

NOBLE WARRIORS

A CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY TO THE
MEN OF TODAY
AND TOMORROW

READ THIS...

We are the reason for the Season!!

"For to us a child is born,"
Isaiah 9:6

"...and they will call Him
Immanuel" - which means,
"God with us."
Matthew 1: 23

"Do not be afraid. I bring
you good news of great
joy that will be **for all the
people**. Today in the
town of David a Savior has
been born to you; he is
Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11

BATTLE PLAN REVIEW!!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Join us from 7—9 pm at
Countryside Christian
Church for a public cele-
bration of the work of
Noble Warriors and a
preview of what the future
holds. See our website for
more details.

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BATTLE BULLETIN

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM NOBLE WARRIORS!!

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NOBLE WARRIORS: CELEBRATING-ANTICIPATING

This must be my 20th attempt to write the lead article for this edition of the Battle Bulletin. I keep scrapping what I've done and starting over. It's not for lack of information to share with you. Quite the opposite is true. There may be too much to share. And to frustrate things further, I enjoy talking with people, so it's a tremendous challenge for me to capture my excitement and enthusiasm with words.



Mike shares the differing needs of husbands and wives at NW's first Enrichment event.

Stacy and I are experiencing first hand the God of Ephesians 3:20 "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Noble Warriors has already taken twists and turns that I would not have predicted

or anticipated. There have been blessings that stir my soul to praise. Each day there is a phone call, e-mail, letter or conversation that encourages me and reminds me that God is in control. It also seems that he finds new ways each day to remind me that Noble Warriors is bigger than Mike Young but not bigger than God.



In addition to teaching/discussion time, the Enrichment events also feature dessert and fellowship.

Take a look at the list in the next column. The blessings continue to rain down. I could try to write even more about what has happened as well as what we're planning for next year, but I'd rather tell you. To that end, please plan to **join me and other Noble Warriors at Countryside Christian Church on January 28 for our first Annual Battle Plan Review**. I would like to celebrate the work God has done thus far and share our bold plans for the coming year.

This is His work. You and I are blessed to be part of it.

Since the Last Battle Bulletin...

- **A Men's Fraternity participant prayed to receive Christ.
- **The story of Noble Warriors has been featured on Man2Man Express, a daily radio broadcast for men and a local community access TV program called Beauty from Ashes.
- **54 people have participated in marriage and/or parenting enrichment events sponsored by NW.
- **NW has applied for membership in the National Coalition of Men's Ministries.
- **The IRS application for Tax exempt status has been completed and mailed.
- **Noble Warriors is working with men from Countryside Christian Church to help another local ministry, Commonwealth Clinic minister in the community
- **Mike has spoken at 3 MOPS events, 2 youth events, a men's breakfast and led a worship service at Broadus Memorial Baptist Church in Ashland.



UPCOMING NOBLE WARRIOR EVENTS

We are constantly looking for ways to partner with local churches to serve as a ministry resource. Mike is available for pulpit supply, men's breakfasts, retreats, conferences or special events for large or small groups. Call Mike at (804)347-4507 or e-mail myoung@noblewarriors.org to schedule.

Ongoing—Men's Fraternity™, *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*. Four sessions weekly, Check website for times and locations

- December 24**—Father/Child Manger Building activity at Bethia United Methodist Church
- January 9**—Mike speaks to the MOPS group at Glen Allen Community Church
- January 17**—First Local Pastor's Lunch hosted by NW to discuss Men's Ministry Issues
- January 20**—Marriage Enrichment event hosted by Swift Creek Baptist Church
- January 28**—Noble Warriors Battle Plan Review, at Countryside Christian Church

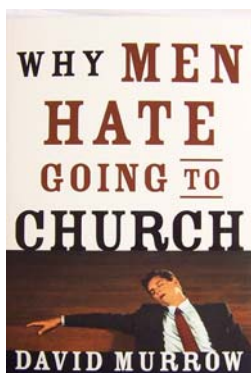


Christmas time is busy and hectic. It's also a great time to serve your wife by helping her in some unusual ways. Try it!

FROM A FATHER TO A CHILD... LOVE IS SPELLED T-I-M-E.

Time invested will always produce a dividend.

Find out more about *Great Dads* at www.greatdads.org.



Noble Warriors will be giving this book and an invitation to a monthly luncheon as a Christmas gift to twenty local pastors.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

FOR HUSBANDS...

I don't know how things generally go in your home at Christmas, but in the Young household Stacy handles most of the holiday decorating, cooking, planning etc. I'm happy that it all gets done, but if it were up to me alone it wouldn't. I'm just not into froo-froo enough to do it myself. My preference is to stand on the sidelines and cheer enthusiastically. But, that's not enough.

Gentlemen, let me challenge and encourage you to do more than cheer for your wife. You and I

both need to be aware of opportunities to get in the game. Now, please understand, I'm not suggesting that you jump into the middle of the festivities and try to take over. That may have a negative effect. What I am suggesting is that we all seek to be more alert to opportunities to serve our wives at this time of year.

