

Challengers on the Fast Track Ideas

So you're excited about the possibility of starting Challengers in your church? Great! You may be wondering what you can do right now. These Fast Track ideas are quick, simple, yet effective methods to help churches start Challengers on the Fast Track. Choose one or two ideas that will work best for your church and your young men. These ideas can be implemented short-term while leaders are being trained in how to start and maintain an ongoing, healthy, Challengers organization.

Idea #1 – Young Men's Bible Study

Form a weekly prayer and Bible study with young men of your church and community. *On Mission Youth Bible Studies* offers 72 on-mission focused Bible studies. To order, call 1 866 407-6262.

Idea #2 – Small Engine Tune Up Day

Teach a young man or young men how to perform basic small-engine maintenance such as how to change the oil, the spark plug, and carefully sharpen the blade of a lawn mower. Plan, promote and conduct a small engine tune-up day for senior adults, single moms, residents in multiple housing communities, and other groups.

Idea #3 – Pit Stop Event

Teach a young man or young men how to perform basic automotive maintenance such as changing the oil, changing spark plugs, changing air filter, checking and refilling engine fluids, and so forth. Plan, promote, and conduct a "Pit Stop" for senior adults, single moms, and others living in your community. For more information regarding "Pit Stop" visit www.bmen.net and click on "Resources."

Idea #4 – Men@WORK

Lead a young man or young men to minister with senior adults and single moms through *Men@WORK*. For information regarding *Men@WORK* visit www.bmen.net.

Idea #5 – Strategic Evangelism Projects

Gather young men to identify where the hot spots are for youth of your community. Lead the young men in developing a relevant and intentional evangelism strategy for sharing Christ.

Idea #6 – Community RA Racers Event

Lead young men to plan, promote, and conduct an RA Racer event for children living in your community. Develop an evangelism strategy for sharing Christ with participants.

Idea #7 – Car Wash Ministry

Lead a young man or young men to provide an on-site car wash for single moms and /or residents of an independent living facility.

Idea #8 – Adopt-a-Missionary

Lead young men in adopting a state missionary, international missionary, and North American missionary. Some keys to Adopt-a-Missionary include: 1. Get to know your missionary. Learn about his or her ministry, family, the place of service, and the people ministered to in the setting. 2. Pray regularly for your missionary. 3. Provide regular encouragement to your missionary through e-mails, cards, and letters throughout the

year. Remember the missionary especially on his or her birthday and during holiday seasons.

Idea #9 – Adopt-a-Playground or Park

Look around your community for a park or playground that needs some paint, repair or cleaning. Contact the appropriate agency and explore possibilities for you and young men of your church to maintain the site.

Idea #10 – Adopt-A-Grandparent

Lead a young man or young men in adopting one or two as grandparents. Lead young men in making regular visits, doing yard work, and so forth.

Idea #11 – Challengers in Another Church

Host an event for young men from other churches to visit your Challengers group. Meet with the youth minister or pastor to talk about how to begin Challengers.

Idea #12 – Men as Prayer Partners

Challenge young men to find men in your church to become prayer partners. Have both commit to praying for each other at a specific time each day. If e-mails are exchanged, share an encouraging word from Scripture or a thought for the day to each other.

Idea #13 – Cooperative Program

Research the Cooperative Program on the Web and contact your state Baptist convention office for Cooperative Program resources. Learn how the Cooperative Program relates to mission efforts. Display information through posters, e-mail, PowerPoint, and your church's Web site.

Idea #14 – Challengers as Greeters

Help visitors to your church feel welcome and assist those with questions.

Idea #15 – Backpack Missions

Lead a young man or young men to take on the role of a "Backpack Missions" (or personalize with one's own name) and present mission-related object lessons to children. Use the lessons from *Backpack Missions* at www.sbcmissioneducation.com.