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MEN, LONELINESS, AND YOUR CHURCH AND BROTHERS

On Sunday mornings, Mark filled the same pew every week. He shook hands, followed the liturgy, sang the hymns, and smiled when someone asked, “How are you?” His answer never changed: “Doing fine.” The truth was different. After years of working long hours, raising a family, and quietly carrying life’s burdens, he found himself surrounded by people but deeply alone.

Mark’s story is becoming increasingly common. Many men have learned to measure strength by silence. They carry disappointments, fears, and unanswered questions without telling anyone. Friendships fade as careers, responsibilities, and distance reshape life. Even in a crowded congregation, a man can feel isolated if no one truly knows his heart.

One Sunday at coffee hour, another man invited Mark to join a Saturday morning Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible study. He almost declined. Instead, he showed up. Week after week, the Brothers opened scripture, prayed together, and spoke honestly about struggles they had hidden for years. No one tried to impress anyone else. They simply listened, encouraged, and reminded one another that they were not meant to fight life’s battles alone.

Slowly, Mark’s loneliness gave way to belonging. He discovered that the Brotherhood is more than sharing a Biblical lesson and some prayers; it is sharing burdens. God’s design has always been for Brothers to walk together, sharpening one another in faith, hope, and love.

Today, countless men face the silent epidemic of loneliness and isolation. The answer is not found in greater success, busier schedules, or endless entertainment. It is found in authentic relationships rooted in Christ. Every parish has men like Mark quietly longing for connection. Sometimes all it takes is a simple invitation, a listening ear, or a faithful friend willing to say, “Come walk with me.” Through those ordinary acts of love, God often performs extraordinary work in the hearts of those who are suffering.

While there is no official government declaration of a distinct “**male loneliness epidemic**,” there is strong evidence that **loneliness and social isolation are widespread in the U.S., and several indicators suggest men are particularly vulnerable to social**

disconnection and shrinking friendships.

Some of the most widely-cited statistics include:

- **About 1 in 3 U.S. adults report feeling lonely,**



according to the CDC. In addition, **1 in 4 adults say they lack adequate social and emotional support.**

- The U.S. Surgeon General’s 2023 advisory reported that **roughly half of American adults experience measurable loneliness**, calling it a major public health concern comparable to other serious health risks.
- Social isolation is associated with serious health consequences. The Surgeon General’s advisory notes that it is linked to a **29% higher risk of premature death, a 29% increased risk of heart disease, a 32% increased risk of stroke**, and approximately a **50% greater risk of dementia in older adults.**
- Men’s close friendships have declined dramatically over the past three decades. Research frequently cited by psychologists found that **15% of men reported having no close friends in 2021, compared with 3% in 1990.**
- The proportion of men reporting 10 or more close friends also dropped sharply—from **33% in 1990 to 13% in 2021.**
- Among **young American men (ages 15–34)**, Gallup World Poll data found that **25% reported feeling lonely for much of the previous day**, a higher rate than young women (18%) and higher than young men in most other high-income countries.

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WHEN A MAN IN YOUR CHURCH HAS LOST A SPOUSE TO DEATH OR DIVORCE:

HOW TO BE PRESENT

The Sunday after Mike's wife died, he walked into his parish church alone for the first time in forty-two years. The familiar pew suddenly felt unfamiliar. Friends greeted him kindly, but many weren't sure what to say. Some looked away, afraid they might say the wrong thing. Others offered quick words before moving on. What Mike remembered most wasn't the liturgy or the sermon. It was another man who quietly sat beside him, put a hand on his shoulder, and simply said, "I'm glad you're here."

Whether a man has lost his spouse through death or the heartbreak of divorce, the silence that follows can be overwhelming. Many men have spent years sharing every holiday, meal, and decision with their spouse. Suddenly, life feels painfully empty. While the circumstances of grief and divorce differ, both can leave a man feeling isolated and uncertain about the future.



As Brothers in Christ, we don't need perfect words. We need faithful presence. Romans 12:15 reminds us to "weep with those who weep." Sometimes that means listening more than speaking. Invite him to breakfast. Sit with him during worship. Call just to check in. Include him in a fishing trip, a service project, or coffee with friends. Don't disappear after the first few weeks, when most people assume life has returned to normal. That's when it

can sometimes feel the hardest.