Pray for Her!

A wife of noble character, who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
Prov. 31:10

Here are some ideas:

Give her a break by cooking a meal for the family. (If you handle it well, and clean up, you can score big points with this one.)

Take the kids out for a special light tour or other low cost entertainment and let her get things done at home while it's quiet.

Ask if there's anything specific you could do to lighten her load.

Pray for her. She needs to know you are covering her with prayer each day.

Our selfless service should be one of our wives' favorite gifts each Christmas.



FOR FATHERS...

Spend Time with your children in some unusual ways this Christmas. In his book, *Great Dads*, Robert Hamrin says that for our children the word love is spelled T-I-M-E. They feel loved when we spend time with them. Let me challenge you to be creative in the way you say I Love You to your children through the expenditure of time

in the coming weeks. If you have young children make sure you get down on the floor and play with them more than usual. Read them some of the neat children's books about the Christmas Story, (Max Lucado's *The Crippled Lamb* comes to mind.) If they are a little older, take them out individually, use a budget and a list to help them shop for simple gifts for family members. Even if your children

are older, you may want to take them out for a special Christmas outing. My father-in-law arranges a date with each of his four daughters at Christmas. They each get a very special evening with dad to which they all look forward. (He also gets a little help with his shopping!) He has maintained this tradition for about 15 years. Men: an investment of time will always produce a dividend!



NW BOOK REVIEW: WHY MEN HATE GOING TO CHURCH BY DAVID MURROW

I found out about this book through a friend early this year. I purchased and read it immediately. I was impressed by how Mr. Murrow made me aware of things I already knew. It is like someone takes you on a tour of your own house pointing out things that are obvious but taken for granted.

Generally, the case is made that over time our churches have become places that are more

comfortable for women and children than men. Many of us who have been active in the church for much of our lives don't notice that the traditional church may not be so inviting to men on the outside.

If you are concerned about men's involvement in your church, buy two copies of this book. Read one and pass it on to a friend. Give the other to your pastor. NW is giving a copy of this book to 20 local pastors

and inviting them to a monthly luncheon to cultivate dialogue about men in the church.

Consider this quote from page 49. *Men have no idea how vital Christ is to the future of mankind. Nor do they realize how needed they are. Without men and their warrior spirit in the church, all is lost. Our job is to lift the veil of religion and call men to the battle.*

Find out more at www.churchformen.org

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ENRICHMENT SUCCESS

Since mailing of the last Battle Bulletin, Noble Warriors has hosted two enrichment seminars. In October, a marriage enrichment event entitled (S)He Needs What? Focused on key points from Willard Harley's book, *His Needs, Her Needs*. A second event for parents in November entitled Can Discipline be Delightful? focused on discipline issues. In each case, Mike used scriptural teachings, ideas from contemporary Christian authors, and personal anecdotes to give couples some practical strategies to discuss and imple-

ment in their daily lives. Each event also included time for fellowship and dessert!

Upcoming Marriage Enrichment
Communication: That's Not What I Said!
January 20 at SCBC

NW will seek to build on the success of these events as we move into 2006 by scheduling monthly enrichment events to be hosted by local churches. The first in 2006, a marriage enrichment event focusing on the issue

of communication, will be hosted by Swift Creek Baptist Church on January 20, 7-9 pm. Subsequent dates and locations will be published in the coming weeks.

Topics for marriage enrichment in the coming months will be finances, time management and sex. Parenting topics will include parenting for adulthood, teaching spiritual truth and developing work ethic. Look for more information in Noble Notes messages. **Take advantage of our early registration rate at the NW website!**



NOBLE WARRIORS ON THE RADIO??

Recently, the story of Noble Warriors was featured on a daily men's radio program called Man2Man Express. Mike was interviewed by the hosts while at the NCMML leadership conference in Denver last month.

Be prayerful about this connection. Mike will be talking with Chris Kinsel of WAUQ and perhaps other local Christian Stations about the possibility of adding some guy-focused programming in the future. This

may also be an opportunity for a Christian-owned business to partner with NW and advertise on Radio through underwriting. If you think you or your company is interested please contact Mike.



TAX-EXEMPT STATUS UPDATE-IRS FORM 1023 IN THE MAIL

There have been a number of inquiries lately concerning Noble Warriors tax exempt status. I am pleased to say that IRS form 1023 was completed and mailed a couple of weeks ago. Join me in praying for a favorable review by the IRS.

The short story is this:
Donations received in 2005 will be eligible for tax exempt status as soon as we hear from the IRS.

We should be notified of our status early in 2006. It is important for all interested parties to know that once granted, our tax exempt status will be retroactive back to the date of organization which was April 1, 2005.



NOBLE WARRIORS: BATTLE PLAN REVIEW- - JANUARY 28

Please plan to join us on **Saturday January 28 at Countryside Christian Church** for our first annual Noble Warriors Battle Plan Review. We will gather at 7 pm to celebrate the work that God has already done through and with Noble Warriors. The celebration will include praise and worship music, testimonials and a multimedia review of recent events.

