

Men's Gathering **Life's Topics—God's Plan**

Resource Guide

**October 2010:
Missions**



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

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:2

Men's Gathering 2010-2011

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All too often the plan of God can seem like something that's far off, remote, detached somehow from the day-to-day demands and the seemingly insignificant actions of an ordinary day. At the same time, the topics of life seem more present—concerns about money, missions, prayer, church leadership, marriage to name just a few—these topics seem to be connected to daily and weekly life and are an integral part of who we are as men and as Christian people.

In reality, God's plan intersects with life. This year's Men's Gathering explores that intersection. We are looking forward to hearing from a variety of men with different experiences and varied perspectives. We want to encourage each of you to bring your own observations and experiences with you to the Gathering each month. Be ready to share, poised to listen to others, grateful for the Word of God, and open to how God might want to change you in the year ahead. Pray that God's Word will come alive in us this year and that we will be a changed people as a result.

Proverbs 11:4 tells us, "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." This year our Men's Gathering provides us with an abundance of counselors on a variety of topics that each of us needs to work through repeatedly throughout the course of our lives.

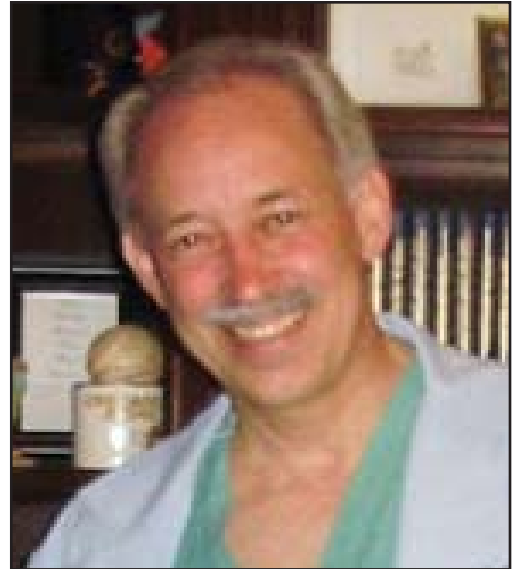
The good news is that we aren't alone to wrestle through this maze called life. Jesus gives us His Word and His Spirit. Men's Gathering is a place for coming together around God's Word to learn and grow. Join us each month for a different topic and a focus on God's plan for our lives.

FROM OUR ELDERS

Throughout the year, Men's Gatherings will spot light a few of our current elders. This will provide you an opportunity to get an inside look at these ordinary men and how God has uniquely equipped them to be lay leaders in His church.

RICHARD ERICKSON:

Richard has been practicing orthopaedics for 20 years in the Wheaton area. Having grown up on the north side of Chicago attending Moody Church, he first came to Wheaton to attend college. He met his dear wife Joanne while coaching at Wheaton and attending graduate school. He began attending College Church in 1982 while they were dating. He particularly enjoyed the Joint Heirs Sunday School class and, years later, the Family Class. Richard has a passion to integrate the gospel with everyday speech and life.



BEST EXPERIENCES IN LIFE

Richard will say one of the best experiences in his life was getting hit by a car and being hospitalized for a few months when he was 15 years old as a junior at Lane Tech. "It taught me to slow down, to look for God's will, and see Him answer prayer," says Richard.

His favorite course in college was Modern Mythology, taught by Clyde Kilby. It was there he read his favorite book, the life-changing *Til We Have Faces*, by C.S. Lewis. "In it," says Richard, "I saw the ugliness of my own 'love' and the depth and beauty of Christ's love."

His best experience after college was getting married and having kids!

Other favorite books include *God in the Dock*, by C.S. Lewis and *Everlasting Man* by G.K. Chesterton.

His favorite movie is *Lord of the Rings*, from Tolkien's novel and *Candlehoe*, an old Disney video given him by his young daughters on finishing residency.

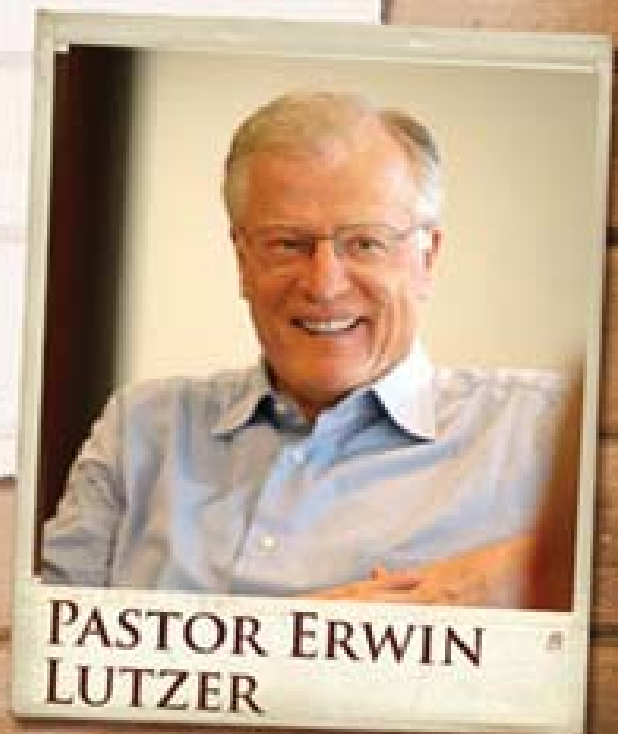
His favorite song is *Be Thou My Vision*.



