

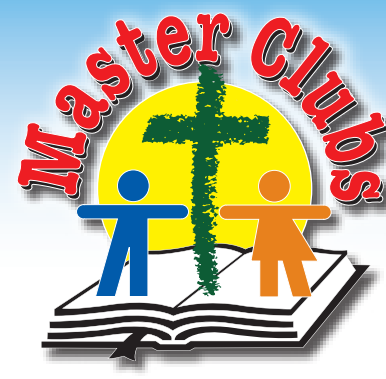
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# Evaluate Your Ministry

Before you can accomplish any of your dreams for your ministry, you first must evaluate your ministry to discover where it is now and where it has been before.

I love technology. It gives independence, freedom, and not to mention, more time. Probably, one of the most helpful devices recently popularized is the portable GPS system. It provides directions to just about anywhere in the U.S. I say just about anywhere, because, in spite of its helpfulness, occasionally it can steer you wrong. For instance, I remember when it directed me to the north-side of Oklahoma City when I should have been 45 minutes on the south-side of Oklahoma City but on the same street. Or how about the time when it sent my wife April and I onto a gravel road for 9 miles with a sign near the end that read "Keep Out" on a closed farm gate. I also remember going through Nashville when it said to exit East on I-40, it really meant to exit West.

All mis-trust aside, it still is a handy contraption. But one thing is absolutely critical for a GPS unit to properly function: it must know where you are before it can direct you to anywhere else. More than a few times, we've gotten in the car; entered our next destination; and taken off without giving the unit time to "find" our location. This causes the GPS unit to give us wrong directions. It must know where you are before it can tell you how to get anywhere else.

This principle is equally true in our ministries. We must know where we are before we can give direction as to where to go. We must evaluate our ministries. Here are three ways that you could evaluate your ministry, discovering where you presently stand.

**Take a step back.** *What do you see?* Sometimes we are so close to what we are doing that we fail to see what is so obvious to others around us. Like the old adage says, "We can't see the forest because of the trees." Be prepared to ask yourself some tough questions. Are your rooms neat and clean? Are your teachers giving 100%? How many children have been saved this year?

How many have been discipled? Never be afraid to face reality. It is the difference between where you are right now and where you could be in one or two years.

**Take a step down.** *What do your parents see?* It is possible, perhaps even probable, that your parents see weaknesses in your ministry that you don't see. It could be that by now the circumstances have been accepted as normal. But if a new mom, dad, or child walked into your ministry today, what would be their first impression of your ministry? Someone said, "You never get a second chance at a first impression." Now, while first impressions are not the only thing that matters, they are extremely important in drawing new families into your church. Meet with parents from your ministry, either in a group or individually, and ask them for their thoughts about how your ministry could be improved.

**Get on your knees.** *First, what do your kids see?* Get on your knees; go around your facility; and try to see your ministry from the children's perspective. Does it look fun? Is the area attractive? Do you have teachers who have lost their passion to make a lesson exciting to a kid? Sure, kids love to receive candy. And I'm sure that some of them only come for that. But it has been my experience that the kids who continue to come have found a teacher who is developing a relationship with them and is genuinely interested in their spiritual growth. Do you have this kind of ministry to children?

Second, *What does God see?* The most important thing that you can do is to get on your knees before God, and ask Him for wisdom and direction. Wisdom to know where you are. And direction to know where He desires to lead you. Is God pleased with your ministry? If Jesus physically attended your church this week, would He be pleased? Or would you be embarrassed?

Determine to spend some time this week evaluating your ministry.

*Edward Barclay, Director of Development*

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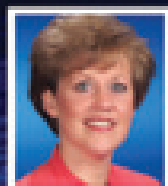
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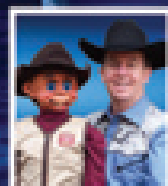
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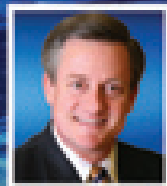
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*For we are labourers together with God... 1 Corinthians 3:9*

## MasterLink Software

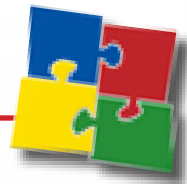
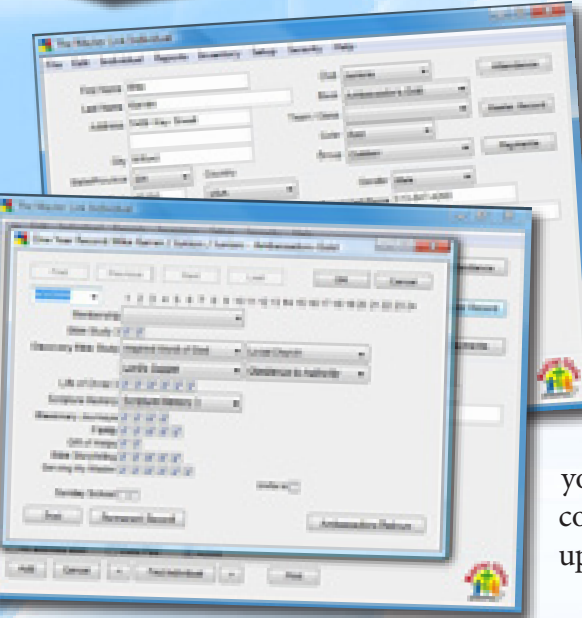
MasterLink is software that will aid you in record keeping and inventory for your Master Club program. The MasterLink software is loaded with features designed to save you time while increasing your productivity. MasterLink is a record-keeping program designed to track Clubber attendance (Club and Church), dues, address, etc. It can also track Projects and/or Badges a Clubber has completed acting as the Master Record for the Clubber. You can even manage your inventory levels for all of your stock items.

