

December 9, 2016

Dan Earnest, Chairman Steve Williams, Secretary Bill Worrell, Treasurer Bob Hightower, Director Jeff Johnson, Director Joe Manis, Director Mark Wesner, Director

Dear Brothers in Christ:

2016 was a great year for the Men For Christ! In January at Cadiz Christian Church Dr. Jack Cottrell told us that: "You should want your churches to grow in the way Paul explains they should" (Ephesians 4:11-16). In April we met at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown and worshipped in song with the Vintage Gospel Lads. Our July meeting was held at the Centerville Christian Church and it was a great honor to have Ben Merold as our guest speaker. The *Men For Christ* October meeting was held at the Wilkinson Church of Christ with Steve Kehrer as our speaker. It was indeed a great line up of speakers! With your help, we were able to help support the Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp and the Ball State Campus House. Surely with the programs and speakers we had, along with the good fellowship and great singing, we have helped to "Strengthen our Churches."

Through the past several years the Men For Christ have had the good fortune of hosting several outstanding speakers-men who are leaders in the restoration movement. I personally have received several comments about my efforts in securing these speakers, but I want you to know--it has been a total MFC board of directors' effort . As 2017 approaches, the directors are trying to plan programs and secure speakers who will continue to preach the word and to help strengthen each of us. As some of our churches, conventions, and Bible colleges are changing, we will strive to bring to you speakers who are grounded in solid New Testament restoration doctrine.

For years the question has been-- Are you a member of a reformed (denominational) church or a restored church? Many of our new members don't know and really don't know the difference. Bring them to our January 9th meeting. The message we will hear is "Restore - Not Reform". Paul Nichols, director of the Christian Restoration Movement, will be our speaker. Paul is a Christian first and a Hoosier second. He hails from South Bend, IN. He is a graduate of Central Christian College and Cincinnati Bible Seminary. He and his wife, Mary, who also graduated from Central Christian College will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this coming July. They have two grown children: Daniel and Marah. They too graduated from Central Christian College of the Bible and are active and faithful in the local churches where they live. Paul is presently preaching at the Church of Christ in Eaton, Ohio, but continues to live in Indiana (he and Mary are doing mission work with those Buckeyes). The Lord has privileged Paul to "preach the Word." He has done this now for about 40 years and it remains his passion, hope, desire, and privilege to serve the Lord through this means.

Our meeting will be held on <u>January 9th at the Center Christian Church</u> near Mays, Indiana. Come and listen to Paul talk about the **restored** church. This seems to be a timely message as some in our fellowship are now trying to <u>reform</u> the <u>restored</u> New Testament Church of Christ.

Hope to see you at Center Monday evening, January 9, 2017.

Dan Earnest Chairman, Men For Christ



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Center Christian Church

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Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

We will be served a Spaghetti dinner with Salad, garlic bread and home made Pies!!

Paul Nichols

Strengthening the Churches So That----

May all who come behind us find us faithful May the fire of our devotion light their way May the footprints that we leave Lead them to believe And the lives we live inspire them to obey

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone And our children sift through all we've left behind May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover

Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful (Find us faithful lyrics by Steve Green)

Churches and Ministers, please send your e-mail addresses to rodanjoy@msn.com so that we can notify you by-email and let you know of any changes to our meetings.

Program @ 7:00 p.m.

Worship program will be led by Steve Kehrer of the Vintage Gospel Lads with Steven Foster on the piano.

Our speaker for the evening will be Paul Nichols, preacher at the Church of Christ Eaton, Ohio