

Q: How do you get an abundance of fellowship, worship, and fun outside of Lakeshore's Sunday service or Common Grounds?

A: Put 23 men into 5 vehicles, and travel 4 hours to Albany to attend the Iron Sharpens Iron conference.

That's exactly what the New Men In Christ ministry did on April 4th. After checking into an area hotel, the NMIC men went to a local diner for a great meal, conversation, and lots of laughs. Not forgetting a fellow man in need, we passed a 'Get Well' card around and took up a love offering for our brother Frank Crugnale. Once again, the men of LCC demonstrated Christ's love and compassion in their generosity.

Attending the Iron Sharpens Iron conference the next day was the main purpose of the pilgrimage and we were rewarded many times over. Over 1100 men attended the main worship and breakout sessions. Keynote speakers, Crawford Loritts and Stu Weber witnessed to the all attendees. Other Christian leaders such as Chuck Brewster, Rick Johnson, and Brian Doyle presented on topics specific to today's men in standing room only venues. Examples of the breakout sessions are: The Top Ten Mistakes All Fathers Make (Johnson); High Octane Bible Study Made Easy (Loritts); and Building Brotherhood With Other Men (Doyle). NMIC purchased the entire conference audio CDs and they are available to check out. Refer to the New Men In Christ web site (www.newmeninchrist.org) for further details on the list of CDs available.

God's love and caring was ever present throughout the conference in the hearts, words and actions of all in attendance. The men of NMIC want to make Iron Sharpens Iron an annual event and we pray that you will be inspired to join us.