The **ministry of presence** reflects the heart of Jesus. Jesus modeled drawing near to those who were hurting before speaking. Your friendship cannot remove another man's pain, but it can remind him that he doesn't have to carry it alone. Often, God's comfort arrives through the simple but steady presence of another faithful Brother.

IF YOU'RE A LONELY MAN: HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH OTHER MEN AT YOUR PARISH

Walking into church can feel lonely, even when you're in a larger parish or cathedral surrounded by hundreds of people. You shake hands, exchange a few greetings, and then head home wondering if anyone really knows you. If that's where you are, you're not alone. Many men long for genuine friendships but aren't sure how to begin.

The good news is that friendships rarely happen by accident. They grow through small, consistent steps.

Start by continuing to show up regularly. Familiar faces tend to eventually become familiar friends over time. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us not to give up meeting together because God often builds relationships through faithful presence.

Instead of rushing out after the liturgy, stay a few extra minutes. Go to coffee hour or come early or stay late for church school. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Or, get to know someone you may have met but know little about. Ask simple questions: "How long have you been coming here?" or "Are you involved in groups here?" Most friendships begin with ordinary conversations.



Join in a parish discussion group, attend a group meal event, or sign up for a day of service project. Men often connect while working side by side or discussing a shared purpose. Serving together creates natural opportunities for trust to grow.

Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. Invite another man to breakfast, coffee, or lunch. He may be just as grateful for the invitation as you are. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Most importantly, be patient. Deep friendships aren't built in a day. They grow one conversation, one prayer, and one shared experience at a time.

Don't be too offended by perceived slights. When in doubt, gather some facts. One real-world example of this: a relative newcomer felt wounded every week when they stood and watched a few fellow church musicians in their parish make brunch plans without ever even once asking or including them. A talk with the rector shed some light. It turned out the musicians were actually all

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HOW TO BE THE FRIEND EVERY MAN NEEDS: THE SPIRIT OF SHOWING UP

Most men can remember at least one friend who showed up when life fell apart.

Maybe it was the man who sat quietly with you at the hospital. The friend who helped you move after a divorce. The neighbor who brought over a meal after your wife passed away. He probably didn't have all the right words. He simply showed up.

That's the kind of friend every man needs—and the kind of friend every Christian man is called to be.

Our culture often tells men to stand on their own, solve their own problems, and never let anyone see them struggle. Yet the Bible paints a very different picture. From David and Jonathan to Paul and Timothy, scripture reminds us that God designed men to walk together in faith.

So what does that kind of friendship look like?

It begins by being present. Call when you say you'll call. Keep your promises. Show up for the funeral, the surgery, the retirement party, and the ordinary Saturday morning Brotherhood Bible study meeting. Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times." Faithful friends don't appear only during the easy seasons.

A good friend also listens well. Not every problem needs a solution. Sometimes a man simply needs someone who will hear his story without interrupting or trying to fix everything. James 1:19 encourages us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak."

Every man also needs a friend who tells him the truth—with grace. Proverbs 27:6 reminds us, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." Real friendship isn't built on avoiding difficult conversations. It's built on loving someone enough to encourage, correct, and pray for him when he loses his way. This is all something many of us, as Brothers Andrew, are well-versed in doing during our Saturday morning Bible study and prayer sessions.

Friendship also grows through shared experiences. Invite another man to breakfast. Work on a parish or Brotherhood service project together. Go fishing. Play a round of golf. Visit someone in the hospital. Volunteer for something. Men often build deeper relationships while serving shoulder to shoulder.

Don't overlook the quiet men in your church. The widower sitting alone. The new visitor who slips out before the closing prayer. The recently retired man trying to find his place. The father carrying burdens no one else can see. A simple handshake, a genuine conversation, or an invitation to lunch may mean more than you'll ever know.

Perhaps the greatest gift you can give another man is your willingness to pray with him. It can feel awkward at first, but few things deepen friendship more than bringing one another before God. Galatians 6:2 tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Jesus showed us the perfect example of friendship. He walked with his disciples, listened to them, challenged them, forgave them, and loved them faithfully. He didn't keep people at a distance. He drew near to them.

