



# Men's Resource Guide

**February  
2010**

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

# A Building Faith—

## Mornings with Men of Influence

It's been great to have Pastor Moody lead us in times of study to help us live our lives outside the bounds of superficial faith. If you've been coming to Men's Gathering, you have surely found several ways that you can apply God's Word in your life. It's been a great time together.

Looking ahead, as we take steps in our lives to "move beyond superficial Christianity," we will surely face changes, challenges and struggles. So how do we stay focused and sharp? With all that life brings our way, if we are being honest, it's not always easy. We need help. Maybe not today, but someday soon, we'll face hardship of one kind or another. So what do we do now?

First, being disciplined in prayer and steeping our minds in God's Word are key. We need to encourage each other to persevere. Hold close to God's Word and God will help you.

Second, the lives of other men can inspire and encourage us. That's why we are especially excited to have the opportunity to spend upcoming Men's Gatherings with some extraordinary men of influence. Dr. David Cook will guide us each month through the life of a different man. Let's take a quick look at what's ahead.

**In March:** William Wilberforce, a politician—you may have seen the movie, *Amazing Grace*, or heard Charles Colson talk about this extraordinary man who helped to abolish slavery in the UK nearly 100 years before our own civil war.

**In April:** C.S. Lewis, a writer—many of us have read his books, but Dr. Cook will bring a fresh perspective on C.S. Lewis the man, and how he lived his life and made a real difference for God.

**In May:** Francis Collins, a contemporary scientist who believes in Christ and seeks to follow him faithfully.

**In June:** Frank Davidson, a modern-day shepherd—not all men of influence are famous. Frank knows firsthand what it means to be a shepherd caring for sheep. The familiar metaphors will take on new life as we consider his life and perspectives.

Each of these men has something to say to us about how we can live our lives. They are men of influence. Each of us can and should be men of influence, too. In our homes. In our places of work. Students in their classrooms. Workers in their jobs. Singles with their friends. A father with wife and children. Each of us with our neighbors.

So let us continue to move beyond superficial Christianity. May we find refreshment in our monthly gatherings together and help from these extraordinary men of influence in our individual lives this spring.

*“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 3:13-14*

# PASTOR'S PAGE

## PASTOR JEFF BREWER:

Jeff Brewer serves as Church Plant Pastor for our next church plant in Chicagoland. Prior to serving at College Church, Jeff served as Associate Pastor at Grace Community Bible Church in Roselle and Elgin, IL for seven years. While there, he helped to plant their new church in Elgin in 2006.



Originally from Ohio, Jeff and his wife, Jennifer, met one another in campus ministry at Ohio University and were married in 1995. They ministered with Campus Crusade in the Middle East after graduation before coming to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 1998. They have four daughters.

## ROUGH CARPENTRY

I grew up building furniture with my dad. He started to learn woodworking when I was young, and after he figured out how to rip boards on a radial arm saw without taking off a finger, he actually got pretty good at making mission-style furniture. I helped him carry the furniture to the peoples' houses who had bought it and did the grunt work of holding up a cabinet while he (slowly, it seemed) leveled it and fastened it to the wall.

Even though I saw piece after piece of beautiful furniture emerge from the shop, I gravitated toward rough carpentry. Forget the sissy tack hammers and clamps—give me a pry bar and nail gun! A few years ago my wife, Jen, actually looked into our master bath to find that the exterior wall had been removed and that you could walk straight out into our backyard. Needless to say, I had some cleaning up to do!

The biggest difference that I find between rough carpentry and furniture building is that in rough carpentry nothing ever seems to go the way you thought it would when you started the project. Whether it be a wall that

isn't level, floorboards that are rotten when you pull up the tile, or pipes that you have to virtually use a stick of dynamite to pull apart; projects have their share of surprises and setbacks that you can't plan for. When I face these setbacks it is important to remind myself of the goal I am aiming for and how the next step in the project leads toward that end.

Life can have its unexpected turns like rough carpentry, can't it? The home repair that threatens the budget, hectic schedules that are increasingly filled, work that is pressure laden and stressful; surely the list could go on and on. In the midst of the unexpectedness of life, we need to remember the ultimate goal we are aiming for—to glorify God and find our joy in Him (1 Corinthians 10:31).

