

The Discipleship Center

of Upstate New York



December 2014 Updates

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness”

-Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

Fall Highlights!

- A **Discipleship Center Dinner** was held at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene on November 1st. Sharon cooked a meal, and several brought delicious desserts to share. Attendees also enjoyed free discipleship resources, door prizes, and a message that challenged each person with this question: *"What are you doing to facilitate growth as a disciple of Christ?"* Many thanks to all who attended! Special thanks to Dave & Sue Nussbaumer, who were a huge help with final preparations.
- A **Reception** was held at the Coshocton, Ohio, Church of the Nazarene on November 13th. We were able to visit with many folks that we had not seen in over a year, and surely enjoyed the reunions! Special thanks: To everyone in Coshocton County that provided support for The Discipleship Center; to Don and Nancy Lain for their help with many event details; to Pastor Dave Boots and the Coshocton Church for use of the fellowship hall.
- We have conducted **eight workshops** since the start of September, with 52 people attending these sessions. Topics included: *"Discovering Your SHAPE For Serving God"*, *"The Character of A Follower of Jesus"*, *"Basics On Knowing God's Will"*, and *"Inspiration From Great Men & Women Of Prayer"*.
- Ed enjoyed two **preaching opportunities** at Carthage (NY) Church of the Nazarene and Auburn Church of the Nazarene, covering areas of discipleship in his messages. Special thanks to Pastor Dave Allison and Pastor Paul Colgan for these opportunities.

It's Official - The Center is now 501(c)3!

After a very long and arduous process, we are pleased to announce that *The Discipleship Center is now recognized as a Tax Exempt Charitable (non-profit) Organization!* We are grateful to those who contributed prayers and/or finances during this process. Special thanks to Harvey Davies for shepherding this project from beginning to end.

Points of Prayer

- *We praise God for the continued prayers, verbal encouragement, and faithful financial gifts that so many of you have brought to us during 2014, as we continue in Discipleship Center ministry!* Thank you for your strong and steady support.
- *We need God's wisdom as we assemble a workshop schedule for the first three months of 2015.* We are planning sessions in Auburn and Syracuse, and are open to further opportunities that may be presented.
- *We are considering ways to expand Discipleship Center ministry in 2015, including an opportunity to make available video recorded workshops upon request.* Thanks to Jeff Riggall for his willingness to work with this project!
- *We are praying for an increase in financial support, especially over the next couple of weeks as individuals think of making year-end tax-deductible donations.*



How May We Help You?

It is *The Discipleship Center's* goal to minister to all who request our assistance. Some of the ways we can help include:

- **Conducting a workshop at your local church, or even in your home** (see our website at www.discipleshipcenter.org for a listing of workshop possibilities).
- **Providing discipleship resources you can use**, such as *"Discipleship Nuggets"*, *"Helps For Christian Men"*, and other resources at our website such as *"100 Christian Books To Read"*, *"Where To Look In The Bible When....."* and a *"Monthly Prayer Calendar For Others."*
- **One-on-one conversations about discipleship topics**, through personal meetings or e-mails.
- **Pastoral care** through conversations and prayer.
- **Suggestions for various church ministries**, including Sunday School, small groups, classes, and age-group ministry.



For more workshop information, or to become a Sponsor of *The Discipleship Center*, please see our website (www.discipleshipcenter.org) or you may contact us at:

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