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This year has started off with God doing some incredible things! Our College Young Adult Winter Retreat was a great Success! Thanks to Mike and Bonnie Hull for sharing from God with us. You can see pictures and read all about it on the College Fellowship Facebook page. As the various student ministries have been looking at the idea of starting fresh and the NEXT STEPS to do that, we have seen God move in not only growing the groups, but also deepening the interactions the groups are having. Right away all the groups had some pretty intensive times of growth, discussion and sharing. As such we have had to grow in making changes to how we handle and prepare for those times. You can read back on some of my thoughts on my Facebook page.

As I am writing this I'm still in the process of finalizing some things with some of our High school Seniors in making preparations for our Sr High Overnighter, our Jr High Game Night, our Parent meetings and our Luncheon Student Auction. By the time you read this, those events will have passed. This month we will be looking at Christ-like relationships and that that looks like when it comes to OUR relationships. Saturday, February 6th we will be hosting our first Guy's Group. The guys will be gathering together for pizza and an extreme event. Boots and warm clothes are required. Fathers and Uncles and guys Sr High on up are encouraged to participate. Please check with Ted Kranz for details. Sunday, February 14th, we will be holding our second Purity Ceremony during second service. This year will be a little more intensive than the one we had two years ago. This time around we will be focusing more about safeguards and boundaries as well as tools to help our students succeed in keeping their promise. Later that afternoon we will be hosting a girl's tea to remind our girls of their importance and their worth. This tea will also help set the stage for our 2nd annual Staying True Girls conference March 20th.

We will also be holding our Sr High Winter Retreat February 19th -21st. You can find out all the details at CEFCYouth.com and download the registration forms there as well. A Simpson University Worship team will be joining us again this year. We still need some parents to assist in taking students to the site as well as bringing them home. Please contact me if you are available to assist.

With so many things that are going on, I am excited about the possibilities and am very blessed by the teams that we have. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we press on.

Experiencing the *Newness* He brings,

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