As Christians, God calls us to keep this ultimate goal in mind while faithfully going about the work he has for us on a daily basis. Paul writes in Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward." In this verse we see how we are to work (heartily), who we are to work for (the Lord and not for men) and the goal for which we are working (to receive an inheritance). It glorifies God when we work in this way. Not only does it glorify God, but it brings us joy.

The day ahead looks different for each of us; different jobs, stages of life, different challenges and hopes and desires. Regardless of the challenges and joys we will face, God is calling us to worship him by doing all of our work heartily for him, motivated by the inheritance that is stored up in heaven for us.

## **FIVE TOOLS I HAVE NEVER REGRETTED BUYING:**

1. Sawzall (reciprocating saw)
2. Compound Miter Saw
3. Nail Gun / Compressor
4. Table Saw
5. Good tape-measurer (Stanley Fat-max 35')

## SO WHY DO WE KEEP PLANTING CHURCHES?

Try as I may, I just can't get into the expansion teams in professional sports. It seems to me that there is something intrinsically wrong with someone being able to swim at the beach, dry off, then go to a professional hockey game. It just doesn't seem right that a city the size of Naperville, Joliet and Aurora combined should be able to have an NBA franchise. I'm sure people in Florida and Carolina are glad to have their relatively new NFL teams, but I can guarantee if one of them played in a Super Bowl, I would be using the phrase "care less" more often than Emmitt Smith appeared on ESPN during Super Bowl week. I have a major question in my mind as to the need for more franchises and the ultimate sustainability of professional leagues that continue to expand to the point of saturation. I just don't see the point.

Some people think about church planting the way I think about professional expansion in sports. They raise question as to why it is happening, the effect it has on other churches and the ultimate need for it here in the United States and Chicagoland. Some Christians just don't see the point.

God designed the gospel to be growing and expanding through his chosen means—the church until he returns (Acts 2:47b; Colossians 1:5,6). The gospel should never stop expanding through the church faithfully proclaiming the gospel. As long as there are people who have not heard about Jesus, there will be a need for more churches to be planted in order to preach the gospel in areas that are greatly underserved with gospel witness.

Often we drive past multiple churches in order to worship at a particular church, so it is understandable that someone might be tempted to not see the need here in the United States for more church plants. While we are not pioneers in church planting work, like many in restricted access countries, I would argue that there is a great need for evangelistically—or missionally-minded churches in the United States that make it their aim to boldly proclaim the gospel in areas of our country that are underserved with gospel witness. Some areas of the country (like the Pacific Northwest and New England) are so underserved with healthy, Christ-exalting churches that they could be considered as "post-Christian" as Western Europe. Other areas, like Chicago and its suburbs, are certainly more "churched" than the Pacific Northwest and New England, but we still have many fields that are ready for harvest, that need laborers to be sent out into the harvest.

The reality is, even if every church that exists right now in the Chicago Metro area were filled to capacity, they would not hold all 10 million people who live here. The church exists to reach out to lost people and tell them the truth about Jesus, not just exist as the best flavor of the month church that rolls into an area and fills itself up with Christians from other churches (until of course, the next church sets up shop and the people move there). We have areas in our own metropolitan area that are under-served with healthy, gospel-proclaiming churches and that there is a need for us to be praying as a church for God to send us as laborers into His harvest field to plant healthy, missional, reproducing churches.

When we think about church planting at College Church, we should think of it as setting up an outpost in an underserved area and seeking to draw people, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be followers of Christ. Church planting is about gospel outreach. It is not solely about outreach of course, the church is broader than that, but we must not forget that church planting should be evangelistic at its core.

God wants to use you in this work whether it is reaching out to people in Wheaton and bringing them to College Church, helping to start a church plant in the suburb in which you live or serving in the next church plant for a season—gospel outreach is something in which we can all play a part.

If you would like to connect, I would love to hear from you. You can reach me by e-mail at [jbrewer@college-church.org](mailto:jbrewer@college-church.org)

# SPRING MISSIONS FESTIVAL

## FEBRUARY 25–MARCH 2

**Men's Global Briefing**  
Friday, February 26, 6–7:15 a.m.  
Commons Hall

Two of the most important countries in the world today are Pakistan and China. Missionaries Jim Tebbe and Finn Torjesen have spent nearly 40 years in these two countries and their global briefing will provide an insider's view of the challenges and opportunities for gospel witness in these countries.



