

# MAC News

*Leading Men to Seek and Live a Life of Significance*



Pat, Bridget, James, Mary Emmalyn, Liam and Sean MacPherson

## Men Abiding in Christ Ministries in Action-

- The Wednesday morning group is about to begin a study of the Epistles of Paul.
- The Monday morning group which launched on March 13 is off to a great start. We're continuing to share our stories and getting to know one another better.
- In the process of starting a 3rd small group.
- Currently organizing and coordinating a men's retreat in August for FPC Douglasville. This retreat will also be a launching pad for a Men's Fraternity ministry in their community.
- Currently organizing and coordinating a men's retreat in September for FPC Marietta.
- My one-on-one continues to be fruitful and multiply. God continues to reveal himself to these men resulting in families and workplaces being impacted.

## Why this Ministry is Important

The effectiveness of Men Abiding in Christ Ministries is based upon information that I can pass along to men. The information that I pass along is a culmination of experiences, knowledge, beliefs, and faith that has been learned from spending time with God, my family, church, job, and people like you.

The most important thing that I can do to enhance this ministry, next to spending time with God, is carving out time to spend with men. All of us have a unique story in experiencing God in our lives. Sometimes this experience is revealed through joyful times like a new relationship or a birth of a child. Sometimes, His grace is revealed/experienced through tough times, like a job loss, divorce, or a death of a friend or family member. It's the sharing of these experiences that help fuel this ministry.

Part of my calling is to have men share these experiences with each other so they can help each other grow in their relationship with Christ. That is why I have a passion to start small groups in the marketplace, assist churches to develop relationship based ministries, and meet with men one-on-one. It is through these avenues that I minister. For these men to see my passion, it is imperative that I minister from the overflow of my passion for Christ.

The impact of this ministry will be seen through the longevity of its existence and the contact work that I do. My struggle (as I am already seeing) will be trusting God for the provisions to sustain this calling and making time to be fed through God and people like you.

Over the long run, this ministry will reach thousands of people found in the networks of each of our lives. It is through this network, where one is given the desire of "wanting what that person has" because they sense something missing in their own life.

I ask for your prayers as I continue to seek supporters for this ministry. We need to raise \$2000 dollars more in monthly contributions to reach our minimum goal. I also ask for your prayers as I start a 3<sup>rd</sup> small group to lead during the week and as I continue to make contact with churches in seeking an opportunity to further God's kingdom.

Thank you again for being a part of this ministry. What I gain from you through our relationships is passed forward to someone else to serve God in building this community known for its faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

- Pat

P.S. Please let me know if you're interested in receiving this newsletter via email by contacting me at [pat@macministries.net](mailto:pat@macministries.net)

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord." St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:38-39*

## A NOTE FROM BRIDGET'S HEART...

It seems lately that I could rewrite this passage from St. Paul to read as follows... For I am convinced that neither flooded basements, nor crumbling foundations, nor broken air conditioners, nor failed transmissions, nor ear infections, nor insurance companies, nor neighboring dogs can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Someone told Pat that we must be onto some good work for God for the evil one to be attacking us so fiercely. I don't like to think about it that way, that we are under attack, but I suppose it could be true.

What I dwell on, take courage in, draw strength from and depend on is that God does love us, no matter what. All of the worldly inconveniences that have afflicted our family lately mean nothing to Him and how faithful he is to his promises. We will survive, we will be faithful and we will continue to serve him. I am convinced!

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### MAC MINISTRIES IS CALLED TO SERVE GOD BY:

- *Discipling men one-on-one to change the world for Christ one heart at a time.*
- *Launching and developing men's small groups to grow men into disciples for Christ.*
- *Help churches build sustainable men's ministries, enabling leaders to reach all of their men for Christ.*

### PRAYERS & NEEDS:

- *Bridget and I have experienced some significant financial setbacks this past month. Our home AC unit needs to be repaired, the transmission in our van needs to be replaced, we had to reinforce some structural damage to our house foundation, and we had to install a water-proofing drainage system in our basement.*
- *Please continue to pray for good health in our family. Pat is still recovering from an upper respiratory infection and Mary Emmalyn requires regular breathing treatments.*

### Mailing Label

## GOD AT WORK THROUGH MAC MINISTRIES

It is a great pleasure to write to you about Men Abiding in Christ Ministries and Pat MacPherson. I first met Pat while on a high school ski trip with Marietta First Presbyterian Church. There was something about his character that stuck with me. He was refreshingly different. Then, about four years ago my wife Shelli and I joined Marietta First Presbyterian Church, and I began bumping into Pat.

Pat's ministry has made a huge impact on my life in many ways. Pat invited me on a Men's retreat that he planned with our church, and for the first time I really focused on my spiritual journey thus far and where I wanted to be in the future. Two years later I found myself struggling to be the man I needed to be for my wife and my two sons. It just happened to be about the same time that Pat and I started meeting. Pat became my accountability

partner and we began meeting weekly. What a difference it has made in my life! Pat took time to get to know me, to listen to me, and then to spend time in God's word and in prayer regarding my many struggles and failures. I have a much clearer focus on who I am and how I can serve God and my family.

I believe that there are many men that need help and encouragement in living a fully dependent life on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As leaders in our family, church, workplace and community it is crucial for a men's ministry like this one to exist. One sinful man abiding in Christ can make a huge impact in the lives of many.

Thank you Pat and Bridget for being obedient to the call of God's will in your life and launching this ministry. For me it has made all the difference in the world.

— Matt Allen

### FINANCIAL GOALS TO SUPPORT MAC MINISTRIES

- We are continuing to build a financial support team with people who can commit to giving on a regular basis to Men Abiding in Christ Ministries. If you have an interest in being part of this ministry through financial giving, please let me know. No amount is insignificant as all of it will be used to sustain this calling.
- We are currently at 73% of meeting our minimum monthly budget and 64% of the goal for our financial support team.
- Praise be to God for all of you who have opened your hearts with prayer and support for this ministry.