



# FEBRUARY MONTHLY PARTNER LETTER



## MINUTE WITH MIKE

### Listen to the Old Man...

While reading through 1 Samuel recently, I encountered the statement of God's curse on Eli as a result of his disobedience. Among other things, the Lord said ***"there will not be an old man in your house"***. This was punctuated by the untimely death of Eli's two sons. **I paused when I read this to consider the value and blessing of having 'an old man in your house'.**

In no way do I want to disparage an 'old man'. To the contrary, I stopped and gave thanks for my dad, who's blessed me with so much wisdom. I thanked the Lord for my father-in-law who's also shared much wisdom (and his best daughter with me! - had to throw in the 'best daughter' part for my brothers-in-law) But then I started doing an inventory of all the 'old men' who have invested in me. **I won't list them here but I'm thankful for the gift of 'old men' in my life.**

Below is a quote from a fellow NCMM Board Member, Bill Terry, who's walking with his wife through an extended illness.



**"After 47 years of active ministry and learning many things by trial and error. listen to the 'old man.'"**

**The most important thing in your life is not your ministry, but your family and your personal well-being. Take care of yourself and fight for family."**

Guys, I'm thankful that God has gifted me with 'old men' in my life. And you know what else, I hope to be a gift to many myself by being an 'old man' in the lives of my own sons, and others whose paths I cross. **Take a few moments to ponder and give thanks... Who have been the 'old men' in your life? Who are you serving as an 'old man' in their lives?**

## LEADING NOBLE MEN

Your partnership and prayers produced great results through our Leading Noble Men conference last month. Over 170 pastors, leaders and church staff from almost 100 churches were challenged and encouraged to invest strategically in men. The feedback has been robust and encouraging!

Here are some memorable comments and thoughts from attendees...

- You can't seek God's face and save your face.
- Real men of God want to hear the Truth!
- If you want a healthy church, you need to focus on the men!
- I was reminded of why men's ministry is so important to the mission of the church.
- Our church is working to build a leadership development culture. This conference has been very helpful.
- I picked up some practical ideas to minister to men - just what we needed as we are launching men's ministry at our church. Also it was incredibly motivating to see all those guys, young and old, wanting to get men engaged in the church.
- God doesn't answer selfie prayers!
- Do you have any men falling out of the boat and no one knows it but their family?

▶ Join us in praising God for what He accomplished on January 24th and pray that many churches and leaders will follow through on their commitments to invest strategically in men.



## REGISTER TODAY!

You will not want to miss Keynote Speakers, **Eric Ludy** and **Jonathan Evans**, as well as have the opportunity to choose from sixteen different **equipping workshops** specific to men!

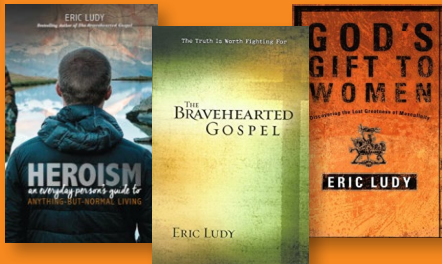
▶ Currently, registration for the Fredericksburg conference is significantly ahead of previous years. This is a huge praise! But we still have plenty of time and plenty of seats! **Pray that men will be drawn to the opportunity to be sharpened** in the presence of hundreds of other men and that they will be willing to set aside other opportunities and options to join us on February 25th. **Pray also that those men will go home at the end of the day with new passion, new resources, new resolve and new relationships** that will help them walk with Christ and lead well!

Registration and more info at [noblewarriors.org](http://noblewarriors.org).

ERIC LUDY



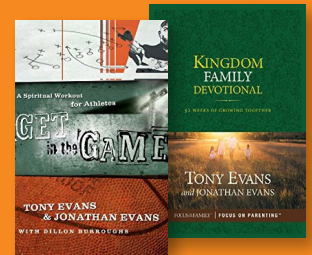
Bestselling author of 20+ books | Senior pastor of The Church at Ellerslie | Lead instructor at Ellerslie Discipleship Training | His short films on Christian life have been viewed by millions.



JONATHAN EVANS



Mentor, author, speaker, former NFL fullback | Chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys & Co-Chaplain for Dallas Mavericks | Serves with his father, Dr. Tony Evans, both in the local church and national ministry.



## FAMILY UPDATE

**Tim** bought a truck! Pretty exciting! We actually purchased it locally on his behalf (with his money!). He's looking forward to taking it to West Point after President's Day weekend.

**Zach** turned 18 in January! It's almost impossible to believe! He's busy with school, track and church but loves to spend 'extra time' turning things on the lathe in the garage (like this giant spark plug lamp).

**Ben's** finishing up a strong basketball season. He's doing well as a starter and a captain. He's a quick defensive player who sometimes has more fouls than points. (But he did score 10+ points in several games.)

**Hannah's** in the midst of her basketball season and her academic grades are better than her brothers! But I continue to be blessed and thankful for her servant's heart. She loves to help; at home, at the office, at NW events.

As a matter of fact, all three of the Young kids took the day off from school to help at Leading Noble Men!

**Stacy** is hopeful, and we are all prayerful, that her work with the Pastor Search team at our church is nearing an end as our church will vote on a pastoral candidate this weekend!

Thank you for praying faithfully for our family!  
Your partnership, friendship and support are a blessing to us!

