

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME (MORE) FOOTBALL!?!?

Do you think you have a chili recipe that is hot enough to make Gary Harvey's hair growor make Michael Adler's hair fall out??

Or a soup that is so outstanding that Margie would pay you to be on the Wednesday night supper crew?

Well, here's your chance to prove it! On Saturday, January 16 beginning at 2:30 pm in the Student Building, the Mens Ministry Council will host a chili cookoff to see who is a true kitchen king.



**Chili Cookoff
January 16, 2010**

2:30 PM

Student Building

Bring your best chili or soup—enough for plenty, or if you can't cook, just bring your appetite! This event will be judged! (And the winner will receive two tickets to Power Lunch and a crown in heaven).

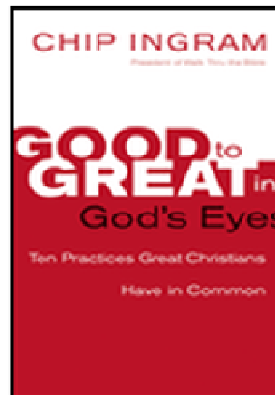
And oh yes, that just happens to be the day of the AFC and NFC Divisional Championships. We'll have the TV's on and the fireplaces a burnin.' During half time, we'll have a quick presentation about upcoming Men's Ministry events in 2010.

Food, football, and fellowship...does it get any better!

Good to Great Upcoming Men's Gathering Thursday Mornings beginning January 21

Are you tired of the status quo Christian life? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? Are you looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion? If you answered yes, then this study is for you. Great Christians live out their faith with purpose. Using Scripture, personal stories, and examples from Christians who left an indelible mark on the world, Chip Ingram offers clear steps to becoming great in the things that matter most.

We will begin on Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 am in the Student Building. The cost for the class is \$20 and it covers your book and the food for the semester.



We will serve a light breakfast each week to help you get started off right. For more information, email Gary at gharvey@shades.org or visit www.shades.org and click Adult Education.

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Upcoming Events

- Jan 22 — Father/Daughter Banquet
- Feb 2 — Power Lunch
- Feb. 17 — GIC Prayer Meeting (WC)
- Feb 24-28 — GIC 2010



MEN'S MINISTRY
SHADES MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Spring Life Groups for Men Wednesday Nights 6:00 pm



Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas (\$10) Room D535

The title expresses a radical thought for today's marriages! Chapter by chapter, discover how marriage works to develop Christlike character - forgiveness, love, respect, perseverance - in each of you. This book will enrich your marriage in unexpected ways. -John and Julie Collier

Survivor: Living an Unchanging Faith in a Fast Changing World. (\$5)Room D623

By discussing topics from popular books and movies and issues such as evolution, same-sex marriage and more, we will teach you how to respond to the culture with the Truth. - Allen McConnell, President Radar 13 Ministries.

A Doctrinal Roundtable Room D527

Starting Wednesday, March 3, sit with Dr. Bryan Gunn and others to discuss the core doctrines on which we stand in life and discover why we believe them.

Every Man's Battle (\$11) Room G419

From the television to the Internet, print media to videos, men are constantly faced with the assault of sensual images. It is impossible to avoid such temptations ... but, thankfully, not impossible to rise above them. Shattering the perception that men are unable to control their thought lives and roving eyes, *Every Man's Battle* shares the stories of dozens who have escaped the trap of sexual immorality and presents a practical, detailed plan for any man who desires sexual purity. Perfect for men who have fallen in the past, those who want to remain strong today, and all who want to overcome temptation in the future. Includes a special section for women, designed to help them understand and support the men they love. - Randy Drake

7 Words to Change Your Family by James McDonald (\$12)

Room D636 (This class will begin Wednesday, March 3)

For anyone who's serious about improving the quality of their family life, *Seven Words to Change Your Family* gives hard-hitting practical guidance on how to make it happen. In his captivating and contemporary style, Pastor James McDonald will challenge readers to avoid devastating complacency and become proactive in loving their families. Whether it's learning to speak words of blessing, extend forgiveness, or be faithfully committed, families will be transformed by the step-by-step realistic plan laid out in this excellent resource.

