

The Discipleship Center

of Upstate New York



May 2015 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)

Recent Highlights!

- We had a great **discipleship weekend** at the Carthage (NY) Church Of The Nazarene in early March. Two workshops were held on Saturday, with 25 in attendance, including several teens. Another workshop and discipleship sermon were presented on Sunday. With tears in her eyes, one attendee (a Christian for 35+ years) said she received a new insight about spending time with God that was very helpful. Many thanks to Pastor David Allison and the Carthage congregation for their outstanding participation in the discipleship weekend!
- The first meeting of the TDC **Board of Directors** took place in March, via Skype. Harvey Davies was chosen to serve as Vice President. Many thanks to Harvey and to our other directors – Don Lain, Len Darling, and Bob Keen – for their great support and help in the TDC ministry.
- A total of 9 **workshops** were conducted in February – April, with a total of 80 participants.
- In February, TDC workshop **participants** from the Auburn (NY) Church of the Nazarene were acknowledged during a morning worship service. One attendee of note, Anna, is a widow who works 2-3 jobs, yet she has attended the most workshops (13+!).
- Many **thanks** to Pastor Paul Colgan and our church family at Auburn Nazarene who have attended workshops and classes, as well as provided financial, prayer, and facility support!
- Ed spoke during chapel at **Faith Heritage School** (Syracuse) in March and shared about how God gives us hope, even when life has its difficult moments. Many thanks to teacher Debbie Doyle and Faith Heritage for the privilege of sharing a message with the students and teachers!
- We continue to lead 2 small groups and a discipleship Sunday School class, along with carrying out other duties in a part-time associate pastor role at Auburn Nazarene.

Points of Prayer:

- *We thank God for each of you, as you continue to help TDC with prayer support, financial gifts, and words of encouragement. We could not continue without you!*
- Ask God for His blessings for each of the scheduled workshops in May and June.
- We need God’s help for open doors for future ministry opportunities.
- Pray for God’s guidance, encouragement, and provision for Ed and Sharon Darling. Included in the provision department would be a new computer (our old one has passed on!).



Don't Forget To . . .

- ...Stop by the Discipleship Center website (www.discipleshipcenter.org) for the latest workshop dates, and available Christian growth resources.
- ...Let us know if we can be of any discipleship assistance to you or your church through workshops, discipleship ideas and advice, small group or Sunday School suggestions, or just some fellowship time with the Darlings.
- ...Contact us if you would like a copy of any of the following booklets: *Discipleship Nuggets – Volume 1* and/or *Volume 2, Helps For Christian Men*, or *Conversation Starter Questions* (great for small groups and fellowship times!).
- ...Keep on growing in Christ by doing discipleship activities on your own, or with your church family.



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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