

Men's Ministries through North Carolina Baptist Men

Igniting the Hearts of Men for Christ!

Men's Ministry Action Plan for Your Church

1. **Begin and Sustain the Ministry on Prayer**

- Pray for wisdom and direction as you begin to plan the ministry.
- Form a weekly men's prayer group with pastor(s), leaders, other men
- Pay close attention to what God reveals about the needs of men through prayer

2. **Connect with Your Pastor and Staff**

- Interview your pastor, sharing your vision for men's ministry with him
- Ask your pastor to send an encouraging letter to the men of the church
- Be prepared in advance to recommend the first ministry action step

3. **Formulate a Men's Ministry Leadership Team**

- Follow Jesus' example: Pray them out
- Communicate the mission to them
- Formulate Leadership around the Four Cornerstones – Spiritual Growth, Missions Involvement, Fellowship and Outreach, and Ministry Within the Church.

4. **Assess the Gifts/Talents of Men in Your Church as well as Their Interests**

- Evaluate what is already happening among your men – both formally and informally
- Conduct a needs and ministry/mission interest survey
- Join God where He is at work in the men's lives

5. **Define Your Purpose and Goals**

- Hand pick men to help write a biblically based Purpose Statement
- Organize ministry purposes around the 4 cornerstones of ministry (Spiritual Growth, Ministry Involvement, Missions Involvement, Fellowship/Outreach)

6. **Plan Monthly Men's Gatherings for the Coming Year**

- It is important to establish continuity. Decide what day and time works best.
- Make sure each gathering includes prayer, testimony, music, and a spiritual focus or challenge.

7. **Plan Other Events and Opportunities for the Coming Year**

- Plan one or two mission opportunities – either local, state, national, or international.
- Plan one or two fellowship activities that will include an element of outreach to men who are not currently involved.

8. **Communicate All Plans, Events, and Opportunities to Men**

- Place dates on the calendar early – preferably at the beginning of each church year.
- Use any and all means to promote – e-mail, announcements, phone tree, Facebook, etc.
- Promote regular gatherings on a continual, consistent basis.
- Begin promoting special events at least two months out.

9. **Maintain Balance**

- Seek ways to continually incorporate outreach, discipleship, equipping and missions
- Provide multiple entry points for new men to comfortably join ministry

10. **Evaluate and Adjust**

- Leadership Team should continually ask: *“Is this bearing fruit?”* If so, continue and “tweak” appropriately to maintain interest and effectiveness. If not, stop doing it!