



Men's Resource Guide

**December
2009**

**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 all of our 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 GARRETT NATES:

Garrett Nates serves as Pastor of Christian Education. He has oversight of all the Christian educational ministries to adults, students, children and the disabled, as well as sports ministry. He has served on the pastoral staff of College Church since 2001. He worked as the Junior High Pastor for eight years until recently moving into his new pastoral responsibilities.



Garrett is not a native of the mid-west. He grew up in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado and enjoyed snow skiing from an early age. Most of his childhood was spent either on a pair of snow skis at Breckenridge or on the soccer field. He went to Biola University in Southern California where he earned his B.A. in intercultural studies in 1999. Upon graduating from Biola, he moved to Wheaton to be closer to his fiancé and attend the graduate school at Wheaton College. While at Wheaton, he earned his M.A. in Educational Ministries in 2004.

Garrett and his wife, Naomi, love to snow ski, run and cook together. They have four young children ranging from the ages of 10 months to six years old.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

Christian Living and Discipleship:

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Broken Down House by Paul Tripp

Vintage Church by Mark Driscoll

Vintage Jesus by Mark Driscoll

Death by Love by Mark Driscoll

Crazy Love by Francis Chan

Age of Opportunity by Paul Tripp

The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

The Bookends of the Christian Life by Jerry Bridges and Bob Bevington

Worldliness: Resisting the seduction of fallen world by C.J. Mahaney

Devotional:

Whiter than Snow by Paul Tripp

A Shelter in the Time of Storm by Paul Tripp

Ministry:

The Trellis and the Vine by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

Engaging with God by David Peterson

Total Church by Tim Chester

Anchor Verses

Scripture Memory Plan 2010



We are very excited about launching Anchor Verses 2010. This year, we will be memorizing larger portions of Scripture over an extended period of time. The passages are Psalm 139, Romans 8 and Romans 12.

Anchor Verses 2010 begins on Monday, January 4. Materials will be available in the Narthex beginning December 13. They will also be available December 20, January 3 and January 10.

As we begin to think about the upcoming new year, many of us will make New Year's resolutions. Will you prayerfully commit to memorizing God's Word in 2010? We will ask you to fill out a commitment card when you pick up your materials so that we can send you weekly encouragements and be praying for you throughout the year.

New This Year

- Larger portions of Scripture over longer periods of time to increase application and retention
- Fridge Magnets for each set of verses to help families memorize together
- New resources in the booklet
- A weekly e-news for verse reminder, complete with extra optional resource

Back Again

- Verse card ring
- A resource booklet
- Anchor Verses Journal (separate)
- Kids Get Anchored

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.

STARS—Our Disability Ministry needs volunteers on Wednesdays, Sundays, Friday, and for their Shepherd’s Arms Respite Program.
Contact Dawn, dclark@college-church.org or ext. 265.

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, hguerra@college-church.org or ext. 123

Serve with Your Son—We would like to extend an opportunity to you to serve alongside your teenage son(s), as there is no other bond like serving together. The church would like to ask you to consider committing to one Sunday a month, where you and your son(s) would be on call to come to church and shovel, snow-blow or salt for the benefit of the congregation’s worship. The commitment is small, but very important. If you have any questions, please contact Howard Kern, ext. 136 or hkern@college-church.org and if you would like sign up to be a part of this team, please contact Jessica Tate, jtate@college-church.org or ext. 109.

Kids’ Harbor—Our ministries to infant through sixth graders. There are opportunities at all hours on Sundays and also on Wednesdays. There is a crucial need for more volunteers during the 11 a.m hour.
Contact Cindy, cnickell@college-church.org or ext. 128.

Student Ministries

KMs—Our ministry to junior high students.

HYACKs—Our ministry to high school students.

Contact Jessica, jtate@college-church.org or 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 which include running the check-out counter on Sundays, book processing and shelf straightening during the week, writing of book reviews and website updating.
Contact Lisa, lkern@college-church.org or ext. 138.

MISSIONS

Outreach to Internationals—There are many easy ways you can get involved in reaching the more than 19,000 international students who are studying in Chicago. It's as simple as being **friendly and hospitable**. To get involved in an upcoming activity or learn more about the ministry: Contact Ryan, rskinner@college-church.org or ext. 110.

Outreach to Immigrants and Refugees—There are numerous ways you can get involved with immigrants and refugees in the DuPage County area. Become a Friendship Partner, an ESL Aide or a volunteer in the kids' summer programs. **Provide for practical needs** like free tax preparation, conduct a class on basic car maintenance or financial planning, hire an immigrant, meet a new family at the airport or provide local transportation. Donate services or products to World Relief's annual silent auction. The possibilities are endless.
Contact Marilyn, mpapierski@college-church.org or ext. 191.

Short Term Missions Teams (STAMP)—We are looking for men to help **lead and participate** in STAMP, World Impact and Fellowship for Theological Training Teams. For more information and applications, see our website: <http://www.college-church.org/missions/STAMP.htm>
Contact Marilyn, mpapierski@college-church.org or ext. 191.

Missions Team—The Missions Team is looking for men skilled in videography, photography, graphic design, statistics, media production and web design to assist the team in **development of media publications**.
Contact Ryan, rskinner@college-church.org or ext. 110.

OTHER RESOURCES:

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 (includes Christmas music)

WMBI 90.1 FM

WMBI 1110 AM
www.mbn.org

WETN 88.1 FM (Wheaton College Radio)
www.wheaton.edu/wetn (Christmas music)

WCFL 104.7 FM (includes Christmas music)

WBGL 91.7 FM/ www.wbgl.com

WYLL 1160 AM/www.wyll.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 4

Make Decisions Based on God's Priorities
(Romans 12:2)

Questions for Small Groups:

1. Do I have a Career or Vocation?
2. Should everyone be a full-time Christian worker?
3. What is tent-making for God (evangelism as a way of life)?
4. Do I move because of the money or because of the church?

NOTES:

Today's session is being recorded.

It is available on CD upon request.

You can complete an order form at the table in the Lobby, or complete an Audio Request Form at the Information Table in the Narthex on any Sunday morning.

The cost for each CD is \$3.

The CDs can also be mailed for an additional \$2.50.

Or purchase all the recorded messages on one CD in MP3 format for \$3.

Be sure to join us for our next meeting
on January 8, 2010.

Have a Merry Christmas
and a great New Year's!

MEN'S GATHERING 2010 DATES

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)