**Family Night—Where's Waldo?**  
Friday, February 26, 6:45–8:45 p.m.  
Commons Hall

Race to find Waldo while avoiding imposters and gathering fascinating facts about the countries where our missionaries serve! Cost: \$10/family or \$5/individual. Sign up Sunday, February 14 or 21 in the Narthex.

**Short-Term Missions Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, February 27, 8–10:30 a.m.

Learn more about our short-term missions teams while you enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast. Contributions from this fundraiser will assist our 2010 STAMP / World Impact trips and the China Study Team.

**Ice Skating with International Students**  
Saturday February 27, 4–7 p.m.  
McFetridge Ice Rink, Chicago

Did you know there are more than 17,000 international students in Chicago? Join with volunteers from Moody Church to develop friendships with these students at this family-friendly event followed by dinner. Cost: \$8/adult, \$7/child (includes skate rental). Advance sign up required, contact the Missions Office, ext.110.

**Missions Festival Sunday Services**  
**February 28 at 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.**

Every way possible! Join us as missionaries Jim Tebbe, Luis Bush and Finn Torjesen share about innovative ways that God is at work around the world. Missionaries will also be speaking in Adult Communities and Kids' Harbor classes.

**Global Café**  
**Sunday, February 28 at 7 p.m.**  
**Commons Hall**

Interact with our missionaries and national partners while earning your way to fantastic international desserts, including tiramisu, cheesecake and Black Forest cake!

For more information, visit College Church's Spring Missions Festival webpage, <http://www.college-church.org/missions/SpringMissionsFestival.htm> or contact the missions office, ext. 110.

**GET INVOLVED IN MISSIONS:**

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

**Outreach to International Students:** Did you know that there are more than 17,000 international students in Chicago? Consider helping lead a Bible study or participating in our fun monthly events as we interact with students from around the world. Join us at February's event—ice skating downtown Chicago on Saturday, February 27. This will be a great family friendly opportunity to begin interacting with students! For more information, contact Ryan, [rskinner@college-church.org](mailto: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. Befriend a family when they arrive in this country, become an ESL Aide, volunteer in the kid's summer programs or help provide for practical needs like tax preparation or transportation. The possibilities are endless! Contact Marilyn, [mpapierski@college-church.org](mailto:mpapierski@college-church.org) or ext. 191.

## **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, Fridays, and for their Shepherd's Arms Respite Program.  
Contact Dawn, [dclark@college-church.org](mailto:dclark@college-church.org) or ext. 265.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lkern@college-church.org) or ext. 138.

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](mailto:christews@sbcglobal.net).

# MEN'S MENTORING SPRING 2010

We are very excited to offer another session of the Men's Mentoring Program this April 8 through May 20.

The group will meet on Thursday mornings from 6-7:30 a.m. for seven consecutive weeks.

Each session will begin with 20 minutes of instruction and end with one hour of one-on-one mentoring time.

We are looking for men who desire to be mentored through this program.

If you are interested, contact Harper, [hguerra@college-church.org](mailto:hguerra@college-church.org) or ext. 123.



# QUESTIONS FOR TODAY:

*Moving Beyond Superficial Christianity*

## **Session 6**

*Realize This is Just the Tip of the Iceberg*  
(Philippians 3:13)

### **Questions for Small Groups:**

1. How do I go deeper with God in prayer?
2. How do I go deeper with God in the Bible?
3. How do I go deeper with God in His mission?
4. How do I go deeper with God in creation?
5. How do I go deeper with God in death?

**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 March 12.

**MEN'S GATHERING 2010 DATES**

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)

SPRING 2010

# Mornings with Men of Influence

with Dr. E. David Cook

Men's Gathering

6:00–7:15 a.m.

Commons Hall

**MARCH 12:**      **WILLIAM**  
**WILBERFORCE**

**APRIL 9:**      **C. S.**  
**LEWIS**

**MAY 14:**      **FRANCIS**  
**COLLINS**

**JUNE 11:**      **FRANK**  
**DAVIDSON**