

New Website Features

The website has been updated to include the following features:

- ☞ ***Easier to Use.*** Links, links, and more links.
Nearly everything on the site is easily accessible from links on the page.
 - ◇ The top red navigation bar has links to all the major topics.
 - ◇ The green navigation bar under the red bar has links to all the subtopics.
 - ◇ The black navigation bar under the green bar has been eliminated and combined into the green bar.
- ☞ ***The green sidebar has direct links to the most commonly used pages***
- ☞ ***New short videos are online. Click on the titles below to link to them or click on the "Videos" button on our website to see them.***
 - ◇ [*The Effectiveness of the ANGER DYNAMICS Course*](#)
 - ◇ [*Why FIT? Suzanne Wilson Tells Why*](#)



Take Our Anger Course Online

Monday Nights 7-9 PM EDT April 11-June 6

Join us from anywhere. Call the office at 941.799.4975 for details.



SAVE THE DATE

The 2022 Giving Challenge features \$100 matching

This year's **online Giving Challenge fundraiser** will occur from Noon to Noon, April 26-27, 2022. While you can give through our website anytime, this opportunity offers an additional incentive because the first \$100 of your gift will be matched by the Patterson Foundation. See more details in the April newsletter.

Help us this year with guaranteed matching of up to \$100 from the Patterson Foundation. Requirements for this matching are that you must pay by credit or debit card any time between Noon, April 26 and Noon, April 27 using the link on our website. Anyone from anywhere who wants to give can give and get matched. You may give more than that but the individual matching limit is \$100.



from Damon S. Green, Pastor of Small Groups and Outreach, Impact Church, Jacksonville, FL

Greetings Family Integrity Training!

All of your efforts and hard work with those that are incarcerated, underprivileged and less fortunate are truly appreciated. Prison ministry, the homeless and those who need help are a part of our compassion focus areas here at Impact Church. We thank you for your heart, diligence and passion in training and teaching others to share the love of God and thrive in healthy relationships. We use your curriculum to train and educate many of the volunteers in our Outreach and Small Groups departments here at Impact Church.

We appreciate partners like you and as a symbol for your efforts, our pastors, Bishop George and April Davis, would like to help support your endeavors as you continue to bless the lives of so many in our community. We are excited that you continue making a major impact and effecting change for the better.

We look forward to partnering with great organizations like you in the future who are making a positive impact in our community!

May favor and grace surround you as you continue to serve others.



from the desk of President Don ...

"developing life skills through faith"

Once in a while I get a question like "why have a Bible-based program geared to people of faith when a secular one can benefit everyone?" Well, there ARE some good reasons and I would like to share some of them. Yes, there are some wonderful secular programs out there that do lots of good, but faith-based ones can add some additional dimensions.

First of all, secular programs do not teach morality. The Bible teaches morality. That is, it teaches right from wrong. The laws of the land do not always do that. For example, you probably won't be arrested for lying or cheating on your wife, but that doesn't make it moral. Many societal problems could be solved if we were more morally upright.

Second, most of us are spiritual beings and looking for meaning. Our faith life is important to us and provides purpose and direction. We want to do the right thing and our faith in God gives us that. In FIT, we work with prisoners a lot and even there we see a desire to find a better life through faith. Even with people who are not religious.

It should not have to be a choice between the practical (secular) and faith (Bible). There is no reason why we can't have both. When a person integrates both of them into their life they often are happier, more fulfilled, and feel more worthwhile. And we are all very much social beings with a need to feel good about ourselves.

FIT combines the best of both worlds. **We are spiritual** but we don't "force anything down anyone's throat" or exclude anyone if they are not Christian or living the moral life that we are suggesting and modeling. We routinely have people like that who really like our courses. That being said, we offer plenty of sound **non-religious content** that represents the best practices of the helping professions. We offer help to those who want to draw closer to God, improve their life, and find better solutions to the issues they face. All at the same time.