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“Be Careful What You Pray For”... I prayed that God would place me in a room of people I did not know. That’s when I got the Jury Duty notice. Tuesday, I found myself in a room with 200 complete strangers. I didn’t have to “walk across the room”, I was bumping into them. So many people, so little time! There was the doctor, the deep sea fisherman, the earthquake insurance agent, the stay at home mother, the young college student... When I walked into the Jury

Box, the judge asked me questions before the jury was finalized. He asked if I had ever served on a jury before. I told him that three times I had been summoned, but had been dismissed by either the Defense or the Prosecuting Attorney. I explained that my theory was that the lawyers thought a pastor would be either too judgmental or too merciful!

This time I made the cut and served a week considering evidence in a domestic violence case. The human drama, jury interaction, different perspectives and varied personalities were fascinating to watch. At the end of the trial, I walked out of the courthouse feeling a bond with my fellow jurors that had developed during the process. We lingered, not wanting the relationship to end. Several promised to come by and visit our church. I know that my life was enriched by the way God answered my prayer. He used me to plant some seeds of His love and grace

– Pastor Tim Garrison



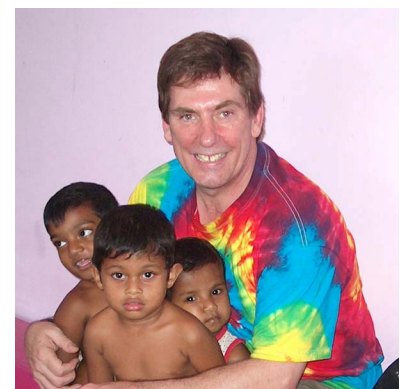
And watch out! They're going to drag you into court. You're placed there as sentinels to truth. The Message has to be preached all across the world. Mark 13:10 Message Bible

Meet Mike Betteridge

While he is currently employed at the World Bank as an Information Officer, Mike has worked as an orderly in a mental institution, a mailman, in a hospital emergency room and on a scuba diving team in Belize.

He attends All Saints Episcopal Church and is on the Board of Directors at the Frederick Rescue Mission. He is involved in ministry in the Kairos program and is the Operations Manager of a Christian radio station.

When asked why he was involved with the Waterboyz, Mike responded, “God’s Word tells us in Proverbs 27:17 that **as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpen’s another**. I find that without the accountability and fellowship of a weekly small group, it is easy for a man’s light to grow dim, for his sword edge to grow dull. Waterboyz is a group of men who are dedicated to challenging men to Christian growth. As Waterboyz, we walk this journey together. With Christ and those Godly men by my side, my path is lit and I am never alone.



A Message from Paul

Saturday, February 9th 80 Waterboyz showed up at Monocacy Valley Community Church to pray together, eat together, and be disciplined together into becoming the mighty warriors in the Kingdom we all desire to become. During the week leading up to this event there were many places to ‘freak out’. For example, starting Wednesday afternoon when we realized that our plan for providing food for the breakfast wasn’t coming together AT ALL! Soon after that we realized we hadn’t made the necessary arrangements for covering the sound board. As if that wasn’t enough, we didn’t have a praise team to lead us in worship. Other than that we were right on track to host a **Prayer & Praise Breakfast**. Needless to say we fell to our knees and agreed to join God’s plan for the day since ours wasn’t working out at all.

When the 80 men showed up, there was more food than we could eat. Larry Goldman, Mike Albro, and Sharon provided us with awesome praise worship leadership and Bryan Chaney jumped in to handle the sound issues. God showed each of us how to accomplish the many details we hadn’t figured out on our own. Like Ned Ellington said, “If 80 men show up, eat breakfast together, enjoy each other’s company together then the breakfast would have been a success.” But in typical God-fashion, so much more happened.

Ned Ellington talked about how we can move into spiritual leadership in our families. He talked about moving from being a seeker-after-God to a warrior-in-the-Kingdom. He told us that the goal in our leadership growth was to be able to make disciples for Jesus. Then David Kull gave an anointed talk on sexual purity. As usual, God creates ministry out of our besetting areas of weakness and David described the battle with purity he lost for years and how God brought His word, His people, and important tools into his life to bring healing and freedom. Then Paul Foss talked about the vision for 2008 that God has for the Waterboyz. 100 10MEN Tables by the end of the year. After reminding the men that God first desires a personal relationship with them and inviting each man to join a men’s table, he challenged the men to pray for, listen for, and be obedient when God shows them their part in this vision. We all thought of another man who needs to have an encounter with Jesus Christ and we gathered in groups of two or three to pray for the courage to speak Life into each of these names.

We are going to have these gatherings once a quarter so be sure to check the Waterboyz yearly calendar online and don’t miss the next one!

Service Project

The Thursday night Urbana group chose as their service project the opportunity to answer the call and help move a single lady from Germantown to Frederick. Regular member Mike Filippone announced he was collecting all of his IOU’s in helping his friend Lauren relocate to a new apartment. Although it was a rainy day, the group showed up enmass and the task was soon accomplished. Now hopefully, Mike knows how to hang curtains without the help of the rest of the Boyz.

