



ROUGE FREE WILL BAPTIST MASTER'S MEN NEWSLETTER

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MASTER'S MEN REPORT: APRIL 2024

John Zubor & Roger Phillips: Directors

Happy April Fool's Day! Our Master's Men March Meeting was held on March 12th, 2024, at Leon's Family restaurant as usual. Twenty-four of our men gathered together for a great night of fun and fellowship. This was our largest crowd for quite a while so there was a lot of energy and joy around the room. We were also blessed to have a good number of our ladies that turned out to enjoy each other's company in the main dining room.

After we enjoyed our meal together, Bro. John Zubor opened the meeting by greeting all the men and sharing some of his parables with us as he typically does. One entitled **"If you were born before 1945,"** and the other, **"The wisdom of a 92 year old Blind Woman."** We will share those stories with you latter in this newsletter.

Bro. Roger Phillips then gave our Treasury Report and reminded the men how important it was to continue to support our program by donating either **\$5.00 or \$10.00 a month systematically.** With our faithful monthly giving we are able to maintain our financial standing so we can remain ready to meet any future need that might arise. We appreciate all of your support. Thank you for your giving.

We also discussed the upcoming, Great Chili Cook-Off, Home Plate Detroit 2024, and the potential location of our February 2025 Advance. Formerly known as the Retreat.

Our **"Hot Topic"** question of the month was **"Who faces the greater Condemnation, The Preacher who doesn't preach the truth or the one who stays and listens to the false doctrine, even when they know its false?"** We had a lively discussion with many interesting comments and observations.

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MASTER'S MEN MISSION STATEMENT

The Master's Men of the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church are called to lead men to a mature spiritual relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In doing so, it is our intent to nurture Christian fellowship with each other, enrich the relationships with our families and support the ministry of the church.

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We then made our prayer request known and adjourned and closed our meeting with prayer. *Our next meeting will take place at Leon's Family Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Taylor, MI on April 9th, 2024. Our meeting will begin with dinner at 6:30 pm. We welcome all men to join us on this night.*

THE GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF

The great Chili Cook-Off of 2024 was held on Saturday, March 16th at 3:00 pm. We had 11 different and tasty chili's entered and many delicious, donated deserts for the occasion. We cannot thank all of you enough for your kindness in making the cook-off a burning success.

We awarded prizes to the top three chili's as selected by the majority vote. And the winners are: 1st Place...Cheryl Jackson. She was awarded a \$25.00 Dairy Queen Gift Card. 2nd Place...Jamilyn Ingram....She was awarded a \$20.00 Dairy Queen Gift Card. 3rd Place...Jerry Franklin...He was awarded a \$15.00 Dairy Queen Gift Card. In the interest of transparency, we actually had a 4 way tie for 2nd Place. The winners were decided by a random draw taken by the Impartial Judge, the magnificent Elijah Grantham.

We also awarded 2 Door Prizes for our guests to share in. Prize # 1...4 tickets to The Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village. Roger Phillips was the winner of those tickets, and Prize # 2...a \$10.00 Gift Card to Duncan Donuts was awarded to Amanda Franklin. Congratulations to all of our winners.

The Master's Men want to extend our gratitude to everyone who entered their chili and donated deserts and cornbread. And, Thank you to all of you that helped in the set-up and clean-up of this great event. We could not have made this work without your help!



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Lessons On Attitude From a 92 Year Old Woman

The 92 year old woman, petite, poised and proud, well dressed, and groomed every morning even though legally blind was moving into a nursing home after her husband recently had passed away. This event had made the move necessary. After waiting several hours in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled when she was told that her room was now ready.

She maneuvered her walker into the elevator while being given a visual description of the tiny room by the attendant who escorted her. "I love it!" she said with the enthusiasm of a child that had been presented with a new puppy. The attendant replied to her, "But, you haven't even seen the room. How can you know that you will even like it that much?"

"That doesn't matter" the old woman said, "whether I like the room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged, it's how I have arranged it in my mind. I have already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with parts of my body that no longer work or, I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work each day. Every day is a gift as long as my eyes open up, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time of my life."

She looked at the attendant again and said, "Old age is like a bank account, you withdraw what you have put in. So, my advice to you is deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. And I thank you for your part in filling my memory bank. I'm still depositing." Then with a smile the old woman said to the attendant,

"Remember The Five Simple Rules To Be Happy

Free your heart from hatred.

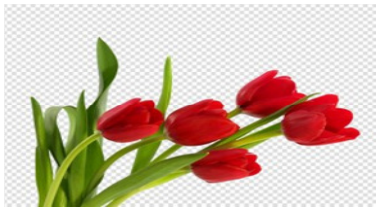
Free your mind from worries.

Live simply.

Give more.

