



The Fourth Day Newsletter

October 2008

RM TEC #121 is coming October 24th - 26th!!!! To the newly renovated St. Thomas More

Mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 121!

Kick-off: Thursday night, October 23th – 7:00pm at **St. Thomas More in the Catacombs!!!**

Hoot: Saturday night, October 25th, 2008 in the **Church Gym.**

Please arrive no later than 6:45pm. The Hoot begins at 7:00pm.

Signs will be posted!

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Asking someone to go on a TEC retreat

Do you remember that one TEC retreat that changed your whole relationship with God? As you left on Sunday you were so on fire and so ready to start recruiting everyone you ever knew come on this retreat and have a similar experience.

Only when you started talking to people and trying to get them to go on the next TEC retreat you felt like you were trying to physically pull the mountain to Mohammed. They couldn't go this time, or they didn't think it was for them, even though they didn't know anything about TEC. We have all been there and we know it's difficult to get people to go on these retreats. So here are a few tips for encouraging someone to come on the retreat.

- **First and foremost in all things PRAY!!!** It is God who calls people to TEC. We are just the radio station he is using at the time.
- **Listen to your prospect.** They may have legitimate reasons for not making the retreat, family commitments, work, and vacations. If you are really listening to them you will soon be able to determine the legitimate reasons for not going from apprehension.
- **Be prepared.** Your prospect may be apprehensive and give you a reason they can't come, such as "I can't afford it", try to know as much about the program as you can so you can respond "TEC has scholarships!"
- **Be persistent.** If a person says no listen to their reasons. If it is apprehension, address their concerns in a kind and knowledgeable fashion. If they have a legitimate reason for not coming then make a note and invite them to attend when the next weekend comes around. You may have to invite someone 10 times to get them on once, but as we all know persistence eventually pays off.
- **Happy recruiting!!**

A WHEATIE *by Elaine Lang*

A Wheatie is special, hard working and kind
A more willing servant you'll never find

A Wheatie is strong in loving Christ
Who prays, loses sleep and does sacrifice.

A Wheatie is steadfast, silent and strong.
Who prays for us, ALL weekend long.

Wheaties are here to serve our need,
Be it prayers, letters or our tummys to feed.

Always silent, always giving,
Always praying for our well being.

A Wheatie is the most special person on a TEC
Weekend.*

Hip Hip Hooray, Yeah Wheaties!!!!

**Editor's Note: Each person on a TEC weekend is the most special person – especially the candidates as they are our guests.*

WHEAT LETTERS

We need your wheat letters by midnight, Wednesday, October 23!!
We need general letters that will be read aloud as well as individual wheat letters!

Email to: wheat@rockymountaintec.net
Mail them to: Carol Engler/Kim Kendrick
Or bring them to the kickoff.

What do you put in the letter?

For individual letters:

- Provide encouragement
- Include your favorite scripture
- Let them know how you are sacrificing for them (your wheat)
- Share how TEC has helped you in your faith walk
- If this is their first TEC don't ruin any surprises!!!

For community letters:

- Pick a day and stick to the theme (Die, Rise, Go)
- Encourage the candidates and ask them to rely on the team
- Share scriptures
- Sign off with your full name and the TEC weekends you have attended.
- Keep the letter short and to the point. Remember several letters will be read at one time.
- Try to write/print clearly so it can be easily read.

Couldn't attend TEC 121?

Well mark your Calendars now for TEC 122!!!

Dates: March 27 - 29, 2009
Location: St. Thomas More

Remember life gets busy quickly, so make your plans now!!!



Team for TEC 121

Lay Director: Tim McCann
Asst Lay Dir: Brenda Parady
Spiritual Dir: Fr. Tim Hjelstrom
Asst Spiritual Dir: Lisa Venette
Music Dir: Kelley Contreras



Resources

David Pinedo
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Robert Ruiz
Carla Bieker
Brenda Martinez

Wheaties

Dir: Sean Roe
Dir: Christina Paterino
Mike Cogil
Desirae Garcia
Hallie Jefferson
Elaine Lang
Justin Parady

Come and support TEC 121 at the Kick-off, Hoot and write wheat letters!!!!

Recruitment

Groups are forming now for all those interested in helping to recruit for RM TEC!!!!

We need people interested in recruiting all candidates of ages in new and creative ways!

Have questions??? Have ideas???? Interested????

Please Call – **Angela Ibsen at 720.235.2576**
Or Email – recruitment@rockymountaintec.net

Note from Kristie Becker – Lay Director RM-TEC 120

TEC #20 was my very first TEC. One hundred TEC's later, on TEC 120, I had another first...I was the Lay Director. That was a humbling experience for me and one I will never forget. I could never have done it without the outstanding team I was given the honor work with.

