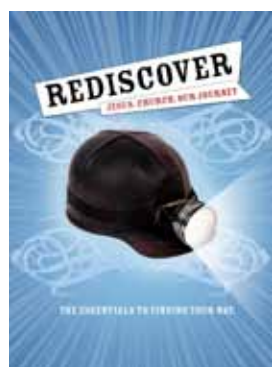




Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes is pleased to present the May Leader Ledger! The Leader Ledger is a monthly newsletter designed to keep you updated on the latest Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes information. If you have any questions or want more information about anything you see in the Leader Ledger, please [contact us](#).

Leadership Camp is just around the corner!

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It's not too late to sign up! Join us as we hear lessons on rediscovering the basics of our faith from **Eric Lyons, Jeff Miller, Matt Vega, Jason Obert, Jon Podein, Brett Thomas, Melissa Lester, Paul Spurlin, Daniel Courington, Jason Green and more!**

Hosted on the campus of Faulkner University in Montgomery, Ala., Leadership Camp is open to all kids entering 6-12 grades in fall 2011.

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Lads to Leaders worked for us!

One family's story of how the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program affected their lives.
Submitted by Derrick Dixon, Concord Street Church of Christ, Orlando, Fla.

Let me first start off by saying that I am a HUGE believer in the positive affect that Lads to Leaders has on our youth. I speak from experience seeing how this wonderful program has helped my two sons, Austin (age 8) and Dylan (age 10).

My little Austin has Apraxia-a neurological speech disorder-on top of being extremely shy. He is a very bright boy, but finds it difficult to speak to others in conversation, so most of the time he just smiles and stays extremely quiet. We thought Lads to Leaders would be a good outlet for him to not only learn more about the Gospel, but to help him feel more comfortable interacting with his peers and our new church family at Concord Street church of Christ.

I grew up in the church as my grandfather was a church of Christ preacher. He was a wonderful man who married and baptized all of us in the family up until his death in 1997. I wanted my children to have the same love and respect for the Gospel that my grandfather instilled in me, so Lads to Leaders was something we were extremely excited to a part of.

We saw our boys learning more and being more inquisitive about the Bible, but we had no idea the strong effect of leadership and confidence that Lads to Leaders would have on both of our sons until this past October with the passing of my uncle. His death was due to a sudden, massive heart attack. His passing marked the fourth death in our family in just three short years: my dad, my aunt, my grandmother and my uncle.

We flew to Paducah, Ky., for his funeral. We soon learned that our cousin Kenny, who is now preaching at my grandfather's church, was in a serious accident and would not be able to conduct the funeral. The funeral director asked if any family members would like to help conduct the service when out of the nowhere we heard a sweet little voice say, "I can read my scripture!" My shy little Austin was the first to speak up and volunteer to read his scripture he had been practicing for the Oral Bible Reading competition for Lads to Leaders. My ten-year-old, Dylan, asked if he could sing a song. He quickly thumbed through the song book and chose "Sing and Be Happy." The director had the music for the selection, but Dylan asked to sing a cappella. What guts! I know I could never get up and sing in front of an audience like that. His angelic little voice bellowed throughout the room and he sang all three verses! The funeral ended up being exactly how my uncle would have wanted it.

I can't begin to express how proud I was of both my boys. My sweet little Austin was the first volunteer and read his scripture in front of everyone. My brave Dylan stood before an audience and belted out a hymn.

Thank you, Lads to Leaders. We feel blessed.

Convention pictures posted!

Have you visited www.lads-to-leaders.org lately? The home page now features a new slideshow of pictures from the SIX 2011 conventions!

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