners and challenging for those with experience. We will climb from 7–9 p.m. and there will be pizza as well. Meet at Vertical Endeavors, in the Lifetime Fitness building on Diehl and Winfield roads in Warrenville. The cost is \$20 per person. If you'd like to sign up and pay ahead of time, go to the Men's Ministry page at www.college-church.org. Dads, bring your son if he's in high school or older!

VERTICAL ENDEAVORS

COLLEGE CHURCH

OTHER RESOURCES:

Organizations:

Men's International Missions

Short term mission trips, with a focus on construction projects in Latin America.

www.mimstmt.org

<http://mimcr2009.blogspot.com>

Wally Korol

korolwc@sbcglobal.net

B.R. Ryall YMCA

Put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

www.brriallymca.org

Brad Warren

(630) 858-0100

C12

A Community for Christian Business Owners and CEOs.

www.c12group.com

Mike Johnson

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Websites

Blueletterbible.org

Online Bible, concordance and commentaries in many translations

MenOfIntegrity.net

Online magazine for men with Bible studies, practical guides, and many links to other ministry resources

Christianbook.com

Online Christian bookstore (Much like Amazon)

Tangle.com [Formerly GodTube.com]

Online community for Christians to share videos (Much like YouTube)

On the Air:

WJKL 94.3 FM

www.klove.com

WMBI 90.1 FM

WMBI 1110 AM

www.mbn.org

WETN 88.1 FM

Wheaton College Radio

www.wheaton.edu/wetn

WCFL 104.7 FM

WBGL 91.7 FM

www.wbgl.com

Do you have ideas to share with the other men that we can list in this resource guide? Comments, suggestions or feedback can be directed to christews@sbcglobal.net.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY:

Moving Beyond Superficial Christianity

Session 1

Change Your View of the World

*“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it”
(Mark 8:35)*

Questions for Small Groups:

1. We view the world as material when really it is spiritual
 - a. Do I?
 - b. What do I need to do about it?
2. We view the world as individualistic when really it is communal
 - a. Do I?
 - b. What do I need to do about it?
3. We view the world as a home when really it is a journey
 - a. Do I?
 - b. What do I need to do about it?
4. We view the world as relativistic when really it is Trinitarian
 - a. Do I?
 - b. What do I need to do about it?
5. We view the world as centered on me when really it is centered on Jesus
 - a. Do I?
 - b. What do I need to do about it?

NOTES:

MEN'S GATHERING 2009-2010 DATES

October 9
November 13
December 11
January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11

MEN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jim Elwell
Greg Maas
Jeff Mann
Pastor Garrett Nates
Phil Passon
Randy Seager
Chris Tews (Chair)