### MasterLink Features

Take a look at all of the features MasterLink has to offer your Club program. Visit [www.masterclubs.org/MLfeatures](http://www.masterclubs.org/MLfeatures). You can also visit our website to download a free demo version of the MasterLink software for Mac, Linux, or Windows.

### MasterLink Cost

Your cost to purchase the MasterLink Software is \$25 which includes one free year of technical support, product updates, and Master Ministries Catalog Updates. After your first year, you can renew your annual subscription for \$25 per year and continue to receive up-to-date catalogs from Master Ministries, upgrades to your software, and technical support.



# GRAND NATIONAL PINE CAR DERBY

2009 Grand National Pine Car Derby Results



### First thru Third Grade Boys Category

First Place: Everett L. (Car 59) from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Powhatan, VA  
 Second Place: Elliot L. (Car 55) from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Powhatan, VA  
 Third Place: Micah S. (Car 62) from Emmanuel Baptist Temple in Hagerstown, MD  
 Most Aerodynamic: William K. (Car 109) from Leon Valley Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX  
 Most Creativity: Justin B. (Car 74) from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Plainwell, MI  
 Most Detail: Andrew K. (Car 105) from Leon Valley Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX  
 Most Humorous: Justin G. (Car 90) from Central Baptist Church in Memphis, TN  
 Most Realistic: Jason B. (Car 124) from Church of the Open Door in Westminster, MD

### First thru Third Grade Girls

First Place: Emily L. (Car 57) from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Powhatan, VA  
 Second Place: Trinity W. (Car 111) from Leon Valley Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX  
 Third Place: Jenna L. (Car 91) from Central Baptist Church in Memphis, TN  
 Most Aerodynamic: Laura H. (Car 5) from Faith Baptist Church in Jefferson City, TN  
 Most Creativity: Rachel A. (Car 84) from Central Baptist Church in Memphis, TN  
 Most Detail: Abigail F. (Car 72) from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Plainwell, MI  
 Most Humorous: Gabby T. (Car 22) from Central Baptist Church in Woodbridge, VA  
 Most Realistic: Aleigha C. (Car 51) from First Baptist Church in Laurel, IN

### Fourth thru Sixth Grade Boys

First Place: Matthew G. (Car 15) from Calvary Independent Baptist in Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
 Second Place: Joshua T. (Car 104) from Grace Baptist Church in Franklin, OH  
 Third Place: Dylan C. (Car 119) from South Charlotte Baptist Church in Pineville, NC  
 Most Aerodynamic: Grant H. (Car 73) from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Plainwell, MI  
 Most Creativity: Andrew D. (Car 99) from Rich Creek Baptist Church in Spanishburg, WV  
 Most Detail: Caleb B. (Car 41) from Immanuel Baptist Church in Roscommon, MI  
 Most Humorous: Mark T. (Car 128) from Church of the Open Door in Westminster, MD  
 Most Realistic: Zach G. (Car 14) from Calvary Independent Baptist in Ft. Walton Beach, FL

### Fourth thru Sixth Grade Girls

First Place: Katie B. (Car 53) from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Powhatan, VA  
 Second Place: Allison B. (Car 129) from Church of the Open Door in Westminster, MD  
 Third Place: Sara B. (Car 69) from Fellowship Baptist Church in Ferndale, MD  
 Most Aerodynamic: Taylor D. (Car 40) from Immanuel Baptist Church in Roscommon, MI  
 Most Creativity: Jamie T. (Car 79) from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Plainwell, MI  
 Most Detail: Katie B. (Car 53) from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Powhatan, VA  
 Most Humorous: Laura W. (Car 83) from Central Baptist Church in Memphis, TN  
 Most Realistic: Jordan T. (Car 103) from Grace Baptist Church in Franklin, OH

## NEW RIBBONS

We will be changing the colors of the Primary Ribbons for the 2009-2010 Club Year.

All current colors will be on sale while supplies last for \$1.25 each.

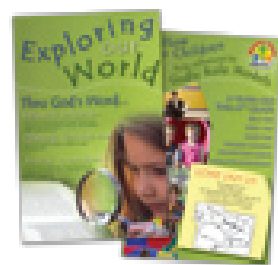
A second edition of the current Primary Project books will be available later this year. Minor corrections have been made to these books. However, the new books will have the new ribbons featured within them.

### ADJUSTED COLORS

Rose	⇒	Green
Purple	⇒	Purple
Lavender	⇒	Yellow
Maroon	⇒	Maroon
Lt. Blue	⇒	Blue
Lt. Green	⇒	Red



## LOWER PRICE



We are offering a new price reduction on the Master Clubs Invitation Flyers (Item 40608). The new price is 20% off the original price now at \$8.00 per pack of 100 flyers.

## VEST SALE



All Master Clubs vests will be on sale for the 2009-2010 Club Year! We desire to continue to help you keep your Master Club Program affordable during these uncertain times.

Sale Price: \$11.00  
 With Logo Badge: \$12.00

