



ATLAS for LIFE Newsletter

Mentoring & More!

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This newsletter comes with a grateful heart for partnering with ATLAS this past year. What we do here is due in part to your donations. We could not do what we do without you! God has been so faithful to use those funds to bless many many people. Our programs continue to grow and expand and we are so thankful! We give thanks also for the many leaders and volunteers that help to facilitate each part of the ministry. Their contribution is vital! So thank you to everyone!! This year our giving is down but ministry has increased. If the Lord leads you to share with ATLAS in your



year end giving, we would be so grateful. May God bless you and your family this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our King!!

Brave Moms

Every Wednesday night, Brave Moms meet together for fellowship and Bible Study at ATLAS. Daycare is provided right in the building as well. If you are a single mom or know of a single mom that would be blessed to come, please invite them.

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TreeHouse

Every Tuesday night we have the privilege to meet with a great group of teens!! 6:00 pm finds us enjoying a delicious meal together and enjoying great conversation. We then have a "teaching" time that is relevant to the teen's life. After we have a support group where everyone rates their week from 1-10. 1 being the worst and 10 the best. They also share 3 emotions that they felt that week. We then support them by encouraging them and by listening. If someone has gone through something similar, they can share that. We want them to know they are "heard", that they are loved, worthwhile and never alone! It is truly amazing how God works through sharing together and seeing the "hope" on their face as they realize that someone cares for them. If you know of a teen that would enjoy coming, please give ATLAS office a call at 507-562-5777 and we would love to have them join us!

WELCOME to Mike Pater

~ Male Mentor ~



In the late 1990's while doing my first prison ministry service, I visited with an inmate who had a few months left of a 20-year sentence. I asked him how many visits he had in those 20 years. He said he had one visit. That touched my heart and inspired me to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the hurting.

We continued to do praise and worship services in prison and witnessed the Holy Spirit change people. I felt the Lord's leading to mentor those new believers. I worked at the South Dakota State Penitentiary for 2 years. Also, I have worked with those addicted to drugs and alcohol in Marshall for the last 18 years at Project Turnabout.

Murial and I farmed near Holland until our children were through high school. We moved to Marshall in 2004 and lived there for 16 years. I am now retired and we recently moved to Pipestone to be closer to family.

We are blessed with 3 children, a daughter in Sioux Falls and sons in Pipestone and Edgerton and 9 grandchildren and we enjoy spending time with them.

A meaningful passage for me for mentoring others is Paul's instruction while he was in prison. This comes from Colossians 3:2-3, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful, and pray for us too that God may open a door for our message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ."



You may ask "How Can I Help?"

Atlas Needs:

Treehouse: Our Teens Support Group which meets on Tuesday evenings.

- Drivers to bring teens to and from meetings
- Cooks to serve meal

Car Ministry: New Ministry to provide "Get By" cars to struggling clients

- Machine Shed or Outbuilding at your place to house and work on cars
- Person to tow donated cars
- Mechanics to evaluate the potential of donated cars and to fix them
- Sponsors to pay for parts
- Committee Members to develop a program to determine who shall receive the cars
- Car Owners to donate their older, usable cars

GriefShare: Video Class to assist those who are grieving the loss of a loved one

- CoLeader to assist in leading this class

Office Help:

- Receptionist to answer phones, greet visitors, and office work in general, Tues, and/or Thurs

Prayer Warriors:

- Join us for Prayer Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to one whenever convenient.



Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth. You'll meet with your class each week to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion and accountability groups that will change your whole attitude about money!

Financial Peace Class, written by Dave Ramsey, is a highly acclaimed program. Classes have been intimate and very helpful. The following is a testimony from one of our participants: "Dave Ramsey is very engaging, has a sense of humor and has a wealth of knowledge as to the wise and not so wise ways of handling our finances. He presents his info in a way that is easy to follow. He has opened my eyes to how to get rid of debt as fast as possible, how to avoid paying unnecessary interest, and how to invest wisely. I would recommend this class to anyone and everyone!"

Classes to begin in January. Please contact ATLAS to let us know of your interest in the class and to help determine when it should best be scheduled.

GriefShare

With GriefShare you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported along the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. This nationally acclaimed 13 week course includes video seminars featuring insights from Christian experts and personal stories of people grieving a death, group discussions, and From Mourning to Joy exercises in a personal workbook. Sessions describe what participants should expect to experience as they move along the journey of grief, hear answers to the "why" questions and sound advice on how to handle the circumstances and emotions that complicate grief as well as practical ways to avoid getting stuck in grief. We offer hope in moving forward without leaving behind the memory of our loved ones. Call ATLAS to indicate your interest in this course and we will schedule a time convenient for participants.



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Financial Support for ATLAS For Life

We appreciate any and all gifts, recognizing them as a sharing of God's blessings. We can't do what we do at ATLAS without you!! It's really that simple! Without financial partners the ATLAS door would close. We know God can afford His work. This is His ministry, not ours. We long for your prayers to guide us in His vision.

Monthly Donations: We have those who prefer to give monthly when figuring their budget and we welcome more supporters to give this easy way. One testimony said "We have been giving \$200 a month for years and have never missed it. God has always provided!"

Sponsor a Week: Our monthly expenses usually run \$5000. So, if God calls you to share in this way, for \$1250.00 you can sponsor a week of ministries at ATLAS. We have many businesses who choose to help the community in this way. A list of recent donors is shown on our Home page.

In Memory of or in Honor of: You can donate a certain amount in memory of, or in honor of someone. Notice on our front page some of those who have chosen to give in this way.

Special Project/ One-Time Gift/ Or Year-End Giving: If you want to contribute to a particular project or ministry, you can make mention of it in your donation.

How can I help single moms at Deb's House?

ATLAS For Life is looking for sponsors for those staying at Deb's House. Those wishing to help with the costs of running Deb's House can offer any of the following:

- _____ I would like to sponsor a mom and her children for 1 week. \$150
- _____ I would like to sponsor a mom and her children for 2 weeks. \$300
- _____ I would like to sponsor a mom and her children for 1 month. \$600

Please indicate if you have a particular date that is special to you: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thanks

A special thanks goes to Edgerton Christian Elementary School that collected paper products for us. This is a huge blessing to us and to our clients that we serve. Thank you for your generosity.



Recent Memorials

We want to thank all those that have recently given memorials in memory of someone. Recently we have received memorials in memory of:

**Janna Baker
Bill Larson
Carolyn Hicks**

We express our sincere sympathy to all these families and pray God's comfort be with you during this time.