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Fellowship in Discipleship

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And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their



nets and followed Him. Matthew 4:19-20

## SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## *FinD Bruthas and Friends,*

Now THAT'S the way to start the new year out with a bang! Complete rebranding of the ministry which was revealed at our first annual retreat with 90 men in attendance. Hooah! In case you missed it, WSGN is now **FinD (Fellowship in Discipleship)**.

You might be seeing those round, blue FinD logo stickers on the back of car windows all over Houston. Or, maybe you saw someone wearing the new trucker caps or tees. Word is going around about this fellowship of Christian disciples that want to follow Jesus more intimately.

We have **20** groups to start out **2020!** We are excited to see where our Father is taking us this year. There has clearly been a nudge by the Holy Spirit to create resources and events that will help these groups of men to grow deeper relationally with Jesus Christ and with one another. We are thankful for your ongoing prayers and support as we listen closely and obediently to His voice guiding the way.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10: 24-25.

Here's some photos of our new logo, swag, and some photos from the retreat. You can find the entire photo gallery on our updated website at [www.FinDdiscipleship.org](http://www.FinDdiscipleship.org).





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## *FinD Calendar:*

- MDPC Men: Spring Training
- MDUMC: Men's Life
- Tallowood Baptist: Men's Life
- Houston's First Baptist: Warrior's Heart
- Somebuddy Cares - Brookdale . February 14
- Toolbox Lunches: Douglas Owens . February 18
- Wilchester Men's Club: Spring Classic . March 7
- Chapelwood: Men's Spiritual Bootcamp . begins March 25
- Chapelwood: Guys' Weekend . March 27-29
- FinD Discipleship Council Meeting . April 6
- Calendar Outreach Focus: ***Home Encouragement's Spring Fundraising Luncheon . March 26***



Please join us at our annual Fundraising Luncheon honoring our Marriage Hall of Fame inductees  
Featuring Guest Speaker, Melissa Radke

Thursday, March 26, 2020  
Lakeside Country Club

11 a.m. Registration and Auction Shopping  
11:30 a.m. Luncheon and Program

Business Casual Attire  
Complimentary Valet

To purchase tickets or a table, contact [tarryn@homeencouragement.org](mailto:tarryn@homeencouragement.org) or [kellie@homeencouragement.org](mailto:kellie@homeencouragement.org)  
or register online at [www.homeencouragement.org](http://www.homeencouragement.org).

**More about our Guest Speaker, Melissa Radke:** With a love of writing about real life and the importance of learning our identity, Melissa released her national bestselling book, Eat Cake. Be Brave., in 2018. Her podcast, Ordinary Things.



premiered at #1 in her category and garnered rave reviews with over 98% five-star ratings. Melissa's online videos reach over 65 million people on her Facebook page alone and she amassed a following of more than 400K across social media. In a little over a year she created over 80 videos with 100K views or more and 10 videos that have gone viral with over 1 million views. Melissa's 'Upside Down French Braid' video and her 'Red Ribbon week' video has been viewed over 100 million times across multiple websites and media outlets. Her family recently filmed and aired an unscripted reality TV show on USA Network called The Radkes that focused on her big loud southern family and all their

charm. Melissa entertains groups across the nation with her humorous and real outlook on life, family, marriage and everything in between!

For more information + other upcoming events, visit: [\*\*FinD Events\*\*](#)

## Featured FinD Member Testimonial

### John Todd III (BBC - Beltway Brothers in Christ)



"Living Life Together – My Small Group has been a huge blessing for me in many ways.

Going into our 5th year of existence I am bonding with other men that otherwise I would have never met in my normal daily routine. I can share my experiences in a real and authentic way with a group of men that know me on a deeper level rather than just scratching the surface with pleasantries.

Having the consistency of our weekly meeting time with my "brothers" provides a sense of comfort and stability that keeps us focused, grounded and accountable to each other that I hadn't had at any other time in my life.

We do our best to either study a book of the Bible, a book to help us be better husbands and fathers, a video series, or some other topic that is of interest.

We are not regimented, but we always find time to discuss what's going on in each other's lives. We don't mind that it took us over a year to study the book of John!

In the short time that we have been together we have experienced a lot of highs and lows that we have been able to share in the security of the group; divorce, marriage, children graduating high school, college, marital strife, parental and sibling issues, job changes, stress, and the list goes on.

We are living and sharing life together in our small group."