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FALL MISSIONS FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

International Student Dinner

6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Commons Hall & Gymnasium

Take a first step in building cross-cultural friendships over dinner and mix with internationals around coffee and games at this family friendly event! Cost: \$5/person. It's not too late to attend. Call the ISD reservation line at (630) 668-0878, ext. 378.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010

Sunday Services

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary

Throughout the Bible, God has providentially orchestrated the movements of people for His redemptive purpose and given instructions to His people on how to treat the foreigner in the land. We will explore the biblical basis of our festival theme, Love Your Immigrant Neighbor, hear compelling testimonies and participate in heartfelt worship. Missionaries will speak in Adult Communities and children's classes.

Take A Missionary to Lunch

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Host families' homes

A time of food, fellowship and fantastic opportunities to connect with a missionary. Sign up at the missions table in the Narthex.

Do I know the Facts about Immigration?

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Commons Hall

Immigration is one of the most complicated issues of our time. Voices on all sides argue strongly for action and change. Christians find themselves torn between the desire to uphold laws and the call to minister to the vulnerable. Author and Immigration Specialist for World Relief, Matthew Soerens, will lead this timely seminar.

Evening Worship Service & Missionary Christmas

6 p.m.

Sanctuary

Who are my immigrant neighbors? How can I show them love? What could happen if I love them? Emmanuel Tahear, Joy Loewen and others reaching out to immigrant families will address these questions from a biblical and personal perspective. We will also celebrate Missionary Christmas. Join us for this evening of Scripture, song and eye-opening stories.

Persian Café

7 p.m.

Commons Hall

Interact with our missionaries and partners in immigrant outreach while earning your way to fantastic desserts.

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.

Upward Soccer or Basketball—As part of our sports ministry, Upward is an evangelistic basketball/soccer league. Upward is looking for coaches, refs, scorekeepers, 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.

Contact Ginny ghrushka@college-church.org or ext. 109.

Kids' Harbor—Our ministry to infant through sixth graders. There are opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays and occasional special services. To learn more or if you're interested in serving:

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 Ginny, ghrushka@college-church.org or ext. 109.

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.

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 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 bringing the gospel to 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 Chris, chardy@college-church.org or ext. 154.

Outreach to Immigrants and Refugees—There are numerous ways you can get involved with immigrants and refugees in the DuPage County area: become an ESL aide, join a friendship team around a newly arrived refugee family, relocate to Wheaton Square Apartments or develop a friendship with a immigrant colleague or neighbor. Join in God's work as he brings the nations to our doorstep for His glorious purposes. Contact Chris, chardy@college-church.org or ext. 154.

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 Chris, chardy@college-church.org or ext. 154.

OTHER RESOURCES:

On-Line Biblical Training

Wheaton College Distance Learning

http://www.wheatongrad.com/Distance_Learning_Courses

Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning

www.moody.edu

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

[/www.tiu.edu/divinity/academics/mode/extension](http://www.tiu.edu/divinity/academics/mode/extension)

The Simeon Trust

www.simeon.org/web/course

Daily Devotionals

Men of Integrity

www.christianitytoday.com/moi

Our Daily Bread

<http://odb.org/2010/09/05/always-there>

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

<http://utmost.org>

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.

COMPASS MINISTRY:

Compass is a fellowship of men who remind one another of the Bible's teaching on sexuality, are available for one another as a supportive team of brothers, hold each other accountable and provide a safe, confidential place to share.

This is a meeting to model and experience both the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. The group is open only to those who want to meet for the purpose of encouraging sexual purity. Due to the nature of these issues we insist on strict confidentiality. For information and meeting days/times, send an email to compass@college-church.org, or call Jim Elwell, (630) 841-9513.



TODAY'S PANELISTS:

Steve Dresselhaus: Steve was raised in Venezuela, the son of College Church missionaries, Elton and Joyce Dresselhaus. Before becoming a missionary himself, Steve enjoyed a career in SCUBA diving. Steve and his wife worked in Caracas, Venezuela as church planters for four years. The Dresselhauses then served in church planting and field leadership in Baja, Mexico, for 18 years. Currently Steve is the Senior director for global ministries for TEAM's Latin America and Latin Europe ministry areas and is living in Wheaton.

Charley Warner: Charley and his wife, Cheryl, have been missionaries to the former Soviet Union since 1987. They serve with Barnabas International in ministering to people in ministry (especially missionaries, national church leaders and their families), in the development of evangelical theological education in the former Soviet Union and in the development of new missions movements in Central and Eastern Europe. College Church is their home church where they were married in 1984 and Charley was ordained in 1998.

Josh Bell: Josh is a graduate of Wheaton College ('09) with a B.A. in Biblical Studies. He recently returned from a year in China with the China Study Team from College Church. He currently lives at home in San Diego and is preparing to return to China in January 2011. There, he will be working with the house church to encourage local and global cross-cultural outreach. Josh enjoys traveling to places of beauty equal to or greater than San Diego.

Rob Wolgemuth: Rob serves on the Board of Missions here at College Church. Prior to that he served as a volunteer with both the HYACK ministry and College ministry for a combined eight years. Professionally Rob has spent the last nine years as Managing Member of Insight Investments, LLC where he manages two investment funds. In his spare time, he coaches youth lacrosse as well as his daughter Samantha's kindergarten soccer team. In addition to Samantha, Rob and his wife Rebecca have a two-year old daughter Paige and another child on the way.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY:

1. What did Steve share on immigration that stood out to you today?
2. Which of the three panelists did you resonate with the most? Why?
3. What contact do you have with immigrants or refugees? How could the love of Christ be appropriately expressed to them?
4. Discuss some ways that you've been involved in missions that have been meaningful to you or your family.
5. What changes in the world significantly affect how we fulfill Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations"?

NOTES:

Be sure to join us for our next meeting
on November 12
Topic: Prayer

MEN'S GATHERING DATES

November 12
December 10
January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10