



PASSING THE BATON & JOINING FORCES

Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border... " 1 Chronicles 4:10

For over 30 years Ike Newingham worked throughout the Tidewater, Virginia region to disciple men and help churches disciple men. **Ike founded The Gathering of Men, assembled a team, planted Gospel seeds and has seen much fruit over his many years of service.** Recently, he determined that it's time to pass the baton of leadership. We've talked with Ike and his team numerous times over the last few years, developing both friendship and partnership in ministry. We've learned from them and they've learned from us.

Last month, the Board of Directors of GOM voted to join forces with Noble Warriors. Clearly, this is a huge opportunity, but also a huge undertaking as God expands the ministry of Noble Warriors to include the Tidewater area. **The region is home to 1.7 Million folks! There are thousands of churches and huge opportunities to Engage, Equip and Encourage them as they reach and build men.**

This is no small mission. But, I'm excited that God is entrusting this opportunity to **us. Together (and I'm serious about that word, it will be a huge team effort) we have an opportunity to serve even more churches as they equip men to walk with Christ and lead well!**

We'll work to replicate our 'Regional Teams' model (that are currently active in Roanoke, Fredericksburg and Richmond) by empowering local leaders in Tidewater to invest in other leaders of men and multiply ministry.

We're also beefing up our office team to help manage communications and expand ministry. We are excited about what God is doing and thankful for your support on this journey.

▶ Please continue to pray for our team as our field of ministry expands. We desire to be faithful stewards and wise Kingdom operatives!

MINUTE WITH MIKE

This keeps us going!!!

Seeds sown in one season, produce a harvest later...



Early this week Matt shared with me about how he connected with a workshop presenter, Eric Wallace - Uniting Church and Home (uchlink.com) at the 2017 Richmond ISL. They have met three times since to discuss parenting teens. **Matt has already read two books that Eric recommended which have been influential in his fathering journey and is now co-leading a study through one of the books at his home church.**

▶ **Join us in celebrating this harvest and praying for even more fruit!**

After a speaking engagement recently, **I met Chris and learned that he trusted Christ as his Savior at one of our conferences FIVE YEARS ago, right before his son was born!** (Yes, "Praise the Lord!") He also connected with Kirk Weaver of Family Time (famtime.com) at the conference and received training on how to lead his family spiritually. Chris continues to walk with Christ and lead well!



Your prayers are effective and your gifts produce much fruit! Thanks for locking arms with us to see men transformed.

▶ **Keep praying for men like Matt and Chris but also for men like Eric and Kirk who partner with us in ministry. God is at work through us all!**

Next month, our annual letter will feature Brian's story! You'll be blessed by how your prayers and partnership impacted his life, family and church!

The NOBLE MAN 2018

EQUIPPING MEN FOR BATTLE

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EQUIPPING WORKSHOPS

MASCULINE WORSHIP

RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO MEN

ONE-DAY LIVE EVENTS

8:30 am - 4:55 pm

REQUEST A GAME PLAN PACKET AT
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For men of all ages - 13 and up.
Group Rate Starts at \$44 per man

PRESENTED BY:



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IRON SHARPENS IRON

PART OF THE ISI NETWORK

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ROANOKE

March 3



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YOUNG ADVENTURES

Many of you know **Stan and Laurie Harrison**. (Laurie is our Office Manager so she recruits Stan to help with most every event.) They are now Sweetie and Pops! Don't forget to ask her about Lelia. She'll surely have a photo of this precious granddaughter.

Hannah's team wrapped up an exciting basketball season as champions in their region. She's ready for a break and looks forward to finish redecorating the bathroom she now shares with only one smelly brother!

In addition to helping lead a High School guys group on Monday nights, **Ben** also participates in a small group with seasoned men on Tuesday nights. He's the youngest member by almost 40 years and learning much!

Zach is glad to be finished with Red Phase in the VT Corps of Cadets. Things are a little better now. We were able to visit him for VT homecoming! He's always happy to see his Mama!

Tim turned 22 this month! That's simply hard to believe! We're looking forward to having him and a crew of friends with us for Thanksgiving!

Mike & Stacy - Our kids keep us busy but we also delight in pouring into young couples. Four couples from our class had babies in the last 2 months. On some Sundays both of us get to hold babies in class!

