

NETWORKS



MINISTRY IN 15-MINUTE SEGMENTS

(By Rick Mitchell)

Do you think you don't have enough time to get "up close and personal" with everyone in your church? Do you want more time to get to know the people God has placed within the scope of your ministry, whether they are paid staff or volunteers? Well here is an idea that might help you get more face time with those you seek to impact.

Do your ministry in 15-minute segments. Set aside the fifteen minutes before and after worship services, meetings, activities, ball games, and anything else you do that involves other people. During the fifteen minutes, circulate through the area and talk to as many people as you can. Listen to their problems and share their victories. Have fun with them. Shoot hoops with them. Let them know that they are important to you. If you need some set-up time before the activity or clean-up time after an event, then come extra early and plan to stay a little later to get the job done. But reserve the 15-minute ministry time exclusively for interacting with other people.

Spending this time wisely will actually save you time later. Being available to your folks may mean that they will not need to call you or see you during the week. It will also let them know that you are easily accessible and easy to talk to. They will realize that they can see you during the minutes before or after an activity instead of asking you for a special appointment later. Sometimes when you begin to talk to a person you will realize that their situation needs more than the fifteen minutes you have available. In this case, you can easily schedule a longer appointment for later in the week.

NOTE: In those rare events when you may be "squeezed" for time you can ask some of your folks to come early to help you set up or stay late to help you take stuff down. This time with them can also be good ministry time.

THREE WEBSITES OF INTEREST

1. Sportsrecplus.org - This is the official Sports & Rec Plus Web site. Check it out for all types of information about the ministry. You can read ministry highlights, find out about mission trips, check on all our ministry activities, view pictures, read articles from the newsletter, get a list of online resources, and more.
2. Seatguru.com - Going on a trip? This site will help you a great deal with your planning. You can buy tickets, get housing, etc. However, the best part of the site is the section that lists all airlines in the world, the type of aircraft they each fly, and how each type of aircraft is configured. It lists whether the craft has Wi-Fi, in-seat electric plugs, the type of lighting, how much leg room it has, the placement of exits, movies, internet, and a whole lot more. This information will put you in the know and allow you to get a seat that will contribute positively to your in-flight experience.
3. Pluggedin.com - View information on just about every movie ever made. See how the flick stacks up against the Christian Worldview. This site is full of potential for discussions in Sunday School, youth ministry meetings, and Bible studies. On this site you will get a look at what media influences your congregation may be facing.

GOD'S PLAN FOR SHARING

This is a coordinated effort to share Christ with every person in North America. Materials are available to assist you in doing your part to share Christ in your church field.

Among these are:

Find It Here brochures and clear plastic bags for door hangers

Discover More To Life Kit - Story-driven, video-led discussion group curriculum

Missional Zipcode Demographic Newsletter - Lifestyle segmentation to assist you in reaching your community

GPS ImageBanner

Find It Here Outdoor Banner

To purchase and get more information go to www.vbmb.org or www.sbcv.org

Mission Team to South Africa

Joel Nelson and nine other team members left on January 13th for Johannesburg, South Africa for a 2-week mission trip. The other members include Dominic Green, Frederick Sales, Peggy Jackson, James Jackson, Morris Oliver, Poinsetta Oliver, John Grady, Alice Israel, and David Israel.

Keep them in prayer during this time.

Church Giving January-December 2009

Berea	6,355.34
Bethany	1,550.00
Bethel	4,357.44
Chancellor	13,849.81
Community	1,320.00
Fairview	8,125.00
Falmouth	5,605.66
Ferry Farm	9,738.93
Fredericksburg	500.00
Friendship	5,537.67
Goshen	10,783.52
Hanover	00
Hull's Memorial	1,688.00
Massaponax	12,569.72
Montague	00
Mt. Ararat	15,300.00
Mt. Hope	00
Ni River	300.00
North Stafford	00
Oakland	6,514.16
Ramoth	4,470.12
Richland	8,168.00
Rock Hill	9,288.69
Round Hill	2,950.00
Round Oak	2,000.04
Salem	6,000.00
Shiloh	3,907.50
Shiloh New Site	900.00
Shiloh Old Site	6,244.40
Spotsylvania	00
Sylvania Heights	3,682.00
Travelers Rest	00
Two Rivers	1,465.50
Wilderness	5,000.00
Zoan	00
Fil-Am Christian	5,828.51
Evergreen	5,670.23
Colonial Beach	2,534.33
Gateway	4,355.00
Emanuel Korean	150.00
Real Life	7,620.00
VBMB	349.94
Interest	128.70
TOTAL	184,808.21

