



Soul Harbor Christian Fellowship

Net Menders

Reaching people who slip through the nets

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

2010 in Review!



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Celebrate Recovery

Char Sveska is a CR women's group leader and writes about responsibility and her CR involvement.

After listening to others hurts, hang-ups, and habits since the beginning of my small Celebrate Recovery Group, I have finally learned that I really need to work on my own issues and let the other group members choose whether this will help them or not. I have tried to be available in too many areas of service and realize that I am one person and God does not expect me to do His work. He will do it at His time.

I also feel that the part that has helped me to grow the most is opening myself up to my sponsor and accountability partners. Without them, I would not be where I am now. That is only working on me and letting my family, group members, and others take care of themselves. We can learn so much from each other, but it is my responsibility to God and myself to take what I have learned and move forward. He gives me the tools, I must pick them up and use them.

I feel that Celebrate Recovery has changed my life in many ways and am very thankful that I was asked to consider being a womens' group leader. I plan to stay involved in a healthy level of participation for many more years. Thank you God and many others for the opportunity!

Recovery-'inside'

Craig Smith assists with the CR program within FMC of Rochester.

Every week Celebrate Recovery convenes behind the walls of the Federal Medical Center in Rochester. A number of inmates in this all-male facility have attended these meetings regularly. During these times men learn gradually to trust each other

What is 'Net Menders'?

Net Mender Mission was formed by friends and supporters of Dale DePeel and his family to help continue and expand the Kingdom work he does in and around the Rochester area. Through his 30+ years of pastoral experience, Dale brings his unique ability to reach out to people discouraged, despairing of hope, and disconnected from key relationships. This is not just a ministry - it is a mission field! Despite the efforts of many churches, too often there are individuals and segments of society that slip through the "nets". Dale focuses on developing quality relationships that influence people for the Lord Jesus Christ through counseling, mentoring volunteers and churches, and through programs like Celebrate Recovery and Refiner's Lodge. All of these ministries come under our parent organization, Soul Harbor Christian Fellowship, a 501c(3) non-profit (soulharbor.net). Net Menders are just people like you and me that support this effort through prayer and financial giving. "Net Menders" is also the name of our newsletter to help keep you informed.

with deeper issues - the hurts, hang-ups, and habits that are the afflictions of bruised and battered souls. They learn they cannot - must not - pretend they don't have problems. They learn to confess their sins to one another. They learn to pray for one another. And they learn that they can find freedom, in Christ, while wearing prison dungarees behind bars.

It takes extra courage for a felon to express his inner struggles in these meetings. It takes extra courage to be oneself, to weep, to express emotions here. Why? They know the information shared in the group is considered valuable for leverage purposes in the



yard; it could be used to hurt someone. Please pray that the prisoners will grow in their trust to one another, and in their commitment to keep confidential shared information.

New planning decisions are underway. Please pray for guidance, for this group of men behind bars, for the prisoners that are leading the group, and for those who join from the "Outside" - Pastor Dale De Peel, Jim Smith, Craig Smith, and Randy Preston. Please pray that this group will be all that God wants it to be.

Refiner's Lodge

Scott Hanlon is a long time supporter, participant, and servant leader in several recovery ministries connected with SHCF.

Ephesians 5:3 - "Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality or of any kind of impurity or of greed because these are improper for God's holy people."

Refiner's Lodge meets at Rochester Assembly of God Church on Thursday nights at 6:45. Purity issues carry a negative "stigma" in many Christian groups and doctrines, and this causes many men to deny or justify this problem. This "silence" and "isolation" causes a hindrance in our relationship with Christ Jesus. We are a group of men that have found freedom from this shame thru confession, accountability and learning.

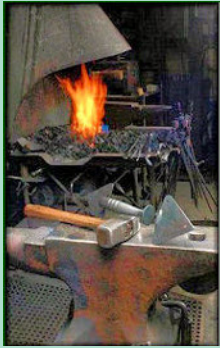
Most sin can be traced back to a belief in a lie. One of the most overlooked lie is the "lie of omission". It is very difficult to start talking about this "taboo" sin but it is only when we bring our deeds into the Light that they can be seen and then dealt with. Sharing, learning and growing with other men, which have suffered from these pains, creates a safe and understanding environment to begin the process of healing.

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"For everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, mature in their relationship to Christ." Colossians 1:28 (NLT)

Refiner's Lodge continued...

The men of Refiners Lodge are professing Christians. We have been brought together in a search or solution to what seemed like unanswered prayers in dealing with purity issues. What we have found is an answer to our prayers. This has come in the form of: Wounded people that aren't hurting anymore can help those that are still hurting.



If you have suffered alone and would like to talk to someone in a private call or meeting then we are available for you. If you are comfortable in a group setting and would like to join our mission feel free to contact us. Jesus is Lord!

Angel Food Ministries

Each month in 2010, dozens of economically priced Angel Food boxes were distributed through SHCF and our dedicated team of volunteers.

"Before Angel food Ministries my wife & I were having difficulties making ends meet. With the little we have left at the end of the month we can purchase food from Angel food Ministries that is inexpensive; and the best part is, a variety of food to choose from. Thank you Angel food Ministries."

-an AFM user

A Note from Nate

Nate Augeson knows what a difference Dale is making in the challenging lives of believers like himself.

Soul Harbor Christian Fellowship and Dale DePeel have been instrumental in showing me what it means to be a Christ Follower in today's world! Dale is forgiving, giving, and steadfast in his resolve to show this city that there are people here that want to help them know who Jesus is through their actions. Dale has become a great friend and mentor to me. His growing impact on

Rochester and surrounding communities through the various ministries he is involved with (such as Celebrate Recovery, Refiners Lodge, Pastoring, and leading various studies and training groups) are a great Testimony to what the hands and feet of Christ look like! I would always recommend Dale to anyone seeking spiritual wisdom, guidance, or insight for decisions for their life. In this chaotic world we live in today, I am blessed to have a brother in Christ like Dale Depeel. I know that any investment, whether time, finances, or prayer will be sown into fertile soil. Thank you Dale and may God continue to Bless you and your family!

Men's Study

Scott Hanlon reflects on the Bible Study he actively participates in.

2 Peter 1:3 *"His divine power has given us everything that we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him."*

The men's bible study meets at Hope Summit Church every Thursday morning at 8 am. We are a group of men who are committed to spiritual growth thru a deeper understanding of scripture. This is done in a comfortable setting of both teaching and discussion with much interaction of differing denominations and theological backgrounds.

We just completed a study series called Living With Confidence In A Chaotic World, written by Dr. David Jeremiah. We will be starting a new study in the book of Romans. This is a verse by verse study of one of the most important topics in all of Scripture. God's 3 part redemptive plan to redeem the spirit, soul and body of man. We will be using resources from the late and great preacher and teacher Ray Stedman.

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If you would like to have a better understanding of the depth and fullness of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ while learning and sharing with a group of men that are driven by the Holy Spirit and Gods Word then feel free to join us.

Net Tenders Update

SHCF has a new treasurer! In November, Mike assumed the accounting and treasurer responsibilities from Carl. This is in addition to all the volunteer coordination work he does with the Angel Food Ministry partnership. Thanks Mike!

A present and and substantial challenge we face is the drop in funds from several church and individual sources. This is on the order of \$600 a month. We really need to make this up through our Net Mender network of donors in order for Dale to continue in the ministry at his previous level and for us to fund the regular ministry expenses. Perhaps you will be able to help in 2011 with a new monthly commitment or an increase in support? Please pray for this ministry and Dale's health in the coming year. Thanks!

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