## ***FinD Featured Group: MOB (Men Of the Bible)***

FinD Anniversary – March 28, 2013

"A group of strangers united by a common faith in Jesus were put together by FinD as a small group 5 years ago. Since then, the MoB (Men of the Bible) have bonded over life's trials, successes and God's word to develop deep friendships, support and encouragement. The MoB regularly meets to dissect various books of the Bible and navigate life with guidance from the Word and its teachings. Most importantly, the group members have become strong friends and a critical support network as members have been married, divorced, experienced great business success, dealt with addiction, and many other highs and lows that life has to offer." - *David Bradley*



David Bradley  
Kevin Burleson  
Don Daniels  
Daron Houston  
Philip Parker  
Eddie Perdomo  
Blake Swoboda  
John Yochum

## FinD Inc. Board of Directors

Take a look at the 2020 FinD Board of Directors: Welcome Jason Barrett and Steve Simonich



Clint Harrington,  
Executive Director



Peter Forbes,  
Director



Sandy Schultz,  
Director



**Jason Barrett, Director.** Jason Barrett is new to the FinD Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2020.

Jason is a grateful father of two daughters, Addi and Elaina, and husband to Mandi (to whom he has been married for over 20 years). Jason and his family worship at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church where he enjoys volunteering with the high school youth ministry. He also serves as President and a member of the Board of Directors of Home Encouragement Ministries, a non-profit, faith-based marriage ministry, and participates in a men's small group Bible Study (BOSS – Brothers of Scripture Study) formed in 2014 through FinD. Professionally, Jason works as corporate legal counsel in the oil and gas industry specializing in employment and labor law and data privacy compliance. Prior to completing law school at the University of Houston, he attended Ole Miss (where he met Mandi) and earned a B.A. in Psychology. For fun, likes date nights with Mandi and his daughters, participates in a men's boot camp, watches college football and basketball and is a lifelong Rockets, Astros and Oilers/Texans fan.



**Steve Simonich, Director.** Stephen D. Simonich, MD is new to the FinD Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2020. Steve originally became involved in FinD after his small group, the GAIMers (God Alone Is Mercy) was established in 2015 and then adopted into FinD shortly thereafter. When FinD developed a Discipleship Council, he eagerly agreed to become the representative from his group. Soon after joining the Discipleship Council, he was impressed with the FinD goal of promoting one of its core missions of fostering fellowship toward discipleship by developing volunteerism and helping others – in a sense using active theology to encourage social endeavors and moving from the classroom to the street. He is an active member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and proud father to Caroline, Luke, and Anna. He is married to Jeanie Simonich, a native Houstonian, and loves being around his family. After graduating from Klein High School, he attended the University of Notre Dame where he majored in Biology and Theology. He then attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Following medical school, he completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Florida in Gainesville. It was there that he developed an interest in sports medicine and completed a prestigious fellowship at the Southern California Orthopedic Institute. Currently, he is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Houston McGovern Medical School, practicing on the West side of Houston. Ultimately, Steve sees FinD as a great example of the Body of Christ, inspiring its members to grow into more loving friends, brothers, sisters, sons, and fathers.

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## FinD's JobSeekers

FinD posts resumes of members currently seeking a job. Visit [FinD JobSeekers](#) to view the resumes and help them out with any leads you may have (or potentially hire them!). To post your own resume, please email it to **John Yochum (MOB)** at [john.yochum@capitalone.com](mailto:john.yochum@capitalone.com).

## "I want to thank the Lord"



Kansas City Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes and teammates celebrate a victory. (AP Photo/Ed Zurga)

The Kansas City Chiefs are world champions after winning Super Bowl LIV in Miami, Florida, defeating the San Francisco 49ers 31 - 20 after another remarkable comeback. The Chiefs are now the only team in history to be down by double digits and then to come back and win in three post-season games in one season - and that's just what they did to win the Super Bowl.

After the victory, Chiefs Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt said, "I want to thank the Lord for blessing us with all these incredible people to bring this trophy home."

The Chiefs and 49ers each had phenomenal seasons as they prepared to battle it out on the biggest stage in football. Players from both teams say they have leaned on their faith to help them with their careers and keep everything in perspective.

Chiefs Quarterback Patrick Mahomes was named MVP of the Super Bowl, carrying the ball into the end zone on his own for one of the Chiefs' crucial touchdowns. He's easily one of the most electrifying players in the league and he says his faith in God is the source of his success.

"Doing what I do every single day, and then knowing that as long I'm doing everything the right way, the way that He'd want me to do it, then I can walk off the field with my head held high and be able to be the man that I'm supposed to be. It's given me a lot of blessing in my life and I'm trying to maximize and glorify Him in everything I do," said Mahomes. [Story continued here...](#)

"I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ Jesus." Phillipians 1:6



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