

The Journeymen of Christ (JOCs) are the brainchild of the 2 Sunday men's small groups that meet at 8:00 and 9:30. These groups have been meeting over a year and were a product of the 40 days of purpose program. There are some 25 to 30 men involved in these groups.

In the fall of 2005, we organized the first Men's Roundup, the first ever men's retreat, held at the Enchanted Springs Ranch. It was a one day program of speakers and group activity, and we had about 25 attendees and participants. The retreat was centered on four areas: spiritual discipline, fellowship, encouragement and service. The group decided at the end of the roundup that we wanted to have monthly meetings, and have an organization that could do more single events, and not add to our bursting list of regular commitments.

We met shortly after, developed a purpose and mission statement, an organizational structure, and decided to meet at 7 am on the first Saturday of each month. We have met every month since, and have averaged about 15 attendees at the monthly meetings. We have a speaker, breakfast and fellowship. We've had pastors and lay people speak, and have sought to encourage and inspire.

We count Conrad, Tim and Paul as members, but are determined to let them just come and be fed and not add to their already substantial lists of responsibilities. Thus far we have had a family fishing day, distributed books to Dads on fathers day, and had a bowling day at the Boerne Turn Verein.

We had our first ever fundraiser on August 5th when we served lunch to the Acts 29 participants, and we will have a canoe trip in the fall. We have agreed to help Tim Day have a day with youth at the shooting range, and hope to have more participation with the youth in the future.

We are taking things slowly, making sure that we have our purpose and mission in mind, and we hope to add value to FUMC Boerne and our community.

Our website is fairly up to date and states our purpose and mission. It also contains a roster with our members in its secure documents section, which can be accessed by typing in Mensreader as username and Mensreader01 as password. The website is part of the FUMC Boerne website.

We give the glory to God and thanks to the church for supporting us.

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