Expect less."

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From the President's Desk continued

IF YOU WERE BORN BEFORE 1945

If you were born before 1945, you are the true survivors. Why?

You were born before Television.

Your were born before Penicillin.

Your were born before Frozen Foods, Xerox, Plastic, and Contact Lenses.

You were born before the Frisbee, The Pill, and Credit Cards.

You were born before Laser Beams, Ball Point Pens, Panty Hose.

You were born before Dishwashers, Clothes Dryers, and Air Conditioners.

You were born before Automatic Shift Cars, Electric Blankets, and Before Man
Walked on the Moon.

You got married first, then lived together.

Bunnies were small Rabbits and Rabbits were not Volkswagen's.

Fast Food was what you ate during Lent.

You were born before Computer Dating, Dual Careers, and Same Sex Marriages.

You were before Senior Centers, Day Care Centers and Nursing Homes.

You never heard of FM Radio, Tape Decks, Electric Typewriters, Artificial Hearts, Yo-
gurt, and Guys wearing Ear Rings.

Time Sharing meant Togetherness not Computers or Condominiums.

A Chip meant a Piece of Wood, Hardware meant Hardware.

Software wasn't even a Word, and a Mouse was not something you would want to
touch with your Hand.

You could go to the 5 and 10 Cent Store and Buy things for 5 or 10 Cents.

Pizza, McDonalds and Instant Coffee were unheard of.

You could buy a New Chevy Coupe for \$600.00 but, Who could afford one.

Gas was only 11 cents a gallon. Grass was mowed, and Coke was a cold drink.

Pot was something you Cooked In.

Aids were helpers in the Principal's Office and OJ stood for Orange Juice.

And much more than that, you made do with what you had.

And "Guess what?"

You Survived.



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WELCOME TO THE WORLD



**Sisters are different flowers
from the same garden...**

God sent another beautiful flower to the Stoots Family!!!

Raegan, Audrey, Gemma and Carly welcomed
their new baby sister, Amber Kay
On Wednesday, March 27, 2024!

The girls are thrilled,
Mom and Dad, Kayla and Andrew, are thrilled
And Papaw and Mamaw, Tom and Irma
are over the moon!!

God bless all these precious sisters!!



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Dates to Remember

May 4th, 9:30 a.m.– Liberty Conference at Faith, Romeo

May 18th– Last day to register for Youth Camp

May 25th, 4:45p.m. –Youth Skating details soon

June 17th-21st– Youth Camp see Justin or Eric for details

July 12th-13th– Ark Encounter Trip see Darrell and Kirsten for details

Aug. 10th– Youth Trip to Cedar Point

Aug. 22nd-24th– WAC Retreat



MOTHER'S DAY

Mother [muhth-er] -noun

1. One person who does the work of twenty... for free.

(See also: 'Masochist', 'loony', 'saint')

Mother's day is coming! The Master's Men honors all of the women in the church who are the backbone of the family. This year is no exception.

If we have never taken your picture for the newsletter, please see Rhonda Baughman by Sunday, April 21st so that we may add you to our very special edition. Sis. Rhonda promises she won't make you look like this...



That's your kids job!

(If you have a favorite picture you would rather use it can be sent to Rhonda by text.)



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Laughter is the Best

Dearest Ones,

The other day I went up to a local Christian bookstore and saw a “Honk if you love Jesus” bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day, because I had just come from a thrilling choir practice followed by a powerful prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus; because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that LOTS of people love Jesus. Why, while I was sitting there, the nice man behind started honking like crazy, and he leaned out of his window and screamed, “for the love of God, GO! GO!” What an exuberant cheerleader he was for the Lord..

Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all these loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love. There must have been a man from Florida back there, because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another man waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. When I asked my teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant, he said that it was an Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing; why even he was enjoying this religious experience.

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So I waved to all my sisters and brothers, smiled at them all, and drove on through the intersection.

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I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again, and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out of the window, and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!

Author Unknown



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In Loving Memory



*Nothing can
replace her,
But love fills the
space she left
behind
And that stays
forever.*



Sue Miller

Devoted wife,

Loving mother and grandmother,

Dedicated child of God.

***Please keep the Miller and Houck families in
your prayers during this difficult time.***





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
Sunday School 9:45 AM Every Sunday	1	2	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	3	4	5	6		
7	8	6:30 PM Master's Men Meeting	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13		
Baptism Sunday during Morning Worship	14	15	6:30 pm Self Defense Class	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	17	18	19	20	WAC Meet at 10 am Charlie's Restaurant
21	22	23	6:30 pm Self Defense Class	Bro. Mike Ringel Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	24	25	26	27	
Birthday Fellowship After Evening Service	28	29	6:30 pm Self Defense Class	30					

