

Spiritual Leadership Development

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

This month's SLD Newsletter includes a look at new Spiritual Leadership Development programs along with ideas for the future. Next month we will look at a starting point for spiritual growth in our individual Christian life.

"he who leads, with diligence"
Romans 12:8 (NASV)

As Christians we are all leaders. God has provided us with specific talents that can be used in service to Him. Whether we are serving by helping, encouraging, contributing, edifying, evangelizing or aiding in another way we should do the service in love and demonstrate eagerness, urgency, involvement and attention to the responsibility before us. By the development of our spiritual growth we can be the diligent servants we need to be.

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Natural Leadership

Self-confident
Knows men
Makes own decisions
Ambitious
Creates methods
Enjoys command
Seeks personal reward
Independent

Spiritual Leadership

Confident in God
Knows God
Seeks God's will
Humble
Follows God's example
Delights in obedience to God
Loves God and others
Depends on God

Excerpt from Spiritual Leadership, by J. Oswald Sanders, 1994.

New Programs for 2006!

This month PAGE 2 of the SLD Newsletter explains three new programs for our congregation. The programs will kick-off during 2006! Two of the programs, The Challenge and Leading the Assembly, are brand new. Of course, the Daily Bible Reading program is one that we have had before; but, this time we will have a Daily Bible Reading small group ministry to encourage each other to keep reading God's Word each day. Please contact me if you have any questions or need clarification on any of these programs. Be a part of these efforts as we join together in our spiritual growth during 2006!

L2L 205

Each year we continue to increase the number of individuals from our congregation attending the Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) National Convention! There are currently 205 people from Germantown registered for the April 2006 L2L convention. This is the first year we have topped the 200 mark!

L2L participants - keep up the great work; attend the scheduled meetings for your activity; and thank your L2L coordinator for working with you!

Ideas for the Future

A series of Spiritual Leadership Development (SLD) meetings with the deacons, the congregation and the families of the youth group have been completed. Thanks to everyone who attended and gave so many great ideas! There were over 100 ideas provided regarding the needs of the congregation within the area of SLD. Proposed methods to implement the ideas were also given.

In the next few months efforts will begin to implement many of the ideas that were identified. Some include:

- Women's Leadership Challenge
- Personal Evangelism
- Skills/Gifts Assessment Workshop
- Relationship Building - Family and Friends
- How To Study The Bible Class
- In-depth "Semester" Bible Classes at Night

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for the members of the Germantown church of Christ as we lead by being Christian servants.

The Challenge

**10 Men
10 Weeks
10 Challenges**

What?

The Men's Leadership Challenge is designed for men within the congregation who would like to grow spiritually by successfully completing a challenge specifically tailored to spiritual leadership development. Each man will commit to attend each Challenge session and to complete The Challenge during the week.

The Men's Leadership Challenge will stretch the spiritual leadership development on a personal basis of 10 men for 10 weeks with 10 challenges.

Will you make the commitment?

When?

*Thursday Nights
7:00-9:00 pm*

*Starts January 5th
Ends March 9th*

*Also, Sunday January 29th
5:15-5:45 pm*

Who?

Men, young men or boys may take The Challenge. This course is not competitive among the participants; The Men's Leadership Challenge will encourage personal growth.

Will you take The Challenge?

Sign-up forms (purple sheet) are on a table in the south hallway.

Leading the Assembly

**Reading Scripture
Prayers
Comments at Lord's Supper
Comments for Contribution**

What?

The Leading the Assembly class is a practical how-to class. The class is for Christian men and young men who would like to increase knowledge and experience in leading the assembly during the worship services in the following areas: 1) reading Scripture, 2) prayers, 3) comments at the Lord's Supper and 4) comments for the contribution.

Class sessions will include a lesson on the element of worship, examples of leading the element and time for the class participants to practice leading the element in a non-threatening, low-keyed atmosphere.

After attending this course the class attendees will have prepared examples for use in leading the assembly during worship services.

When?

*Sunday Mornings
9:30-10:15 am*

*Starts April 23rd
Ends May 21st*

Who?

Attendees should be men or young men, who are baptized believers, and would like to increase their confidence and gain practical how-to experience in leading the assembly during the worship services.

Sign-up forms (yellow sheet) are on a table in the south hallway.

Daily Bible Reading

**Track 1
Track 2
Track 3**

What?

The Daily Bible Reading (DBR) program will be for those who would like to be encouraged and to encourage others in our daily Bible reading.

There are 3 daily Bible reading schedules within the program:

- ◆ *Track 1 - read NT during 2006*
- ◆ *Track 2 - read OT and NT during 2006 and 2007*
- ◆ *Track 3 - join the DBR program anytime during the year*

While the tracks follow a reading of either the New Testament (NT) or the Old Testament (OT) and NT the goal of the DBR program is to be a daily Bible reader. Also, for those who follow another daily Bible reading schedule we would like you to join our effort to encourage each other.

When?

Everyday! Begins January 1st

Who?

All members or visitors to the congregation are welcome to join us in our daily reading of the Bible.

A small group ministry will be used to encourage each other in the daily reading of God's Word.

Sign-up forms (gray sheet) are on a table in the south hallway.