Because Noble Warriors is an advancing ministry, our look back will be brief. Our real desire is to look forward to future blessings. Consequently, the ministry plan, calendar of events for 2006 and a new promotional video will be presented. We will also give everyone an opportunity to partner with the ministry with gifts of prayer, time, finances and other resources.

The evening will conclude with a time to enjoy fellowship and dessert in the family room at Countryside. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend who might also be interested in learning more about the ministry of Noble Warriors. **Let's Celebrate and Anticipate God's work together!**

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Rich Babbitt—Men's Leader from Countryside Christian Church
Rev. James Carey Jr.—Pastor of Bethia United Methodist Church
Doug Ingram—Counselor and Instructor from the Christian Counseling and Training Center
Todd Wyngaard—Director of X-Zone After-school Program for Teenagers
Mike Young—Executive Director of Noble Warriors

LINK TO MAN2MAN EXPRESS VIA WWW.NOBLEWARRIORS.ORG TO HEAR THE DAILY BROADCASTS!



Noble Warriors helped coordinate installation of shelving at Commonwealth Clinic. Rearrangement of storage and other modifications will allow the clinic to better serve their dental patients.

VISIT WWW.NOBLEWARRIORS.ORG FREQUENTLY TO CHECK OUT NEW FEATURES!

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Overheard by Mike:
Your ministry is a blessing, I followed your example from Noble Notes and read a Bible Story with my child to give a spiritual angle to a discipline issue. KW, a Noble Notes recipient

Thanks for what you said to our youth. They need to understand the importance of choosing good friends.
A Youth Parent from Parkway Baptist Church

I like the open forum and the discussion—it's very relaxing and easy to talk.
Marriage enrichment participant.



Calling Men Out and Calling them Up!

BLESSINGS



This is always one of my favorite parts of the Battle Bulletin. It is a pleasure and joy for me to be able to recognize individuals and organizations who have helped and supported NW in a variety of ways...

- Through **Kevin Kirwan, Stylecraft Homes** allowed us to use a model home for our first marriage enrichment event.
- Through **J. Greg Bently, Pleasant's Hardware** donated some shelving that was installed at Commonwealth Clinic.
- **Todd Oslager** offered his accounting expertise and advice to help with the IRS forms.
- **Brian Doyle and Dave Beguerie of Man2Man Express** shared the Noble Warriors story on their radio program. (Visit them on the web at www.man2manexpress.com)
- **Bertha Hinson of Beauty from Ashes TV** invited me to talk about Noble Warriors on a local community access TV program.
- **Chris Kinsel of WAUQ (89.7 FM)**, allowed me to be part of the Christmas Shar-a-thon.
- **Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Swift Creek Baptist Church, Countryside Christian Church and Parkway Baptist Church** have allowed Noble Warriors to be part of their ministry programming by either hosting an event or inviting me to speak at specific functions.
- **Generous individuals** continue to support the ministry financially. Some on a regular basis, others, with one time gifts. **We are grateful to all!**
- **Many others** support the ministry in less obvious ways—by telling others about what's going on, spreading news about upcoming events, sharing Noble Notes and the Battle Bulletin with friends and family, offering words of encouragement to Stacy and I, and most significantly by praying for this ministry and my family.



NOBLE NEEDS

As usual, this is the hardest part of the Battle Bulletin for me to write. It's typically not an easy thing for a guy to admit that he does or will need help. It goes against the grain of our independent nature. However, I think it's important for you all to have an opportunity to be part of this ministry.

Stewardship is a critical component of the Christian's life. It is critical for us to be reminded that all we have is God's. We will be held accountable for how we use those things with which we have been entrusted. God desires that we manage His resources for His glory.

Stacy and I have committed significant personal resources to the starting of this ministry. Others have also been generous in their support in a variety of ways. However, in order for us to keep this work going into the future, we need partners, individuals, churches, businesses and other organizations, who understand



The YOUNG lumberjacks and lady celebrate after cutting down our Christmas tree!

the significance of ministry focused specifically on building stronger Christian men in this community and beyond.

As many of you have noted in personal conversations with me, I get rather animated when I talk about Noble Warriors and the fruit being produced. I'm excited about the lives of men and their families that are being positively affected. I am even more excited about what the future holds. Pray with me

concerning our Battle Plan Review on January 28. I am confident that those who attend will see the vision and want to be part of the work that God has already initiated.

As we prepare for new events in 2006, you may consider underwriting the costs of an event. For example, you may want to make a special contribution to help with expenses related to the Battle Plan Review, provide dessert for an enrichment event or sponsor an edition of the Battle Bulletin. Please contact Mike if you would like to support NW in one of these specific ways.

If you feel God moving you to support this Noble Warriors financially you may do so by sending contributions to our PO box listed in left margin or you may contribute online via our website. Thank you in advance for the prayerful consideration you will give to this concern.

Merry Christmas!