In a world where loneliness has become increasingly common, your own capacity for friendship can become a powerful ministry. You don't need to have all the answers. You don't need to be the funniest, smartest, or most outgoing man in the room.

You simply need to be available.

The man sitting across the aisle from you this Sunday may not be looking for another acquaintance. He may be praying for a friend.

With God's help, perhaps that friend could be you.



IF YOU'RE A LONELY MAN

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brothers and sisters in the same family and brunch together was their weekly family Sunday dinner tradition. They weren't trying to intentionally exclude someone—just being a bit insensitive making loud and quick plans for a long-standing Sunday family ritual they couldn't imagine anyone else wanting to join in!

If you're asking God for a friend, remember

that God may also be asking you to become one. The first step may be as simple as introducing yourself, offering some sort of an invitation, or just spontaneously saying, "Would you like to grab coffee this week?" Sometimes the friendship you've been praying for begins when you're willing to take that first step.

MEN, LONELINESS, AND FAITH: A BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN

KEY SCRIPTURE

“Two are better than one... For if they fall, one will lift up the other.”

— Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NRSV)



Many men carry a hidden burden of loneliness. We may attend church faithfully, greet people with a smile, and still feel unknown. Work, retirement, the loss of a spouse, health challenges, or changing seasons of life can quietly leave us feeling isolated. Yet from the beginning, God declared, “It is not good” for people to be alone (Genesis 2:18). While that passage speaks directly about marriage, it also reminds us that God created us for all types of meaningful relationships.

The early church understood this truth. Acts 2:42 tells us that believers devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Their faith was never intended to be lived in isolation. Christian growth happens best in community.

As men, we sometimes believe we should solve every problem on our own. The Bible teaches something different. Ecclesiastes reminds us that

we need others to lift us when we stumble. Proverbs 27:17 adds, “Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.” God often strengthens our faith through the encouragement, wisdom, and accountability of other believers.

If you feel lonely today, consider taking one small step. Invite another man to coffee. Stay after the liturgy to begin a conversation. Don’t wait for friendship to find you—help create it.

If you know a man who sits alone each Sunday, introduce yourself. Invite him to lunch. Pray with him. A simple act of kindness may answer a prayer he has carried for years.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What keeps you from building deeper friendships with other Christian men?
2. How can your Brotherhood Chapter or men’s ministry group become a place where no man feels invisible?
3. This week, who can you encourage with a phone call, invitation, or prayer? Name three simple ways you will agree to reach out this week to come.

CLOSING PRAYER

Creator God, thank you for creating us to live in fellowship with you and with one another. Help us to see the lonely men around us and give us the courage to reach out in friendship and with warm Brotherhood of St. Andrew invitation. Teach us to bear one another’s burdens and to build a church where everyone is known, loved, and encouraged. Amen.

JOIN US VIA ZOOM

WEEKLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Open to everyone

SUNDAYS, Compline Service

9 p.m. Eastern / 8 p.m. Central / 7 p.m. Mountain / 6 p.m. Pacific

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87561851713?pwd=UJ5ok56elbb5aZGcZaNQQZtaaxaand.1>

We begin with a few moments of silence or meditation followed by the service from the *Book of Common Prayer* Page 127.

WEDNESDAYS, Mid-Week, Mid-Day Prayer

1 p.m. Eastern / Noon Central / 11 a.m. Mountain / 10 a.m. Pacific

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85663208398?pwd=UG0vTkJ2OXAwKzBEEdGpYcTBCanZEZz09>

Let’s spend 20 minutes to pray for the Brotherhood, for our Brothers, and even share some stories of how Prayer has impacted you or someone you know! It’s like stopping at the faith service station to fill your prayer tank! It’s simple ... we already have the script made out (in our devotional handbook or the *Book of Common Prayer*)! If you’d like to help lead one of the prayer sessions, contact roy.benavides@brothersandrew.net



WE'RE SEARCHING FOR YOU AND YOUR BROTHERHOOD CHAPTER OR MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP. WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR STORY.