The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns (\$16) Global Missions Conference Room

The Hole in Our Gospel is the compelling true story of a corporate CEO who set aside worldly success for something far more significant, and discovered the full power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change his own life. He uses his journey to demonstrate how the gospel was always meant to be a world-changing social revolution, a revolution that begins with you. - Jeremy Griem and Jordy Henson.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study Hearth Room

The Bible study for the Winter and Spring will be focused on the book of Revelation as we discover God's plan for the world and the hope we have in Jesus Christ. - Dr. Gary Harvey

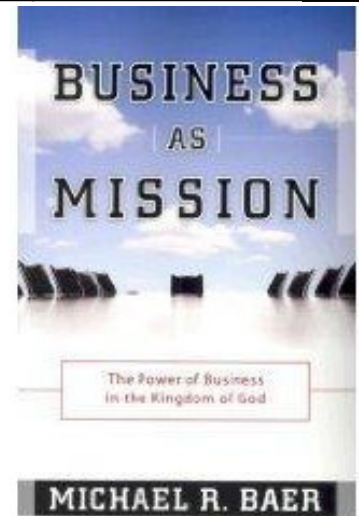
Book of the Month

Business as Mission: The Power of Business in the Kingdom of God by Michael R. Baer is a quick, easy read that's packed with much biblical wisdom and very little fluff. Mike's a guy who came to Christ in college, worked 14 years in pastoral ministry, and then decided to enter the business world where people didn't view his witnessing as coming from someone who was "just doing their job". He has since launched

several companies and along the way birthed the ministry that SMBC is now involved in which helps persecuted believers escape unemployment, provide for their families and ministries, and serve as a basis for church planting. The book points out that all of Christ's servants have callings that are high and holy and equally pleasing to the Lord. As a result, our goal should be to discover why and act on that purpose in

order to glorify Him and bless His creation. It focuses on the four characteristics which should specifically set apart a "kingdom business", those being vocational, intentional, relational, and operational. Mike's story is unique and his book is challenging to all involved in the marketplace, not just the business owner. Read it and let me know what you think!

- Tom Boston



Ministry of the Month—Northern Thailand Impact Ministry

Michael and Hope Johnson, SMBC members, previously served with the International Mission Board from 1998 to 2005 and had begun a work in Northern Thailand that was rapidly growing and impacting many different people groups and that was a balanced ministry of combining the gospel with compassionate action. In 2005, the Johnsons sensed the leadership of the Lord to continue the work of planting Northern Thailand's first Purpose Driven model community church and to take the work to the next level of impact. At that time they began expanding the ministry to involve working with the community on issues related to HIV/AIDS, Community Development, and human trafficking with a focus of helping rescue some of the precious children living on the

streets. It was in this context that the need to establish a non-profit charitable organization arose. In September 2007, Northern Thailand Impact Ministry (NTIM) was birthed out of this need and with a commitment to providing support, accountability, and resources for the ministry that the Johnsons began with a view of looking toward the future to joining God in changing the communities of Northern Thailand through the gospel and the love of Jesus reflected through compassionate action. Since its inception, NTIM has been committed to the ministries of Baan Athitaan Church and Grace Language School. These ministries are strategically located in Northern Thailand and dedicated to balancing the verbal expression of the message of the love of

Jesus with the nonverbal expression of the message of Jesus as compassionate action through community development outreaches including educational support primarily through Grace Language School and various scholarships that provide greater opportunities for the poorest of the poor. Baan Athitaan Church has several growing ministries including ministry to families and victims of HIV/AIDS, ministry to young girls at high risk of human trafficking, and ministry to children that are currently in bondage to human trafficking along the borders of Thailand and Myanmar and living on the streets.

NTIM can be contacted at P. O. Box 26115, Birmingham, AL 35260 or at www.northernthailandimpactministry.org.

NTIM is a 501(c)3 organization.

Winter Lawn Care Tips

by Chad Crittenden

Just because it's winter outside doesn't mean you can't spend a day in your yard or garden. There are plenty of things to do to get your yard ready for the spring planting season. Now is a perfect time to re-mulch and pine-straw your shrub and flower beds and prune any shrubs and/or trees that got away from you in the growing season. And

don't forget to pre-emerge your turf if you haven't already. Even though the weather is not ideal, now is a great time to be installing your landscape projects (patios, walls, ponds, etc) so they are done when spring arrives. That way you will be ready to install your plant material when it starts to warm up. chad@southernbotanicallc.com



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