



VIRGINIA AND BEYOND



Our priority is the work God has given us to do here in Virginia.

But together we are reaching beyond the Commonwealth to encourage other ministry leaders as well!

On October 22-23 I was in Dallas as the NCMM hosted *The National Training on Ministry to Men*. Over 125 ministry leaders from over 30 states gathered to fulfill NCMM's mission... **To Connect the Men Who Disciple Men**. It's exciting to know that you are influencing and encouraging men and ministries across the nation!

But, we haven't forsaken our primary ministry.... On October 26, *The Noble Man Tidewater* created an opportunity for men from across Hampton Roads to be called out and up to Noble Manhood.

There were many highlights but here are two...

Bobby Scott delivered a powerful afternoon keynote message. This was a homecoming of sorts; Bobby grew up in Yorktown and went to Denbigh High School. His dad, several uncles and cousins attended with their local church. We even asked Mr. Robert Scott to introduce his son. What a moment!

Another awesome father/son moment was created when our Volunteer IMAG Tech, Phillip Hunt, became ill Saturday morning. He had to step away from the console for several hours but his 13-year-old son, Nate, stepped up in a big way. Nate has been serving at our conferences with his dad for about 5 years! **Young men like Nate are the future of NW and the Church!**

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Proverbs 23:24

- ▶ Join us in giving thanks for the broad impact of these two events.
- ▶ Pray with us that men and ministries who were pointed to Jesus in Dallas and Tidewater respond to His call on their lives.
- ▶ Let's also pray together for our own sons and others. We're thankful for men like Bobby and Nate!

MINUTE WITH MIKE

Cooperation vs. Competition

Satan tries to convince churches, ministries and individuals that we're in competition with each other, but it simply isn't true. Paul uses the analogy of a body and its various parts to remind us that we're all different but valuable. One of the things I love about the National Coalition of Ministries to Men and our NW Conferences is the variety.

NCMM is made up of men and ministries from across the country who share a common calling to point men to Jesus. Our ministries just manifest themselves in different ways. Various churches bring men to our conferences, but we're focused on Jesus' example of biblical manhood. **I love the fact that we may look different, sing different, and have different backgrounds. BUT we're united because of Christ.**

There are clear distinctives that we must understand. But, remember, Satan is a divider. Christ is a uniter. Remember His prayer for us in John 17... **"that they may be one, even as we are one."** Could I encourage you to look for common ground to stand on with other Christ followers before you start identifying differences? (For a great article about this, search for Al Mohler's article titled: *A Call for Theological Triage and Christian Maturity*)

Thanks for locking arms with us and others who are encouraging men to walk with Christ and lead well!

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LEADING NOBLE MEN

FOR LEADERS OF MEN

LEADING NOBLE MEN UPDATE

We recently confirmed that **Stephen Kendrick** will be with us at Leading Noble Men as one of our Keynote Speakers! Join other pastors and leaders of men, along with **Stephen Kendrick** and **Fred Luter**, on **January 28, 2020!**

Register at LeadingNobleMen.org



FAMILY UPDATE

BEN continues to settle in at NC State and is plugging in to InterVarsity. He's accepted a super co-op with the Westrock Paper Mill in Hopewell starting in May. He'll be back home for almost 7 months. Hannah is relieved!

ZACH is nailing his job as First Sergeant in his company. He continues to invest time in both BCM and Valor ministries. Ben was up to visit him for the marathon game when VT won over UNC in 6 overtimes.

HANNAH finished up field hockey and is getting ready for basketball season. She enjoys bouncing balls much more than hitting them with sticks! She was glad to have her brother home for fall break weekend!