Many lessons were learned on TEC 120. We learned that we need to live the paschal mystery daily in order to allow God to be a part of our lives. We also learned that the majority of us are control freaks and God had to challenge us to "let go and let God". We learned that Wheaties work and pray hard, but play even harder. We learned that tears can come from sadness but also from laughter (and we were never lacking tears brought on by laughter). We learned that by sitting silently in front of the Blessed Sacrament, God is able to speak to our hearts. We learned that God has a plan for each TEC when He calls the candidates. This TEC, He brought together the most amazing group of candidates, both teens and adults, and He had some pretty awesome surprises in store for us as we got to know each other. We learned that watching teens Salsa Dance is very entertaining. We experienced and learned so much on TEC 120, but one of the most memorable lessons was that Together we Encountered Christ.

I pray you will all stay involved in TEC. Come back on team. Invite your friends and family to make a TEC. Help in the kitchen and behind the scenes on TEC weekends. And above all, keep the TEC program in your prayers so that it may continue to grow. Who knows, maybe someday you, too, can say your first TEC was a hundred TECs ago!

God bless you all~
Kristie Becker

Christian Role Models

By: Tim McCann

This past year has been a difficult one to me for many reasons. It started the day after this past Christmas when I received a phone call from my Dad telling me that my Uncle Gerry had passed away after a struggle with cancer. It was terrible news to say the least. He left behind a wife, three children and their spouses, and six grandchildren who all love him greatly. The scope of his life was larger than his wonderful family. He has four brothers and their spouses, their children, and their children. He owned a small business and was recognized as a leader in the local community and respected nationally by those who worked in the same field as he did. Though he achieved much, these 'work' accomplishments are not the greatest things he accomplished in life – at least to my eyes.

I was able to watch him through many sets of eyes in my life. I saw him through the eyes of a child looking at an uncle who cared, through the eyes of a teenage employee looking at his boss at work, and through the eyes of a young man trying to figure out what his role would be in the big adult world he was entering. I saw him with eyes of a new husband trying to figure out what being a loving spouse meant and of a new uncle trying to figure out what exactly what it is that uncles should be doing for their nieces and nephews. He is someone that I (and many others who knew him) admire greatly because of what I saw in him and how I saw him interact with others around him – with love and respect. He would challenge people to do things that they did not think that they could do themselves and in doing so showed them that they could be better than they ever thought they could be.

After his death, I spent time looking at his life and his actions with new eyes trying to understand what his life means to mine. I looked with my heart and saw him as one of the best examples of being a Christian in my small world. I came to realize that as I have grown, I have looked and found many examples of people in my life to look up to, to listen to, and to challenge myself to emulate. These people are parents, family, friends, and strangers; they are my Christian role models. These are real people who have real struggles and occasionally mess things up, but they always seem to find the Christ in themselves and allow Him to shine through in their lives. They seem to make the hard choices in life by trying to do the best and what is right as often as possible while other people wonder why they didn't take the shortcut that most others would gladly take. They tend to sacrifice for others without being asked and often don't act like they are owed anything – in fact, they typically appear happier helping someone than they would be doing just about anyone else.

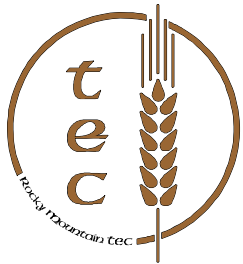
Don't we all know people who touch our lives like this? It could be a distant family member or a parent. Maybe it is a teacher or childhood friend. It could be a stranger who graces your life for a moment or a cherished companion who walks with you on life's journey with you for what seems like ages. God always seems to place them throughout our life to help us and guide us – usually when we seem to need them the most.

Now I consider... Whose lives are each of ours supposed to touch, nurture, and guide? Aren't we all called to be Christ-like role models for one another? I know we desperately need people in the world like this. Today it might be me. Tomorrow it might be you. We can change the world one life at a time if we love like that. Fortunately, we have a God who believes in us much more than we ever believe in ourselves and challenges us to be better than we could ever hope to be – with love and respect.

Welcome TEC 120!!!!



Kristie Becker, Monica Archer, Fr. Jim Baird, Jim Becker, Mary Ann Mahoney, Natalia Fletcher, Brad Becker, Elise Milek Brittany Lane, Bonnie Gillette, Sarah Shinnars, Jean Finnegan, Lydia Fletcher, Chris Huyer, Angie McCann, Angela Ibsen, John Wirtz, Nicole Black, Chris Lang, Amy Shinnars, Liela Von Ree, Kim Zuber, Dominique Fletcher, Debbie Dudenhofer, Rhonda Lane, Elaine Lang, Jessica Lederhos, Eileen Lindner, Kate McParlane, Lauren McParlane, Sarah Patzner, Daniel Sayers, Cindy Shinnars, Steve Shinnars, Colin White, Ryan White



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