

The Discipleship Center

of Upstate New York



“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 (NIV)

November 2013 Update

Greetings! Welcome to our first newsletter for *The Discipleship Center of Upstate New York*. It has been a busy couple of months since we left Ohio to begin this new ministry in my home state.

Many of you know that I am also a part-time associate pastor at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. This opportunity was a blessing from God as we began, in July, to consider where we might live in New York. Pastor Paul Colgan and the congregation have welcomed us with open arms and we have enjoyed getting to know everyone.

The rest of my time has been devoted to getting *The Discipleship Center* up and running. Here are a few highlights of how God is working with this ministry:

- Our application to become a **Non-Profit Corporation** has been approved by the State of New York.
- A **Facebook** presence has been established. Come and see us at "The Discipleship Center" page.
- The **website** is now "live" - you may view it at: www.discipleshipcenter.org.
- **Workshops** have begun - The first sessions (*S.H.A.P.E.* and *How to Share Your Faith*) were offered at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene during

November. We will have one more workshop in 2013, on December 8th. Look for the next group of events to begin in January!



- **Three locations** have been established as sites for *The Discipleship Center* to hold workshops and events. God has opened the doors to literally surround the Syracuse area with training opportunities. Besides the Auburn Church facility (20 miles west of Syracuse) we will also be meeting in the Community North Church of the Nazarene building (North Syracuse), and at the home of Harvey & Diane Davies (East Syracuse). God is GOOD! We are going MOBILE!
- We also plan to **assist local churches of various denominations** with our workshops.
- God has also opened the door to include **others to lead** some of the workshops of *The Discipleship Center*, which is part of the vision of this ministry.

As you can see, God continues to confirm that He will build this ministry, and asks us to be faithful to His call to provide leadership.

Thank you for your prayer support of this new ministry - we need God's guidance at all times!. A few specific prayer requests are . . . :

- Pray for the **success of workshops offered** - that God would send along a number of people to attend, and that He would help people benefit significantly at each session.
- Pray for an essential **planning time** that Ed will be having soon, as he considers what workshops to offer in January/February, as well as publicity and fundraising ideas.
- Pray for God's guidance as we continue to build a **Board of Directors** for *The Discipleship Center*.
- Pray for a full-time **job opportunity** for Sharon as she continues to seek employment.



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