

KANSAS COMMUNITIES MINISTRY UPDATE

"My objective is to know Christ in my own life in ever-increasing depth and to make disciples and develop laborers at all times, under any conditions, in every place I go"

1 Corinthians 9:16

"For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason for boasting, because I am compelled to do this. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel" (NET Bible, used by permission)

Growth in Christlikeness

Paul exclaimed in Philippians 1:21: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain" (NET Bible). In this context Paul states that even though he is in rather dire circumstances (prison), yet he rejoices (vs. 19) that Christ is being proclaimed. In this passage he speaks of rejoicing, confidence in hope (vs. 20) and having complete boldness that Christ will be exalted in this situation.

How many of us would have rejoicing, confidence and boldness in similar situations? On our own we cannot, of course. Only through Christ's love, power and presence in our lives can we in some way react the same as Paul to difficult circumstances.

Paul says that to him, "living is Christ" even though "dying is gain." He knows that if the Lord allows him to go on living, that He has work for Paul to do. He who gives us strength for the task, also has designed the task for us to do!



Special guest speaker Ron Bennett to address Fall Conference

You won't want to miss our Fall Conference, Saturday, November 2, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in

Wichita. Our speaker is long-time Kansas Navigator friend Ron Bennett who will be speaking on "Discipleship on the Resurrection Side of the Cross."

Ron was born and raised in Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University with a B. S. degree in Aerospace Engineering. He has worked for Boeing Aircraft and served as an infantry and military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army including a tour in Viet Nam.

Ron joined the staff of The Navigators in 1970. As a senior Nav staff, he continues to coach disciplinarians and disciplinarian leaders. Ron writes a bi-weekly blog called "The Adventure of Discipleship: Knowing Christ on the resurrection side of the cross." (www.rbennett.net)

Ron and Mary live in Kansas City and have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

You won't want to miss this impactful conference and speaker! Register today at www.kansasnavs.org/conferences



Goads and Nails

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Lessons in Listening

"This is My Son, whom I love.
Listen to Him!" Mark 9:7

"Listening does not come naturally for most of us. Our educational system provides numerous opportunities to attend classes on speaking. I can not recall ever hearing about a class designed to teach us to listen. James recognized this weakness and states that we are to be 'quick to listen and slow to speak.' (James 1:19).

Since we are so clearly commanded to listen to our Lord, it is vital that we take the necessary steps in our lives that would enable this to happen. In his book *Intimacy with the Almighty*, Charles Swindoll uses four words that illustrate how intimacy occurs: Simplicity, Solitude, Silence and Surrender.

If I am silent before the Lord it is because He has calmed my fears and removed my anxieties. I have cast all my care upon Him (1 Peter 5:7)." - Richard Spann



Discipleship Library Messages of the Month

Have you been checking out the many helpful messages found at discipleshiplibrary.com? These are great resources for your own personal encouragement as well as for those you are investing in. Here are a couple that you may want to check out:

Ron Bennett (our speaker for the Fall Conference):
Testimony and Introduction: Ron shares his life story, how he became involved with the Navigators and how he and his wife Mary became convinced of the sovereignty of our Lord.

<http://turret2.discipleshiplibrary.com/H021.mp3>

LeRoy Eims: *Giving your Life to Disciplemaking*: In this classic message, LeRoy reminds us of the critical importance of obedience and application of the Word of God to our lives, fellowship with other believers and daily fellowship with God.

<http://turret2.discipleshiplibrary.com/8245A.mp3>

Big Announcement!

Have you heard the news? The Kansas Communities Ministry is starting our own podcast! We've interviewed Dr. Richard Spann for our first podcast and are excited about the wisdom and truths he shared with us. We hope to finalize some of the editing and then we'll be heard on iTunes, Stitcher and other platforms. Be watching our Facebook page for info about our launch but our goal is to publish these podcasts sometime in October. If you would like to be interviewed, let us know! Email us at radio@kansasnavs.org.