



MEN OF COURAGE

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

L to R: Anthony Jones (President / CEO / Founder),
Derrick Lewis (Chief Operations Officer), and
Tony Shoulders (Chief of Staff).

MEN'S DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Monthly Meetings Resume

As we continue to deal with the effects of the world-wide pandemic, we have resumed our Men's Development Series by meeting via Zoom on the second and fourth Saturday monthly (9:00am – 10:30am) and in-person via our Men's Fellowship Breakfast (New York Grill in Lorain, OH). The MDS via Zoom focuses on confronting challenges that Christian men face on a daily basis, and how sound, Biblical principles help overcome said challenges. For more information, contact us at (216) 307-2277 or via email at mocinfo1@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERIES

Increasing Community Connections

In September and October 2020, we showcased our Community Outreach Series with outings at Shaks Korner and Fligner's Market, in which we partially introduced ourselves to the community by distributing marketing material and informing the customers of said establishments, of the Development Series that we offer. We were able to not only begin to connect with the community, but we also established divine relationships with community leaders that we are now partnering with to further assist many in need of personal growth and development.

We will host an Open-House scheduled for Thursday, July 15th at 6:30pm to be held at Sunset Terrace at Lakeview Park (The Beach House). The event will allow us to fully introduce our organization to the City of Lorain (and Elyria) at large.

Please visit our website at www.menofcourage-ihn.org for upcoming details (times, dates, etc.) for our MDS, YMS and COS. Please contact us at (216) 307-2277 or via email at mocinfo1@gmail.com for queries.



We recently hosted the first installment of our Youth Mentoring Series Workshop which focused on how an individual must initially complete a spiritual appraisal of oneself, before even beginning to contemplate assisting/guiding youth (“at-risk” or otherwise) in their personal growth and development. Derrick Lewis (Chief Operations Officer), who designed and implemented our YMS, served as our guest speaker to share his personal insights on how he evaluated himself spiritually, so that he would be a more effective youth mentor. The Lorain Morning Journal covered the event (see the article below). The second installment of the Workshop Series will focus on “Best Practices for Effective Youth Mentoring.” A date has yet to be determined.

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Men of Courage holds mentoring series

Group focus on marriage, family shifts to include youth

By Kevin Martin
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A local Christian men's organization is working to pay it forward in mentoring young people.

Founded in Columbus in 2010, Men of Courage recently expanded to north-

east Ohio and hosted the first installment of a youth mentoring series on May 1 at The Boiler Room at The Shipyards, 500 Shipyards Way in Lorain.

The purpose is to teach men how to positively impact youth to help them develop a “growth mindset.”

The group was founded by Lorain native Anthony

Jones, who serves as president and CEO of the men's organization to help them become better husbands, fathers and role models in the community.

Jones said the organization expanded and now offers development series in youth mentoring and community outreach.

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KEVIN MARTIN — THE MORNING JOURNAL

Derrick Lewis of Men of Courage leads a youth mentoring series at the Shipyards in Lorain.

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The word ‘series’ is used intentionally and speaks to the heart of what they are trying to do by helping people focus on constantly developing.

“We don't call them programs, we like to call them series, because series usually go on and on and on. The word program to me, I don't like that word, since I look at it as a negative connotation, because pro-

grams end for whatever reason, lack of funding, mismanagement. We chose the name series because we see it, never, never stopping,” Jones explained.

In mentoring youth, the goals are to help young men become cognizant of life choices in making better decisions and understanding the impact they can have on those around them.

Men of Courage is also developing an affiliation with the Lorain Fire Department to work with youth who are interested in exploring careers as fire-

fighters.

Derrick Lewis has been mentoring youth for 20 years and serves as chief operations officer for Men of Courage. In leading the youth mentoring series he described the role of a man of courage: Men who are engaged with their communities, at home and with youth.

Lewis said it all starts with knowing your god and knowing yourself in having self-compassion and the knowledge that regardless of the circumstances you were born into, you were

created out of love.

“I don't expect you to be this godly father without me, without my help. I don't expect you to be this godly husband without my help. I don't expect you to be a leader in the community, without my help,” he said. “To be a man of courage you've got to know your god because, you can't have confidence in yourself to achieve any of these things, you have to have confidence in him. And the only way you can have confidence in him, is you've got to know him.”

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