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Jennifer Davidson (Bethel)
 5—Carson Riley (Round Oak)
 6—Leslie Powers (Falmouth)
 12—Beth Hedges (Oakland)
 18—Karen Widener (Montague)
 24—Steve Barnum (Round Hill)
 28—Giva Conner (Gateway)

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

- 1—Hyo & Sun An—(Stafford Emanuel Korean)
 17—John & Ruth Gray (FABN)



Shiloh Baptist Church in King George County welcomes Mike Jessee and Earlene Jessee as their new pastor and wife on January 4. Mike comes from Second Baptist Church in Richmond where he was Associate Pastor. He has pastored several other churches in Virginia as well as serving as a fund-raising consultant with Virginia Baptists. Earlene Jessee served as Executive Director of WMU of Virginia until her retirement two years ago. We are delighted to welcome them to the Fredericksburg Area

Tax and Financial Support Planning Seminar
 February 16, 2010
 Salem Baptist Church
 9:00 - 12:00 Noon

This seminar is designed to assist church staff and lay leaders who handle taxes and compensation. Attendees will get help with financial support planning for church staff, including retirement and insurance, handling ministers' taxes and federal reporting requirements for churches. For more information or to register for the seminar contact Melody Fowler at 1-800-255-2428.

LUCHA MINISTRIES

Latinos Unidos por Cristo en Hermandad y Apoyo (LUCHA) ministers with over 185 immigrant families in the Fredericksburg community. This involves almost 700 individuals. They offer assistance in times of crisis, help people find the resources they need in the community, and provide a youth program to encourage Latino teens.

During 2009 they provided school supplies for 170 children, food assistance to 444 persons, involved over 20 youth in summer activities, and helped 10 persons obtain free or low-cost dental care. They offer cultural competency trainings and translation assistance to both agencies and individuals. They provide Bibles and New Testaments and devotional materials. Above all, they represent Christ to people who need to be reminded of God's love for them.

LUCHA is led by Greg and Sue Smith and Heather and Victor Gomez.

They can be reached at P.O. Box 8239, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-8239

Massaponax Baptist Church is proud to present **ApologetiX (that Christian parody band)** live in concert.

Massaponax High School Saturday January 23, 2010.
 7:00pm Tickets \$10.00 in advance, 1 free with every ten purchased. Tickets \$10.00 in advance, 1 free with every ten purchased. \$15.00 at the door.

Please contact Pastor Steve Khan at 540-455-0648 or Yufpaster@Verizon.net
 Ticket available for credit card payments at Apologetix.com

Bethel ordained Artie Bernard Curtis to the Gospel ministry on January 17.

HAITI

FABN is accepting donations for Haiti relief. Donations should be sent to FABN with checks made out to FABN with Haiti in the memo line. We will forward the funds to Baptist churches in Haiti through our already existing relationships. All funds will go 100% to disaster relief. If there is an opportunity for onsite response in Haiti we will let you know.

MEN'S EQUIPPING CONFERENCE "IRON SHARPENS IRON"

MARCH 20, 2010

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Speakers: Phil Downer,

Reggie Dabbs

For more information:

www.IronSharpensIron.net

TRANSITION: LEADING TODAY'S CHURCH INTO TOMORROW

This conference will be composed of four unique conference experiences designed to help church leaders lead their churches from where they are today to where they believe God would like for them to be in the future.

January 28-30, 2010

Gayton Baptist Church, Richmond
Facilitators: Paul Borden, Mike Breen

Breakout Leaders: Steve Cockram,
Ken Ellis, Dennis Pethers

For more information, go to
www.21-c.org

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Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Wayne Montrief. Wayne was an active member of Ferry Farm Baptist Church.

Also to the family of Betty Jo Cates, wife of Howard Cates.

Thank you to Wayne and Linda Colton for their generous contribution to the ministry of the Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network.

Prayer Requests:

Amy Allensworth

John Edmonds

Clyde and Mildred Coleman

Churches seeking pastors: Rock Hill and Ni River

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