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Christmas Version Of 1 Corinthians 13

1 CORINTHIANS 13 - A CHRISTMAS VERSION

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure...Author Unknown



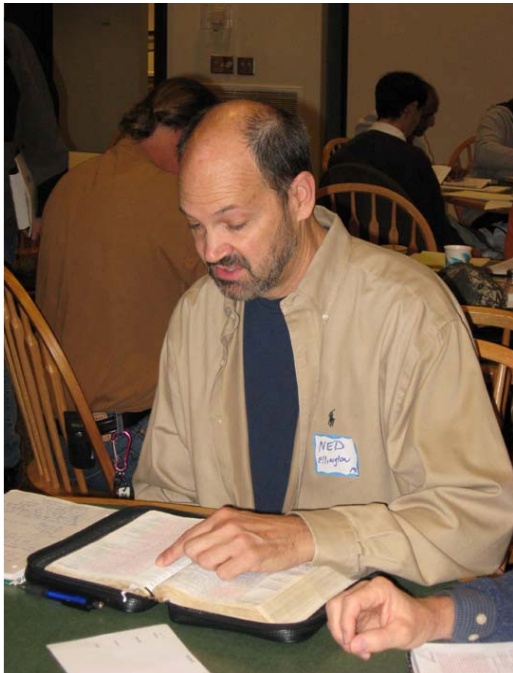
Upcoming Events

November 29	7:30 am	Damascus	Help the Potter's House build some shelves
December 5-6	6:00pm	Easton	Help build out MidShore Community Church
December 20	9:00am	Frederick	Christmas at the Margins—Providing 15 Families with Christmas
January 24	9:00am	Fundraiser	Polar Bear Plunge

Waterboyz Advance

80men attended the 2nd Annual Waterboyz Advance at the Clagett Center in Buckeystown, November 14 and 15. Seminars were presented by Ned Ellington, Mike Betteridge and Richard Fredericks. Here is the testimony of one man.

The 2nd Annual Men's Advance was great because it challenged me to take seriously my calling to go out of my comfort zone and share the Gospel with others. I like also that it is called an advance. Jesus tells us to GO and make disciples... which requires ACTION. I was challenged at the very start by the question, Do you consider yourself a disciple maker? The answer: Yes Im a Christian, yes I'm a disciple and in saying yes to that THERE HAS TO BE AC-



TION. I received a lot of good tools and teaching to equip myself. There was also a good balance of men at different stages of their spiritual journey. I was introduced to the fellowship of Christian men early in 2000-2001 through Men of Frederick that was a spin-off of Promise Keepers. After a couple of years attendance dropped off and it was stopped. I always felt a desire to start something similar in the Frederick area. Well God introduced me to the Waterboyz. I see great potential to grow into a disciple maker through weekly tables and the quarterly breakfast and community service.

Thank you for your service to us through the Waterboyz. David Ridenour