For General Convention to Triennial and many other Brotherhood of St. Andrew opportunities over the next year and beyond, we're working on a larger communication piece anticipated to be both electronic and print/direct mail that---among other things---will exhaustively highlight what's been happening with our Chapters and men's ministry groups church wide. We want to highlight YOU and have every state in the US represented. Please help us!

To that end, by September 30, write to editor@brothersandrew.net with a two-three line description of one thing your group has been doing, from a standard Saturday morning Bible study to some sort of special mission project. Here are just a couple of examples to inspire you.

Men at St. Swithin's in Bozeman, Montana just helped build a hometown Habitat for Humanity house for a family of six.

St. Jim's in Newport, Rhode Island led weekly Sunday night summer Evening Prayer on the beach as a way of reaching out to both members and tourists.

ALSO CALLING OUT....

To share the incredible breadth and depth of Brotherhood ministry across our church, we are seeking at least one parish, group, or person to highlight for EACH of our areas of Brotherhood of St. Andrew mission focus. To refresh your memory about these ministries, they include:

- Discipleship and Mentoring
- Prison Ministries
- Racial Reconciliation
- Recovery
- Social Justice
- Veterans Ministries
- Youth and Scouting

Who do you know who is doing impactful ministry in any of these areas? Might that even be you and the Brothers in your own Chapter?! Please help us cast a wide net, however you best communicate in your diocese or regional area, and help us gather ideas for who and what should be lifted up when we highlight this mission work. Send your suggestions by September 30 to editor@brothersandrew.net and put MISSION FOCUS SUGGESTIONS in the subject line. Please be sure to include full contact information for yourself and anyone you are nominating. Blessings and thank you!

REMEMBERING YOUR HERITAGE: PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

R.W. Springer 1887
 W.R. Stirling 1888
 James L. Houghteling 1889-1900
 H.D.W. English 1901-1904
 Robert H. Gardiner 1905-1910
 Edward H. Bonsall 1911-1927
 Courtenay Barber 1928 & 1932
 H. Lawrence Choate 1929-1931
 Benjamin F. Finney 1933-1936
 James L. Houghteling 1938-1939

Douglass C. Turnbull 1940-1945
 Samuel S. Schmidt 1946-1952
 Francis E. Armstrong 1953-1957
 Henry Sapp 1958-1962
 Francis E. Armstrong 1963-1964
 Fred C. Gore 1964-1969
 Robert B. Doing 1970-1971
 Hugh W. Bellas 1971-1975
 William E. Mudge 1976-1978
 Robert F. Kirschner, Sr. 1979-1984

Geraldo O. Balcom 1984-1989
 Jack Castle 1989-1991
 Jerry I. Myers 1991-1994
 Harold Hawkins 1994-1997
 J. Vincent Welch 1997-2003
 Adolf Vartanian 2003-2004
 Ron Warfuel 2004-2009
 Robert Dennis 2009-2015
 Jeffrey K. Butcher 2015-2021
 W. Conrad Jones 2021-2024



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW TO RECOGNIZE DEDICATION AND GOOD WORKS WITH ANNUAL AWARDS

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is seeking nominations for several annual awards for achievement by Chapters and individuals. Here is a listing of the annual awards for 2026.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Nominations may be made by Chapters, who may self-nominate for the award.

Golden Compass Award – For membership growth, sponsoring new and re-chartered Chapters, service in the community, and participation in the mission of the Brotherhood.

Silver Anniversary Award – For continuous Chapter service over a 25-year period.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Nominations may be made for an individual by an individual, Chapter or Assembly. A person cannot self-nominate.

Kingdom Bulder Award – For an individual who has given outstanding service and dedication to men's ministry. Eligibility for this award includes Brothers and non-Brothers who have demonstrated these qualities.

Presidential Citation Award – For a Brother recognized for a special project beyond their normal routines.

Associate Recognition Award – For a female who, through her efforts, has supported Brotherhood activities locally, community-wide, assembly, diocesan, provincial, or on a national level. She also should be a paid Associate Brotherhood Member from the clergy or a congregational church member.

Saint George's Award – For an individual who has given exemplary volunteer service for a substantial period to the various youth Scouting programs. The BStA Scouting Commission team will review all such applications. In October 2017, the Brotherhood and Boy Scouts of America signed a Memorandum of Understanding stipulating that Brothers Andrew would be the official liaison organization representing the Episcopal Church.

