

St Francis' Men's Ministry

Mission.

To bring seasoned and young men together to discuss our faith and its value in today's difficult world. To enjoy fellowship and provide models for the younger generation. Learn about the challenges facing the younger generation. Two major concerns:

1. Determine areas in the culture that challenge the spiritual life of men.
2. Provide a moral and spiritual compass through prayer, Scripture and fellowship.

As we gather, all of us can benefit from a sense of purpose in providing a faith-based legacy for our young men. Jesus Christ is our model.

Format.

Monthly Prayer Breakfast--Second Saturday of each month

Time: 8am to 9am. Folks can remain afterwards for more in-depth discussions.

Food: We will have a light, catered breakfast and then settle in to the program.

Program: Start with prayer, then scripture reading, announcements, speaker, benediction. The program should be inspirational and upbeat. We should have members give their message of what faith has meant to their lives. We will bring in outside guests to give their message as well. In addition to our times of planned content, we hope to provide social opportunities for relationships between men to emerge and strengthen.

Social Outings—Four times annually. Social engagements to provide opportunities to invite others into the men's ministry. These events should take into consideration what matters to us and our community like sporting events (e.g. Durham Bulls baseball games, UNC or NC State football games).

Volunteer Opportunities—Twice a year (Spring/Fall). We hope to be a blessing to St. Francis and the community by engaging in work projects at the church and in the community.

The goal is to energize and encourage the faith of men in the parish. Each time we close a meeting or gathering, we should be spirit-filled and realize that we are in this together. We encourage each other to practice a daily office by sharing the gospel and prayers at the meeting and what works for us in regards to regular study. Clergy are there to oversee and advise, laity do the majority of the work.

Organization.

We will have committees to divide the work effort. Each committee has a leader who is accountable for their part of the mission. We will begin committee work this summer with goal of first meeting September 14.

Committees:

Food/Logistics (Monthly Breakfast). Catering at \$5-\$7 per person should be the goal. Menu per consensus. Provide great coffee! Ensure we have a place to meet. Clean up crew rotates through all members.

Prayer/Resources. Assign prayer leaders for each session. We will discuss possible format options (liturgically based) as presented by committee recommendation. Prayer leaders will guide the discussion and provide a sampling of daily devotional resources to encourage members to adopt a daily ritual.

Speakers. Put together a quarterly schedule of speakers. Solicit speakers from within the group and outside the group. Try to establish a rotation of internal and external speakers. Line up a quarter in advance. This committee will vet, host and introduce speakers. Speakers will be scheduled through each quarter of the year.

Social Activities/Volunteer Opportunities. Propose social events. Propose volunteer opportunities. One social event per quarter. Each year we will hold two volunteer opportunities. One opportunity will bless the church (either the church building itself or a need of someone within the church). The second opportunity will bless the local community with work outside of the church and congregation.

Promo/IT. Ensure that all events (huddles and outings) are advertised both internally to the church and externally to the community. Announcements to include speakers, times, location and contact info.

Advisory Group. Chair/Leader plus committee heads. Add ad hoc members per their wishes to contribute.