

Men's Ministries has served the men of our conference with great spirit in the past (thank you pastor Twitchell and those who went before him!) and we want the blessings to increase and continue! The mantle of Men's Ministries has been passed on to me, and it is my desire to keep this ministry moving forward because it is my belief that God has a special calling for us as men. We are called to be the priest and leader in our families, communities, and churches. If you are like me, you get easily distracted. So, as brothers in Christ, we need each other's help to shoulder the calling. Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

I was brought up to believe that, as a man, you held everything in, and you never let anyone see what you were feeling or thinking. I was brought up to believe that a man pulls himself up by his own bootstraps. But I met Jesus and soon after realized that we need Jesus and we need each other. I was introduced to Men's Ministries early in my walk with Christ. Men's Ministries has been, and continues to be, a huge part of my journey with Jesus. My prayer is that more men will experience the abundant life He is offering.

My first goal is to make sure Men's Ministries is a safe and fostering place for all men. Every man should know that he matters. This ministry is here to serve you as a man in our conference. Second, I want to encourage prayer together because I believe that, for us to fulfill our calling as men of God, we need to be connected through prayer. Third, I want to utilize a variety of ways to communicate with the men of this conference, including our blog "The Man Cave" on the conference website. I will use email, make phone calls, and send group text messages. I will use the Pony Express if I have to!

Men's Ministries is also looking to take on a community service project (let me know if you have suggestions!) that we can do together. In addition, we'll have stuff going on at Camp Meeting 2019, the annual Camp Lawroweld retreat (Oct. 18-20<sup>th</sup>), and some other events that are still in planning. And, perhaps most exciting of all, we're planning a July 2020 mission trip to Bethel, Alaska! Stay tuned on our webpage at [www.nnec.org/mens-ministries/](http://www.nnec.org/mens-ministries/) for updates on all these activities.

We want to provide the resources and space for you to grow as a man of God. Men's Ministries is self-funded, so, with that in mind, I ask that you prayerfully consider including this ministry in your giving. For more information about Men's Ministries, you can reach me at (207) 590-8891, or by email at [DougBerrillSr@gmail.com](mailto:DougBerrillSr@gmail.com)