An **Awards and Decoration Commission** is being formed. We are searching for additional volunteers to fill out the Awards and Decorations Commission. The game plan, according to Chairman John Curtis, calls for representatives from each of the geographic areas within the Brotherhood.

Each award will have a separate application process and applications are currently being finalized. Watch future issues of the magazine for more information or write johncurtisdg2324@gmail.com.

The deadline for applications will be November 1, 2026 and awards will be made on St. Andrews Sunday, November 29, 2026.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR MONTHLY WEBINARS



September: The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, "The Future of Faith"

October: Sam Black, Director of Recovery Education for Covenant Eyes and author of *The Healing Church*, addressing topics including Human Trafficking and Pornography

November: TBA

December: The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY WEBINARS, ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

HERE'S THE LINK: [BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW MONTHLY WEBINAR](#)

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ACROSS THE BROTHERHOOD

THE BROTHERHOOD, SCOUTING, AND THE NATIONAL SCOUTING AMERICA JAMBOREE

By Lyn Reavis, Brotherhood of St. Andrew Scouting Ministry

Every three or four years, the Boy Scouts of America (or Scouting America as they are called today) gather at a special campsite where Scouts from across the nation can meet and spend time together. From California to Idaho to Colorado, from Virginia and Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, Scouts travel in the thousands. This summer, Scouting America welcomed the return to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in the mountains of West Virginia. 10,000 acres of forest and meadows awaited the young men and women of Scouting.

Yet, beyond these basic facts is a spiritual aspect to this event that can only be described by those attending. There is something truly special about being outdoors in God's country every night. And over the years, a group organized by our own Brotherhood of St. Andrew Scouting Committee and the local Diocese of West Virginia, has meant The Episcopal Church has had a presence.

2026 was no exception. Under the direction of Brotherhood Vice President for Scouting, Mel Chapman, who once again took the reigns to establish an Episcopal presence at The Summit, emphasized the words worth repeating here, the over 100-year-old oath taken by each Scout saying, "On my honor I will Do my Best to Do my Duty for God and my Country." Those words set forth the journey each Scout was expected to take and Mel, Deacon Jess, and other volunteers were there to help guide them on the trail, reminding each and every Scout that they would never be alone.

This year, Episcopal Scouting, our ministry of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, conducted daily Prayer--morning, midday, and evening---with a special Eucharist at Summit HQ on Sunday presided by the Bishop of West Virginia. At their Episcopal Church booth, the Scouts were challenged to Study about ten saints and those appointed by the Church as a Lesser Feast. (This Study was made possible using the Scouting smart phone app linked to ATT wifi throughout the mountainous camp). And each Scout had an opportunity to thread together their own set of Anglican Prayer Beads, that when carried with them on the trail reminded them of the importance of Prayer.

None of this would have happened without the support of the Brotherhood, which provided funding through the budget process and special donations

in support of supplies for the ten-day adventure. The Service provided through the experience reached several hundred Episcopal Scouts. Many scouts from across the church and several different faith traditions stopped by to visit with our group. The Facebook page for Episcopal Scouting is still alive with photos



Posted by one of the Jamboree contingents on the Episcopal Scouting Facebook page. The staff basecamp was wrapped beautifully in fog one morning obscuring the sunrise



A worship service at the Jamboree.

of those who attended and acted as leaders with messages from them, asking how they could help in the future and promoting ideas such as offering special treks for Episcopal Scouts, creating materials to promote and teach about the Scouting Religious Awards Program, and to serve as event Chaplains. This is all encouraging and exciting since our Brotherhood Scouting purpose is to deliver a program that will lead men and boys (and now girls) to Christ.

Yes, our Brothers at the Summit and the support team behind them at home, including our new friends in the Diocese of West Virginia, indeed supported our quest to teach others to PRAY, STUDY, and SERVE our Lord Jesus Christ, AMEN!

Always in Scouting, For God and Country
Some videos from the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vrEljMfXYo>

ACROSS THE BROTHERHOOD

FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS BROTHERS COOK AGAIN!

