



# PROCLAIM!

*Proclaiming liberty to the captives... (Isaiah 55:1)*

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### GIBI "Live Video Conferencing" Class Schedule

The Following Classes  
are presently offered  
free.

#### **Wednesdays:**

1. *The Book of Daniel*  
with Jerry Cantrell at  
Bath Settlement, 5PM.

2. *The Epistles of  
Peter* with Jon Hazelip  
at Ann's Grove, 6PM.

#### **Thursdays:**

*Marriage & The Family*  
with Dr. Donnie  
Hillard at Lamaha  
Gardens, 6PM.

#### **Fridays:**

*The Book of Daniel*  
with Jerry Cantrell at  
Ann's Grove, 6PM.

#### **Sundays:**

1. *The Parables of  
Christ* with Dave Laton  
at Ann's Grove, 6PM.  
2. *Worship* with Keith  
Kasarjian at Bath Set-  
tlement, 5PM.

Call Feroze (646-  
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## Why Be Involved In Lads To Leaders/Leaderettes?

"Lads To Leaders/Leaderettes" is designed to help young men and young women to become leaders, in the Lord's church, in their respective roles. Along with preparing them for service in the church it helps them to develop their personal spiritual lives. The basic idea of "Lads To Leaders/Leaderettes" is intended to address the leadership vacuum that exists in today's church. As we are developing young men and young ladies there is also an added benefit of the spiritual growth of those who will be helping them – their mentors!

The reason for training young people today is so, 20 to 30 years from now, there will be good leaders in the local churches. The only way this will be accomplished is by hard work that begins today. Part of our responsibility as Christians is to train others. Paul told Timothy, *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others"* (2 Timothy 2:2). Christianity was not just about Timothy, but it was about what Timothy needed to do for the future of the church – *"teach others."*

Paul says four things in this passage of scripture that are the real basis and urgency of the "Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes" program.

**"What you have heard me say"** – Paul did not want Timothy to teach just anything, but he wanted him to teach what he had been taught. Many of you have been taught God's word and you have a responsibility to share that word with others. Who better to share it with than the young eager minds of young men and young ladies in your congregation?

**"Entrust to reliable men"** – Tomorrow's church will be as strong as we make it today. We need to put our knowledge in the minds of *"reliable"* young men and women. Jesus knew the young could learn. Maybe that is why He said, *"bid the little children to come unto me."* "Lads" concentrates on the young that is *"reliable."* The young men and young ladies of today are going to be the leaders of tomorrow. Find those that are *"reliable"* and *"entrust"* them with God's word.

**"Who will also be qualified"** – Once these young people have been taught and gain experience they will be *"qualified"* to teach others. If we do our job well these young people will be qualified to share their knowledge with anyone. It is up to us to qualify them. If we don't, the world will, and that will not really help others or the church. Some of you were not *"qualified"* until you took advantage of the teaching at GIBI. Now you have the opportunity to help other youths to be *"qualified."*

**"To teach others"** – The goal of every congregation of the Lord's church is to *"teach others."* But a member has to be qualified in order to do that. This is what "Lads" helps churches to accomplish. It helps qualify new teachers for Bible classes; it helps qualify teachers to share the gospel with the lost; and, it qualifies young men to someday preach the gospel publicly. If you look closely at the New Testament you will learn that it is the local church that trained men to preach, not Preacher Training Schools.

"Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes" will help your congregation. But the only way it can is for you to get involved. We are having periodical meetings using our video conferencing system to train "mentors" so they can help their congregations. For those of you who cannot attend these meetings we have printed materials to help. You must be the ones to make the move if you want this very productive program to help you and your congregation.

How can men preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:15)

## The difference between Live and Dead Churches

There is no doubt most of us want to be members of a live, growing Church. Most of us can easily tell the difference...and so can the Lord!

Live Churches have all kinds of problems. They always have more work, programs, mission opportunities, and other things than they can take advantage of; dead ones don't!

Live churches make constant demands on time, talent and money. There are fellowships, services and classes to attend. There are people to visit, delinquents to reclaim and drifters who need encouragement and admonition; dead ones don't!

Live churches are filled with people who are weak, neglectful, forgetful, and who need attention, but they are growing. They are concerned, prayerful and giving; dead ones aren't!

Live churches have preachers who are book and people oriented. They have preachers who preach hard, exhort often and know what's going on in the world, church, and in the lives of many brethren – dead ones don't!

Live churches have leaders who stretch the budget yearly to help the congregation to grow. They have programs, sermons, classes, missions, plans and hopes to take every member to greater heights of service, sacrifice and finally heaven. Dead ones don't!

Live churches have servants that are pushers, vitally involved to improve everything the congregation is doing. They are out front serving and helping the entire program to get more done now. Dead ones don't!

Live churches have memberships that respond to challenge. The challenge of new programs, budgets, missions and always the Word! They have people who evangelize rather than fossilize, dead ones don't!

Live churches fight error and know where it is found. They are compassionate and kind. They are not only gentle and loving, but also bold and brave and afraid of nothing! They love God and

## Contemplating...

Heavenly father, help us to remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot everyday (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the odd couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last time that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not just to those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love. Amen!

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

1. **July 03 - Annual Tent Meeting (Fellowship & Worship)**- Ann's Grove, ECD, 10AM. All Are invited! Call Feroze (646-4946) or Mark (628-1029) for more info.
2. **June 19-22 - Industry Revival Meeting**, 6:30 PM. Call Floyd (615-0723) or Orin (625-8325) for more info.
3. **August 22-26 - Annual Youth Camp**, Camp Kayuka. (Fee: \$5000 per Person). Call Chris (641-9322) or Floyd (615-0723) for more info.

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