

**FIRST MONDAY FOR MEN (FMFM)  
GRACE RIVER CHURCH  
CLAREMONT, NH**

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To Proverbs Men,

When the **First Monday For Men Ministry** at Grace River in Claremont began 3 years ago we were full of hope. We didn't know where the Journey would take us but we let God guide us. Each month it amazed me and the behind the scenes guys as to how the topics, along with the witness and pastoral message, came together with a God inspired message. We don't have a meeting where all the men from the 30 plus church attendees can tell us how their lives have changed so the impact or changes are not specifically stated to our men's ministry BUT for 3 years we have filled the church on the first Monday of every month from Oct through May.

We are not a group of scholars who are able to analyze the meaning of the messages from our programs each week but in AWE we watch as almost 100 men (on average) worship OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is moving to see all these guys with lifted hands praise the KING. We eat, we sing, we hug and we are just a very happy group praying and worshipping together. **We are building Godly men, men of character, men of integrity, one day at a time.**

The guide to Proverbs 11 that we use for the year's program template consists of a witness and a Pastor speaking about:

1. Overview of Proverbs 11
2. Humility and Forgiveness
3. Kindheartedness and Generosity
4. Understanding and Wariness
5. Honesty and Integrity
6. Trustworthiness and Righteousness
7. Trusting God
8. Be Fruitful

Though it may not be a direct result of FMFM ministry, our church and another area church have recently sent teams of people to Haiti to build "rubble houses". One of our FMFM team has gone with the team. He was scared and he was doing something he had never done before- -stepping out into the role of a missionary. Although scared, he went and as I write this letter he is still there and awestruck at the power of the WORD in action.

One FMFM attendee from an area church previously went for 5 months to Haiti and he is going back for another 3 months. These 2 men are indeed Proverbs Men.

Finally, let me add the fact that several churches have asked me for guidance in starting their own men's ministry modeled after FMFM. We were a seed ministry from the Bethany Church and we hope that the seeds will continue to spread so that the men of New England can do as Grace River's FMFM mission statement states: To Draw, Develop and Disciple Men for Jesus.

Following Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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