

FCEMF Meeting Notes
Family First Ministries
June 5, 2018

In attendance: Paul Cameron, Jim Case, Becky Deuel, Alvin Dupree, Ken Ellison, Paul Franzmeier, Vaughn Groen, John Kieffer, Tami McLaughlin, Steve Nickel, Ron Pagel, Jeff Prewitt, Jason Steger, Shawn Whitworth

Introductions: Name, Organization and what book are you currently reading that is helping you in your ministry? (besides the Bible-even though it has all the answers!)

Books that were mentioned:

And She Was a Christian: Why do Believers Commit Suicide? by Peter Preus and Karen Knutson

Driven: From Homeless to Hero, My Journeys On and Off Lambeau Field by Donald Driver

Evangelical Convictions: The Theological Exposition of the Statement of Faith of the EFCA

Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life by Jeff Vanderstelt

Knowledge of the Holy: The Attributes of God by A W Tozer

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression and the Unexpected Solutions by Johann Hari

Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home by Richard Foster

Spurgeon on Prayer and Spiritual Warfare by Charles Spurgeon

Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry by Ruth Haley Barton

The Blessing: Giving the Gift of Unconditional Love and Acceptance by John Trent and Gary Smalley

The Fifteen Invaluable Laws of Growth: Live Them and Reach Your Potential by John Maxwell

The Gospel-Centered Life by Robert H Thune and Will Walker

The Invisible War: What Every Believer Needs to Know About Satan, Demons and Spiritual Warfare by Chip Ingram

The Magnificent Story: Uncovering a Gospel of Beauty, Goodness and Truth by James Bryan Smith

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Doyle

This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti

The Spiritual Works of Leo Tolstoy: A Confession, The Kingdom of God is Within You, What I Believe, Christianity and Patriotism, Reason and Religion, The Gospel in Brief and more by Leo Tolstoy

What Happens When Women Say Yes to God: Experiencing Life in Extraordinary Ways by Lysa TerKeurst

When Is a First Lady Ever First by Barbara J Warren McKinney

Paul Franzmeier introduced his father-in-law, Ken Ellison

Shared a short testimony of his many years in the mission field. In China, they preach Jesus, not theology. Recommends Robert J Morgan's devotional on the names of Jesus in the New Testament.

Devotional: Alvin Dupree

Philippians 4:6-8

As a pastor and leader, as people responsible for other's souls, we can be more anxious for them to live right more than they want to live right. There is anxiety in seeing someone who you are teaching, training, trying to develop, consistently ignoring that teaching.

We can neglect our own personal things. As leaders, we have to be intentional to make sure we are taking care of our families first, not neglecting the affairs of our house, before taking care of the affairs of the church.

We are trying to deal with so much we can be anxious. Make sure we aren't engaged in things that God hasn't ordered our steps to do – we can take on too much – things to which we are not called. Think about what we volunteered to do – did I ask for it or did He call me to do it?

Anxiety can kick in if we are overwhelmed. We can take on things directly and indirectly. It is not our responsibility to save – only Jesus can do that. It's not our responsibility to force people to do what we are teaching them. We are vessels to do what we feel God calling us to do. Leave the results to God and not worry about that.

Encourage us to share with each other, the person next to us, some things we are laying before the Lord. Pray for each other – everything by prayer and supplication. Leave it before the Lord.

Business:

Treasurer's Report: Collected \$35.00 today. Current Balance is over \$500.00
Where do you think the funds should go.? It was recommended that we purchase a brick or two for the Lifestage? They are going to install a permanent stage. Agreed to put \$250.00 for a big brick.

Next meeting is at Wolf River Cabin – See attached invitation!

Spouses are invited. **Please RSVP to Trish Propson by June 15th.**

Ken Ellison: Good to see pastors meeting together. The most neglected person in church is the pastor's wife and children.

Closing Prayer: Ken Ellison