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LIFE Community Leaders' Link

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Leaders' Training Brunch - A Warm Gathering on a Cold Morning!

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our annual Leaders' Training Brunch! The morning was cold (really cold!), but the room was warm with a great spirit of unity and partnership.

The continental brunch and hot coffee set the right tone for wonderful conversation and an excellent environment for leaders to share with one another.

The time was divided into three segments:

- Inform - letting you know what's happening with the LIFE Community ministry
- Interact - giving you a chance to interact with one another around case studies
- Inspire - sharing with you a video testimony from one of our groups.

Read the articles below to find out more!



Leaders' Training Brunch - Inform

We began our brunch with a time of Information -

Pastor DOUG WHALLON shared beautifully about our desire to encourage and support leaders through a connection with a coach. Some shared their own experiences and others wanted to know how they could become part of our coaching network. Right now we have 12 coaches who are coming alongside nearly 40 group leaders. If you are interested in learning more about our coaching network, contact Tom VanAntwerp at tomv@grace.org.

Pastor BRYAN WILKERSON then shared with us about Grace Chapel's vision for the future. He affirmed the central role that LIFE Communities will continue to play as we move towards planting new campuses and expanding our ministry here in Lexington.

In addition to sharing the vision, he asked each LIFE Community to host a pastor or elder during two meetings in the spring. Through these meetings our entire congregation will be able to hear more directly and personally about our vision and consider their commitment to the future of the mission of Grace Chapel. More details to come.



Leaders' Training Brunch - Interact

For the majority of our time together, we gathered in smaller groups and worked through a number of case studies - three stories that every LIFE Community leader could relate to!

Our coaches facilitated and JT Shupe, Dorian Botsis, and Tom VanAntwerp offered some insight following each discussion. Click below to find the case studies and the PowerPoint presentations that followed each one.

[Click here to read the case studies and see the powerpoint presentations](#)



Leaders' Training Brunch - Inspire

At the end of the morning, we heard the testimony of one person's experience in a LIFE Community. It was so encouraging to be reminded of the significance of the life changing ministry that we share together.

[Click here to view the video testimony](#)



Two Great Adult Courses

You may have people in your group who would benefit greatly from one of the following courses. Remember - you play an important role in helping the people in your group find ways to grow in Christ.

ALPHA (10 weeks) Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith taught in a relaxed and non-threatening environment. Ever wonder if there are satisfying answers to life's most difficult questions, e.g., the existence of God, the authenticity of the Bible, the meaning of life? Alpha is the place to ask those questions where no questions are "off limits." Pam & Jack Bickel, Bob Fantasia, Steve Harrington, Bill Long – Room 102



LIVING GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR MARRIAGE (12 weeks)
This course is designed to increase the strength and satisfaction of your marriage. By viewing marriage as God's work of art (the two becoming one), we will focus on both the skills and spirituality necessary to shape or reshape your marriage to reflect His original purpose when you were pronounced "husband and wife...in the sight of God."
Jim Ennis & Team – Room 105

[Click here for a complete list of courses](#)

Two Upcoming Events at Grace Chapel

These two events might inspire and encourage the members of your group! Consider sharing these experiences together with a number of people from your group!



LEARN. LOVE. LAUGH! This relationship building event will be held at Grace Chapel on Saturday, March 6. Bryan and Karen Wilkerson will share fresh insights on marriage, and Comedian Leland Klassen will provide outstanding entertainment, and we will have a full dinner and special desserts. For more information, go to:
www.grace.org/learnlovelaugh

FAITHLIFT. A one day conference for women, Saturday, April 10. Enjoy a continental breakfast, great teaching, wonderful praise and worship, a gourmet lunch and practical workshops. Laurie McIntyre, Pastor of Women at Elmbrook Church, is a popular speaker who speaks nationally and internationally. For more information, go to
www.grace.org/women