By Peter Gilmour, Brotherhood Director,
Good Shepherd in Friendswood, Texas

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Good Shepherd in Friendswood, Texas hosted a very special Coffee Time for their parish after the 10:30 a.m. service one Sunday this month. The Brothers served a delicious array of sandwiches, fruit, fairy cakes, traditional Kolach pastries, cookies, donuts, and muffins, plus coffee, tea, orange juice, and water. All of the Brothers proudly wore their Brotherhood aprons while they worked and served, hoping to draw attention to their Chapter and perhaps interest some potential new members. Many thanks to the following Brothers who contributed the food plus the set up and clean up labor: Ronnie Vinson, Peter Gilmour, Herbert McKenzie, John Morawski, Louis Thiel, Bob Doty, Martin Lowe, Dennis Patton, Father Mark Crawford, and Alan McArthur. At the end, there was only a little food left as the Brothers happily cleaned up. The Brotherhood promotes the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and youth through the disciplines of daily prayer, regular study and continuous service. All men and youth are welcome to attend our meetings which are regularly held at 10 a.m. in Shepherd's Hall on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.



LONELINESS *(Continued from page 2)*

- Recent surveys suggest that **20% of U.S. adults have no close friends outside their family**, reflecting a broader decline in social connection across society.

Why are men especially at risk? Researchers point to several recurring factors:

- Men often build friendships around **work, sports, or shared activities**, which can disappear after retirement, relocation, or major life changes.
- Many men report feeling pressure to be **self-reliant**, making them less likely to discuss emotional struggles or ask for support.
- Marriage has historically provided many men with their primary emotional relationship; after divorce or widowhood, many discover they have few deep friendships to rely on.
- Participation in civic organizations, clubs, and churches has declined over recent decades, reducing opportunities for regular, meaningful connection.

For Brothers, these bleak statistics actually support an encouraging message: your Brotherhood Chapter or men's ministry group is uniquely positioned to respond. Regular meet-up opportunities, mentoring, shared mission projects, and your regular Bible studies provide exactly the kind of consistent, face-to-face relationships that research shows help combat isolation. The biblical model of "bearing one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) addresses not only a spiritual need but also a growing social and public health challenge.



THANKSGIVING IN NOVEMBER?

Look out—it may be August but, when it comes to preparing for your annual Brotherhood Thanksgiving mission project, this is a great time to get out in front of the usual holiday madness.



appreciate the turkey you gave them but didn't have a pan to bake it in? Did it go to waste because they couldn't figure out how to cook their turkey? Was the 25-pound turkey you gave much larger than their little family of three could consume? Was the selection of side dishes

This month...

- 1. Make time to take a long view of what you did last year and in previous years.** What's gone well? What hasn't gone as well? What might you do differently or better?
- 2. Listen to some of your recipients from last year.** For example, did they

you offered a good choice for your recipients? Would something else have worked better?

- 3. Start now pricing, rounding up donations, planning key dates, and mobilizing your volunteers.** (You'll thank yourself later!)

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND STORIES

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS loves to share photos and news from you or your Brotherhood group. Send them along anytime. Here are a few basic ideas to help you.

We welcome...

- ▶ General stories and photos about your Chapter or men's ministry activities.
- ▶ Stories and photos about your Province meetings or activities.
- ▶ Reflections about how you solved a common Brotherhood challenge, such as building attendance or increasing involvement in your project or ministry.
- ▶ Points of pride about your Chapter milestones.
- ▶ Personal spiritual or biblical reflections.
- ▶ Ideas related to the Brotherhood seven areas of mission focus.
- ▶ Stories about how you helped mobilize partnerships in your community.
- ▶ Practical tips/helps related to common Brotherhood activities out of your own expertise or experience.
- ▶ Photos of Brothers you have encountered in other places. *For example—at a church you attended during your summer vacation.*

Send your contributions in standard MSWord 12 point type with no formatting.

Attach photos—don't embed them in your story.

Attach a separate Word document with photo ID's, from left to right, that correspond to your photos. Don't forget to double check the spelling of any names you include. If it isn't obvious, describe what we are seeing in your photo/s and where/when they were taken.

Email your material to editor@brothersandrew.net. If you have questions or just want to brainstorm an idea, call Kathy at 502-345-6406.

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