



Greetings from Royal Rangers

In light of recent events, please take note of the following statement:

Assemblies of God are committed to ensuring young men grow up with strong values. Since 1962 our Royal Rangers program, designed for boys and young men grades K through 12, with 250,000 members across 87 nations, has sought to sharpen character and develop leadership skills in this critical age group.

We are saddened and disappointed to hear that Boy Scouts of America (BSA), an organization long devoted to biblical values, is now considering loosening the principles in which it was founded.

Homosexual behavior contradicts biblical teachings and God's created order for the family and human relationships. We pray BSA will give careful consideration to this matter and hold firm to the beliefs that have made it a strong and influential organization for more than 100 years.

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Royal Rangers is a mentoring program for boys and young men grades K-12. We provide character formation and leadership development in a highly relational and fun environment. Our mission is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Stop and read these verses aloud:

Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:37-39 NLT

What powerful words! These verses make me excited about The Royal Ranger's commitment to motivate, equip, and empower boys and men to share their faith.

When someone receives the gift of salvation, they receive an over overwhelming victory (over sin's penalty). That victory brings the assurance that nothing can separate them from the love of Christ--not even their fears for today or worries about tomorrow. **Can you think of a gift our world needs more?**

Royal Rangers relies on your prayer support as we seek to encourage and provide resources to over 250,000 members around the world. I urge you to partner with us in prayer each and every day. Please keep praying!!

Just a few minutes spent in prayer each day makes a world of difference. "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Thank you so much for praying!

DEVOTION:

Uncompromising Freedom: 1 Corinthians 6:12,13

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. The body, however, is not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

Thoughts for Today:

Contrary to popular opinion, there is a lot of personal freedom that God has given to all believers. In Galatians 5:1, Paul wrote: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why is it, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules, (culture): Go ahead touch it, taste it! Do it, everyone does! While the church says: Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!?' These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, and or manhood. With their self-imposed worship, and their false humility, they lack any value in the restraining of sensual indulgence." In other words, Paul refused to neither compromise his freedom nor be encumbered by limited human thinking and points of view.

Freedom is the reason Christ died; Freedom from sin, guilt, condemnation, and death. And freedom to use, to do, and enjoy anything God created on this earth. (Genesis 1:31), "God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good." However, when compromised and taken to extremes, freedom can be destructive. How so? Drinking an excess of alcohol leads to drunkenness and possibly alcoholism; eating too much contributes to obesity and many other health issues. Lustfulness is the pathway to all sorts of problems from envy, to discord and infidelity (to name just a few). Just because all that God made is good, that doesn't mean that abuse of the goodness won't lead to corruption.

Science teaches that emotional stress affects our body's health. The Bible teaches that our spirit affects our bodies; and conversely our bodies affect our spirit. We cannot sin physically without there being some consequence upon our spirit. Why? Because they are connected! (1Thessalonians 5:23) "And the

very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY; I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In chapter five it was reported to Paul that *commonly* there was fornication of sexual manner in the church. In chapter six he is taking it to a wider perspective, I believe he is speaking of a spirituality of fornication with the world here. The word Fornication is more frequently used in a symbolical than ordinary sense, (sex). It frequently means a forsaking of God or following after idols; as found in Isa.1:2; Jer. 2:20; Ezek. 16; Jer. 3:8-9. When we receive Christ and then backslide; (fornicate with the world) this is Adultery to God. (Hebrews 6:6), “If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to open shame.” Fornication: a procreation relation, cohabitation, spontaneous generation. (2 Timothy 2:16) “But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.”

Questions to Ponder: Have you compromised to religious practices, or maybe to this country’s culture, or are you experiencing the freedom offered to you by our Lord and Savior? Are you living freely? Uncompromised? The liberation Christ brought to us through His sacrifice on the Cross is greater than any other freedom in this world. However, there is a warning (1 Peter 2:16): "Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves." How may you be compromising your freedom? Will you be uncompromised for God?

Training Opportunities for Adult Leaders:

- [Outpost Leader Advancement Levels](#)
- March 23 Vine Grove Hartland Christian Center Rangers Basic & Ranger Essentials. On line courses offered at www.royalrangers.org

Johnnie Barnes Excellence in Ministry and Leadership Initiative (JBEML)



The Johnnie Barnes Excellence in Ministry and Leadership Initiative (JBEML) or (EI for short) will challenge leaders who hold or hope to hold positions of service on the district, regional or national levels to embrace habits and techniques of continual improvement to increase ministry influence and effectiveness.

3/14/13-3/16/12

Dallas, TX

Purpose of Ranger Ministry Academy (RMA):

The fundamental goal of training is to inspire, mobilize, and resource leaders to empower them to achieve their greatest success and effectiveness. Royal Rangers training is based on three core values:

1. **Spiritual Development.** All classroom and event-based leadership training will have a spiritual emphasis.

2. **Ranger Skills Development.** Training will focus on the seven methods Royal Rangers use to minister to boys. Ranger skills are a key component of this success.
3. **Leadership Development.** Leadership development will be key as Royal Rangers moves to become a boy led, adult facilitated ministry.

It takes a leader to mentor new leaders. Training will help Royal Rangers strengthen its leadership core.

Church leadership believes that well trained leaders are the key to any ministry's success. Pastors understand that a trained volunteer is much more likely to commit their time and can be counted on to show up every week. For these reason, and others, the Royal Rangers program places a high priority on leader training.

You need to know:

On March 23rd we will offer Leadership training, Ranger Basics & Ranger Essentials (MRA) at Heartland Christian Center in Vine Grove.

This year's Spring LEAD Conference has been canceled at the request of our Great Lakes Regional Coordinator Jim Barger. We will attend this annual event on dates below.

Great Lakes - Regional Seminar

Date: 05/03/2013 - 05/04/2013

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Description:

Informative sessions and workshops, including Rangers2.0, Make the Case, District Breakaways, FCF Purposes, NRMCM, and much more.

Our guest speaker will be National Director Doug Marsh.

Event URL <http://www.gloyalrangers.org/>

CALENDAR:

March

- March 8-9 **Ranger Derby**
- March 15--16 **KSOM**
- March 22-- **Executive Staff Meeting**
- March 23-- **Ranger Ministry Academy**

April

- April 5 - 6 **JBQ State Tournament @ Summerset**
- April 12-14, **FCF Big Adventure** (Rotary Scout Reservation)
- April 15-17 **District Council** at Good Sheppard in Owensboro
- April 26-27, Canoe Expedition Action Camp (Limited Number sign up each (limited number register early)

May

- May 3-4 **Great Lakes Regional Seminar**
- May 10 – 11 **KSOM** plus children
- May 17-18 **Honorbound Men's Conference** Cave City
- May 24-25, **Work Day** (Rotary Scout Reservation)

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